



CEDAR HILLS

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Upcoming Events:

Parks & Trails Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	July 8
City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	July 14
Pioneer Day - City Office CLOSED	July 24
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	July 30
City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Aug 4

City Phone Numbers:

Call 801-785-9668 then the ext.
 Front Desk, 100
 City Recorder, 101
 Planning, 109
 Business Licensing, 108
 Building/Zoning, 108
 Utility Billing, 111
 Community Services, 114
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Other Phone Numbers:
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 Animal Control, 763-3020
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COUNCIL CORNER

Golf Course and Clubhouse Initiative

In the beginning...there wasn't a golf course; now there is. I, for one, do not think the City should own or operate a commercial business venture. Such endeavors belong in the private business arena. With that said, what do we (the City of Cedar Hills, including the residents) do with the current debt and cost of owning and operating a golf course?

Let me offer some information, so we are talking about the facts first, and then we can discuss speculation at a later time: Fact 1: Few want it, but we have it. We own it. We owe on it, and we pay taxes on it. Fact 2: Attempts to sell it have failed, not because we haven't received offers, but because those offers were far below what would pay the debt, leaving the City with a large debt after the sale. Other complications exist. We depend on many of the ponds on the course as reservoirs and pumping stations for our pressurized irrigation system. Fact 3: We can't sell the property for housing developments because of the nature of the loan. Part of the property belongs to Highland City. Property values for some of our residents would go down, and today's real estate market wouldn't support the value of the sales. Again, we could lose our PI reservoirs, etc.

After reviewing the above options, which haven't been feasible, I am left with the opinion that we are faced with only one solution: Make it pay for itself to assist in the elimination of the debt. After the debt is eliminated, perhaps a buyer can be found to take it over, or at least a leasing agreement could be negotiated. Abandonment of the course is not a viable solution. It would leave an unsightly mess, which no one wants, and would still leave us with maintenance costs and debt without the possibility of self-sustainment. We, as a city, are left with no "good" choices. Doing nothing is not the answer. The least expensive option we have is to try to make it profitable in order to attract a serious buyer.

How do we make it profitable? To be profitable, the course must be competitive and rely on more than just golf. The walk-on golfer is not the principle money maker for a golf course. Sleepy Ridge Golf Links in Orem is currently building a new clubhouse with two tournament/reception rooms. Fox Hollow Golf Club in American Fork finished a new clubhouse last year with a reception/tournament room. In order to be competitive, golf courses must have adequate facilities to be able to attract corporate tournaments, which book the entire course for the day and the tournament room for a catered lunch and awards, coupled many times with business meetings. Additionally, in the evenings the tournament room can be reserved for wedding receptions and parties, which greatly add to the revenue of the course. In fact, the revenue from evening receptions has the potential to be even greater than from golf. (See **Council Corner**, page 2)



Ken Kirk, Cedar Hills City Council



City Meeting Updates

City Council Work Session - June 2, 2009

- Training and review of City Council procedure policies, Parliamentary procedures, and open meetings.

Public Hearing and City Council Meeting - June 2, 2009

- Public hearing regarding amendments to the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Comments received.
- Public hearing regarding resolution, adopting the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. No comment.
- Discussion regarding the Final Design for the Golf Course Clubhouse.
- Resolution No. 6-2-2009A, adopting the amended 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget.
- Resolution No. 6-2-2009B, adopting the 2009–2010 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Cedar Hills.
- 2009 Street Chip Seal Project was awarded to Intermountain Slurry in the approximate amount of \$111,200.
- An Executive Session was held regarding the character and competence of an individual and pending litigation.

City Council Work Session - June 16, 2009

- Check Web site for availability of minutes.

Public Hearing and City Council Meeting - June 16, 2009

- Check Web site for availability of minutes.

Planning Commission Meeting - June 25, 2009

- Check Web site for availability of minutes.

Are your utility bills high?

FREE weatherization assistance is available for eligible applicants through the Housing Authority of Utah County. Services are determined by income and family size. Weatherizing a home will help save money by making the home more energy efficient. Call to see if you qualify. Learn more at (801) 344-5184, ext. 300 or 310.



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During a recent tour of the Sleepy Ridge clubhouse, the owner told members of our City Council that he instructed a change order to be made to the original plans to incorporate a second reception room on the third floor. His reasoning was that in one month he can make more on the rentals of the reception room than he could by renting the office spaces that were originally designed. He stated that even during hard economic times people still get married.

Again, let me stress that owning and operating a commercial business, such as a golf course, conflicts with the role of municipal government. If a privately owned reception center was currently operating within our City, then I would not support the idea of a City-owned reception facility competing with that business. But, if our City-owned operation competes with neighboring reception facilities, such as Highland Gardens, Sleepy Ridge, and Thanksgiving Point or others, I'm not opposed to that as long as the proceeds go directly or indirectly toward the golf course debt.

