



CEDAR HILLS

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Upcoming Events:

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Dec 6
City Office CLOSED at noon	Dec 23
City Office CLOSED	Dec 26 & Jan 2
City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Jan 3 & 17

City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 101
Planning, 109
Business Licensing, 108
Building/Zoning, 105
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Public Works, 202
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OUR HOME TOWN

City Newsletter • December 2011

Seasons Greetings!

Reflections and Thanks

From the Mayor and City Council

As the end of 2011 draws near, we, as your elected City Council, want to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity we’ve had to serve you these past years. It is a sacred trust and a privilege to serve, and it has been both challenging and rewarding. Our wonderful city has grown up, grown bigger, and made great progress in many wonderful ways. Here are **just a few** of the many great improvements we’ve seen come to fruition over the past few years:

- Walmart, McDonald’s, and Chase Bank became the anchors of our commercial center. The sales tax revenue from businesses in Cedar Hills brings many hundreds of thousands of dollars in to support our city, as well as providing convenient shopping and employment.
- A second culinary water well was completed, improving our safety and securing our drinking water supply, as well as providing a source of additional water for irrigation during peak load times.
- Two great parks were added to our city: Mesquite Park and Timpanogos Cove Park. Both parks serve areas of the city that previously had limited access to parks and developed open spaces, and both parks are used extensively.
- The Murdock Canal Trail project finally became a reality. This project is large and complex and involved many different entities coming together. Once completed, it will be among the longest continuous trails in the U.S.!
- The City added a new Public Works building, which greatly improves the level of service to residents for public utilities, including water, sewer, streets, irrigation, and snow removal.
- Construction is underway for a new Community Recreation Center, which will provide residents with a number of recreational opportunities and also save the City money, which was previously paid to rent clubhouse and event space.

- Full-time firefighters/EMS personnel are now in the Cedar Hills fire station 24/7. This reduces emergency response times from the previous 10+ minutes in areas of Cedar Hills to 4-6 minutes everywhere, greatly improving our public safety services.

All the above have been accomplished without raising City property taxes. In fact, Cedar Hills City property taxes have gone **down** over the last several years. Unfortunately, other entity’s taxes (e.g. Alpine School District), which make up the large majority of your total property tax bill, haven’t yet followed our lead!

As you know, 2011 was an election year. The three Councilmembers whose terms ended this year opted not to seek reelection—Jim Perry served the last eight years and Ken Kirk and Marisa Wright both served four years. Three members of the Council continue on: Mayor Eric Richardson and Councilmembers Scott Jackman and Stephanie Martinez. We all want to offer our profound thanks for the great experiences we’ve had serving alongside many others in the community!

But just as the end of each year brings the beginning of a new one, the future is brighter than ever for Cedar Hills. Newly elected Councilmembers Gary Gygi, Jenney Rees, and Trent Augustus will join the three remaining Councilmembers to continue to push for great things in Cedar Hills.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season full of peace, love, gratitude, and hope for the future—especially the future of Cedar Hills.

Sincerely,

Mayor Eric Richardson and Councilmembers Jim Perry, Ken Kirk, Marisa Wright, Scott Jackman, and Stephanie Martinez



OUR HOME TOWN

City Meeting Updates

Work Session – November 15, 2011

- An Executive Session was held.

City Council Meeting – November 15, 2011

- Allred Jackson, Certified Public Accountants, presented the Fiscal Year 2011 Audit.
- Acting as the Canvassing Board, the City Council canvassed the 2011 General Election declaring Gary Gygi, Jenney Rees, and Trent Augustus as being elected to three council positions.
- Discussion was held regarding the creation of a Municipal Court.
- An Executive Session was held.

Special City Council Meeting – November 22, 2011

- A discussion was held regarding golf course operations.
- An Executive Session was held.

Planning Commission Meeting – November 17, 2011

- Public hearings were held regarding the concept/preliminary plan of Bridgestone, Plat C; amendments to the City Code, Title 10, regarding apiaries (beekeeping); and amendments to the City Code, Title 10, regarding assisted living group homes.
- The concept/preliminary plan for Bridgestone, Plat C, was recommended to the City Council for approval.
- Amendments to the City Code, Title 10, regarding apiaries, were recommended to the City Council for approval.
- Amendments to the City Code, Title 10, regarding assisted living group homes, were recommended to the City Council for approval with changes.
- Amendments to the City Code, Title 10-6A, Planned Commercial Development Projects, and the Guidelines for the Design

and Review of Planned Commercial Development Projects, were recommended to the City Council.

- The Planning Commission 2012 meeting schedule was approved.

