



CEDAR HILLS

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## Upcoming Events

City Office Closed for Labor Day	<b>Sept 7</b>
City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sept 8 &amp; 22</b>
Special Planning Commission Meeting 6pm	<b>Sept 17</b>
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sept 29</b>
City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct 6 &amp; 20</b>

## City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then extension:  
Front Desk, 100  
City Recorder, 503  
Zoning & Code Enforcement, 500  
Business Licensing, 400  
Building Department, 200  
Public Works, 200  
Utility Billing, 400  
Recreation, 302 or 601  
Vista Room, 300

## Other Phone Numbers (801):

Public Works After Hours, 420-2243  
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705  
Animal Control, 763-3020  
Police, 763-3020

## Vote-by-Mail Produces Record Voter Participation

**T**he city's first all vote-by-mail election, which was held on August 11, produced a record 27% voter participation for a primary election. If you plan to vote in the general election on November 3, please make sure you are registered to vote. Every election has certain deadlines for registration. Know what the specific dates and requirements are for your situation, so that you can be ready to cast your vote by November 3.

**By-Mail Registration Deadline (October 5):** Voter registration forms (available online at [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov) and at the Cedar Hills city office) must be postmarked at least 30 days before an election in order to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

**In-Person & Online Registration Deadline (October 27):** You may register online at [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov) or in-person at the County Clerk's office, 100 E Center, Room 3100, Provo, up to seven days before election day. To register online you need to have a current Utah driver license or ID card. The voter registration website may also be used to change your name, address, or party affiliation.

Vote-by-mail (absentee) ballots will be mailed to registered voters on Oct. 6 (28 days before election day). Please allow up to two weeks to receive the ballot in the mail. Questions may be directed to the city recorder, Colleen Mulvey, at [cmulvey@cedarhills.org](mailto:cmulvey@cedarhills.org) or by calling 801-785-9668, ext. 503. More election information is available on the city's website.

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## Primary Election Canvass Results Spur Recount

The results of the primary election canvass, which was held at a scheduled city council meeting on Tuesday, August 25, have spurred a request from one of the candidates for a recount of the ballots.

Curt Crosby was the unofficial election-day sixth-place candidate. However, a difference of one vote allowed candidate Brian Miller to move forward to the general election. Miller moved from eighth place to sixth place following the canvass. There are only six openings on the November ballot to fill three vacancies on the city council. A total of 102 valid ballots arrived in the mail after election day, August 11, and were credited for the change.

Additionally, 12 provisional ballots were received that had to be verified by the county clerk as legal before they could be counted.

By state law, if the difference between the

number of votes cast for a winning candidate and a losing candidate in the race is equal to or less than .25% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates, that losing candidate may file a request for a recount. Crosby requested the recount of the 4057 total votes cast. The recount will be supervised by the Cedar Hills city recorder, who will hire poll workers to perform the task. According to state law, any costs incurred may not be assessed against the person requesting the recount.

### Outcome of the canvassed election results:

- Jenney Rees, 803
- Angela Johnson, 753
- Mike Geddes, 611
- Ben Bailey, 444
- Paul Sorenson, 425
- Brian Miller, 284
- Craig Clement, 283
- Curt Crosby, 279
- Chris Fowler, 175



## Mayor's Minute

Earlier this year, our city recorder, Colleen Mulvey, who is also our city elections official, suggested to me and the council that we conduct all vote-by-mail municipal elections. I loved this idea immediately, and apparently so have you. We just had our primary election for what will be three council seats in November's general election. Voter turnout exceeded any primary election in our city up to this point, so I encourage you all to continue to support us in this endeavor. I do believe that it encourages more people to vote. In years when the weather is inclement or because of illness, etc., some people don't go to the polls to vote. Our new system obviously allows you to vote from the comfort of your home and to research the issues closely. As Martha Stewart would say, "This is a good thing."

**Breaking news:** At a meeting held by Lt. Governor Cox at the Utah County Clerk's Office on August 31, the issue with the vote-by-mail elections that you may have heard so much about in the media has been resolved. The county's issue to enact a quarter-cent sales tax increase to help fund transportation and road projects will now appear on the vote-by-mail ballots. This will eliminate the need for registered voters of the five vote-by-mail cities in Utah County to vote once by mail for the vacant city council seats and once at a

polling location with the county on the tax issue. The cost of the election will be shared between the county and the individual cities. We are very grateful that this positive decision was made. "It's a good thing" when the cities and the county can coordinate their efforts and combine procedures to make it easier on our citizens.

**On another note:** Recently, Councilmember Crawley told the council he was going to do some research on alternative uses for the golf course. Research is always a good thing, so I reconvened the golf course financial committee to vet Mr. Crawley's analysis. This is a resident-driven committee and is made up of very smart residents who do not have an agenda to keep the course open. Rather, they are dedicated to the facts that are presented.