In conclusion, I invite you to contact the City or any City Council member to discuss not only these issues but others, such as the proposed financing for the clubhouse. Other questions may arise: What revenue does the current golf operation provide? What could the current lease payments on the existing substandard tents and pro shop trailer provide for a new clubhouse? These and other items will be discussed in future newsletters and in City Council meetings. Please refer to the City's Web site under "Government" for the agenda items that you as citizens would like to inquire about or attend a meeting for. There will be additional information published as we get closer to the municipal elections in November. Golf course issues may appear as a proposition on the ballot. I encourage everyone to be informed citizens and voters.

Ken Kirk
City Council Member

Message Board

To make the City look a little nicer...

We encourage homeowners to spray the weeds in the sidewalk and street in front of their properties. If everyone would do this simple maintenance, the aesthetic beauty of the City would be improved dramatically. Thank you!

Parking Boats and Trailers

Please remember, public streets are not parking lots for cars, trucks, trailers (for work or play), RV's, boats, campers, basketball standards, etc. According to City ordinances, such items cannot remain on the street for more than 48 hours. Please keep all of the abovementioned items in your yard on hard surfaces. It requires the cooperation of all residents to help keep our streets clean and safe for everyone.



Door-to-Door Sales

All door-to-door salespeople are required to have a City business license. If someone comes to your door soliciting any type of product or service, please ask them to show you their official Cedar Hills identification photo card. If the salesperson does not have one, tell them to check with the City for the license and send them on their way. If you have questions, please use the Contact Us form on the City's Web site.

Keep the City clear of illegal signs

It's illegal to place signs in the public right-of-way and on regulatory traffic signs and power poles, etc. Signs may be placed on private property with permission and a \$1 sign sticker available from the City. Please help keep our city clean and beautiful. View the sign ordinance on the City's Web site: Government>Codes & Ordinances.

Election Information

The City will hold a municipal election on November 3, 2009, for the position of Mayor (4-year term) and two City Council positions (4-year terms). A number of changes have taken place in the Election Law, such as dates for filing, showing identification when voting, etc. Please take note of the following information:

Declaration of Candidacy - The filing period for those interested in running for Mayor or a City Council position is July 1 through July 15, 2009. Apply to the City Recorder at the City office.

Voter Registration - Please be sure you are registered to vote! If you have moved, even within the City, it is necessary to re-register. No satellite registration will be held by the County, so you must complete a Mail-In Voter Registration Form, available at the City office or on the City's Web site or go in-person to the Utah County Elections Office.

Absentee/Early Voting - If you will be out of town or would like to vote early (for any reason) this option will be available at the City offices. Early voting begins 14 days before the September primary (if needed) or the November election.

Voting Locations: Precincts 1 & 2 vote at Cedar Ridge Elementary. Precincts 3 & 4 vote at Deerfield Elementary.

Primary Election (if needed): Tuesday, September 15, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Additional election information is on the City's Web site (from the home page, click on "Get Involved"). If you have questions about voting or becoming a candidate, please contact the City Recorder at 801-785-9668, ext. 101.

Storm Drains – We all live downstream!

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 water is 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.

CPR and First Aid class offered

The Charleston Assisted Living Center will host a CPR and First Aid class on July 14 at 9:30 a.m. The class will be taught by Jill Wallace, a certified CPR and First Aid instructor. Certification is offered for \$40. RSVP to Meggan Thomas by July 10. Call 801-772-0123 to register or ask questions. The Charleston at Cedar Hills is located at 10020 North 4600 West.

Water Conservation Tip

(Information obtained from the Utah Division of Water Resources)

DID YOU KNOW? You could use less water and have a healthier lawn! As much as one-half of the water used for outdoor irrigation is wasted through incorrect watering. Here are three easy steps to start you on the path to proper irrigation. Step 1: Check the distribution uniformity of your sprinklers. Step 2: Determine how long you should run your sprinklers to apply the right amount of water. Step 3: Set a watering schedule.

Irrigation Schedule for Northern Utah

April: every 6 days
May: every 4 days
June: every 3 days
July: every 3 days
August: every 3 days
September: every 6 days
October: every 10 days



By following the above schedule, the maximum amount of water will be applied that the lawn requires, while still using about half the water of the average Utah homeowner. In a year, this schedule could save a lot of water, as much as one-fourth. To use even less water, adjust the sprinkler system for more efficiency. Visit www.conservewater.utah.gov for full details and additional water-saving tips.

