

# Our Home Town

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### Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings Vista Room - 7:00pm	<b>Feb 6</b> <b>Feb 20</b>
City Office Closed	<b>Feb 19</b>
Night out with Utah Jazz at Vivint Center	<b>Feb 26</b>
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Feb 27</b>
<b>Easter Egg Hunts</b> Watch for details in weekly email updates!	<b>March</b> <b>24</b>

### 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, 603  
Public Works 200  
Recreation 302 or 603  
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

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## Save the Date!

### Annual Multi-City Family Preparedness Expo

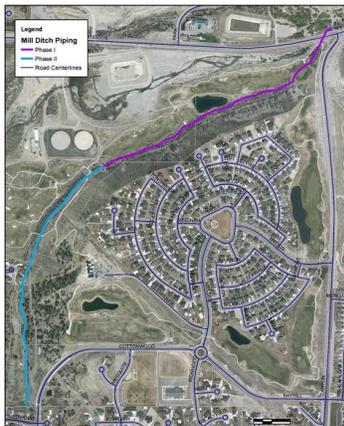
EVERYONE IS INVITED to the city's sixth annual Multi-City Family Preparedness Expo, which will take place on Monday, **March 12**, in the Cedar Hills Community Center. The event will be very helpful in organizing your household for emergencies, and it will give individuals, families, businesses, and everyone an opportunity to become involved in this important community effort. Our goal is to have a representative from every household attend this free event. Go to [cedarhills.org/preparedness-2018](http://cedarhills.org/preparedness-2018) to let us know on EVENT-BRITE that you are coming. Vendors will be on site offering freebies and giveaways! For more information, please contact the Cedar Hills emergency management coordinator, Laurie Petersen, at: [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org).



### Input Sought for Public Scoping Open House

The public is invited to attend an open house, where input is requested regarding proposed improvements to Mill Ditch in Cedar Hills near the mouth of American Fork Canyon. The improvements consist of piping approximately 6,000 feet of Mill Ditch within the American Fork Dry Creek Watershed.

The Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, with the assistance of Pleasant Grove City as the project sponsor, is preparing an environmental assessment in connection with the proposed improvements. Federal regulations requires an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions with input from the public. The open house will be held at the Cedar Hills Community Center on **February 13** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Vista Room, 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive.



Comments may be submitted at the meeting or emailed to [judyi@horrocks.com](mailto:judyi@horrocks.com) during the public scoping period, which ends March 1. For further information contact John Schiess with Horrocks Engineers at 801-763-5201 or email [jschiesss@horrocks.com](mailto:jschiesss@horrocks.com). The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to [judyi@horrocks.com](mailto:judyi@horrocks.com).



### Mayor's Message

Utah's economy is booming, and we can see growth all around us. This means there have been more and better paying jobs, but it has also resulted in a housing shortage, especially for those having lower incomes. The number of available and affordable units for low-income families is decreasing, which puts these families at a greater risk of being homeless. The State Legislature is considering to push through legislation this year that will financially penalize cities that do not have adequate affordable housing.

According to a report published by the Housing and Community Development Division of the Department of Workforce Services, the median family income (MFI) for a Utah household is \$5634/month. The report states that to be considered as affordable housing, a family/individual should not be paying more than 30% of their income for housing. Based on that information, a family at the median income level should not be paying more than \$1,690 a month for rent. The report goes on to look at data for those making 80%, 50%, and 30% of the MFI and the availability of housing units for those families and individuals. What they have found is that the closer a family/individual gets to a low-income or extremely low-income level, the fewer the units there are available.

Housing developers claim that the lack of affordable housing is primarily caused by high impact fees assessed by cities, along with city zoning ordinances that limit or prohibit the building of high-density and low-income housing units. Cities have pushed back, stating that market conditions and other conditions outside of local government land use authority are contributing to the increase in housing prices. These include conditions such as market demand (developers are looking to build "luxury" apartments) and increased costs for building materials, labor, land, and realtor fees.