Please come out and attend these meetings, as they are very informative. Two years ago the golf committee studied and presented a comprehensive review of the course's past financials and made some recommendations. The committee now is tasked with looking toward the future, not the past. I appreciate all the hard work they are doing and encourage you to go to the city's website or call us to find the dates and times of the meetings.



Mayor Gary Gygi

## Use Less Water in September

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is asking for Utahns to scale back on how frequently lawns are watered in the month of September. Lower temperatures in September reduce the need for watering to approximately once per week. Adjust your individual sprinkler system and make it a habit to follow recommended watering requirements based on temperature, precipitation, type of soil, etc. The State is striving to lower per-capita water use by at least 25% by 2050.

## Winterizing Pressurized Irrigation

The pressurized irrigation system will be winterized on October 15. After that date, the system will be turned off until April 15, 2016. The city asks that you leave your individual shut-off valve in the "open" position for a time to allow for proper drainage of the system, which must be completely drained to prevent damage to the system's components caused by frozen water inside the pipes and valves. Prior to the system being energized in the spring, "close" the shut-off valve to avoid damage to the sprinkler heads from high pressure from the initial system start up. If your sprinkler system is still in service after October 18, please notify the city to initiate an investigation for a possible cross connection.

## STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

### Properly Dispose of Travel Trailer Waste

What do you do when it's time to dump your travel trailer waste? Sewage dumped on the ground or in the storm drain is a danger to public and environmental health and pollutes our waterways. Make sure to end your trip with a visit to an approved dump station! Visit [www.rvdumps.com](http://www.rvdumps.com) for a list of sites by state and major interstates.

### Parking on Public Streets

We would like to remind residents of the parking regulations in Cedar Hills. With summer coming to a close and school back in session, we need everyone's help and cooperation to keep our streets clean and safe.

It is in violation for residents to use public streets and right-of-ways for parking or storage of any trailers, RV's, boats, campers, or basketball stands. It is also unlawful to park any vehicle in the same location on a street or municipal property for a continuous period of more than forty eight (48) hours (ord. 8-5-2008A, 8-5-2008). Any vehicle in violation may be subject to citation, fees, and/or towing. Thank you for your cooperation in making Cedar Hills a beautiful and safe community.

## Community Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

### Eagle Scout Receives Recognition as Cedar Hills Champion

On August 25, the City Council recognized Joseph Chou for his commitment and dedication to the Scouting program after receiving all 141 merit badges as well as all Cub Scout awards that are available.

Joseph Chou, age 17, is the first Scout in his family. A few of his favorite merit badges are aviation, nuclear science, animation, inventing, and game design. The most challenging ones for him were bugling, scuba diving, and water sports.

We are impressed with Joseph's incredible accomplishment. Completing the requirements for an Eagle Scout is no easy task, but completing every merit badge requirement is impressive and commendable. To recognize him for his efforts, the City Council selected him as the most recent Cedar Hills Champion and declared August 26, 2015, as Joseph Chou Day in Cedar Hills.

The Cedar Hills Champions program is a way to recognize residents who achieve noteworthy accomplishments in academics, athletics, leadership, arts, business, and community service. A list of recipients can be found on the city's website. If you would like to nominate someone to become a Cedar Hills Champion, please email the information to Council Member Rees at [jrees@cedarhills.org](mailto:jrees@cedarhills.org).



Joseph Chou, 17, named Cedar Hills Champion.

### Recognition for Yards of the Month

Each month during the summer the Beautification Committee gives awards to residents in recognition of their efforts to



beautify the city. Photos of August's winners are available for viewing on the city's website: *Residents > News and Events > Yards of the Month*. Those who have been recognized in August

are: the Browns at 10236 N Sycamore, the Kennards at 10646 N Bermuda, and the Bernards at 4534 W Carriage Lane. The city has been divided into areas by voting precincts, and one winner from each area is selected each month.

### The City Has Gone Paperless

On August 1, the city transitioned to paperless billing. If you have an Internet connection and an email address, you can view current and past statements online at [XpressBillPay.com](http://XpressBillPay.com). Once the account is established on Xpress Bill Pay, **select the paperless billing option**. Those who do not opt out of paper billing or wish to continue receiving paper statements will receive a monthly fee of \$1.35 for the pass-through cost of printing and mailing the bill.

Existing automatic payments with the city or with your bank will not be affected by this change; however, an automatic payment option is available on Xpress Bill Pay. Payments will continue to be received in the 24/7 drop box in the fire station parking lot on Cedar Hills Drive or at the city's front desk during regular business hours.

