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#### **Upcoming Events:**

City Council Meeting	Apr 6	5
7:00 p.m. (only in Apr)		

Planning Commission Apr 29 Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings **May 4** 7:00 p.m. **May 4** 

Youth City Council (YCC) Mtgs. - 7:00pm **May 6** 

#### **City Phone Numbers:**

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 101
Planning, 109
Business Licensing, 108
Building/Zoning, 108
Utility Billing, 112
Community Services, 114
Public Works, 202
Other Phone Numbers (801):
Public Works Emergency, 420-2243
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
Animal Control, 763-3020
AF Police, 763-3020

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# "Take 10" Census Participation

By now you should have received your census questionnaire and already returned it in the mail. The stakes are high; an accurate count of the local population helps to ensure that our community receives its fair share of federal funding. This funding includes resources for services, such as health care, education, and roads. If you haven't already done so, take 10 minutes to fill out your 2010 Census form and mail it back TODAY. Census forms are due April 15, 2010. If 100% of households mailed back their forms, rather than waiting for the census taker to show up on their doorstep, tax-payers would save \$1.5 BILLION dollars. Let's do our part and mail back the form!

#### Did You Know?:

It costs the Census just 42 cents in a postagepaid envelope when households mail back their 2010 Census forms. The Census Bureau will spend about \$25 per person visiting households that don't mail their form back.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What if I refuse to participate in the census?

A. Participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law (Section 221, Title 13, U.S. Code). The law makes it a crime not to answer "any of the questions on any schedule submitted in connection with any census or survey" and authorizes the courts to impose a fine for failure to respond. However, rather than rely on criminal charges, the Census Bureau prefers and has been successful in getting participation by ex-

plaining the importance of the questions they ask and how the information benefits our community.

Q. Is the census safe?

A. Yes. Your answers are protected by law and are NOT shared with anyone—including all agencies. The Census Bureau is bound by strict law and solemn commitment to protect the confidential information they collect. They take extreme measures to protect the identity of individuals and businesses, starting from the point at which the data are collected and continuing decades after the data are published as aggregate statistics. This includes protecting the addresses of residents and businesses they collect and maintain. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

# City-wide Spring Clean Up Begins

Large roll-out dumpsters provided April 17-24

During the week of the City's 12th annual spring clean-up effort, large dumpsters will be placed throughout the City at the following locations:

- 1) Carriage Lane/Fieldcrest Drive
- 2) Sunset Park—9814 N Dorchester Drive
- 3) Heritage Park—4425 W Cedar Hills Drive
- 4) Oak Road East/Cedar Hills Drive
- 5) Valley View Drive/3940 West
- 6) Harvey Blvd/Ferguson Dr (east of intersection)
- 7) Canyon Heights Drive/Silver Lake Drive
- 8) Bayhill Drive/Hillcrest Lane
- 9) Mesquite Park—10440 N Mesquite Way
- 10) Haves Circle
- 11) Morgan Blvd/Sage Vista Ln (visitor park lot)

Please review the guidelines below to ensure safety and convenience:

1. Do not place any of the following items in the dumpsters: car tires, car batteries, motor oil,

- appliances, electronic devices, concrete, construction materials or liquids of any type.
- 2. Tree limbs should not exceed six inches in diameter and 12 feet in length.
- 3. If the dumpster is full, please take your load to another location to avoid scattering debris or creating difficulty in hauling away the dumpster.

The City encourages residents to clean yards, sweep gutters, and do their best to improve neighborhoods. Vacant lot owners should ensure that their lots are free of garbage, tall weeds, and other debris. In the spirit of the spring clean-up activities, please take some time to assist those in your neighborhood who may need a helping hand. This event is held to promote community beautification by working together. Please contact the City office if you are interested in coordinating a group project. The City may have resources available to assist volunteers.



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### **City Meeting Updates**

#### City Council Work Session - March 2, 2010

 The Council received two presentations for legal services from Nielson & Senior and Carlton Associates.

#### City Council Meeting - March 2, 2010

- Discussion about the organization of the Parks and Trails Committee, its diverse duties, and creating an ad-hoc committee.
- Staff presented the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvements Plan.
- An executive session was held regarding pending litigation and the competence of an individual.
- The Council continued its decision regarding legal services.

#### City Council Work Session - March 16, 2010

- Staff presented projects completed and to be completed for Public Works for Fiscal year 2010.
- Staff presented the Fiscal Year 2011 budget revenues.

#### City Council Meeting - March 16, 2010

- A public hearing was held regarding amendments to the City Code, Section 11-1-3: Subdivision Plats Required; Exceptions. One comment was received.
- The Council approved Resolution 3-16-2010A, adopting a proclamation for Arbor Day; Resolution 3-16-2010B, adopting a proclamation designating May 1, 2010, as Silver Star Day; and Resolution 3-16-2010C, for a grant through Google for fiber optic infrastructure.
- Council approved an interlocal agreement with Utah County regarding Community Development Block Grant Funding.
- Ordinance 3-16-2010A approved regarding amendments to City Code, Section 11-1-3: Subdivision Plats Required; Exceptions.