Legislators have stated that they will introduce a bill this year that assesses a fee to cities that lack adequate low-income housing units. As the bill has not yet been introduced, we do not know what this means for Cedar Hills. Based on housing data available to us, it is clear we do not have any units in the city that qualify as low-income housing. One concern that we've raised is that for small cities such as ours that are close to being built out residentially, there simply isn't enough expansion room to zone for high-density, low-income housing units. Cedar Hills has followed zoning ordinances that have been legal and in place for decades, but now may be penalized for not having room for this type of growth. Additionally, based on land prices in our area and lack of public transportation, it is unlikely that developers would be interested in building low-income housing in our area. As we've seen from the high-density proposals that have been presented to us, high-density does not necessarily equate to affordable housing.

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Mayor Jenney Rees

Once we have more information we will assess how this will impact the city's budget. While there is clearly a need to address the housing issues that exist in Utah, and while I applaud the State Legislature for wanting to address housing shortages for low-income families, it is important for legislators to understand the impact that these decisions have on municipalities. A better option may be to seek solutions at the county level, instead of pitting cities against each other. For more information on this topic, please visit my blog at [jenneyrees.com](http://jenneyrees.com).

### STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

#### What you do makes a difference!

The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of chemical waste each year from common household and garden products, such as paint, paint thinners, cleaning solutions, degreasers, pesticides, weed killers, fertilizers, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, and diesel fuel. The proper disposal of chemical waste helps protect our storm drains and water systems.

#### IMPORTANT: Close Your Pressurized Irrigation Valve before Spring

Please make sure that your main pressurized irrigation valve is in the **CLOSED** position before April 15. This will protect pipes and sprinkler heads from damage when the high-pressure system is activated around April 15.

### Winter On-Street Parking thru March 31

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

With an accumulation of two inches of snow, plowing is given priority near schools and steep roads. Low-volume roads and park trails are the last to be plowed. City crews are committed to provide safe winter driving conditions.

### February Holiday Office Hours & Garbage Pickup

The city office will close on February 19 for Presidents Day. Garbage pickup will occur without delays in service that week.

**From the Utah Department of Health...**

**Living Well with Chronic Conditions**

This six-week workshop is designed for anyone who is living with or caring for someone with a chronic condition, such as arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, anxiety, etc. Classes are on Tuesdays, February 20 thru March 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Utah County Building, 100 E Center Street, Provo. Call 801-851-7035 to register. It's free!

**Prevent T2: Lifestyle Change Program**

"Prevent T2" is a yearlong program for those with prediabetes. The program is shown to decrease the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes in half. Participants work with a trained lifestyle coach to make lasting changes in their lives. Learn to eat healthier, enhance physical activity, manage stress, stay motivated, and solve problems that can get in the way of healthy changes. The program meets 24 times over the course of one year. Register online at [livingwell.utah.gov](http://livingwell.utah.gov) or call JulieAnn Titmus at 801-851-7014. The program is held at the Utah County Building, 100 E Center Street, Provo. First class is February 27 at 6:00 pm. Registration required.

**After-Hours Emergencies**

**WHO YA GONNA CALL?**

Call 911 for fire, police, or medical and similar emergencies. But, if you have a water, road, or sewer emergency that occurs after-hours, call 801-420-2243, and you will be routed to an on-call Cedar Hills public works technician. The after-hours number should be reserved for emergencies, not for issues that can be addressed on the next business day.

**Calls that should be made to Cedar Hills after-hours emergency:**

- Broken or leaking main utility lines (water, sewer, pressurized irrigation)
- Road problem or condition that causes a potential hazard for vehicles or pedestrians
- Sewer back-up; flooding
- Water outages
- Illicit discharge into gutters or illegal dumping

**Calls that should wait until the next business day:**

- Interruptions in pressurized irrigation service
- Park scheduling and non-emergency facility issues
- City event or activity schedules
- City utility hook-up, activation, or billing
- Non-city utility problems or outages (power, gas, phone/cable). These should be directed to the utility provider.

**A Hoedown of Fun**

Come to a "Hoedown of Fun" with an evening of dinner and line-dancing instruction for adults 18 and over.

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. on **March 23** at the Cedar Hills Community Center. Cost is \$30 per couple. Space is limited, so sign up right away at [cedarhills.org/hoedown](http://cedarhills.org/hoedown).



**Passport Services Available at City Office**



U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply in person for passport services at the Cedar Hills city office, 10246 N. Canyon Road. The passport facility is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Walk-ins are welcome; however, appointments are suggested for groups of four or more.

