

# OUR HOME TOWN

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CEDAR HILLS

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## Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>Jan 3 &amp; 17</b>
City Office Closed for Holidays	<b>Jan 2 &amp; 16</b>
Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	<b>Jan 26</b>
Ski Bus Begins	<b>Jan 28</b>
Night Out with the Utah Jazz, 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar 6</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  
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

## Year in Review

### A Selection of Noteworthy Happenings in 2016

#### January

- Councilmember Rob Crawley appointed Mayor Pro Tempore.
- City Council approved resolution concerning environmental stewardship of American Fork Canyon.
- Jared Anderson, Brian Miller, and Steven Thomas sworn in as alternate members of the Planning Commission.
- City implemented SeamlessDocs to generate digitized, automated forms.

#### February

- Annual Ski Bus provided transportation, instruction, and free time at Snowbird on three Saturdays for youth 7-17.
- Council approved ordinance to update policy related to non-flash, still photography and video recording of public meetings.

#### March

- Fourth annual multi-city Emergency Management Meeting: Be Ready Utah held on March 8. Emphasis on preparing for disasters. Over 400 participants attended.

#### April

- Water conservation practices encouraged for outside watering.
- City provided dumpsters for annual Spring Cleanup.
- Celebrated Arbor Day by offering residents free admission tickets to Thanksgiving Point Gardens for planting a tree.
- Cedar Hills Youth Theater presented *The Little Mermaid Jr.* at Lincoln Academy.

#### May

- Free round of golf during offered during week of Silver Star Day to honor military personnel and veterans.
- Annual "Day of Service" sponsored by the Beautification Committee held May 14 to plant trees, clear debris, plant flowers, and beautify east entrance to city.
- The City Council approved a resolution adopting amendments to the Land Use Element of the Cedar Hills General Plan.
- The City Council approved an ordinance adopting amendments relating to Conditional Use Permits.

#### June

- Family Festival May 31 through June 4. Parade Grand Marshal Jeremy Brunner, principal at Cedar Ridge Elementary. Pickleball Tournament, 3V3 Soccer Tournament for kids 10-17, Family Swim Night, Firecracker Golf Tournament, Vintage Car Show, Carnival, Dinner & Outdoor Movie Night, Baking Contest, Fireworks!
- Golf camp offered at Cedar Hills Golf Club for junior golfers.
- Speed and agility camp for runners, ages 9-18, offered by Utah Speed Academy.
- City welcomes new community events manager, Becky Galloway, and events coordinator, Robyn Stulce.
- Creekside Theatre Fest, sponsored by Cedar Hills and Highland City arts councils, held shows in repertory: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Once on This Island* at the Heritage Park amphitheater June 15-27.
- Residents reminded that City Code restricts discharge of firearms within city limits.
- Council enacts restrictions on aerial fireworks and open fires east of Canyon Road.
- Council approved resolution placing CARE Tax question on General Election ballot.

#### July

- Beautification Committee recognized "Yards of the Month" June thru September.
- Council approved ordinance to update policy related to smoking in city parks.
- Council approved ordinance to update records access and management plan and adopt retention schedule specific to records maintained by the City of Cedar Hills.

#### August

- Annual pancake breakfast held in the Vista Room August 13.
- Utah County Health Department encouraged residents to test for radon.
- Residents encouraged to review booklet, "Firewise Landscaping for Utah," published by USU extension services.
- Concert in the Park with Pete Conder held August 13 at Heritage Park Amphitheater.
- Road repairs performed on Cedar Hills Drive and Box Elder Drive.

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## Mayor's Minute

January is a time to make resolutions for the New Year. But also in this process, it is a time to reflect on the past year and take stock of things that went well and not so well. I am happy to report that, as a city, we have far more things that went right, as opposed to wrong, but I will talk about both.

My focus has always been on the period from January 2012 to the present, since that is the time that I have been helping the city. I am going to talk about finances for a minute. But I want you to know from the outset that it is not all about numbers; however, if we don't get the numbers right then we can't do the feel-good things that you have told me that you like so much, some of which are the Family Festival, Pancake Breakfast, Night with Santa, and other similar functions.