City Council meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission meets on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Check the schedule on the City's Web site or call the City Office for confirmation.



Message Board

City offices closing for holidays

The City offices will close at noon on Dec. 23 and all day on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. However, garbage service will run as usual with pick up scheduled for normal days.

City Meeting Agendas

To receive notification of City meeting agendas, please visit the Utah Public Notice Web site at www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html. At this site you can register to receive agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Traffic Safety and Livability Oversight Committee, and other meetings.

Cedar Hills Golf Club *Holiday Gifts for Golfers*

For your shopping needs, the Cedar Hills Golf Club pro shop will be open in December on Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Prices have been reduced for inventory clearance. Possible gift ideas are: gift certificates, 10 round punch passes, driving range passes, golf accessories, and golf ball specials. A season pass makes a great gift for the golfer in your life. Hurry and purchase season passes before the end of the year to avoid possible price increases.

All Aboard for *The Polar Express!*

All preschool age children and their parents are invited to a reading of *The Polar Express* by Council Members Martinez and Wright. The magical journey begins **Thurs., Dec. 15**, at 10:30 a.m. at the Public Works Facility, 10246 N Canyon Road....And, of course, there will be *candy canes* and *bells!* Bring a pillow or a blanket, and get ready to travel to the North Pole with other boys and girls who truly believe!



ON-STREET PARKING REMINDER

We ask all residents to keep parked cars off of the streets during the snow season. Doing so makes it easier for snow plows to get in and out of the streets, creates safer conditions for other residents, and keeps cars from being trapped along the side of the road.

It is unlawful to park any vehicles upon the streets:

- When snow is falling
- When there is a visible amount of snow on the street
- When the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall
- Between the hours of 1:00am to 7:00am (November 1 through March 31)
- During snow/ice removal
- For any continuous period of more than 48 hours

The Police Department will be notified when illegally parked cars are encountered. In addition, if unsafe conditions exist due to violation of the parking regulations, plow operators may discontinue snow removal operations in that area. A complete copy of the City's ordinance is available on the City's Web site. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure a safe snow season.

STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

Since winter is here, it is time to think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice.

De-icers lower the melting point of ice to help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common de-icer, because it is effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Some de-icers are significant sources of phosphorous. Always apply de-icing products according to the manufacturer's instructions. Using the old-fashioned method of a shovel means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and with the added benefit of physical exercise.

Entertaining for the Holidays?

Think GREEN with these tips from Waste Management

To make holiday parties as eco-friendly as possible, start with the three Rs of conservation: reduce, reuse, and recycle.

- Eliminate traditional paper party invitations and go digital! Online e-vites are often free and help cut back on the four billion trees felled each year for paper products.
- Create a menu that utilizes food with recyclable or zero packaging/wrappings.
- Use reusable bags when grocery shopping.
- Party decorations? Go without or decorate with fresh flowers and evergreen trimmings that can be composted. It's a much "greener" approach to use branches, fruits, leaves, and dried flowers from the yard or local farmers markets.
- Candles are also a great way to create a festive atmosphere.
- Skip the plastic table cloths and use washable, reusable, or recyclable paper table cloths to cover tables.
- Use tableware and cloth napkins that can be washed and used again.

Don't forget to recycle over the holidays!

Community Recreation Center at Cedar Hills Golf Club plans for classes

Did you know that the new Community Recreation Center is approximately 40% completed? We are currently gearing up and putting together a number of activities that will benefit you and your family. We are in the process of interviewing potential instructors who live in Cedar Hills and have special talents that can help us all. We will have Zumba Fitness, Yoga, and Pilates classes that will be taking place. We have other possible classes, as well, that we are trying to finalize. So if you are interested in any of these classes, keep your eyes open for more information in the newsletter during the coming months. If you know anyone with a unique talent that you believe would help benefit our residents, please don't hesitate to call Chandler Goodwin at 801-785-9668, ext. 114, or email him at cgoodwin@cedarhills.org. The directors of the center are actively making sure this will be a place where residents can have fun together, meet new friends, and give everyone an alternate means of staying physically active.

Community Recreation Center is booking social events for 2012 opening

Did you know that the community center will have the best views of Utah Valley anywhere? The new Community Recreation Center, which is planned for completion in the spring of 2012, may now be booked for family reunions, wedding receptions, business gatherings, or any other purpose for those who are looking for a place to relax and enjoy the beauty of Utah Valley views. Residents of Cedar Hills are also able to receive special rates. For more details, please contact the event coordinator, Greg Gordon, at 801-785-9668, ext. 301, or by e-mail at eventscenter@cedarhills.org. The center promises to be a gathering place, where residents and neighbors can socialize, attend fitness and leisure activities, or simply enjoy an ice cream cone.

