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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Nov 17 Dec 1
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Nov 10
Food Truck Rally at Community Center	Nov 11 Nov 18
Youth Musical: Disney's Mulan Jr.	Nov 16 17, 18
Thanksgiving Story Time at the Vista	Nov 18

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2015 General Election Update

Under the direction of the Cedar Hills city recorder and city council, a canvass of the general election results will be conducted at the regularly scheduled city council meeting on November 17 in the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center. The canvass will be conducted based on election data received from the Utah County Clerk's Office, which administered the city's all vote-by-mail general election and counted and tallied all Cedar Hills ballots. The outcome of the general election will not be official until the canvass is completed.

The purpose of the canvass is to account for every ballot cast and ensure that every valid vote is included in the election totals. This involves accounting for every absentee (vote-by-mail) ballot, every ballot cast on Election Day, every provisional ballot, and every overseas and military ballot cast by absentee. The official results of the canvass will be posted on the Cedar Hills website.

November Food Truck Rally

The weekly Food Truck Rally has been relocated to the parking lot at the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive. There will be two rallies in November on Wednesdays, the 11th and 18th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Inside seating will be available, as well as outside heating. The plan is to have six or seven trucks come as long as it is safe and the weather allows. Come and enjoy good food and fun times with family and friends.



Thanksgiving Story Time

Calling all little children from Cedar Hills! Please join us for a special Thanksgiving story time with Miss Marisa at the fireplace in the Vista room at the community center. Come on Wednesday, November 18, at 11am. Stories, songs, cookies, and an activity are some of the things you can expect. We hope you will join us!

Disney's Mulan Jr. Dates Set

Cedar Hills Youth Musical Theater presents *Disney's Mulan Jr.* on November 16, 17, and 18 in the Lone Peak High School Little Theater with show times nightly at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available online now at showtix4u.com. Get them quick as they will sell out fast!

City Office Holiday Hours

The city office will close in observance of Veterans Day, November 11, and for the Thanksgiving holiday, November 26 and 27. Garbage pickup will run as usual the week of Veterans Day, but there will be a one-day delay for Friday's pickup the week of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!



Mayor's Minute

On November the 1st in 1776, despite very important things taking place back east which we all know about, in San Juan Capistrano, California, something else was going on: The mission

in Capistrano was founded. Now, each year around this time, the swallows leave their nests and return in mid-March of the following year. This miracle inspires many from around the world to visit California's most famous mission to see the departure and return of the little birds to build their nests and enjoy the warm sun. The swallows travel about 6,000 miles to Goya, Argentina, and legend has it that the birds took refuge in the mission from an irate innkeeper who destroyed their muddy nests. Whatever the reason, it provides a beautiful story of consistency and determination by the little birds.

By now this year's election is over and we will have three newly elected council members. I welcome them and wish them well in serving our city and its residents. I think they will find that serving on the council is just that: service to their neighbors and friends. Just like the swallows, it takes consistency and determination to con-

tinually do the work they are asked to do. I encourage them to research every issue's multiple angles and not just the one that they think is right.

Quite often I have been proven wrong by my initial thoughts on an issue as I am introduced to other angles I had not contemplated.

Usually, my best ideas arrive at their ultimate conclusion by help from you, the residents and my friends. I don't know why some elected officials think that they know best and we just need to follow them. If I have a problem, I am confident that if I present it to you with all the facts, you will come up with the best solution.

We are doing very well as a city and hope that you read your State of the City Report many times when you wonder how your tax dollars are being spent. It will help you understand the major issues we face today.

In conclusion, I do think we will have some major issues in the next decade or so that will need to be addressed and hope that I can count on you for that help in coming up with solutions. We love serving you and look forward to the upcoming holidays, which we all treasure so much.



Mayor Gary Gygi

STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

Oil Leaks and Spills Cause Pollution

Streets and driveways are sources of water pollution. Oil and antifreeze from automobile leaks and spills are washed into storm drains and become major contributors to water pollution. These contaminants kill fish and harm wildlife when they reach streams and waterways. Remember, most of the water from driveways and sidewalks flows directly into streams without treatment.

Winter Driving Reminders

While driving in poor road conditions during the winter, give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination, slow down, and allow extra braking distance. The city strives to ensure that roads are safe for travel during winter, but conditions may change. Be patient, watch for pedestrians and school children, and drive carefully.

Please maintain a safe driving distance from snow plows. Reduced visibility may occur behind and next to the plow. When pushing snow or spreading salt, a plow may need to travel slower than regular traffic. Please be

patient and give the plow room to do its job. Street plowing in Cedar Hills begins when there is an accumulation of at least two inches of snow or when severe icy conditions exist.