In 2012 our city had over 16 million dollars in debt and more than 24% of your total property taxes went directly to the city. As you know, most of your property taxes go to Alpine School District and the County. In 2016 we currently have about 14.5 million in debt and less than 19% of your property taxes go directly to the city. These trends are headed in the right direction and allow us to do the feel-good things.

We also changed the way your property taxes were collected. In 2012, we kept the city's certified rate relatively flat. This meant that as the city experienced the great recession, we collected less in revenue and tightened our belts. But as the economic expansion took

place, this also meant that the city might be collecting more tax revenue than needed. I applaud the former city council for putting in place a property tax program to reflect the difficult times we had, and I now applaud the current city council that made the change back to the county's recommended rate, so that the tax revenues collected by the city would stay constant, but not exceed what we need. We have had excellent councils and staff to help our city through the last few years. I appreciate all the hard work they have done and will do.

Finally, I have been honored to have served as your mayor these last five-plus years and feel like we are doing very well as a city. We have a thriving recreation program for our children, and now an arts committee to give opportunities to our children who like the arts, as well as sports. Our roads are in relatively good shape, compared to our neighboring cities, but this will be a challenge as we age as a city. I applaud the governor and state legislature for making necessary changes in road funding that have helped us as a small city to maintain our roads. I am asked frequently now if I am going to run for mayor this next year, as my seat is up. I have not made up my mind, but I am leaning towards running for a second and last term, as I have a few more things I would like to do, like seeing the completion of our commercial zone.

I welcome your input on how we are doing as a city and look forward with you to this next year.



Mayor Gary Gygi

## Winter On-Street Parking Reminders

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.

## City's Policy Regarding Snow and Ice Removal

Streets will be cleared according to their priority, beginning with an accumulation of a minimum of two inches of snow. Priority is given according to traffic volume, location near schools or public buildings, steepness of grade, 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.

## Vehicles, Sledding Damage Turf on City Property

Motorized vehicles are not allowed in city parks or on the golf course. ATVs, trucks, and other vehicles on the lawns at Mesquite and other parks damage the grass and sprinklers. These activities severely damage the turf, and in some cases it takes an entire season to restore. Likewise, sledding and other activities on the golf course cause expensive damage to the turf. These types of activities are not allowed on the golf course. Please be considerate to help maintain and protect our valuable resources. If you see such activities taking place, please notify the city or call the police to report it. Thank you!

## STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

De-icers help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common de-icer because it's effective and cheap; however, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Some de-icers are significant sources of phosphorous. Be sure to keep de-icers in a covered area to prevent runoff to the storm drain system and contamination of ground water. Apply de-icing products according to the manufacturer's instructions.

## January Holiday Office Hours & Garbage Pickup

The city office will close in observance of New Year's Day on January 2 and will be closed on January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage and recycling pickups will occur without a delay in services.

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**September**

- Spencer and Connor Kelley honored by City Council as Cedar Hills Champions for Spencer’s bravery in rescuing his son, Connor, from their burning home.
- Department of Environmental Quality water samples show metals contamination in American Fork River; public cautioned to avoid sediments.

**October**

- “Talk Shop with a Cop” held October 7 in Community Center Vista Room.
- City was designated as an official passport application acceptance facility.
- Haunted Creek and Trick or Treat hosted by Youth City Council on October 24 at Heritage Park. All proceeds went to YCC’s annual Santa’s Workshop program to help Cedar Hills.
- Second grade co-ed teams added to Jr. Jazz program.
- City Recorder Colleen Mulvey received the 2016 Excellence in Information Governance Award from the Utah State Division of Archives and Records Service.

**November**

- Cedar Hills Youth Theater presented *Hairspray Jr.* November 7-9.
- Cedar Hills CARE Tax initiative included on General Election ballot was rejected by voters.
- The Council approved a resolution proclaiming November 12-18 as Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Week.
- The City Council awarded a contract to S & L, Inc. for the construction of Bayhill Park.
- The Council awarded a contract to Big-B Construction for the construction of the city’s golf maintenance building.

**December**

- Night with Santa party held on December 5 at the Community Center. Over 500 attended.
- Annual Light Up Cedar Hills contest sponsored by the city’s Beautification Committee.
- Douglas Fillmore, Craig Hansen, and Bill Knowlton were appointed to the Board of Adjustment.
- Annual Story Time reading of *The Polar Express* by Marisa Wright and Stephanie Martinez in the Vista Room at the Community Center on December 14.
- Youth City Council conducts annual Santa’s Workshop to help Cedar Hills families at Christmastime.
- City provided recycling drop-off locations for live Christmas trees.

