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Upcoming Events:

- City Council Meeting Sept 18
7:00 p.m.
- Special Town Hall Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Sept 25
- Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m. Sept 27
- City Council Meetings Oct 2 & 16
7:00 p.m.

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City Appoints New Council Member



Daniel Zappala

During a special meeting held on August 14, the Cedar Hills City Council appointed Daniel Zappala to fill the vacancy on the City Council. Mr. Zappala will complete a 16-month term, which will be up for election in 2013.

Eleven candidates were interviewed by the Council during the public meeting. Each candidate was given two minutes to make an introduction and then answered questions from the Council. After four hours of questions it was narrowed down to two candidates. In the end, the Council unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Zappala, and he was then sworn in to office by city recorder, Colleen Mulvey.

"I'm excited for this opportunity to serve," said Daniel Zappala. "Cedar Hills is a fantastic city to live in, with beautiful parks and trails and a great new recreation center. I look forward to working with our council and mayor to promote our city and develop civic pride and unity."



Mayor's Minute

Eleven years ago I was in management for one of the world's largest financial service firms, headquartered in the World Trade Center. On 9/11/2001 something very tragic happened to all of us, but the examples of courage and strength have created some very tender moments in my life. One of my employees was in the trade center doing some training that day, and, while he made it out safely, sadly others did not. The memories of that day that stand out the most to me were the stories of police and firefighters running to the buildings as everyone else was running away from them; that is courage.

A reminder of that courage came to me recently as we had a serious fire close to us this summer. The Quail fire in Alpine brought fears to us as we watched and hoped for rain, but also that winds would not carry embers across the road to us.

When it was over, I attended a report of the fire that was given in an elementary school in Alpine and left with the same feeling I had 11 years ago. The firefighters who protect us here in Cedar Hills and from all over Utah County and parts of Salt Lake County came to take a stand to protect people's homes and livelihoods. Our own fire marshal, Ben Bailey, was one of the first on the scene at about 2:20 p.m. and took charge until Assistant Fire Chief Spencer Edwards arrived shortly thereafter to set up the staging area. Decisions had to be made in brief moments of time, and heroic measures were taken to protect property.

One example is of a brush fire truck, which held its position in the Box Elder neighborhood as flames were raging 30 feet in the air and smoke was 500 feet in the air and thick. The firefighters drenched nearby homes and yards, protecting them from the flames, even though their own lives were in danger.

Another example is that of one of our firefighters who, while an experienced firefighter from Murray, Utah, was on his first day of work in the Lone Peak Fire District and unfamiliar with the terrain and location in which he was fighting the fire. That is a tough first day at work, but he rose to the occasion and did what all firefighters and police officers do—protect us in ways that we cannot even imagine. In that elementary school meeting after the Quail fire, some recorded messages were played for us, showing the intense nature of this fire and the courage of these men to stay and fight when all instincts would tell anyone else to leave.

These two events in my life, separated by location, years, and cause, are similar to me because of the mental note of my appreciation for our police, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians. Let's remember how lucky we are to have them so close to us here in our city and for the quickness with which they respond to our needs when called upon. When you see them around town (one even works at Walmart in Cedar Hills) please tell them thanks and how much our city loves having them here. —Gary R. Gygi



Mayor Gary Gygi

Resources for Military Families: Cedar Hills is proud to be part of the Community Covenant Program, which helps cities work with local businesses to support military families. As part of this program, the City has created a web page for military and veterans that includes details on programs and offers for military personnel. For more info please visit: www.cedarhills.org/military-veterans.



New City Manager Named

During the July 31, 2012, Council meeting, Mayor Gygi recommended the appointment of **David Bunker** as City Manager for the City of Cedar Hills. The recommendation was then unanimously approved by the City Council.

Mr. Bunker has worked for Cedar Hills since 2001, the majority of that time as the Public Works Director. He has played a significant role in the growth and development of Cedar Hills. Mr. Bunker has served as the acting City Manager since May 2012 and has been instrumental in the transition that has taken place over the past few months. The Mayor and Council have complete confidence in his abilities to serve as City Manager, as officials and staff look to expanding commercial development, while continuing to provide excellent services to residents.

"I am very excited to take on the challenges of a new position within the City," said David Bunker. "There are many opportunities to grow and learn from staff, the Mayor and Council, and residents. I envision the City moving forward with positive economic growth, increased citizen engagement, and additional recreation activities to enjoy throughout the city. I am excited to work closely with our Mayor and Council in promoting the vision and goals we have for our city."