Call 801-785-9668, ext. 100, with questions or to make an appointment. Information regarding application forms, fees, and required documents can be found on the city's Passport Services page at: [cedarhills.org/passports](http://cedarhills.org/passports).

**Discounted Rates at the Vista for Residents**

It's the season for engagements! If you just got engaged, come and check out The Vista at Cedar Hills. We are booking weddings and receptions into August 2018, and Cedar Hills residents receive a discount! Give us a call to book your date: 801-785-9668, ext. 300, or email questions to [events@cedarhills.org](mailto:events@cedarhills.org).

**Tumbling Instructor Needed**

The Cedar Hills Recreation Department would like to hire a tumbling instructor that can teach kids, ages 3 and 4, basic tumbling skills and the balance beam. Equipment will be provided. The instructor must be able to teach in the mid-morning hours, but the days of the week are flexible. If interested, please contact the department at: 801-785-9668, ext. 302.

**Mommy and Me Music Makers**

Ongoing weekly classes, which promote musicality and literacy for little ones up to age five, while bonding with their parents. No registration necessary. Come when it's convenient for you, play with your child, and meet new friends. Classes are on Wednesday mornings at the Cedar Hills Community Center from 10:30 to 11:15, through May 16.





**Tot Soccer Online Registration Is Open**

Tot Soccer is a six-week league for preschoolers, ages three and four. Registration is open at [cedarhills.org/recreation](http://cedarhills.org/recreation) through April 2. Games played April 17 through May 22 every Tuesday. Parents are needed to volunteer to coach.

**Soccer League Online Registration Is Open for K-2 Kids**

Cedar Hills Soccer League is offered in the spring and fall for boys and girls in kindergarten through the second grade. Find more information and register at [cedarhills.org/recreation](http://cedarhills.org/recreation). In addition to the registration fee, there is a one-time fee of \$5 for a reversible jersey, which can be worn for soccer or flag football.

**Indoor Junior Golf Lessons**

Cedar Hills Recreation offers InMotion Junior Golf programs for kids, ages 4 to 17. A new session begins **February 14**. Online registration is available at [InMotionJuniorGolf.com](http://InMotionJuniorGolf.com). The programs include fun, in-depth instruction and video analysis. 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.



*Classes based on age and skill level with 6:1 student-to-instructor ratio.*

**Got Bingo Fever?**

Come, play Bingo at the Cedar Hills Community Center every Tuesday morning at 10:30, beginning **February 27**. The Recreation Department offers weekly Bingo for adults age 18 and older. No children are allowed! The cost is \$10 for 10 bingo cards that can be used or shared however you would like. Prizes and snacks will be provided. This is a great way to meet new people and have FUN!

**A Night Out with the Utah Jazz**

We have a few more 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, 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.



**Football Skills Camp Beginning**

[FootballSkillsCamp.com](http://FootballSkillsCamp.com) offers a non-contact football camp for kids ages 6-13. The camp runs for one hour per week for eight weeks, beginning Tuesday, **March 6**. The camp will be held at Timpanogos Indoor Soccer in Lindon. In April the camp will move outdoors closer to Cedar Hills. The cost is \$85 per player and includes a camp shirt. To ask questions or to register please email: [footballskillscamp@gmail.com](mailto:footballskillscamp@gmail.com).



**CLOSE TO HOME**

**February 2018**

**BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF**

**Utah Valley Writers**

New Critique Group  
February 1st & 15th @ 6:00 pm

**Baby Bookworms**

Laptime Stories with your baby.  
EVERY Friday @ 10:00 am

**Chess & Game Night**

February 5th @ 7:00 p.m.

**Meet the Mayor**

Thursday, Feb 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

**BRANDON MULL**

Will be visiting the Highland Library to help us celebrate the **STORY ROOM Grand Opening!**  
February 12th @ 6:30-8:00 pm.

**HAPPY VALENTINES!**

**Writers Workshop**

Wednesday, February 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Robotics & Astronomy**

Monday, February 26th @ 6:30 p.m.

**NEW Family Memories Class**

Wednesday @ 1:00  
February 13, 20 & 27

**NEW HOURS:**

Come see the progress on the expansion for a children's library, and make note of our new hours:

**Mon-Thurs 10:00-8:00**

**Friday 10:00-4:00**

**Saturday 12:00-4:00**

**Library will be closed:  
February 19 for President's Day**

**HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY**