



CEDAR HILLS

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## Upcoming Events

Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov 14</b>
Prince & Princess Party, 11 a.m.	<b>Nov 16</b>
City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov 19</b>
Cedar Hills Celebrates National Family Week	<b>Nov 25-29</b>
City Santa Party at the Rec Center, 6-8 p.m.	<b>Dec 9</b>

## City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:  
Front Desk, 100  
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Recreation Dept., 302 or 601  
Vista Room, 300

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Public Works After Hours, 420-2243  
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## Community Veterans Service—Sunday, Nov. 10

The three Cedar Hills LDS stakes invite everyone to the third annual Community Veterans Service on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the Vista Room at the Community Recreation Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive. Mayor Lynn Ritchie of Highland City will be the guest speaker.

Ritchie and his family have lived in Highland for 33 years. From college he went directly to pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas. After graduation from pilot training he served four years at McChord Air Force Base in Washington State with Air Defense Command, flying the T33 aircraft.

Mayor Ritchie then returned to Utah to begin his civilian career and joined the Utah Air National Guard as a pilot, flying the KC97 and KC135 refueling aircrafts. He has over 4,300 flying hours and retired with 25 years of service from the Utah Air National Guard as operations group commander at the rank of colonel. A Scout troop from Cedar Hills is being specially trained by the BYU ROTC honor guard to present the colors at the service. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.



## Calling all residents who want to help the community!

We are looking for additional volunteers to serve as members of our Parks, Trails, Beautification and Recreation Committee. This committee meets one evening each month and coordinates family events and brainstorms ideas on keeping our parks and trails looking nice, as well as planning for future parks and trails. A few of the activities they oversee are the Yard of the Month program, the annual Christmas party for residents, the summer pancake breakfast, and National Trails Day. We could use additional help. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the committee chair, Boyd Wilkins, committee member Melissa Willie, or council members Stephanie Martinez or Jenney Rees. You may also contact the City's front desk. Thank you!

*Election results will be posted on the City's website and in the December newsletter.*



## Donations for Santa's Workshop

Next month the Youth City Council will run its sixth annual Santa's Workshop—a toy drive, which helps Cedar Hills families in need. Last year's effort was a great success and helped brighten the Christmas mornings of over 20 families in Cedar Hills. To help, the YCC asks for your donations of new or gently used toys, games, books, stuffed animals, gift cards, or cash. Please bring these items to the City office at 10246 N Canyon Road to help make this program a success once again!

## Thank you, Concert Series participants

Everyone who attended the City's free concert series this summer enjoyed the fun and especially the music! The City of Cedar Hills and Sammys Café co-sponsored the events, which were held on the second Saturdays of each month, July through October, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater.

In addition to the main performers, the City invited residents to audition for the pre-shows for each concert. Those chosen to perform were: **Kenzie Peterson, Missy and Curt Peterson, Brian Bingham, and Maddie Rees.** We'd like to thank these excellent performers for sharing their talents and efforts in participating and entertaining us so well!





## Mayor's Minute

There is definitely a chill in the air, football all the time, the harvest is in, and the year-end holidays are on their way. Most of us love this time of year—maybe not the cold weather, but the holidays, yes! The year end is a culmination of the activities and goals set early in January, a reminder of what we wanted to accomplish.

As a city, we are also involved in a culmination of important decisions made quite some time ago. I am talking about the development of the commercial zone down by Walmart. I want to walk you through the logistics and progress of this area.

First, the area south and across from Walmart is privately owned. The area north of the Warenski Funeral Home is owned by the City, and the area on the corner of Cedar Hills Drive and North County Blvd (4800 West) is owned by Amsource, a private development company. To be clear, in none of these areas is the City doing any of the development. We are the seller of some and overseer of it all. We are trying to represent the views of our residents, which is tricky, as the views are diverse.