New Finance Director Hired

Charl Louw (pronounced Sharl Lowe) was hired on August 13 as Finance Director, replacing Becky Tehero, who has moved to San Francisco. Charl will supervise the various tasks of the accounting and budget staff, assist with the preparation of financial statements and budget, maintain financial system security roles, and coordinate the annual financial audit. Before joining the staff in Cedar Hills, he supervised the financial reporting process and coordinated the financial audit for the Salt Lake County Mayor's Financial Administration, and, in California, he performed audits for municipalities and water districts. Charl lives in Saratoga Springs with his wife, Katie, and their three young children, 6, 4, and 2. He enjoys volleyball, tennis, and yard work. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the great staff at the City of Cedar Hills. I hope to share my accounting and auditing background to help safeguard the City's assets and promote understanding through the accounting, budgeting, and financial reporting processes."



New City Recorder Joins Cedar Hills Staff

Colleen A. Mulvey was appointed and sworn in as City Recorder on August 7. She is responsible for the preparation and coordination of City records, GRAMAs, and the preparation and coordination of City Council agendas, notices, minutes, and meetings. She coordinates and supervises municipal elections, maintains the City Code and ordinances, administers oaths of office, and provides notary services. Colleen (pronounced CAH-leeen), a Certified Municipal Clerk, most recently worked as Deputy City Recorder for Pleasant Grove City and also as a deputy recorder for the Utah County Recorder's Office. She is very customer-service oriented, having worked as a customer service manager in the San Francisco Bay area for over 15 years. She lives in North Orem and enjoys cooking, entertaining, floral arranging, and walking and hiking. "I am grateful for and appreciate the opportunity to work with the great staff here at Cedar Hills and look forward to meeting and being of service to the residents."



Applications Sought for Planning Commission Vacancies

With the appointment of former Planning Commission member Daniel Zappala to the City Council and the resignation of Cliff Chandler from the Planning Commission, there are vacancies on the Planning Commission that need to be filled. Applications for these vacancies will be accepted at the City office through Thurs., September 13. Any interested citizens are encouraged to apply to serve.

The City wishes to acknowledge Mr. Zappala's term of service since 2010 and Mr. Chandler's term of service since 2006. We extend a sincere "thank you" for their dedicated service on the commission.

STORM WATER TIP You Can Make a Difference!

Properly Dispose of Travel Trailer Waste

What do you do when it's time to dump your travel trailer waste? Remember that sewage dumped on the ground or in the storm drain is a danger to public and environmental health and pollutes our waterways. Make sure to end your trip with a visit to a dump station! Visit www.rvdumps.com for a list of dumps by state and major interstates.

WINTERIZING YOUR PI SYSTEM

The pressurized irrigation will be winterized on October 15. After that date the system will be turned off until April 15. The City asks that you leave the pressurized irrigation shut-off valve in the "open" position for a time to allow for proper drainage of the system. Prior to the system being energized in the spring, make sure that you remembered to shut the individual shut-off valve. This will prevent sprinkler components from being damaged when the water pressure is re-established in the spring.

WATER CONSERVATION: Use less water during September

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is asking for Utahns to scale back on how frequently lawns are being watered. Lower temperatures in September reduce the need for watering to approximately once per week. **The recommended watering for the month of September is 21 minutes per station every 6 days.**

Adjust your individual sprinkler system and make it a habit to follow recommended watering requirements based on temperature, precipitation, type of soil, etc. The State is striving to lower per capita water use by at least 25% by 2050. For more information, visit the Utah Division of Water Resources Web site at: www.conservewater.utah.gov/.

Road Resurfacing Projects

During the months of September and October, resurfacing projects on major collector roads will occur throughout the City. Maps and more information will be available on the City's website for the affected areas, which will include Briggs Blvd., Nielsen Blvd., Cottonwood Drive, Redwood Drive, and 4600 West.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

State of the City Newsletter & Town Hall Meeting

The Mayor and Council have been working with staff to create our first ever State of the City Newsletter. This semi-annual newsletter will cover a variety of topics, such as the 2013 budget and property taxes. Please watch for this newsletter, which will be mailed to each resident and made available on the City's website in September.

Also, we will have a **Town Hall Meeting** on Tuesday, September 25, at 6:00pm at the Community Recreation Center to discuss the articles and topics that appeared in the State of the City newsletter. We encourage residents to attend to ask questions and give feedback to the Mayor and Council.

Help Us Define Our City

The Mayor and Council are working on creating a vision and goals for the City and need citizen input. The question is this: "What should our City be known for?" It could be a new annual or seasonal event, but should be something that occurs every year. Please submit your suggestions and ideas to Councilmember Jenney Rees. Help us brand our City!

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Cedar Hills is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page at: www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah or follow us on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/CedarHills_Utah. We will use these forms of media as additional ways to communicate important information to residents.

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Mayor Gygi offers residents time to chat

Mayor Gygi will be available to speak with residents every Thursday from 8 to 10am. Anyone wishing to speak with Mayor Gygi may find him at the Public Safety Building (fire station), 3925 W. Cedar Hills Drive, in the basement office, which is accessible only by the outside stairs located on the east side of the building. The Mayor may be contacted anytime by e-mail or phone.

First E-mail Contest Winner Announced

Congratulations to Kelly Conroy for being the July winner of the Cedar Hills Summer E-mail Contest! To help us collect e-mail addresses for quick and timely communication of pertinent information to our residents, we encourage everyone to continue to submit their e-mail address and home address through the contact form on the City website. Choose "E-mail Address Contest" for the category, and input your home address in the message box. One entry from each month of the contest will be randomly selected to receive a \$100 credit on their utility account. Submissions will be accepted through September 30. Additional rules and conditions may apply.

Get Involved with Girl Scouts NOW!

Calling all girls K-12th grade and parents! Come attend a one-hour information meeting for girls in the Cedar Hills/Pleasant Grove area with tons of information about Girl Scouts and a fun FREE activity for every girl who attends. Sept. 18, 7pm, or Oct. 6, 11am, 215 N. Center St., American Fork. Questions? Call Ashley: (801) 716-5117.

Monthly Spotlight on Cedar Hills Businesses

Cedar Hills is adding a new section to the newsletter that will spotlight commercial and home businesses within our community. This spotlight will inform residents of goods and services offered in our city and can help home-based businesses spread the word about their offerings. If you are a licensed business owner in Cedar Hills and would like to have your business spotlighted in the newsletter, please send a short summary including contact information to: frontdesk@cedarhills.org.

Open House to Welcome Osmond Senior Living

There's a new business in town! Heather and Jared Osmond have created a luxurious home-style assisted living center located at 3784 W. Valley View Drive. They cordially invite everyone to an all-day open house on Saturday, September 15, to receive a personal tour of the facility and enjoy light refreshments.

"We are humbled to be part of this great assisted living home," said Jared Osmond. "It was designed and totally remodeled from top to bottom in order to accommodate seniors in a safe and luxurious home setting with all the functionality of large-scale assisted living."

The home is equipped with an elevator and ADA-compatible living quarters. Each of the 16 units has its own bathroom, which is set up with a call system to summon help if needed. The property is secured and protected with video surveillance, and each tenant will be given a personal pager for any assistance that they may require.

"We have an incredible staff!" said Heather Osmond. "Our administrator is the same woman who took care of Jared's grandparents, George and Olive Osmond, when they were in need of assisted living a few years ago. Teresa Covington is passionate about caring for the elderly, and she and her staff live in the adjoining house on site to be available 24 hours a day. As a "Type 2" facility, all of the staff members are Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) who are trained and ready to meet all the requirements your loved ones may have."

There will be many activities at Osmond Senior Living, including Sunday services every week and plenty of entertainment with the Osmond's living nearby. There will be a theatre area, a hair and nail salon area, and many other helpful amenities.



"Our commitment to you is that your loved one will be safe and cared for like one of our own," said Jared Osmond. "We are committed to this."

For more information or to schedule an appointment you may contact Jared Osmond at 801-787-1063.



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Harts, located at 10022 North 4800 West, will be opening in October. Watch for their soft opening and grand opening dates in next month's newsletter or online.

Residents Shine in Yard of the Month Program

Each month through September the City's Beautification Committee gives awards to recognize some of the nicest yards in Cedar Hills. The winners are announced on the City's website along with pictures of their beautiful yards. Go to Residents>News & Events.

Fitness Classes

A variety of fitness classes are being offered at the Community Recreation Center, 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive. Participants may purchase an unlimited-use monthly pass for \$15 or a 10-punch pass card for \$25. **Visit the City's website to view the fitness class schedule and purchase the passes.** Classes offered with the passes include: Zumba, Pump, Cardio, Zumbatomic, ZumbaCore, Yoga, Pilates, Muscle, KidFit, Yogilates, FusionFitness, and Kickboxing. Dance classes must be registered for separately online from the City's website.

