

OUR HOME TOWN

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Wednesday	Dec 7
Bookmobile, 1-3pm	Dec 12
Story Time Reading of <i>The Polar Express</i>	Dec 14
Light Up Cedar Hills	Dec 16
Night Out with the Utah Jazz, 7:00 p.m.	Mar 6

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
Pro Shop 600, 602
Rainout Hotline 150

Other Phone Numbers (801)

Public Works After Hours, 420-2243
Cedar Hills Golf Club 796-1705
Cedar Hills Grill 801-900-1282
Animal Control 763-3020
Police 763-3020

Night with Santa Set for Cedar Hills Families

The annual Cedar Hills "Night with Santa" party will be held on Monday, Dec 5, 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 a 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.



"Night with Santa" set for Monday, Dec. 5, at the Cedar Hills Community Center.

Santa's Workshop Seeks Monetary Donations

Each year, the Youth City Council plans and executes fundraising projects for Santa's Workshop, a program that helps families in our community at Christmastime. This year, we are asking for donations in the form of money or gift cards to Wal-Mart. Monetary donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the city office building. We will also have a donation table set up at the city's "Night with Santa" party on December 5. Thank you for your generous support to help brighten Christmas for Cedar Hills families.



Ms. Marisa's Story Time: *The Polar Express*

"For all who truly believe," come to the annual reading of the children's holiday classic picture book *The Polar Express*. Children accompanied by adults are invited to attend on Wednesday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center in the Vista Room by the fireplace. There will be songs, activities, and treats!

City Recorder Receives Excellence Award

The Utah State Division of Archives and Records Service awarded the city's recorder, Colleen Mulvey, with the 2016 Excellence in Information Governance Award. Through her leadership and development of the city's records management program, the review committee was particularly impressed with her contributions in the following areas: 1) Implementing a variety of methods to ensure accurate, manageable, and innovative preservation of the city's records; 2) Establishing an agency-wide training to educate staff on the importance of proper records management; 3) Actively engaging in professional development and sharing experience with colleagues. Mulvey received the award at the Utah State Archives annual fall conference on October 6, 2016.



Colleen Mulvey



Mayor's Minute

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. They seem to go faster than when I was a young man.

Our city is not on a calendar year, but rather a fiscal year that ends in June, so we are only halfway through this year's goals. Each year we have successes and challenges,

and we spell them all out in our State of the City report, which we usually publish in September; however, the report got delayed this year. I hope it will be out soon.

In this newsletter minute I will go over some of our accomplishments and some of the challenges we have. One of the items I campaigned on in 2011 was to be an advocate for the development of our commercial zone. In addition to your desires to have more places to eat and shop, this development will help the tax base from the property and sales taxes received. I am encouraged by the discussions with developers that are taking place regarding our commercial zone, and I believe we will have some good news for you in the next year regarding this.

When I was first elected, our city had over 16 million dollars in debt and about 24% of your property taxes went directly to the city. We now have slightly more than 14 million dollars in debt, and only 19% of your property taxes go to the city. Your total property taxes have gone up over the last decade because of the tremendous growth in our city, the county, and

particularly in Alpine School District. Because of this I wanted to make sure the portion going to our city did not grow, and I think we have accomplished this. We still have lots to do to get our city where I would like it to be, but this is good progress, and we hope to keep it going.

I do want you to know that I believe that running the city is not all about the numbers and providing the least amount of services at the lowest possible prices; it is more about finding that balance of creating a great quality of life that encourages property values to increase, as we all enjoy the amenities of living in a well-balanced city. However, if we don't get the numbers right, then we can't do any of the things that enhance the quality of life. This is what I am striving for.

Finally, I want to alert you to an increase in car burglaries in our city. Please be aware of unknown cars driving up and down our streets in search of something. It may be friends and relatives looking for your home, but it may not be. If you see something suspicious, say something.

Merry Christmas, everyone! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.



Mayor Gary Gygi

STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

We Can Make a Difference!