We, as a City, have never actively marketed our land, as most of the time it has been enveloped in the "Great Recession." We are now more active and have a developer who is interested in all three areas, if they can get them. The developer would like to build a four and five-story living center for individuals 55 and older on the east side of the privately-owned property, which is by the roundabout and across the street from the Lexington Heights offices. For the rest of the commercial zone, they would like to add retail pads for restaurants and shops for businesses and even a movie theater. This plan has some people concerned about the size of the retirement building and the theater, which could back up against some homes north of the funeral home.

We are in the very early stages of the development, so getting everyone's opinion now is most helpful. No decisions have been made by either the Planning Commission or the City Council. We are going through the normal process of conducting public hear-

ings and letting everyone state their thoughts or opinions. I would like to say that I fully support the right of the private property owners to sell their land, which also means that someone has a right to buy it. Now we just have to figure out what it will look like.

There are some who would like it developed tomorrow, and there are some who say they are for development, but then give reasons to not develop it without giving any substantive solutions. This is also not on the right track, because it will be developed sometime—maybe not now, but sometime. We need to be careful in how we work with developers and handle their ideas. We should clearly state without hesitation the areas where we have disagreements, but we should not be viewed as anti-development. I think we have worked hard to overcome past perceptions that have hampered the City's ability to attract businesses.

There have already been a few Planning Commission and City Council meetings that have addressed this development, so please check the City's website regularly in order to know when we will be further discussing our commercial zone.

When most cities build out residentially, they then need to foster commercial development in order to support residents' needs. This is where we are now in the process, and it is critical, as Highland City has stated often that they want to develop the commercial zone along North County Boulevard. If they do so first and effectively, then that will hamper Cedar Hills' ability to develop its commercial zone successfully. I encourage and welcome your thoughts on this very important subject.

By the way, as I mentioned in last month's minute, I am creating a water conservation resident committee. If you are interested in helping us, please read about it on page four of this newsletter and contact the City to be considered for my new committee.



Mayor Gary Gygi

## Winterizing Pressurized Irrigation

The City's pressurized irrigation system has been winterized and will remain off until around April 15, 2014. The City asks that you leave your individual shut-off valve in the "open" position for a time to allow for proper drainage of the system. Each irrigation system must be completely drained to prevent damage to the system's components caused by freezing water inside the pipes and valves. In addition, measures that are needed to winterize your lawn sprinkling system should also be completed. Prior to the system being energized in the spring, you will want to close your individual shut-off valve.

## Safety First: Replace Smoke Detector Batteries

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3. When you set your clocks back, remember to **inspect, clean, and replace the batteries** in your smoke detectors, if necessary.



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah).

## Storm Water Tip of the Month

It is time to think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice. Traction agents, such as sand, kitty litter, and ashes, help prevent slipping on ice, but don't melt it. They can also harm animal habitats. Cracked corn has been suggested as an alternative, because animals can eat it before it washes into the storm drain sewers in the spring.

## GARBAGE PICKUP

Service for the Friday after Thanksgiving will be delayed until Saturday. Regular service on Veterans Day.

## PARK RESTROOMS

The City will soon close and winterize the park restrooms to prevent damage from freezing water lines. There will also be limited garbage containers during the winter season. The restroom facilities will be re-opened in April.

## City Council Corner Jenney Rees, City Council Member

Earlier this year the City was approached by a developer who is interested in purchasing all of the available property in our commercial area and fully developing it. The proposed plans include a four and five-story living center for individuals 55 and older, a movie theater, and several buildings for things such as restaurants and shops. The developer has presented ideas to the Planning Commission and City Council and has made changes to the plans after each of these meetings to incorporate feedback received.



