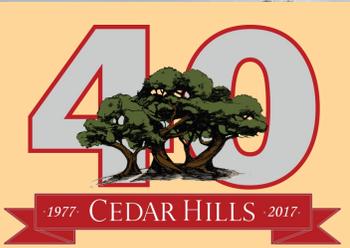




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### Upcoming Events

Santa Party, 6:00 pm	<b>Dec 4</b>
City Council Meeting 6:00 pm	<b>Dec 5</b>
Story Time, 11:00 am <i>The Polar Express</i>	<b>Dec 12</b>
Light Up Cedar Hills	<b>Dec 15</b>
City Office Closed 12:00 noon	<b>Dec 22</b>
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### City Phone Numbers

Dial 801-785-9668 then extension:

Front Desk 100  
 Building Department 200  
 Business Licensing 504  
 City Recorder / Passports 503  
 Pro Shop 600, 602  
 Public Works 200  
 Recreation 302  
 Utility Billing 400  
 Vista Room 300  
 Zoning & Code Enforcement 500

### Other Phone Numbers (801)

Animal Control (Police) 763-3020  
 Cedar Hills Golf Club 796-1705  
 Police Department 763-3020  
 Public Works After Hours 420-2243

## City Releases Final Election Results

The city posted the final general election results, following the official canvass, which was held at the City Council meeting on November 21. Reports from each precinct were verified, and Colleen Mulvey, recorder for the City of Cedar Hills, certified that the information contained in the report was accurate.

Jenney Rees was elected mayor, and Denise Andersen and Ben Ellsworth were elected to the city council—all for four-year terms. Voters also approved Proposition #7 (PARC Tax). With an even 5,000 registered voters in Cedar Hills, 41.34% voted in this election. The complete Report of Election Results can be viewed on the city's website.

### City Council Vacancy to Be Filled

The city announces a vacancy in the office of City Council, created by the election of Councilmember Jenney Rees to mayor, effective January 1, 2018. The City Council will fill the vacancy at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Any qualified person interested in being considered for appointment to the position may make application to Colleen A. Mulvey, city recorder. The application form is available on the city's website at [cedarhills.org/forms](http://cedarhills.org/forms). Applications will be accepted until December 29, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

### Santa Party Set for December 4

The annual Cedar Hills Santa Party will be held on Monday, December 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Vista Room at the community center. Everyone will be able to visit with Santa and receive a candy cane. Bring your camera to capture a photo with Santa. There will also be refreshments for everyone, so don't miss this great holiday event.

### Story Time: THE POLAR EXPRESS

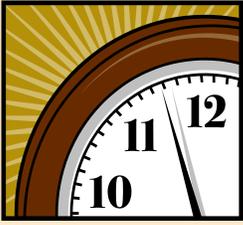
The annual reading of *The Polar Express* will be given on Tuesday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Hills Community Center. Join us for treats and a fun-filled story time with this classic book.

### Snow and Ice Removal from Streets

City crews are committed to provide safe winter driving conditions for everyone. The city's policy is that streets will be cleared according to priority, beginning with a minimum accumulation of two inches of snow, and continuing until driving conditions are considered adequately safe. Priority is according to volume of traffic, location near schools or public buildings, steepness of grade, etc. Low-volume streets and cul-de-sacs remain the last to be plowed.

### Compost and Green Waste Site Closed—By Appointment Only

The Timpanogos Special Service District green waste drop-off site will be closed until March 15, 2018. However, compost will be sold and Christmas trees will be accepted by appointment only. Call the TSSD office at 801-756-5231 to make an appointment.



### Mayor's Minute

My dear Cedar Hills friends, this is my last monthly column as your mayor, and it is not with a heavy heart that it is coming to an end, but with much joy. I have loved every minute of the last six years and feel the support and love from you. This has truly been one of the great honors of my life.

When you go into public service, you cannot expect everything to go your way, but I believe you must have a core set of beliefs and stick to them. There are times when you will stand alone, but if you have the courage of your convictions, you stick with what you believe and not be swayed by every breeze that blows along. I have always taken my political cues from President Reagan and my life cues from Gordon B. Hinckley. This means I have always tried to get along with everyone and have a sunny outlook, without comprising what I believe in. I think it has served us well.

I want to talk about some of the things that we have done well and an item or two that I wish we had done better. Six years ago, we were over 16 million dollars in debt and we have paid down almost 2 million of that and refinanced three bonds that will save us about 1.5 million dollars over the life of the loans. Six years ago, the portion of your property tax that went directly to Cedar Hills made up about 24% of your bill. It is now about 19%. These trends are headed in the right direction, and it is my hope that they will continue.

Twice during my administration we held hearings on the golf course to give clarity and the facts about how we are doing. The first set of hearings dealt with the history of the golf course finances in an honest and straightforward way. We used some of our best residents to sit on the committee, and I am very proud of the work they did. The second set of hearings was to vet a proposal to shut the course and create more parks and sell off lots for builders to create new neighborhoods. These hearings were also honest and straight forward, and I

applaud our committee for their honesty and hard work. At this point I think this issue has been put to rest, and believe the golf course is here to stay, as most residents thank me repeatedly for telling them exactly how the course is doing. I have heard, at the same time, to minimize our subsidy, and am proud to say that we are doing much better. We also argue or debate this issue far less than in years past, because of the transparency with which it was discussed.