"I have a question...."

Q: I am wondering when you expect UTOPIA to be available in Cedar Hills. The only information I could find was a blurb on the City's Web site from 2007 saying that it would be here in 2-3 years. Are there any further updates or estimates on when we can expect UTOPIA?

A: Unfortunately, no. Although Cedar Hills is a founding member of the fiber-optic network, the City opted NOT to guarantee the bonding for construction costs with sales tax revenues, so we are at the bottom of the list, still waiting for the network installation.



If you have a City-related question or comment that you would like addressed in a future edition of the City newsletter, simply e-mail 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.

Join the Cedar Hills Ski Bus

Hurry! The bus is filling up fast!



Ski or snowboard lessons make great gifts! The Ski Bus will go up to Snowbird on three Saturdays: January 14, 21, and 28. Lessons available for both skiers and boarders. All levels are encouraged to sign up. Cost for the three sessions, including transportation and a scarf, is \$175. You must **register in person** at the Cedar Hills City Office, located at 3925 W. Cedar Hills Drive.

Chaperones will be needed. Chaperones accepted on a first come, first served basis and will receive a lift ticket at no charge. Registrations will be accepted until the bus is filled. Non-residents are welcome!

Help YCC help kids

The Youth City Council will run its fourth annual Santa's Workshop this year. Santa's Workshop is a toy drive, which helps those in need. Last year's effort was a great success and helped brighten the Christmas mornings of over 20 Cedar Hills families. In addition to new or gently used toys, the council requests board or card games, books, stuffed animals, gift cards, or cash. Take donations to the Public Works Facility at 10246 N Canyon Road during regular business hours. **Donations will be accepted through Dec. 15.**



Girl Scout Open House

Next year marks the 100-year anniversary of Girl Scouts. Bring your daughter(s) to an open house, where girls ages 5-17 can join in activities to introduce them to Girl Scouting, make new friends, and have fun while parents learn about all that is offered in Scouting. The open house will take place on Thurs., December 8, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the new Girl Scout office: 215 N. Center Street in American Fork. RSVP to Ashley Picard at 801-716-5117 or e-mail apicard@gsutah.org for more information.

Fire Safety Tips for the Holidays

This holiday season there are a few fire safety items that we would like to address. Remember to keep all open flames secured within a fire resistant area. Open flames such as candles, especially in bedrooms, are a high cause of house fires. When using heaters inside a home, tent, etc., make sure that they are designed for closed spaces. Heaters that burn fuel are usually not designed to be used indoors and can produce carbon monoxide, a deadly gas.



Make sure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working with fresh batteries installed. Lastly, if you live near a fire hydrant, please make sure that the snow is cleared within at least a three-foot radius. During a fire, time is of the essence. Removing the snow makes it faster to locate and attach fire hoses to take care of your emergency.



City offers Christmas tree recycling

Recycling bins for **Christmas trees ONLY** will be available at the following two locations: Mesquite Soccer Park parking lot at 10440 N Mesquite Way and Heritage Park parking lot at 4450 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Dumpsters will be available from **Mon., Jan. 2, through Mon., Jan. 9**. All attachments must be removed from the trees, including stands. Flocked trees are **NOT** accepted, as they are not recyclable. **No other waste, garbage, or commercial dumping is permitted in the bins.** Mixed loads cannot be recycled and will cause significant increases in cost to the City. With everyone's considerate compliance, the City will be able to continue this service.

It's not too late to register for Jr. Jazz!

Late Registration will be open until Dec 16.

Register online at www.cedarhills.org or come into the City office. There is no non-resident fee. The season will begin January 3 and continue through March 10. For more information contact Chandler at 801-785-9668, ext. 114.

Medical kits make thoughtful gifts

Safe Community USA, a nonprofit public service program, and Lone Peak Emergency Medical Services are offering emergency medical kits at cost. For every kit purchased, Lone Peak EMS receives \$5 to help purchase needed medical equipment and emergency medical training. The Citizen Kit, valued at \$95, is available for \$42.55 (tax included). This is an excellent all-around emergency kit for home or auto. Also available is a Police Car Kit, which includes everything in the citizen kit, as well as larger trauma dressings, EMT shears, and a full CPR pocket face mask. In addition, there is a Family/Group Kit available. For a complete list of the contents of all three kits, go to:



www.safecommunityusa.com. The Citizen Kit (\$42.55) is available at the Cedar Hills offices. The Police Car and Family/Group kits may be ordered online at Safe Community USA/Lone Peak or by calling 801-794-0757. An additional cost for shipping will apply if ordered online.