Jenney Rees

On October 24 the City held a public hearing regarding this potential development. There were several residents who attended and gave valuable feedback to the Planning Commission and the developer. One of the things I heard from residents is that they only just recently became aware of the proposed development, which is why I am including this information in our Council Corner this month. While the developers have attended many Planning Commission and City Council meetings, everything is still in the planning phase and nothing has been finalized. Resident feedback is important on any development of this size. If you were unable to attend the first public hearing, we encourage you to review the plans online and e-mail or call any member of the City Council or the City Manager with questions. Plans may be viewed on the City's website by clicking Government > Planning Commission > Meeting Agendas & Minutes and viewing the packets for the August 22, September 26, and October 24 meetings. We are excited about the opportunity to finish our commercial area but only if it is what residents want for our community. We appreciate those who have already given feedback and hope more will do so.

### New Conference Room Ready at Rec Center

We have just finished a new conference room in the Community Recreation Center for small business meetings, company training events, movie nights, etc. The room comfortably seats 10 people around the table with room for eight additional chairs. The room also features a flat-screen TV monitor; a small sink, fridge, and microwave; and large windows, which overlook the valley. The room is available for \$30/hour. Special room packages are being worked up for small groups that would like to golf and have lunch at Sammy's. For more information or to book the room, contact the City's recreation director, Greg Gordon, by e-mail at [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org) or call 801-785-9668, ext. 601. Based on availability, two recently finished fitness rooms in the basement are also available for \$30/hour for one room or both rooms for \$50/hour. Many groups have already utilized the completed areas for events and activities such as fitness classes, reading time, youth city council, offsite safety district meetings, training meetings, etc. We look forward to the community being able to access and utilize the center for many years to come.

### City to Celebrate National Family Week

The City Council recently adopted a resolution proclaiming November 25-29, 2013, as Family Week. The resolution states: "Cedar Hills recognizes strong families are at the center of strong communities, and during Thanksgiving week we should take time to honor the importance of families and recognize the connections that support and strengthen families year round. As a City, we know that everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policy-makers, and families themselves."

As part of National Family Week, the Cedar Hills Youth City Council will host games and activities on Monday, November 25, at 6:00pm. This will be held at the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center, 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive. Sammy's Café, which is located inside the center, offers a 25% discount on all orders of four meals or more on Monday nights. Those interested in attending the event on Nov. 25 are encouraged to bring canned food, which will be donated to the Food and Care Coalition. Rocky Mountain Power will help sponsor these activities. For more information on National Family Week, please visit [www.alliance1.org/national-family-week](http://www.alliance1.org/national-family-week).



### City Santa Party - Dec. 9

On Monday evening, Dec. 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 the City will host its second annual Santa Party at the Community Recreation Center. Join us for some hot cocoa, crafts, and get a free picture taken with Santa. You may also bring your own cameras. That night the Youth City Council will accept donations of new and gently used toys for the Santa's Workshop program, which helps Cedar Hills families in need. The Santa Party is a free event for the entire family. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

### Story Time Holiday Schedule

Join us each week on Wednesdays at the Community Recreation Center from 11:00 to 11:40 a.m. for some super fun books, songs, rhymes, and coloring activities. Due to the holidays, Story Time will not be held on Nov. 27, Dec. 25, or Jan. 1. The fourth annual reading of The Polar Express is scheduled for Dec. 11. Story Time is for children up to age six accompanied by a caregiver. We meet in the downstairs multi-purpose room. Come, join the fun!



A new conference room (left) is available at the Rec Center for meetings and small gatherings. One of two multi-purpose rooms (right) is available for \$30/hour or \$50/hour for both rooms. Call 801-785-9668, ext. 601, for more information.



## Attention, Princes and Princesses!

You have hereby been summoned to the courts of Cedar Hills for the second annual **Prince and Princess Party** to be held at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center's Vista Room on Sat., November 16, from 11am to 1pm. Come in your finest attire for an experience beyond compare! Together with local royalty you will enjoy

dancing, crafts, horse drawn carriage rides, and a tea party. Bring your moms, grandmas, aunts! Only \$15 per prince or princess. All proceeds go toward the Youth City Council's annual Santa's Workshop, which helps families in need at Christmas time. Registration is open on the City's website or in person at the City office building. Questions? Please e-mail: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org) or call the City office, ext. 302.

