



CEDAR HILLS

OUR HOME TOWN

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Upcoming Events

City Office CLOSED for holidays	July 4 & 24
Free City Pancake Breakfast - Rec Center	July 13
Summer Concert Series - 7:00 p.m.	July 13
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	July 25
Miss Northern Utah County Pageant	July 26

City Phone Numbers:

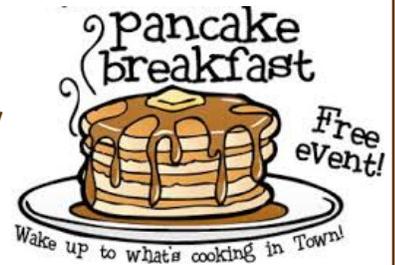
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Free Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, July 13, the City will host a free pancake breakfast at the Community Recreation Center for the residents of Cedar Hills. This will be a great way to spend some time to visit with others in our community and enjoy a delicious meal together. The breakfast will be from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. or until the food runs out. As this is the first year for a free City pancake breakfast, we've guessed at the number of expected people, so come early!



JULY 13TH



AMY WHITCOMB

City to Begin Summer Concert Series

The City of Cedar Hills, Sammys Café and Entertainment, and Refinement Records will host a free **Summer Concert Series**, held the second Saturday of every month from July through October at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. July 13: Amy Whitcomb; August 10: Andru Markel; September 14: The Neighbors; October 12: Ashley Hess. Winners of the recently held pre-show auditions will also perform each month. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Municipal Primary Election - Aug. 13

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Polling places and precincts are as follows: Precincts CH01 and CH02 will vote at Cedar Ridge Elementary, 4501 W Cedar Hills Drive. Precincts CH03, CH04, and CH05 will vote at Deerfield Elementary, 4345 W Harvey Boulevard. Primary elections are held if the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of persons needed to fill that office.



Poll Workers Needed for Municipal Elections in August and November

The City needs poll workers to assist with the upcoming municipal elections. Poll workers must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, and must attend a training session. The elections will be conducted using traditional paper ballots. For more information, or any questions regarding voting, please contact Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder, at 801-785-9668, ext. 503, or cmulvey@cedarhills.org.

Aerial Fireworks and Open Fires Prohibited East of Canyon Road

This summer is another dry one, and the fire department has already had to battle a fire in the mountains bordering Cedar Hills. Due to dry weather conditions, the City Council voted to ban all aerial fireworks and open fires on the east side of Canyon Road. Aerial fireworks are any firework designed to go greater than 15 feet off the ground. Open fires are any fires outside that do not have a cover. The City will be working with Lone Peak Public Safety throughout the rest of the summer to determine if further restrictions may be necessary. We encourage residents to visit the City's website or the City Facebook page to receive these updates.

Target Shooting: It is illegal to target shoot within the City limits. Because of dry weather conditions, we ask that anyone who is target shooting on Forestry land to use extreme caution and check with the police for bans or limitations. The police department has requested that anyone who hears shooting in the foothills should call 911. Officers will be dispatched to enforce City and Forestry bans.

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Mayor's Minute

The month of June is when we see green shoots coming up from the gardens we planted in May and gives us an indication of what the harvest will look like in the fall. Sometimes the garden looks good to excellent, and if the water, sun and care from the gardener contribute, then we will reap what we have sown. Sometimes we have to replant seeds because they didn't germinate from a lack of the three above-mentioned items, but there is time to plant them again, and this starts the process over again.

In Cedar Hills, June marks the end of our fiscal year, and again this year we have balanced our budget and maintained our essential services. Not everything got funded, but just like our garden where seeds didn't germinate, we will work on them next year. In past years' budgets, revenue was sometimes set too high with good intentions and a desire to work towards that goal. But when not reached, we would have to budget adjust midyear to accommodate this, which is always painful. Revenue targets were lowered to a realistic area, which also means that we had to cut expenses in order to balance our budget. As Martha Stewart would say, "this is a good thing," as government has been right sized in Cedar Hills.

It has been about a year since some staffing changes were made. Some positions were filled and others were not. We have asked our staff to do more, and they have done so with aplomb. I am very proud of the work our staff has done and continues to do. I ask a lot, and they deliver. No city is perfect, and we are not either, so we will continue to work towards the lofty and unrealistic goal of making everyone happy.