De-icers help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common product because it's effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Some de-icers are significant sources of phosphorous. Always apply de-icing products according to the manufacturer's instructions. Using a shovel eliminates ice and snow without harmful chemicals and provides the added benefit of physical exercise.

Winter On-Street Parking Reminders

Winter is here, and we would like to remind everyone of the city's 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

Everyone's cooperation will assist city crews to plow the streets properly. Also, please make sure that city sidewalks abutting your property have been cleared of snow and ice. This will provide safer and more convenient travel for pedestrians. Snow from sidewalks or driveways should not be placed in the street.

Snow and Ice Removal from Streets

The city's policy regarding snowplowing is that streets will be cleared according to their priority, beginning when the street has accumulated a minimum of two inches of snow, and continuing until driving conditions are considered adequately safe. Streets receive priority according to the volume of traffic, location near schools or public buildings, steepness of grade, collector streets, etc. Typically, low-volume streets and cul-de-sacs remain the last to be plowed. City crews are committed to provide safe winter driving conditions for everyone.



Reminder: Sledding or other activities on the golf course cause expensive damage to the turf. These types of activities are not allowed. Please report violations to the city.

Holiday Office Hours & Garbage Pickup

The city office will close at noon on December 23 and all day on December 26 and January 2. There will NOT be a delay in garbage and recycling services during the weeks of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

City Council Corner

The City Council provides write-ups of council actions taken during the last month and offers members an opportunity to share city-related information and updates.

Jenney Rees: At our request, we had a joint meeting with the Pleasant Grove City Council on November 22, 2016, regarding Canyon Road. This was an opportunity to hear where Pleasant Grove was with the agreement and to express our concerns. Also in attendance were Utah County Commissioners Bill Lee and Larry Ellertson, Commissioner-elect Nathan Ivie, Utah County Public Works Director Richard Nielson, Andrew Jackson with MAG, and many staff members from both cities. At the meeting members of the Cedar Hills Council expressed concerns with the safety of Canyon Road and the agreement.

After the meeting was over I spoke with one of the County Commissioners and am cautiously optimistic that something can be done that addresses the issues without hurting our city. I will continue to post updates as more conversations take place.

Please visit: jenneyrees.wordpress.com to read more regarding the meeting and the future of Canyon Road, a topic of discussion that has been ongoing for several years.

Lone Peak Chamber Singers Offer Entertainment

The Lone Peak Chamber Singers are booking performances for quality holiday entertainment for family or business parties! The choir is working hard to raise funds for their upcoming tour to New York City. Presenting musical programs is a fine way for them to do that and get valuable performance experience at the same time. The choir can present a 20-30 minute (or longer) program of holiday favorites. While they don't charge a fee, they gladly accept donations. Please call the Chamber Singers director Lois Johnson at 801-610-8810, ext. 102, for more information and to schedule a performance.

All of the Lone Peak Choirs will perform a free holiday concert on Tuesday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Rental Property Business Licenses

A business license is required for all non-owner-occupied residential properties. Owners of new rental properties should submit a request for a license, which is available on the city's website, or contact the city's business licensing department for more information. All current rental property owners will receive renewal documents in the mail in December.

Safe & Sound: Police Safety Tip

Holiday shopping is in full swing, and a car loaded with presents is very appealing to a thief. Try to never leave valuables in view inside of your vehicle. If you cannot lock items in the trunk, at least cover them up. Lock your doors, and try to park in well lit, heavily travelled areas of store parking lots.

Golf Club Pro Shop

Pro shop merchandise has been marked down for that special someone on your list who loves all things golf. Resident punch cards also make great gifts—marked down from \$160 to \$140—for 10 nine-hole rounds with a cart. Golf passes for the 2017 season are discounted for residents. Pro shop hours are Monday through Friday from 9 to 4:30. Call 801-796-1705, or email Wade Doyle at: wdoyle@cedarhills.org for more information.

Light Up Cedar Hills!

The city's Beautification Committee will sponsor the city's annual Light Up Cedar Hills contest. Judges from the committee will canvass the city on Friday, Dec. 16, 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.

Essay Contest for 4th & 7th Graders

The Utah League of Cities and Towns is reaching out to schools in our area to promote their annual essay contest for 4th and 7th graders. The essay contest theme, "Why I Like My Community," encourages youth to become more aware of their communities. Cash prizes will be awarded to students and their schools. Each essay must have an entry form attached, and all entries must be at the League Office by March 1, 2017. More information, including access to the entry form, is available at ulct.org.

City Offers Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycling drop off locations for live Christmas trees ONLY (no artificial trees) will be available in the parking lots at Mesquite Soccer Park and Heritage Park. Designated areas within the parking lots will be available for tree drop off from Tuesday, December 27, through Tuesday, January 3. Attachments must be removed, including stands. Flocked trees are NOT accepted, as they are not recyclable. No other waste, garbage, or commercial dumping is permitted, as mixed loads will cause significant cost increases to the city. With everyone's considerate compliance, the city will be able to continue this service each year.

New, 10-Week Karate Sessions Offered

The city's karate program is for youth, ages 6 through 13. New, 10-week programs are now offered for the intermediate and advanced levels. The cost will be \$100, which is the cost of two of the original five-week programs. Beginners will remain with the five-week program for \$50. The new program format allows for more one-on-one instruction for the students and eliminates the need for parents to sign up their children as often. The first session of classes begins January 9. Sign up online today at cedarhills.org/karate.

City Hiring Events Coordinators, Jr. Jazz Officials

The city has part-time job openings for an event coordinator and an event host/hostess at the community center, as well as seasonal game officials for the Jr. Jazz basketball program. If interested, please visit the city's website for more information, including job descriptions.

Cedar Hills Ski Bus 2017

Attention skiers and snowboarders ages 7 to 17! The city offers lessons for all skill levels on January 28, February 4 and 11. The bus is filled, but for those who are willing to provide their own transportation to Snowbird, the cost for the two-hour lessons, lift tickets, and a half day on the slopes is \$160 per person. Register online at cedarhills.org. For more information call 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email: recreation@cedarhills.org.



Night Out with the Utah Jazz

Ticket vouchers are available at the city office for the Jazz game with the New Orleans Pelicans on Monday, **March 6**. The upper-concourse vouchers are reduced to \$15 per person and include popcorn and a drink. Purchase the vouchers early to get the best seats available. Ticket vouchers must be redeemed online with Flash Seats, the electronic, paperless ticketing system used by the Utah Jazz. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Indoor Golf Lessons for Kids

InMotion offers golf lessons for kids, ages 4 to 17. Lessons are held once a week at the Inmotion indoor golf facility in Lindon, 523 North 1000 West (Geneva Road). The program includes fun, in-depth instruction in short-game practice, full swing, putting, chipping, basic rules, etiquette, and video analysis. Students are placed in classes based on age and skill level, and the student-to-instructor ratio is 6:1. The cost is \$79 for five weekly lessons. For more information, call InMotion at 801-980-0162 or visit InMotionJuniorGolf.com/cedar-hills-rec.



Utah County Bookmobile

The bookmobile comes to town every-other Monday (Dec. 12; no service Dec. 26) from 1:00 to 3:00 at the church parking lot at the roundabout behind Walmart. For more information and to view the bookmobile library catalog, visit Utah County Bookmobile online at: bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah.



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BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

Girl's Night Out THAT'S A WRAP!

Fun, creative ways to wrap your holiday gifts. Christmas movie, make & take tags and cards, lots of yummy treats and the library all to yourself!

Saturday, December 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chess Club & REINDEER GAMES

Monday, December 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Arts & Craft Classes CHRISTMAS FUN

Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m.

Ages 10 & up

December 6th & 13th

3-D Printing WHAT WILL YOU MAKE?

Saturday, December 10 @ 11:00

Robotics MARS ROVER

Monday, December 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

Elf on the Shelf WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW?!

Every day until Christmas

Storytime T, W, TH @ 11 & 2:00

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Library Closed Dec 24-26

HIGHLAND CITY
LIBRARY