Mayor Gary Gygi

We make a golf course bond payment every year of about \$360,000, but, as we do so, our bond balance goes down and our equity in the course goes up. Our subsidy of operations, or capital improvements, is now about \$100,000 a year, but the net income from paying events in the Vista Room is \$85-90,000 a year, making our net subsidy only about \$15,000 after the bond payment is made, of course.

We have recently purchased a 12-acre parcel on which a super sports park is envisioned. You will need to help the council plan for this. We are also continuing the development of our commercial zone, which should be exciting to see materialize.

Lastly, a couple of things that I wish I would have been able to do: I had hoped that the County would agree to take better care of Canyon Road. Regrettably, they have not, but don't give up hope. I have been working on a legislative fix that may force the County to finally fix our Canyon Road. The other thing I wish I could have been able to do is to return some of your money to you. Our staff does such a good job of managing our city that it seems like every year we have put hundreds of thousands of dollars into our rainy-day fund and capital projects. I wish I could have gotten support to return some of it to you when I attempted to do that.

I have loved this opportunity to serve and love you all.

### STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

#### Environmentally friendly ways to control ice

Deicers lower the melting point to help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most commonly used product, because it's effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Be sure to keep the deicer in a covered area to prevent runoff to the storm system and contamination of ground water. Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer's instructions. Using the old fashion approach of a shovel means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and with the added benefit of physical exercise.

#### Winter Reminder

Sledding and other activities on the golf course cause expensive damage to the turf and are not allowed. Please report violations to the city.

### Winter Street Parking

Keeping roads clear of vehicles increases safety and reduces obstructions during snow removal. Blocked streets may not get plowed. Parking on a street is prohibited:

- When snow is falling
- When there is a visible amount of snow on the street
- When the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall
- Between the hours of 1:00am and 7:00am (November 1 through March 31)
- During snow/ice removal
- For any continuous period of more than 48 hours

### Holiday Office Hours & Garbage Pickup

The city office closes at noon on December 22 and all day on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There will be a one-day delay in garbage and recycling services during the weeks of December 25 and January 1.

## City Council Corner

Submitted by Councilmember Jenney Rees

The City Council only met once in November, but addressed and took action on the following items:

1. Completed a canvass of the 2017 municipal election. The results show that Jenney Rees will serve a 4-year term as mayor, and Denise Andersen and Ben Ellsworth will serve 4-year terms as members of the City Council.
2. The Council amended the ordinance related to premise occupations. The original ordinance allowed residents along Canyon Road, who live on one acre, to have a separate building on their lot that can be used for certain home-based businesses. After a resident who lives on Canyon Road approached the city wanting to start a bicycle repair shop, the Council amended the ordinance to reduce the lot size requirement to 0.5 of an acre and also changed the language to only require a background check if the business will deal with children.
3. Voted to approve Walmart's request to add blue behind their name and logo on the front of their store in Cedar Hills.
4. Accepted the results of the financial audit for fiscal year 2017.
5. Amended the ordinance regarding commercial building plans. Commercial plans will require design plans created by a design professional.
6. Amended the weed ordinance to include lots in all areas within the city. Previously, the areas zoned as public facilities did not have to adhere to the weed nuisance ordinance. There is an exception for large areas of native landscaping, such as the hillside.
7. Approved a new golf cart lease agreement. The new carts will have lithium ion batteries, which will extend battery life and reduce cart maintenance. There was no impact on the current approved budget.
8. Discussed sending requests for proposals for our waste management and landscaping contracts. These will go out in January.

### Attention, Door-to-Door Solicitors!

The City Code has been amended to prevent solicitors from leaving advertisements at doors with no soliciting signs. The code now reads: It is a violation for any person soliciting or advocating to knock on the door, ring the doorbell, **leave any advertisements, door hangers, material, or literature at the residence**, or in any other manner attempt to attract the attention of an occupant of a residence that bears a "No Solicitation" (Title 3, Chapter 1, Article D).

### Socks for Souls Drive

Volunteers from the Mountainland Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will collect new pairs of socks in any size and color and distribute them to those in need. Donations will be accepted from individuals and groups through January 11 and can be delivered to any location listed at: [mountainland.org/socksforsouls](http://mountainland.org/socksforsouls) or in person at Mountainland RSVP, 586 East 800 North, Orem, or you may call to arrange to have them picked up. RSVP works with volunteers age 55+ to meet important needs in our community.

### Light Up Cedar Hills!

The city's Beautification Committee will conduct the city's Light Up Cedar Hills contest again this year. Judges from the committee will canvass the city on Friday, December 15, to determine who has the best outdoor lighting displays. One winner will be selected from each voting precinct, and the winners will be announced on the city's website and in the January newsletter.