Road Repair Projects

The City recently completed road maintenance on Harvey Blvd., 4600 West, and some of the surrounding streets. A number of residents have inquired about these improvements, such as why the repairs were done and how they improve the road, etc. Here's a little Road Maintenance 101:

1. The City has a road maintenance schedule, which has been created to maximize the life of the current roads within Cedar Hills. This plan calls out for various work to be completed on roads based on age, type, traffic, etc. This schedule was created and customized for Cedar Hills by IWORQ Management Systems to provide a method of budgeting funds for on-going projects.
2. Pavement maintenance is a vital process in the City's street management program. We rely on professional expertise when considering various street projects. We are looking for the most cost-effective, practical, and durable method of surface rejuvenation.
3. Typically, there are four major categories for road repair: crack seal, chip/surry seal, asphalt overlay, and road reconstruction. All of these methods are used as advised by professionals to extend the life of our streets.
4. The methods which are currently implemented for road maintenance are those that are advised and approved for the climate and conditions in our area. All cities in our area use the same applications. These are time-tested treatments, which yield a positive roadway lifespan result.
5. The City continually investigates and evaluates new types of surface rejuvenation procedures. As new, more successful processes are available, the City reviews those options.



Junior Golf Camps

Sign up for the Wolverine Golf Academy for kids ages 4 through 15. A 2-hour introductory camp for ages 4-6 is available July 17. The beginners camp for ages 7-13 is available July 20-23. The intermediate camp for ages 10-15 will run July 13-16 or July 20-23. For times and fees, refer to the course Web site at www.cedarhillsgolfclub.com. For questions regarding registration or the camps, call Denise Larson at 801-369-7187.

Taste of Cedar Hills: Baking Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the baking contest at this year's Family Festival.

Cookies:

- 1st-Karen Herd—Ranger Cookies
- 2nd-Jason Garrard—No Bake Cookies
- 3rd-Bill Coulam—Orange Dreams



Pies:

- 1st-Karen Herd—Upside Down Cherry Pie
- 2nd-Brittanie Thayne—Chocolate Velvet Pie
- 3rd-Marlene Fish—Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

Brownies:

- 1st-Diane Ogden

Other:

- 1st-Cynthia Leavitt—Luscious Lemon Bars
- 2nd-Rachel Hill—Sweet Potato Cupcakes with Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting

Recycling Effort at Family Festival



You may have noticed a booth at the Family Festival that was set up to promote the curbside recycling effort in Cedar Hills. The City thanks resident and volunteer, Wyatt Davis, for the time and energy he devoted to this project. We were encouraged with his enthusiasm and willingness

to "get the message out there." We are glad to receive new subscriptions from the Johnston, Lowry, Graf, and Spear families!

The City appreciates having a recycling "presence" at the Family Festival. It helps let everyone know that we care about this important service that is offered for the benefit of our residents and the environment. Many families with two garbage cans find that they can replace one of the toters with a recycling bin.

The curbside recycling service is available every other week on the regular pickup day. To sign up for the service, contact the front desk at the City office. The every-other-week pickup schedule and the list of acceptable and unacceptable items are available on the City's Web site under Sanitation.

Annie Get Your Gun set to play in Alpine

Hit the mark; don't miss it! Alpine Community Theater's 2009 summer production of Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun* will play July 10-18 at Timberline Middle School, 500 W Canyon Crest Road in Alpine. Tickets are available at Kohler's help desk in Highland, online at www.alpinecommunitytheater.org, and at the door. General admission: \$8. For show times and more information, check the online website or call 801-763-1225. *Annie Get Your Gun* is the story of Annie Oakley, a happy, endearing country girl who rises to fame after competing in a sharpshooting contest in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. She beats suave Frank Butler, the sharpshooting star, and then falls in love with him. ACT's production stars real-life husband and wife Brooke and Chase Grant as Annie and Frank, and Kevin Burtenshaw as Buffalo Bill Cody.



Family Festival Race Winners

Men's 5K

- Jacob Hilton (17:26)
- Alex Sorensen
- Jeff Phillippi

Women's 5K

- Jasmyn Hildebrandt (21:46)
- Kimberly Gibbs
- Marshelle Seegmiller

Men's Mile Fun Run

- Doug Richardson
- Spencer Shumway
- Tom Gleason

Women's Mile Fun Run

- Megan Hansen
- Emily Sorensen
- Madison Hansen

It's our County Fair!

The Utah County Fair opens August 12 through 15 at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. Free parking. Free admission. Many free family events, entertainment, and demonstrations. For more information go to www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/countyfair/.



Adult Female Jazz Dance Classes

Hey, mom's and female adults (18 and up), come and do one of the funnest things you've ever done and get in great shape at the same time. Classes fill quickly; enroll for fall now. Classes begin the first week in September and run until the end of May. Tuition is \$30.00 per month per class with a two-month minimum. Classes will be held at the old Pleasant Grove Rec Center in the upstairs dance room on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. You can take more than one class. Contact Lacy Seegmiller at 801-427-2115 for more information or to register for the class.

Pleasant Grove High School Class of 1989 – 20th-Year Reunion

The reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1. There will be a get together for families behind the school from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with hot dogs and hamburgers to support the sports teams and then a dinner and program that evening at Noah's in Lindon. The committee is looking for host families for out-of-town guests. For more information, call Mindy Gilbert at 801-785-6485.