- The Council approved the final acceptance of subdivision improvements and the beginning of durability as of November 13, 2009, for the Cedar Hills Retail Subdivision (Walmart).
- The Council approved the engagement letter from Allred Jackson for auditing services for \$19,500, contingent on satisfactory references.
- Staff presented the Fiscal Year 2011 budget revenues and discussed the salary plan.
- The Council approved the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvements Plan.
- The Council approved Eric Johnson, Blaisdell and Church LLC, for legal services allowing Mayor Richardson to negotiate the price and per an annual performance review.
- Resolution 3-16-2010D was approved creating the Beautification (ad-hoc) Committee; Ordinance 3-16-2010B was approved dissolving the Parks and Trails Committee; and Resolution 3-16-2010D was adopted creating the Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ad-hoc) Committee.
- Mayor Richardson made changes to the Council assignments, having Councilmember Kirk take the Utah Valley Dispatch Special Service District and Manila Water issues and Councilmember Perry take the Board of Adjustment.

#### Planning Commission Meeting - March 25, 2010

- Approval was recommended for the Demille site plan and exchange of property by metes and bounds, which is located at approximately 9764 N Meadow Drive.
- Code amendments were discussed regarding planned residential developments.
- Average daily traffic on cul-de-sacs was discussed.

# Message Board



#### **IMPORTANT: Close PI valve NOW!**

The City's pressurized irrigation will be operational by April 15. Everyone is encouraged to close their individual valves to protect residential sprinkler lines while the City-wide system is energized. During the energizing and loading of the system, there will be fluctuations in pressure that my affect or damage individual systems if they are left open.

#### Has your sewer rate changed this month?

Don't panic! Each year, sewer rates are recalculated based on the average culinary water usage of the previous five months between November and April. This average becomes the new sewer rate for the next 12 months until the process is repeated.

#### Open burn available through April 12

The City offers an open-burn permit during the County's month-long burn window, March 15 to April 12. Come to the City office for the free permit. More information about how to burn is available on the City's Web site on the "Sanitation" page. Open burning is only allowed within the designated burn window.

#### Tree Seedlings For Sale

The Alpine Conservation District will sell surplus bare-root tree and shrub seedlings on April 16 and 17 at the Lehi Rodeo Grounds, 100 North 500 West. Prices are \$2-\$3 for 18 to 36-inch seedlings. For

information on varieties and availability, go to: <a href="www.uacd.org">www.uacd.org</a>, or call Keith Covington at 801-377-5580, ext. 32.

#### **GreenFiber Recycling**

For residents who do not have curbside recycling toters, the City provides a GreenFiber collection dumpster, located behind the City building, for catalogs, phone books, office paper, junk mail, and broken-down cardboard boxes. If it will fit in the chutes, they'll take it. The City may lose the dumpster if more of this material is not disposed there. The City receives a small revenue each month based on the weight of the material, and it is a convenient way to recycle. Thanks for your help.

#### Free Landfill Passes

Each household may receive two passes per year from the City office to the North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District (2000 West 200 South, Lindon). The following items are not permitted at the dump: commercial or building debris, liquids, or hazardous waste. Questions about hours of operation, etc., can be directed to the landfill at 801-225-8538.

#### **Animal Rabies Vaccination Clinic**

On Sat., April 24, from 10 to noon, the North Utah Valley Animal Shelter, 193 N 2000 W, Lindon, will offer rabies shots for \$10. For more information, call 801-785-3442.

# **APRIL 2010**

## **How to Handle an Emergency Situation**

(From www.emergencypreparednesstips.org)

#### Remain calm during an emergency situation

If you are faced with an emergency situation, the most important thing that you need to remember is to stay calm. It is usually easier said than done, but panicking will accomplish nothing and may cost you valuable time. If you panic, you risk complicating an already bad situation by making it even worse, so each and every emergency situation needs to be handled calmly.



#### Stay Calm and Collected

When faced with an emergency situation, remaining calm can have a beneficial result for everyone involved. If you are panicking during an emergency situation, it will take longer for you to call emergency personnel and relay important information to them and they may not be able to understand what you are saying. If you remain calm you can clearly explain what first aid care sick or injured individuals might need. If you panic, you will definitely complicate an already stressful situation, because people surrounding you are also likely to panic if they see you upset.