Creative Dance and Pre-Ballet

Registration for 3-8 year olds is now open on the City's website. **Creative Dance** aims at helping children learn how to express themselves through movement, as well as gaining a foundation for continuing in dance or other activities. **Pre-Ballet** is a foundational course, which focuses on building coordination and basic techniques with activities and exercises to help children learn in creative ways!

Princess Day

Attention all girls ages 3 to 10! Join local royalty for a Princess Day on Saturday, November 3, from 11:00am-1pm at the Community Recreation Center. It will be a royal celebration with treats, a horse-drawn Cinderella carriage, and more! Princesses, bring your moms, grandmothers, or aunts, and come dressed in your best princess attire! Princess Day is a fundraiser for the Youth City Council's annual Santa's Workshop. The cost is \$15 per girl. Registration will be open on the City's website through October 26 until 4:00pm. For more information contact Kaity at: kwhittaker@cedarhills.org.

Parenting Skills Information Night

Four parenting skills classes will be held every Tuesday evening (Oct. 9, 16, 23, and 30) at the Community Recreation Center from 6-7pm. These free, informative classes will equip parents of teens with a variety of methods to approach building effective and strong relationships with their children. In preparation for the series of classes, interested parents are invited to an information meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 6 to 7pm at the recreation center. Questions? Contact Kaity by e-mail at: kwhittaker@cedarhills.org.

FREE Weekly Story Time for Pre-Schoolers

Calling all pre-schoolers and moms! Every Tuesday morning, beginning Sept. 4, a FREE weekly story time will be offered at the Community Recreation Center at 10:30 a.m. Moms, bring your kiddies for a 30-40 minute story time with songs and an activity. Gather at the fireplace in the Vista Room, where our resident volunteer story lady, Marisa Wright, will be there to greet you. If any of you moms are interested in being a substitute volunteer reader, please call Marisa at 801-900-1036.



Community Volunteers Needed for FIRST LEGO League Regional Qualifier

Cedar Hills will be hosting a regional qualifier for a First Lego League tournament on Sat., January 12, 2013. We are looking for amazing community volunteers to assist with the following duties: registration, usher, pit manager, field manager, team queuer, referees, time keeper, score keeper, table re-setter, judge, and judges assistant. Please view the job descriptions on the City's website. To register to volunteer, please go to: www.techventures.utah.edu/utfl/volunteer-cedar-hills.php.

Watch for the School Crossing Guards

The crossing guard lights are flashing and the sidewalks and crosswalks are filled with kids eager to attend school. The City asks for your help in keeping our children safe as they walk to and from school. We are having serious problems with drivers who are not slowing down and paying attention in the school zones. **PARENT AND TEEN REMINDERS** – Please slow down; the posted speed limit in a school zone is **20 mph**. Leave home early enough to avoid rushing through the school zones. Put your cell phone down and watch carefully for children and crossing guards. Let's make this another happy and safe year.

Crime Prevention and Safety Tips

The following crime prevention and safety tips are recommended by the police department:

Bike Theft Prevention and Safety Tips

- Most bikes are stolen while left unlocked. If it's parked, **LOCK IT!**
- Obey the rules of the road and always wear a helmet.
- Wear brightly colored or reflective clothing while riding.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.

Vacation Watch

- When leaving town on vacation, call the police department and request to fill out an extra patrol form.
- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers.
- Leave an inside lamp on a timer.
- Always lock your home, garage, or office.

Lock your cars; lock your homes

- Do not leave valuables in your car. If you must leave items in your car, put the items in the trunk. As people are out walking in your neighborhood, they see items sitting on the seat. We call this a crime of opportunity. Don't leave your iPad, lap top, or purse out where they can be seen.
- Keep doors and windows in your home closed and fastened.
- Secure sliding doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts to prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
- Always lock the man door to an attached garage. Do not rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
- If you are leaving the house, leave a light on. Even better: Put a few lights on timer switches, or leave a radio playing to create the illusion that someone is home.
- Use low-wattage lights to illuminate the perimeter of your property.
- Trim any hedges and bushes in front of your home that could allow burglars to hide from neighbors and passersby.

"If something doesn't look right, chances are it isn't. Call us. People need to protect themselves and protect their homes."
 –American Fork Police Department, 801-763-3020.