Our budget is about \$150,000 smaller than last year, and we have refinanced two city bonds, which will save you, our employers, about \$750,000 over the life of the loans. We turned the grill into a profit situation where we are now paid rent from a private company and are part of the profits. This private company is also helping us with special events at

the Community Recreation Center and the amphitheater in Heritage Park. We are starting a summer concert series this year, so please show up and support our local artists who will open for the main acts. The first concert is on Sat., July 13, with Amy Whitcomb headlining and local Cedar Hills singer Kenzie Peterson opening up along with Walking Jordan. I am very excited, as we have tried to provide lots of recreation outlets for our residents, but now we would like to provide opportunities for those who love the arts.



Mayor Gary Gygi

Back to budget items. I feel fortunate to have David Bunker as our city manager, as he is also the city engineer and makes sure our roads, lights, and parks are well maintained. This is important because if we ignore these, then, like other cities who have not paid attention to their assets, the eventual maintenance comes back with a vengeance at a much greater cost. We have not done everything we would like, but our public works crew works hard to maintain our resident-owned assets so we won't have to raise taxes. The city was just given the county's recommended tax rate, which we adopted and will keep everyone's property taxes about the same as last year, even though property values went up slightly. When property values go up, then the county tries to lower the rate in order to allow the cities to maintain the same level of funding to run the city. It is my goal to reduce our debt where possible and keep our property taxes low. This is not always easy, and this year was not, but we did it, and for that I feel good about the direction our city is headed.

I would also like to thank our fire guys for the great job they did in putting out a fire on our mountain very quickly and our police force for resolving a suspicious van incident quickly, as well. Please go to our Facebook page and like us. This helped with the police issue, but also follow us on Twitter, as this is how we communicated in real time about how the fire fight was going. Hope you have a great summer.

A Message to the Residents of Cedar Hills

Recent events in surrounding cities have heightened awareness of limited water supplies throughout the region. The City of Cedar Hills currently has no written water restrictions in place. However, residents are asked to limit water usage to three days per week during appropriate times of the day. Water conservation guidelines may be reviewed on the City's website.

City Adjusts Utility Rates

The City had a utility rate study completed by Bowen, Collins & Associates. As recommended in the study, to continue the appropriate level of service and to help keep the infrastructure maintained, the City raised some of its utility rates effective July 1, 2013 (see chart below). To view the complete rate changes and to read the study, please visit the Utility Billing Rates page on the City's website.

	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
WATER BASE RATE	Per Household = \$6.06	Per Household = \$6.41
WATER USAGE	Per 1K Gallons = \$1.31	Per 1K Gallons = \$1.40
SEWER USAGE	Per 1K Gallons = \$3.13	Per 1K Gallons = \$3.43
STORM DRAIN	Per Household = \$7.69	Per Household = \$8.18
ADD'L GARBAGE TOTER	Per Household = \$7.13	Per Household = \$10.92

Did you know? A recycling toter is only \$4.79 per month, and each additional toter is only \$2.24 per month. With the additional garbage toter fees increasing, now is the perfect time to save some money and help the environment. The City's recycling program accepts plastic bottles and jars #1 through #7; junk mail and newspapers; old phone books and magazines; aluminum, steel, and tin cans; and broken down cardboard, but no glass or Styrofoam. Call the City office today to order your recycling toters.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

During this time of year when we are maintaining our yards, cleaning out garages, and washing cars, remember that all of the water that leaves your property enters the storm drain system and ends up in the local waterways, such as canals, streams, ponds, lakes, and rivers. Here are some important reminders to ensure that our waterways are protected:

1. Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly. Excess can get washed out to the gutter and into the storm drain system.
2. Make sure that grass clippings and leaves are properly disposed of. These easily clog storm drain systems and don't allow them to function properly.
3. Landscaping materials that are delivered to your home should never be placed in the street or on the sidewalk. Have dirt, gravel, mulch, etc. delivered onto your property, and make sure to sweep up the excess and dispose of it properly.
4. Never allow liquids, such as motor oil, gasoline, paint, or other harmful items to be washed down the storm drain system. Always use proper disposal practices of hazardous chemicals.

New Walkway Installed

A new walkway has been completed along Clubhouse Drive. Pedestrians should use this walkway for their safety while walking to and from the Recreation Center.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

The Very Short Story on Property Taxes

First, you should know that only about 23% of your property tax is city tax. The City has no control over the remaining majority of what you pay to other entities such as the Alpine School District, which collects the largest portion.