No amount of knowledge or training can adequately prepare you to handle an emergency situation. The real test of whether or not you handle the situation correctly won't occur until you've actually experienced an emergency. If you want the best chance of remaining calm in an emergency situation, practice what you would do if an emergency should occur. Run drills with your family and enact different scenarios each time. How would you react if you were trapped in your home and a family member was injured or ill? What would you do to assist yourself and your family following an earthquake which has damaged your home? By practicing different drills, you'll be better prepared should the situation occur.

Keep in mind that you need to remain level headed during a crisis and that an emergency will be handled best without hysteria and excitement. It doesn't really matter what emergency situation you are faced with—remaining calm is always important if you want the best possible outcome.

### City receives distinguished award

The City has again received the prestigious Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Presentation Budget Award. This award has been earned by the City of Cedar Hills in eight of the last nine years. The GFOA established the award program in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality and then to recognize individual govern-



ments that succeed in achieving that goal. It's an honor for the City to receive this recognition, and it also reflects the superb work of the City's Finance Department in preparing the document.

### City Manager's Message

"Thank you" to all of our residents who actively work to keep their homes and yards clean and presentable. This action promotes Citywide pride and beautification. As the weather begins to warm up, please take the opportunity to sweep the gutters in front of your homes and spray or pull weeds and grass in the street. Here are a couple of other items of interest that I want you to be aware of:

**United States Census** – Please fill out the Census and encourage your Cedar Hills neighbors and friends to do the same. It is a very short survey and by completing it, the City is able to receive additional Utah State and Federal funds, which means less likelihood of local tax and/or fee increases. As of March 31, 2010, the Cedar Hills participation rate is 51%, State of Utah is 50%, and the National rate is 46%. Our goals are 100% and the most participatory in the State of Utah. Please mail it in!

**No Signs** – As the weather gets warmer, many residents start clearing out their basements, yards, and garages and the yard sale signs start popping up. This is great! However, *signs of any kind* are not allowed in the public right of way and will be removed. With permission from property owners, short-term signs (3 days or less) may be placed on private property only. The complete sign ordinance may be obtained at the City office or viewed on the City's Web site. Help keep the City looking clean and beautiful.

Commercial Commerce – I want to encourage every resident to support Cedar Hills retail stores. The City receives sales tax revenues (1/2 of 1%) for all sales tax issued within the City. Conversely, when residents shop and buy outside the City, that same amount goes to the other cities. This generated revenue is used to provide residents with overall general services, including police, fire, EMS, parks, and recreation programs, etc. Please support Cedar Hills whenever possible. Also, please be aware of our newest retail establishment – McDonald's Restaurant – which will begin construction this month.

Konrad Hildebrandt, City Manager

### "I have a question...."

### Q: What happens to our storm water?

A: It's collected by the City's storm drain system and directed into retention basins and injection wells (sumps), where it percolates into the ground and returns to underground aquifers. Some may enter the Utah Lake system via an irrigation ditch. There is a potential that downstream consumers will use Cedar Hills storm drain water. Due to this fact, it is critical that chemicals and hazardous waste not be allowed to travel into the storm water system. Items like over-applied lawn fertilizer, landscaping materials, petroleum products/chemicals, etc., should never be flushed into toilets, washed down home drains, or poured or washed into the curb or gutter.



If you have a City-related question or comment that you would like addressed in a future edition of the City newsletter, simply email your question to: frontdesk@cedarhills.org with the words "I have a question" in the subject line. City staff will respond to questions and comments in the newsletter as space allows.

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#### Lacrosse registration deadline April 23

Cedar Hills Recreation partners with Central Utah Youth Lacrosse for boys and girls, grades 3-6. Everyone plays; no prior experience needed. Registration for the six-game season is available through **April 23** at the Cedar Hills main office. Fee is \$55. Equipment can be rented or purchased from Storm Athletics in Pleasant Grove. Games begin in June. Contact Ashley Vogelsberg at the Cedar Hills offices with questions.

#### Free Golf April 26-29 for Silver Star Day

The City wishes to honor all military personnel, including veterans, with a free round of golf at the Cedar Hills Golf Club during the week of Silver Star Day (May 1). Complimentary green fees are available Monday, April 26, through Thursday, April 29, only. Cart fees are not included. Bring I.D.

#### Free Class: Spice Up Your Garden with Herbs

Do you want to add extra color and fragrance to your vegetable garden? Have fresh culinary herbs at your fingertips? Judy Arnold, a master gardener and local resident for 17 years, will teach how to plant, harvest, and use herbs. Recipes, hints, and culinary charts will be included in the handout to provide a "heads up" on using the beautiful and fragrant plants known as herbs. This free class will take place on Tuesday, **May 11**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Park amphitheater, 4425 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Please bring your own chair.

#### Mark your calendars!

The Cedar Hills Family Festival will be in JUNE again this year.

