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## Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar 7 &amp; 23</b>
Community Partners in Policing - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar 8</b>
Preparedness Event	<b>Mar 14</b>
Gardening with Dr. Dianne Farrer	<b>Mar 15</b>
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar 28</b>

## City Phone Numbers

Dial 801-785-9668 then extension:

Front Desk 100  
City Recorder / Passports 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

## Multi-City Family Preparedness Event: Building Resilience in Our Communities



**Th**E CITY'S FIFTH ANNUAL Multi-City Family Preparedness Event will take place on Tuesday, **March 14**. The event will focus on disaster preparedness for families. Mark Marrott, a Governor's Summit presenter and emergency management consultant, will present "Christchurch, New Zealand, Earthquake: Building Resilience in Our Communities." The event will take place in the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive.

### Schedule of Preparedness Events

7:00-8:00 p.m. – Presentation by Mark Marrott (Vista Room)  
6:00-8:30 p.m. - Vendor Booths with drawings and giveaways (lower level)  
6:00-8:30 p.m. – On-site Emergency Personnel displays

The meeting will be helpful in organizing households for emergencies and giving families an opportunity to become involved in our community effort. A free QuickSeries Family Preparedness Guide will be given to each household, while supplies last. For more information, please contact Cedar Hills emergency management coordinator, Laurie Petersen, at [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org).

*"Our goal is to have a representative from every household attend this important event."*

~Mayor Gary Gygi

**Scheduled Vendors:** Bruderer Outdoor Enterprises, Cabela's, Emergency Zone, Family Storehouse, Home Depot, Macey's, Shield Safety, Wise Company.



Cedar Hills Community Center

## Community Partners in Policing, March 8

The American Fork Police Department holds public meetings at the Cedar Hills Community Center, where citizens can meet the police department, learn important safety tips, and ask any that may be on their minds. These meetings, called Community Partners in Policing, are held periodically to help keep citizens and neighborhoods safe.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8. Sergeant Josh Christensen and victims advocate Dawna Whiting will discuss domestic violence and what resources are available. Following the training, Christensen will take questions on any topic. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. For answers to questions about this meeting or the Community Partners in Policing Program please contact Sergeant Christensen at 801-763-3020 or [jchristensen@afcity.net](mailto:jchristensen@afcity.net).



### Mayor's Minute

On March the 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1943, a Japanese convoy was attacked and destroyed by 137 American bombers, who wanted to prevent Japan from sending reinforcements to New Guinea. This helped turn the war in the Pacific in America's favor, because, just like in real estate, it is

location, location, location. American military leaders knew that if they could strengthen this area, it could have wide and long-lasting effects on the war, which was global in scope and size. I'll bet you are wondering how I will relate this to our little city. Be patient; it is coming.

The example above gave local control of the Pacific battle to a group of leaders and, more specifically, to a group of bombers. I also believe that local control in governing is best. This may be jeopardized, if the Utah State Legislature approves a bill or two that would take local control away from cities and move it to the state.

One bill is about short-term rentals—think Airbnb, a website that connects people who want to rent a home with people who have homes for rent. Right now Cedar Hills does not have, and may never have, this problem; but I don't think it is a good idea to have the state usurp local control. The one-size-fits-all approach doesn't work when the federal government applies laws to the states, and equally so it doesn't work when state legislators use the same approach toward cities.

The bill is HB 253. It would preempt local municipalities from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits the renting of an owner-occupied, short-term rental. The bill would

then further authorize owner-occupied, short-term rentals in all residential neighborhoods. As I mentioned, Cedar Hills doesn't have a problem with this right now and may never; but, if we did, I would prefer that local, elected officials handle it, as they know best the issues that affect their city. I don't want you to get me wrong; I love Airbnb-type sharing arrangements; but I believe that the closer the governing is to the problem, the better the solutions will be found.



Mayor Gary Gygi

The other potential statute that I would oppose is a bill that would regulate all food trucks under state supervision, not local supervision. This was talked about last year, but I am not hearing much about it now. We should oppose this, as we do have an active food truck program, and any problems that arise should be handled by our local, elected officials. I am very pleased that Governor Herbert is a strong advocate for local control, so I hope that if either of these bills become law, that he would veto them.

**Family Festival 2017:** Mark your calendars! The Cedar Hills Family Festival will take place May 30 through June 3 and is guaranteed to delight and entertain your entire family. We welcome back Brown Amusements for another year of thrilling carnival rides as well as the events you've come to know and love such as Swim Night, the ever-popular car show, the main street parade, spectacular fireworks and much more! You don't want to miss anything we have in store for you, so write down the date...in pen...or marker...or some other permanent thing.

### STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

#### Clean Up after Your Pet in Public Parks

Most of us pick up after our pets to be a good neighbor. But there's another important reason: Pet waste left on sidewalks or lawns allows harmful bacteria to be washed into storm drains, polluting our lakes and streams. What can you do? Simple. When at public parks, dispose of your pet's waste in the trash.

#### Residential Burn Permit Information

The open-burn policy meets the standards of the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), including a statewide requirement to obtain a permit from the local fire authority. The permit application process begins at DEQ's website: [deq.utah.gov](http://deq.utah.gov). More detailed information is available on the Cedar Hills website under Sanitation.

#### Get Ready for Pressurized Irrigation

The city will start energizing the pressurized irrigation system around April 15. Close your main valve now to protect pipes and sprinkler heads, which may be affected by pressure fluctuations if they are left open.

### City Provides Dumpsters for Spring Clean-Up

The city will sponsor its 19th annual Spring Clean-Up on two Saturdays, **April 15 and April 22**. Large roll-off dumpsters will be available from 7AM to NOON at:

- Sunset Park—9814 N Dorchester Drive
- Heritage Park—4450 W Cedar Hills Drive
- Hayes Circle – The Cedars
- Timpanogos Cove Park – 9508 N Timpanogos Cove
- Morgan Blvd/Sage Vista Drive

Do not place the following items in the dumpsters: car tires, car batteries, motor oil, appliances, electronic devices, concrete, construction materials, or liquids. Tree limbs should not exceed six inches in diameter and 12 feet in length. If the dumpster is full, please take the load to another location.

The city encourages residents to clean their yards, sweep gutters and sidewalks, and do their best to improve neighborhoods. Owners should clear vacant lots of garbage and tall weeds. In the spirit of Spring Clean-Up, please assist those who may need a helping hand.

Group projects can be coordinated through the city's Beautification Committee. Call or text Boyd Wilkins at 801-822-7601 for more information about group projects.

## City Council Corner

Submitted by Councilmember Jenney Rees

Summary of Council actions for February:

- The Council awarded a contract to Six Sisters Deli to take over operations of the grill at the Community Center. The anticipated opening is April 1.
- The fee schedule was updated to include a new way for assessing plan check fees in order to recover costs associated with these permits.
- The discounted resident rate for Vista Room rentals on Mondays and Tuesdays was updated to say that weddings and large gatherings would be charged a flat rate of \$450 instead of the previous rate of \$20 per hour. This was to account for the costs associated with staffing and cleaning for these types of events.
- The current budget was amended to allow for a new master plan of city parks (this will be voted on in a future meeting) and to cover some repair costs associated with the water system.

In the past few months there were two cases of domestic violence-related homicides that occurred in American Fork. These tragedies were horrific and leave many wondering what can be done to better protect victims of domestic violence. On March 8, the American Fork Police Department will host a Community Partners in Policing meeting regarding domestic violence. For more information, please visit my blog post at: [jenneyrees.wordpress.com](http://jenneyrees.wordpress.com).

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items will be offered a safe disposal location of these items at a collection day on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre Mall in Provo. For details, including a list of what will or will not be collected, please visit the Utah County Health Department website or call 801-225-8538.

### Keep Weeds, Vegetation under Control

March is a good time to trim back vegetation to free sidewalks and street signs from obstructions. The following definitions in the City Code constitute a "nuisance":

- 1) Weeds on a vacant lot or residential property, along public sidewalks or the outer edge of any public street, or weeds that constitute a fire hazard.
- 2) Improper accumulation of soil, litter, debris, plant trimmings, or trash visible from the street or an adjoining property.
- 3) Dead, diseased, hazardous, overgrown or uncultivated vegetation obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or that could harbor rats or other pests.
- 4) The front yard of a lot containing a dwelling shall be landscaped and maintained. Grass shall not exceed 6" in height.

## We Need You! Cedar Hills Service Days

Each year, the Beautification Committee provides opportunities to participate in service projects in our neighborhoods, parks, and other areas. This year's projects will be at the roundabout on Cedar Hills Drive on two Saturdays: April 8 and 22. Please visit [cedarhills.org/service](http://cedarhills.org/service) to fill out a quick registration form to volunteer. You may sign up for one or both days. Because the work will be done in and around traffic, only those 14 and older will be allowed to participate. Everyone will meet at Heritage Park at 10:00 a.m., and pizza will be served to the volunteers on both days at noon, after the work is completed.