When it comes to the City's fraction, there are generally two ways that cities determine how much tax you must pay each year. The first, and most common, is for the tax rate (or percentage) to adjust each year as property values change, so that the total amount you pay for city tax is the same every year. This means no matter what your property value is you will pay about the same amount of city property tax every year. Utah County is the entity that determines what the tax rate should be to keep city taxes the same.

The second way is for the tax rate to stay the same regardless of changes in property values. This means as your property values go up you pay more in taxes and as your property values go down you pay less in taxes. For the past two years the City has adopted the Utah County tax rate. Because property values increased for fiscal year 2014, the tax rate went down from .003183 to .002873. Again, this means that each resident will pay about the same amount of city taxes this year as last year.

A more detailed explanation of property taxes and the fiscal year 2014

budget will be provided in the State of the City magazine, which will be mailed to each Cedar Hills resident in September.



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Utah County Fair 2013

Join us at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds, August 14-17. Nightly activities in the arena include Pig Wrestling, Bull Riding, Ranch Rodeo, and Demolition Derby. Daily activities include entertainment, carnival, horse show, livestock show, 4-H exhibits, open class, Scout expo, demonstrations, car show, taxidermy competition, equipment rodeo, commercial and food vendors. For more information and to purchase event tickets, please visit: www.utahcountyfair.org. Free parking and free admission to the fairgrounds!



Flag Football Registration Has Begun

It's time to register for Youth flag football for grades 2 through 9. The program is open to boys and girls in Cedar Hills and surrounding cities, and there's no additional fee for non-residents. Games are played mid-August through early October. Online registration is available on the City's website through August 3. If you would like additional youth sports information e-mailed to you, please contact the Community Services Department.



Sports Officiators Needed

The City's Recreation Department is looking for individuals who are interested in officiating for flag football and basketball leagues. Applicants must be 16 years or older and have a good knowledge of the sport. If interested please contact Laurie Anderson at 801-785-9668, ext.302, or e-mail: landerson@cedarhills.org.

Tot Soccer is back! Register by Aug. 9

The City offers a six-week soccer league for children ages 3-4 years old. More teams have been formed due to the high demand of this program. Tot Soccer registration runs online through August 9. Register from the City's Web site (Youth Sports page) or at the City office. A late fee of \$5 will be assessed after August 9. Games will be played on Tuesday evenings, beginning August 27. For more information, contact Nicole at the City offices, ext. 302, or e-mail: nallen@cedarhills.org.

Residents Recognized for Yard of the Month

The City's Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Citizen Advisory Committee will give awards each month through September to recognize some of the nicest yards in Cedar Hills. The City has been divided into five areas according to voting precincts, and one winner from each area will be selected each month. The winners will be announced on the City's website along with pictures of their beautiful yards. Go to Residents>News & Events>Yard of the Month. Here's your chance to show off your creative landscaping talents!

Scholarship Pageant

The third annual Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant will be held Fri., July 26, at Timberline Middle School in Alpine at 7:00 p.m. Come and support these young women as they compete for a \$1,000 scholarship and the chance to represent North Utah County at the Miss Utah Pageant. For tickets or more information please call Jenny Thacker at: 801-787-7824.



Get in the Loop on Facebook

The City's Facebook page is where residents are sharing important information and giving feedback on a variety of topics. If you haven't already done so, please "like" our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah.

Family Festival 2013 Wrap Up

The Family Festival is a special time for the community to come together for some summer fun! We'd like to extend a huge "thank you" to the many volunteers from the city that helped out this year. Also, a big "thank you" to the Mayor and City Council, Youth City Council, and City staff, who all put so much time and energy into Family Festival 2013 to make it a great success!

The Festival also couldn't have happened without the tremendous work of our newly organized resident volunteer Family Festival Committee. These people did a fantastic job of jumping in late in the process and making sure that the Festival ran smoothly and was one of the best we've had.



Family Festival Committee (from left): Mayor Gary Gygi, Melissa Willie, Council Member Stephanie Martinez, Kaity Lavaja, Greg Gordon, Committee Chair Jerianne Conroy, Emily Cox, Nicole Allen, Council Member Jenney Rees, Rob Olsen, and Shannon Payne. Not included in the photo (but not forgotten): Ben Cahoon, Joe Phelon, Michael Stuy, Keith Irwin (Chair Elect), Angela Johnson, Madee Proffit, and Anji Branch.