Sat. June 19: 5K and Mile Fun Run
Wed. June 23: Firecracker Golf Tournament
Fri. June 25: Dinner and Outdoor Movie
Sat. June 26: Parade. Carnival. and Fireworks!

More information will be available on the City's Web site.

#### **Call for Parade Entries**

We are looking for organizations, churches, families, and neighborhoods to contribute floats and other entries in this year's Family Festival parade on June 26. Contact Ashley Vogelsberg at 801-785-9668, ext. 114, with questions or to sign up.

#### City seeks committee for recreation, parks, trails

On March 16, the City Council dissolved the Parks and Trails Committee and created a citizen ad-hoc advisory committee to oversee recreation, parks, and trail developments within the City. Committee members will be appointed by the Mayor and will hold regular meetings. If you'd like to be considered for service, please notify the City by e-mail with your name, address, and contact information, along with a brief statement of your desire to serve and/or qualifications, to frontdesk@cedarhills.org.

#### City seeks committee for beautification

A committee is being formed to promote City beautification and increase community involvement. The committee will meet as needed to explore opportunities to improve the appearance of selected green spaces and problem areas. If you'd like to be considered for service, please e-mail your name and contact information along with a brief statement of desire and/or qualifications to: <a href="mailto:frontdesk@cedarhills.org">frontdesk@cedarhills.org</a>.

#### 'Challenger' (recreation) Soccer

Registration is available during April and May for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011 season. Walk-in registration is available on three Saturdays: May 8, May 22, and June 5, at the Cedar Hills City main office from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mail-in registrations (postmarked by June 1)

will be accepted during April and May. Cost is \$70; includes ball, team uniform, and registration for both fall and spring. Also, AA Competition soccer tryouts for U-9 and above will be held May 19 and 20. More details on all of the above available at: <a href="https://www.nucsonline.com">www.nucsonline.com</a>.

#### YCC invites new members for 2010-11

It's time for the Cedar Hills Youth City Council to get ready to begin its new term. Youth going into grades 9-12 this fall are eligible to join. Applications are available on the City's Web site or at the City office. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the City office. **The first meeting will be held May 6.** All interested youth are invited to attend whether they've applied or not. Officer elections will be held at the regular meeting on May 20. For more information, contact Ashley Vogelsberg at the City office, ext. 114. This is a GREAT opportunity for youth to serve the community and meet new friends!

#### Plea for help with Eagle Scout project

Hello, Cedar Hills! My name is Shea Hildebrandt, and I'm doing an Eagle Scout project, collecting camping gear for inner-city youth kids in Salt Lake City. I am completing this project jointly with the J. Reuben Clark Law Society and the LDS Inner-City Mission. I'm looking for used or new tents, sleeping bags, camping knives, camping chairs, compasses, backpacks, or anything else to do with camping. You can drop the donations off anytime until April 23 at the City of Cedar Hills main office. Thank you in advance for your help!

#### Cedar Ridge Elementary walk-a-thon planned

The Cedar Ridge Elementary PTA will hold its annual walk-a-thon on **April 22** at 4:00 p.m. at the school. Pledges will support school activities, such as Red Ribbon Week and the reading program. There will be dinner, prizes, competitions, a bake sale, a silent auction, and more fun for the entire family! Questions? Contact Suzanne Maxwell at suzyqutah@gmail.com or call: 801-785-4000.

#### Deerfield Elementary Walk-a-thon planned

The Deerfield Elementary PTA will host the school's annual walk-athon on **May 12**. This is the only fundraiser to give kids great school programs like Red Ribbon Week, take-home reading, vision screening, and much more. They will walk all day during school hours, so bring your family and join the Deerfield kids for a fun time. For more information, call Stefanie Richards at 801-763-9498.

#### **Lone Peak High School Spring Musical**

Lone Peak High School proudly presents *Peter Pan* **April 19-24 and 26-27** at 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets available in the finance office. \$1 more at the door. Reserved seating. For questions contact Jim Smith (801) 717-4568, ext. 106.

#### Auditions set for The Wizard of Oz

Alpine Community Theater (ACT) has set Sat., **May 8**, as audition day at Timberline Middle School for its summer musical. Check the Web site at: <a href="https://www.AlpineCommunityTheater.org">www.AlpineCommunityTheater.org</a> for audition times and how to prepare for the audition. Call Laura Snyder at 801-763-1225 with questions. ACT—"where everyone can get into the act."

#### Find your passion for service!

City clean-up projects, a blood drive, a 5K race, a volunteer fair, and a "Thank You" concert are planned by American Fork City to celebrate Volunteer Week, April 19-24. The fair will be held on **April 22** at the AF Library from 6-8 p.m. Visit booths to find your passion for service. The free "Thank You" concert at American Fork High School on Saturday, **April 24**, at 6:30 p.m. features Daniel Beck, local recording artist. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.afcity.org">www.afcity.org</a>.