Please get involved. You can make a difference! For more information, call or text Boyd Wilkins, Beautification Committee chair, at 801-822-7601.



## Celebrate Arbor Day and Win a Prize for Planting a Tree before April 28

Cedar Hills is a distinguished member of Tree City USA and continually focuses on the benefits of planting and caring for trees. There are many good reasons to plant trees; here are just a few: 1) Properly planted trees can cut air conditioning costs by 15% to 35%; 2) Trees can increase your home's value by up to 15%; 3) Trees make your home and neighborhood more beautiful, and the seasons add color and texture to the landscape. Trees make a house feel like a home.

Now that spring is coming, consider planting a tree and win a prize! The first 25 people who send a photo of themselves planting a tree on or before Arbor Day this year will receive two free admission tickets to **Thanksgiving Point Gardens**. So, celebrate Arbor Day on April 28, by planting a tree! Send photos to [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org). One photo per household, please.

## Gardening Classes with Dr. Dianne Farrer

These are not your typical gardening classes; they're the advanced edition! Next class will be held on March 15 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hills Community Center lower level, 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive. March's class will address vegetables, herbs, and container gardening. No registration required. Oh, and did we mention that it's FREE! Please visit the city's website for full descriptions of each month's classes. Classes will be held every month through August 2017.

## Cedar Hills Youth Sports Leagues

**R**EGISTRATION for youth sports leagues is available from the city's website using Rec1.com. Questions? Call the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org).

### Co-Ed Teen Soccer

Co-ed Teen Soccer League is for students in grades 9 through 12. Teens form teams and enter the team name when they register. There must be at least four girls on the team. The cost per player is \$40, which includes a shirt. Register online until March 27. Games begin in late April and will be played on Monday afternoons at Mesquite Park in Cedar Hills.

### Soccer League for Boys and Girls in K through 2nd Grade

Online registration runs through April 2. The fee is \$30 plus a one-time fee of \$5 for a reversible T-shirt. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Mesquite Park in Cedar Hills, beginning April 15 and running through the end of May.

### Tot Soccer (Six-Week League in Spring and Fall for 3 & 4 Year Olds)

Register online before April 9. The registration fee is \$25 plus a one-time fee of \$5 for a reversible T-shirt, which can be worn for any Cedar Hills youth sports program. Games will be played on Tuesday evenings, starting April 18. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to coach tot soccer.

### NEW! Coach-Pitch Baseball: Register April 1 through May 7

For boys and girls ages six and seven. This is the next league after the T-ball program. Every child will bat every inning and play in the field. Games will be played two days per week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings. The season begins the first week of June and runs through the end of June.

### Next Session of Karate Classes Begins March 27

Karate classes for children, ages 6-12 at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. The one-hour classes are held twice per week on Mondays and Wednesdays for three levels. Beginners sign up for a five-week session for \$50, and intermediate and advanced kids sign up for a 10-week session for \$100. Online registration is available on the Cedar Hills website until March 26.

### Candidate Filing Period

The municipal offices to be voted on in the City of Cedar Hills Municipal General Election on November 7, 2017, are: **Mayor**, four-year term, and **two City Council Members**, four-year terms each. The Candidate Filing Period runs between June 1 and June 7, 2017. Declaration of candidacy forms or nomination petition forms must be filed in person with the Cedar Hills City Recorder at 10246 N Canyon Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The 2017 Municipal Elections will be all vote by mail, as they were two years ago in 2015. Please visit [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov) for more election and voter information.

### Utah County Bookmobile

The bookmobile comes to town every-other Monday (March 6, 20; April 3, 17) 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).



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## BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

### Chess Club & FAMILY GAMES

Monday, March 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Author Night ORPHAN KEEPER

Author Camron Wright & Taj Rowland

Wednesday, March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Ages 8 & up

### Robotics MARS EXPLORATION

Monday, March 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Family Service Night RISING STAR

Service Project for India Orphanage

Tuesday, March 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Holiday Art Class LEPRECHAUN LODGES

Build a house for your leprechaun & fairies

Wednesday, March 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

### Leprechaun on the Loose FIND THE LIBRARY LEPRECHAUN

(Think "Elf on the Shelf")

Every day in March

### Open Tech Help

Every Saturday @ 11:00.

### Gardening VEGETABLES, HERBS & CONTAINER GARDENING

Tuesday, March 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

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