### December Crime Prevention Tips

Over the past year the Police Department has received many details regarding fraudulent phone scams. The first one targets the elderly. The caller will sound distant or distorted and say it is your grandchild and that they have been arrested in Mexico or some other foreign country. The caller will ask for money to be released. They may even say they might be killed if the money is not sent. The caller will then say where to send the money. Don't be fooled by this; it's a scam.

The next phone scam happens when you list an item to sell on KSL or another website. A buyer will contact you and offer to send a check, but he will send a check that is more than the agreed upon price. He will instruct you to cash the check and keep the agreed upon price and ask you to give the rest of the cash, usually by wire transfer, to a person who will pick up the item. Don't be fooled by this. The check will be fraudulent, and you will owe the bank whatever amount of money you paid by wire transfer.

The third scam deals with your computer. The caller will say they have control of your computer and all of your personal information on it. For a fee they will unlock the computer and not delete your information. Do not give in and send the criminal money.

From all of us at the American Fork Police Department, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### City Offers Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycling locations for live Christmas trees ONLY (no artificial trees) will be available at the following two locations: Mesquite Soccer Park parking lot, 10440 N. Mesquite Way, and Heritage Park parking lot, 4425 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Designated areas will be available for tree drop off from Wednesday, Dec. 27, through Wednesday, Jan. 3. All attachments must be removed from the trees, including stands. Flocked trees are NOT accepted, as they are not recyclable. No other waste, garbage, or commercial dumping is permitted. Mixed loads cannot be recycled and will cause significant increases in costs to the city. With everyone's considerate compliance, the city will be able to continue this service.



### 2018 Ski Bus Registration

The Ski Bus is full, but a special rate is available for lessons and free time if participants provide their own transportation to Snowbird. The lessons are for skiers and snowboarders, ages 7 to 17, of all skill levels. The "lessons only" fee for each individual is \$170, which includes lift tickets, two-hour lessons each week, and a half day on the slopes. All of the chaperone spots have been filled. Ski Bus dates are February 3, 10, and 24, 2018. To access the registration and waiver forms please visit [cedarhills.org/ski](http://cedarhills.org/ski). For further details contact Cedar Hills Recreation at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email the Ski Bus coordinator, Brooke Bradford, at: [bbradford@cedarhills.org](mailto:bbradford@cedarhills.org).

### A Night Out with the Utah Jazz

We have tickets available for the Utah Jazz game on February 26 against the Houston Rockets. Each ticket is \$15 and includes a drink and popcorn. To purchase tickets, please call the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302. All vouchers will be sent to you electronically, once payment is made. If you would like to purchase tickets in person, please come to the Cedar Hills Recreation Center at 10640 N Clubhouse Drive between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm. Tickets will NOT be available at the city office building on Canyon Road.



### Punch a Friend for the Holidays!

Give that friend or family member a punch card to the Cedar Hills Golf Club! Ten punches for nine holes and a cart for just \$150. Perfect for that last minute gift or stocking stuffer. No limit on quantities, good for now or all of next season, and the cards can be shared with friends and relatives.

The golf shop is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 to 4 for last-minute gift ideas for the golfer in your life. Make selections from the apparel and merchandise department and receive 20% off. Season passes and family passes also make great gifts and can be purchased from the golf shop inside the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive. Questions? Call 801-785-9668, ext. 600.

### Indoor Junior Golf Lessons

Cedar Hills Recreation offers InMotion Junior Golf programs for kids, ages 4 to 17. New sessions begin January 10 and February 14. Online registration is available at: [InMotionJuniorGolf.com](http://InMotionJuniorGolf.com). The programs include fun, in-depth instruction in short-game practice, full swing, putting, chipping, basic rules and 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. Lessons are held once a week at the Inmotion indoor golf facility in Lindon, 523 North 1000 West (Geneva Road). For more information, please call InMotion at 801-980-0162.

### Mommy and Me Music Makers

This free, weekly class, continues each Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the Cedar Hills Community Center through December 13. For parents and little ones up to age five. No registration necessary.

### New Karate Sessions Begin

New Karate sessions (for all levels) begin January 3. Online registration will be open December 13 through January 2 at [cedarhills.org/karate](http://cedarhills.org/karate).

**CLOSE TO HOME**

**December 2017**

**BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF**

- Baby Bookworms**  
Laptime Stories with your baby.  
**1st & 3rd Fridays @ 10:30**
- Chess Club**  
Monday, December 4th @ 7:00 pm
- STAR WARS Fan Meetup**  
Movie, Crafts, Food!  
December 8th @ 4:00 p.m.
- Astronomy Class**  
Wednesday, December 13th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Utah Valley Writers Club**  
Wednesday, December 13th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Robotics**  
Monday, December 11th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Letters to SANTA all month long!**
- Christmas Storytime**  
with Santa's own  
**Sweetie McSprinkles Elf**  
Tuesday, December 14 @ 4:00 PM
- HOLIDAY BOOKSALE**  
**Give the Gift of Story**  
Purchase and wrap used books for a perfect holiday gift
- MERRY CHRISTMAS Holiday Hours**  
Friday, December 22 10:00-4:00  
December 23-26: CLOSED  
Reopen Wednesday Dec 27 @ 10:00

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