Winter On-Street Parking Reminders

Winter is just around the corner, and the city would like to remind residents of winter parking regulations. Street parking is prohibited between the hours of 1:00am and 7:00am November 1 through March 31 AND when one or more of the following conditions exist:

- when snow is falling
- when there is a visible amount of snow on the street
- when the street has not been plowed
- during snow/ice removal

Please make sure that city sidewalks abutting your property have been cleared of snow and ice. This will provide safer travel for pedestrians. Snow from sidewalks or driveways should not be placed in the street.

Park restrooms have been closed and winterized for the season and will re-open in April. There will be a limited number of garbage containers on site at the parks during the winter season.

Golf Course Finance Committee Presents Results of Research

By Jenney Rees, City Council Member

On October 28 the Golf Course Finance Advisory Committee held a town hall meeting to present the results of their research conducted over the past several months. This committee was originally formed in 2012 to review the financial performance of the golf course and to provide a comprehensive report of the financial health of the golf course. This year the committee met again to update the financial presentation through fiscal year 2015 and to review an option presented that would close the course, sell off portions of the land for development in an effort to retire the golf course bond, and develop portions of the remaining land into parks.

As part of their research, the committee met with the city’s legal counsel and finance director to understand the legal and financial ramifications. They also opened their meetings to the public in order to receive input from residents and took this feedback into consideration. After completing their research, the committee was asked to vote on six questions. Those questions, with the associated votes are:

- Do you believe Rob Crawley's Option B solution as outlined in this report is a viable plan? 7 said no, 3 said yes.
- Do you recommend Rob Crawley's Option B proposal be adopted by the city council? All 10 said no.
- Do you believe the current economic status of the golf course is sustainable? All 10 said yes.
- Do you believe that, for now, barring any significant change in economic status, the best course of action for the city council is to fully support and promote the golf course and make reasonable efforts to improve its financial viability going forward? All 10 said yes.
- As a member of the Golf Course Finance Advisory Committee do you feel you have been given enough time and opportunity to fully express your point of view, share your facts and express your opinions? All 10 said yes.
- Even though you may agree or disagree with the conclusions and recommendations of this committee, do you believe that our treatment of the issues has been completely transparent, that there has been no effort to deceive in the presentation of the financial and legal information, and that nothing we know of has been hidden or kept from the public? All 10 said yes.

In their report, the committee provided reasons for their recommendation, some of which include:

- The financial projections of Plan B lack substantive detail to be considered accurate.
- Public comment from residents made during meetings encouraged the city to keep the golf course open and find ways to improve the financials.
- While Option B attempts to project the legal expenses involved, the reality is this is an unknown cost, which could be significant and time consuming. The legal hurdles include immediate and complete payment of the bond, CCR’s, Cedars HOA, Development Agreements, Conservation Easements, Highland City, the Harvey family, the IRS, and frivolous and non-frivolous lawsuits from residents or third parties.
- The closure of the golf course would reduce the amount of open space the city possesses.

- There are ethical and moral issues involved in changing the landscape of Cedar Hills for those residents who selected Cedar Hills with a golf course as a home.
- The closing of the course, selling portions of the land to developers, and changing the land use next to residents will create an even larger group of residents who no longer feel in harmony with their city.
- It would be simpler, more ethical, and carry less financial and legal risk to use the proposed Deerfield Park as planned and St. Andrews Estates for public use rather than dissolve the golf course in an effort to increase park space.
- The golf course financials are improving and the subsidy has been diminishing in recent years.
- The cost per acre to operate a golf course is less than the cost per acre for park space, according to the city’s financials.
- At present, the city is financially sound and can meet its financial obligations. There is not a pressing need to liquidate city assets to remain financially solvent.

The entire report may be found on the city’s website at cedarhills.org/committees-boards/golf-finance. During the October 20 City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously voted to accept the recommendations of the committee.

We appreciate the time and effort put forth by this committee in researching the financials of the golf course and an alternate option presented. In the graphic below is the financial summary presented by the committee in 2012 with an update that includes the financials through 2015. Feel free to reach out to any member of the City Council or the City Manager with questions.

Golf Course Cash Flow

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Collected	\$800,282	\$747,211	\$679,970	\$653,011
Spent on Operations	(\$719,954)	(\$656,690)	(\$662,893)	(\$735,881)
Cash In/(Out)	\$80,328	\$90,521	\$17,077	(\$82,870)
Adjustments for changes in accounting and comparability	(\$59,000)	(\$54,000)	(\$49,000)	(\$49,000)
Adjusted Cash In/(Out)	\$21,328	\$36,521	(\$31,923)	(\$131,870)
Principal Paid on Debt	(\$241,481)	(\$253,831)	(\$226,171)	(\$256,803)
Interest Paid on Debt	(\$300,642)	(\$285,347)	(\$270,513)	(\$267,758)
Cash In/(Out) w/Debt	(\$520,795)	(\$520,657)	(\$528,607)	(\$656,431)
Property Tax for GC	\$386,945	\$385,195	\$385,120	\$398,591
Net Cash In/(Out)	(\$133,850)	(\$117,462)	(\$143,287)	(\$257,840)