### Cedar Hills Food Truck Rally

We are excited to continue a new community event – a weekly food truck rally. The rallies are held every Thursday evening from 5:00 to 9:00 at Heritage Park through mid-September and will resume again next April. Each week there will be four or five trucks available. This is a great opportunity to enjoy good food and spend fun times with friends and neighbors. We appreciate the opportunity to host family-friendly activities for the community.

### YCC Plans Hillbilly Day

Hey, everybody! Join us for Hillbilly Day on Saturday, September 26, from 1:00-4:00 down yonder at Heritage Park in Cedar Hills. Bring yer kin and come ready to do some hootin' and hollerin'. Do-si-do and swing your partner round to ditties from our live band. Show those muscles in tug-of-war and horseshoe contests. Hitch a ride on a wagon, and stuff your face with fresh pie. Come dressed in your finest hillbilly getup, ya hear? Attention, all pie makers! If you think your pie is the best pie this side of the county line, then enter it in our pie contest, and share a slice with the rest of us folks! Cost for this here event is \$10 per family, and all proceeds go toward Santa's Workshop, an annual Youth City Council service project. You got questions? Give us a holler at 801-785-9668, ext. 302.

### Get in the Loop on Facebook



The city's Facebook page is where residents share important information and give feedback on a variety of topics. If you haven't already done so, please "like" our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah](http://www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah).

## CERT Training Classes Offered

Cedar Hills will offer CERT training in November. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains participants in basic disaster response skills and disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area.

The training session will consist of two, all-day classes at the Cedar Hills Community Center on Saturday, November 7, from 7:45am to 9:00pm and Saturday, November 14, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The cost for the training is \$50 per person, which includes all equipment and instruction materials. For more information or to register for the training, please contact Laurie Petersen at: [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org) or 801-785-9668, ext. 104.

CERT training includes basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members become equipped to assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following an event when professional responders are not immediately available. For more information on CERT training in general, visit: [fema.gov](http://fema.gov).

## Sangaku-kan West Karate Classes

A new session of karate classes for children ages 6-12 begins September 28. The one-hour classes are offered at the Cedar Hills Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays for various skill levels. The registration fee is \$50 for each five-week session. Register online at [cedarhills.org](http://cedarhills.org).

## Pickleball Equipment Rentals

Pickleball is a cross between ping pong and tennis, and it's the fastest growing sport in the country! Cedar Hills has two pickleball courts, located in the basketball courts at Heritage Park and Timpanogos Cove Park. Contact the city office to reserve the equipment (net, four paddles, and four balls), along with a printed set of rules on how to play the game. The equipment rental rates are \$15/day, which includes two hours of court time, and \$20/weekend, which includes four hours of court time. Information on how to reserve the equipment is located at [cedarhills.org](http://cedarhills.org) on the recreation page.

## Dancing and Singing Classes

Celebration Performers is an exciting program taught by professionals from the BYU Ballroom touring team and Vocal Point. Students learn to sing, dance, and perform in weekly classes, held for young people, ages 5-18, on Thursdays at the Cedar Hills Community Center studio. Monthly tuition is \$49 for the weekly, one-hour classes. Register now and pay no registration fee! Register at [CelebrationPerformers.com](http://CelebrationPerformers.com) or call Sherri Whitehead at 801-492-7524. Don't wait; class sizes are limited!

## Bookmobile Fall Schedule

The Utah County Bookmobile comes to town every other Monday (Sept. 21, & Oct. 5) from 1:00 to 2:30. The bookmobile is parked at the LDS church located at the roundabout behind Walmart. You may obtain a library card directly from the bookmobile when it is in Cedar Hills. For more information, including updates and cancellations or delays, visit [bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah](http://bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah).

## School Bus Safety

### Battalion Chief Joe McRae



Joseph McRae

**S**chool buses are the safest mode of motorized transportation for getting children to and from school, but injuries can occur if kids are not careful and aware when getting on and off the bus. Help your kids get a "gold star" in bus safety by following these important tips.

- Walk with young children to the bus stop and wait with them until the bus arrives. Tell kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and to board the bus one at a time.
- Teach kids to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and to never walk behind the bus.
- If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Instruct younger children to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus. Teach them to be careful of straps or drawstrings on backpacks that could get caught in the door. If your child drops something, they should notify the bus driver and make sure the driver is able to see them before they pick it up.
- Motorists should always follow the speed limit and slow down in school zones and near bus stops. Slow down and stop if you're driving near a school bus that is flashing yellow or red lights. This means the bus is either preparing to stop (yellow) or already stopped (red), and children are getting on or off the bus. Remember to stay alert and look for kids who may be trying to get to or from the school bus. Have a safe and fun year at school.

## Open Fires Banned on Hillside

The Lone Peak fire chief has implemented the following restrictions: Open fires are banned in the areas east of Canyon Road within city limits. Fire pits are allowed when properly covered. Thank you for your cooperation.