Swim Night: All who participated had a great evening with their friends and families. Macey's served a dinner that was enjoyed by all. We appreciate the Mayor and City Council of Pleasant Grove for inviting us to hold our event at their facility once again this year.

Firecracker Golf Tournament: Twenty-nine teams competed in a four-person scramble format. American Biotech Labs was the leading team. The long drive winners were Pete Tupuola and Ryan Spiker. The day ended with a nice catered lunch and a raffle. We appreciate the work of the golf staff and all the help from our volunteers. A special thanks is extended to Ben Cahoon and the supporting sponsors: American Biotech Labs, Lone Peak Chiropractic, Nike Golf, Morgan Stanley, Fezzari Bikes, GOOD2GO Bars, and Cedar Hills Golf Club.

Parade: We had 63 entries, which included floats, royalty, BYU's Cosmo, the Lone Peak Marching Band, and much more. The entries threw out tons of candy to the very excited children along the route. The grand marshal was Cedar Hills resident Quincy Lewis, coach of the Lone Peak High School basketball team, which won their third straight State Championship title this year.

Children's Games and YCC Ducky Derby: We had a huge turnout for the children's games at Family Festival this year. With fun games and a prize center filled with toys and candy, it had the kids coming back for more. Everyone had a fabulous time, including our awesome volunteers who worked so hard to make it run flawlessly. We would also like to thank our incredible Youth City Council who assisted with the annual Ducky Derby. All the children had a great time sending their ducks down the river, and the YCC didn't mind getting a little wet in the process.

Concert in the Park: Performers were our own local group from Cedar Hills called **The Bayloaf 4**, and once again the **FlashBack Brothers**, an 80's band, who, for the second year in a row, gave a fantastic performance. A great time was had by all, and we look forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come, as it was such a big hit.

A Taste of Cedar Hills: A big thank you goes to Marisa Wright for all her time and effort to make the baking contest another great success. **Kid's Bake Contest Winners:** 1st Place: Collin Ross, French Apple Tart; 2nd Place: Kayleigh Ross, Banana Cream Pie Minis; 3rd Place: Nika Fazulyanov, Brownie Bites. **Adult Winners:** 1st Place: Leah Caceres, Macaroons; 2nd Place: Laura Montes, Rogel; 3rd Place: Lesleigh Ross, Italian Lemon Cream Cakes.

Dinner & Movie in the Park: Macey's served a fantastic dinner of grilled steak or chicken and all the fixings. We are very appreciative for all their assistance in serving so many people with no problems along the way. Mayor Gygi and the City Council were on hand to serve up the desserts, and everyone enjoyed the meal. Afterwards everyone was rewarded with the movie *Madagascar 3* at the amphitheater.

"Thank you" Family Festival Sponsors: A very special thank you to our title sponsor once again this year, **Hart's Gas & Food**. Other sponsors were: Daylight Donuts; Lewis, Young, Robertson & Burningham Inc.; Chase Bank; Intermountain Health Care; IHC Highland Clinic; Smile Perfect; Dan Crawley; Macey's Food; Stewart's Pest Control; Gunther's Heating & Cooling; Told Plumbing; Lone Peak Chiropractic; Bank of American Fork; Radon Company; Lexington Heights Dental; Fresh Market; Dear Lizzie; Horrock's Engineers; The Charleston Assisted Living Center at Cedar Hills; Utah Valley Magazine; Walmart; Tucano's; Costco; Pizza Pie Café; and Cedar Hills Family Dentistry.

We also want to thank the American Fork Police Department and the Lone Peak Fire Department for all their assistance in keeping everyone safe throughout the week and to Be Ready Utah for all the preparedness information that was given out at the Be Ready Utah table.

Peter Pan Flies to the Stage in Alpine

Alpine Community Theater (ACT) brings *Peter Pan* to the stage on July 12-22. First produced on Broadway with Mary Martin as Peter Pan, this is one of the world's most celebrated musicals. ACT's production boasts a cast and crew of nearly 200 volunteers.

Peter Pan will be presented nightly at 7:00 on July 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, and 22, with a matinee also on July 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Timberline Middle School, 500 W. Canyon Crest Road, in Alpine. General admission tickets are available in advance at the customer service desk at Ridley's, 5353 West 11000 North in Highland or online at: AlpineCommunityTheater.org. Tickets may also be purchased with check or cash at the door one hour before each performance. For more information about the show or tickets, call Laura Snyder at 801-763-1225 or visit the website.