Golf Course Cash Flow

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Collected	\$765,929	\$848,979	\$707,807	\$749,634
Spent on Operations	(\$703,703)	(\$915,906)	(\$804,757)	(\$804,198)
Cash In/(Out)	\$62,226	(\$66,927)	(\$96,950)	(\$54,564)
Adjustments for changes in accounting and comparability	(\$32,000)	(\$2,000)	\$29,000	\$29,000
Adjusted Cash In/(Out)	\$30,226	(\$68,927)	(\$67,950)	(\$25,564)
Principal Paid on Debt	(\$313,903)	(\$335,651)	(\$205,000)	(\$210,000)
Interest Paid on Debt	(\$255,977)	(\$148,019)	(\$155,820)	(\$147,820)
Cash In/(Out) w/Debt	(\$539,654)	(\$552,597)	(\$428,770)	(\$383,384)
Property Tax for GC	\$397,300	\$387,596	\$381,349	\$322,471
Net Cash In/(Out)	(\$142,354)	(\$165,001)	(\$47,421)	(\$60,913)

Jr. Jazz Youth Basketball

Online registration continues through Nov. 30. The game season runs from early January through mid-March. Jr. Jazz allows girls from third to eighth grade and boys from third to ninth grade to develop skills and learn good sportsmanship while having fun. Register at Rec1.com.

Game Officials Needed

The city's recreation department has seasonal job openings for game officials for its Jr. Jazz basketball program. Applicants must have a general knowledge of the game and the rules of basketball. If interested, please contact the department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or send an email to recreation@cedarhills.org.

Cedar Hills Ski Bus 2016

Attention skiers and snowboarders ages 7 to 17! The city offers lessons for all skill levels on February 6, 20, and 27, 2016. The cost per person is \$200, which includes transportation, lift tickets, two-hour lessons each week, and a half day on the slopes. Sign ups need to be completed in person at the Cedar Hills city office building, 10246 N Canyon Road, in order for the guardian to sign a waiver. Chaperones are needed and will receive a complimentary lift ticket for each day. For more information, please contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at: recreation@cedarhills.org or call 801-785-9668, ext. 302.

Bookmobile Fall/Winter Schedule

The Utah County Bookmobile comes to town every other Monday (Nov. 16 & 30) from 1:00 to 3:00. The bookmobile is parked at the LDS church located at the roundabout behind Walmart. For information, including updates and cancelations, visit bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah.

Lone Peak Knights Youth Wrestling

Anyone can wrestle! The Lone Peak program is for boys in the 4th through 8th grades. Practices are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Lone Peak High School wrestling room. The season begins Nov. 3 and runs through Feb. 6. Registrants will continue to be accepted for a couple of weeks. Cost for the season is \$75, with a USA Wrestling Card. For more information please contact Bevan Wilde, head coach at: LonePeakYouthWrestling@gmail.com or 801-362-3903. Come join the best sport. It's fun!

YCC's Annual Santa's Workshop

Each year our Youth City Council plans and executes multiple fundraising projects, with proceeds going toward helping families in our community at Christmas-time. This year we are asking for donations in the form of money or gift cards to Wal-Mart. No new or used toys please. Donations may be mailed or dropped off at the city office building. Just mention it's for YCC's Santa's Workshop. We will also have a donation table set up when Santa comes to the Recreation Center.

Light Up Cedar Hills!

The Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Citizen Advisory Committee will sponsor the city's annual Light Up Cedar Hills contest. Judges from the committee will canvass the city on Friday, Dec. 18, to determine who has the best outdoor lighting displays. One winner will be selected from each voting precinct, and the five winners will be announced in the January newsletter.

A Night with Santa

The annual Cedar Hills "Night with Santa" party will be held on Monday, Dec 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Vista Room at the city's community center. To start the evening off, Santa will arrive in his fire truck, so come early to see his arrival. He will then join everyone in the Vista room where he will lead the singing of several favorite holiday songs. Everyone will be able to visit with Santa, receive a candy cane, and have a complimentary picture taken. The photo will be emailed to you within a few weeks. There will also be refreshments, so don't miss this great holiday event.

Congratulations to the 7th-9th grade flag football championship team, "Vicious and Delicious." From left: Adam DeMille, Lincoln Walker, Noah Robinson, Isaac Rutter, Noah Plant, Preston Miller, Bryce Higbee, Charles Wright, Roberto Hixon, Coach Nate Miller. They had a great time!