**Programs by the Community Services Department:**

T-Ball, Co-ed Soccer, Tot Soccer, Cedar Hills Soccer League, Karate, Lacrosse, Speed and Agility Camp for Runners, Teen Flag Football, Flag Football, Computer Camps for Kids: Coding and game design; InMotion Indoor Golf; Story Time; Weekly Food Truck Rally.

**Cedar Hills City Manager Resigns Position**

David Bunker has resigned as the City Manager/City Engineer for the City of Cedar Hills, effective December 30, 2016. Since 2012, Mr. Bunker has served in this position, following eleven years as the city’s Public Works Director and City Engineer.



*David Bunker*

“It will be difficult to replace the leadership, expertise, and historical knowledge that we will lose when Mr. Bunker leaves Cedar Hills,” said Mayor Gygi. “The City Council and I wish him well as he pursues a new opportunity as City Administrator for American Fork City.”

Chandler Goodwin, Assistant City Manager and Planner, has been appointed to serve as the Interim City Manager until the position is permanently filled. Goodwin graduated from Brigham Young University with a Master’s Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis on local government and finance. He has been employed by Cedar Hills since April 2010 and is fully qualified to serve in this capacity.

“Cedar Hills is lucky to have excellent staff members, responsive elected officials, and hardworking volunteers to truly make Cedar Hills a great city,” Mr. Goodwin stated. “I am excited to continue the strong work that has been done thus far on behalf of our residents.”

Cedar Hills will conduct a nationwide search for qualified applicants to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Bunker’s resignation. Mayor Gygi will present a replacement candidate in 2017 to be ratified by the City Council.

**Light Up Cedar Hills Winners Announced**

The Beautification Committee held the Light Up Cedar Hills contest again this year. Judges canvassed the city to determine the winners of the outdoor lighting displays. One winner was selected from each voting precinct. This year’s winners were: The Dangerfields, 4609 W Carriage Lane; The Bensons, 10736 N Fiddlesticks; The Perdues, 4339 W Mountain View Circle; and the Nielsons, 9283 N Canyon Heights Drive. Photos of the homes may be viewed on the city’s website at: [cedarhills.org/light-up-2016](http://cedarhills.org/light-up-2016).



## 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. Beginners will remain with the five-week program. 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](http://cedarhills.org/karate).

## Last Call for the Cedar Hills Ski Bus!

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 weekly two-hour lessons, lift tickets, and a half day on the slopes is \$160 per person. Register online at [cedarhills.org](http://cedarhills.org). For more information call 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org).

## BYU Men's Basketball Ticket Discounts

In conjunction with BYU Sports, the Cedar Hills Community Services Department brings this special offer to you. Receive up to 25% off selected men's basketball tickets for all the remaining home games, except Gonzaga and St. Mary's. Go to [tinyurl.com/byugroup](http://tinyurl.com/byugroup) and use promo code: BYUCEDARHILLS.



## 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 a bag of popcorn and a drink. The vouchers must be redeemed online with Flash Seats, the electronic, paperless ticketing system used by the Utah Jazz.

## Indoor Golf Lessons for Kids

### begin January 11 & February 15

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. 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](http://InMotionJuniorGolf.com/cedar-hills-rec).



## Utah County Bookmobile

The bookmobile comes to town every-other Monday (Jan. 9 & 23) 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](http://bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah).



## BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

### Chess Club & FAMILY GAMES

Monday, January 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Art Classes ACRYLIC PAINTING

Lesson 1: Introduction to Paint & Supplies

Lesson 2: Color, Color, Color

Tuesday, Jan 10 & 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ages 11 & up

### Family Movie Night TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

After-Hours Event

FREE CONCESSIONS!

Saturday, January 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Robotics RASPBERRY PI

Monday, January 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Family Book Talk TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Thursday, Jan 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Storytime T, W, TH @ 11 & 1:00

### Computer Class HOW TO LEARN ANYTHING ONLINE

Saturday, Jan 28 @ 11:00 a.m.

### LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, January 16

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