## Kids! Join Cedar Hills Ski Bus 2014

The City will take a bus up to Snowbird for ski and snowboarding lessons on three Saturdays: Jan. 11, 25, and February 1. Participants must sign up for all three dates. Each week the bus will leave the Community Recreation Center at 8:00 a.m. and return at about 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$190 per person and includes transportation, lift tickets, two-hour lessons each week, a half day on the slopes, and a scarf. Registration is open for kids ages 7 to 17. All sign ups need to be done at the City office, 10246 N. Canyon Road, in order for the guardian to sign a waiver. Registrations will be accepted until the bus is filled. Non-residents are welcome to register at no additional cost. **Chaperones are needed** and will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Chaperones are required to stay with their group after the lesson, but will receive a complimentary lift ticket for the day. Please e-mail [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org) or call the City office, ext. 302, for more information.



## Jr. Jazz Basketball Registration Continues

Jr. Jazz allows boys and girls from third grade up to eighth grade to develop skills and learn good sportsmanship while having fun. Online registration is available through December 2. The games begin on January 7 and will run through the middle of March. Register online from the City's website.

Non-residents may play at no additional charge. Questions? Contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department: 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or e-mail: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org).

## Bring Your Workout Inside

Bring your workout inside this fall and enjoy our FITNESS CLASSES. Experienced instructors teach SPIN, ZUMBA, ZUM-BATOMIC, PUMP, TOTAL BODY SCULPT, and more. New certified personal trainer-led BOOTCAMPS will **begin Nov. 1, Dec. 2, and Jan. 3**. Morning and evening sessions available. BOOTCAMP purchase includes all FITNESS CLASSES. Go to: [www.treefitness.com](http://www.treefitness.com) for class schedules.



## Volunteers Needed for Lego League Qualifier

The City and Cedar Ridge Elementary will host the 2014 Lego League Qualifier on Sat., January 11. This amazing program offers a variety of technical and core value skills, which allow kids to learn, grow, and have a great time! We are in need of volunteers for the day of the qualifier. If you are interested please go to: [www.utfl.utah.edu/volunteers/volunteer](http://www.utfl.utah.edu/volunteers/volunteer) and

register. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Allen at [nallen@cedarhills.org](mailto:nallen@cedarhills.org) or call 801-785-9668, ext 302.

## Water Conservation Committee Members Wanted

The City is looking for volunteers to participate in a Cedar Hills Water Conservation Committee. On a state-wide level, Utah's water needs have been at the forefront of concern from the Governor's office down to the individual consumer. Cedar Hills will be joining in "seeking innovative solutions from the public that don't break the bank or dry up our streams—ideas that are a win-win for all Utahns."

In August, the City reported that our current pressurized irrigation (PI) consumption was 1.2 BILLION gallons to date this season! This rate of consumption, based on the state recommended outdoor water usage, is enough water for 9,160 homes. Cedar Hills currently has 2,550 homes. The City was forced to supplement the PI system with culinary water from City wells to meet irrigation demands.

The intent behind forming this Conservation Committee is to create a communication campaign and policy for Cedar Hills that will balance the needs of our citizens with responsible consumption. If you are passionate about conservation or have professional expertise in this regard, please contact Mayor Gary Gygi or City Manager David Bunker at 801-785-9668 or e-mail [frontdesk@cedarhills.org](mailto:frontdesk@cedarhills.org).

## Emergency Medical Kits make great gifts

As part of the Safe Community USA nonprofit public service program, Lone Peak Emergency Medical Services is offering the public the opportunity to purchase emergency medical kits at cost. Each kit contains the same types of items used by emergency medical professionals. For every kit purchased, Lone Peak EMS will receive \$5.00 to help purchase needed medical equipment and emergency training in our community.



*The Citizen Kit is available at the City office for \$42.50.*

The Citizen Kit is valued at \$95 and is available to purchase for \$42.50 (tax included). This is an excellent all around emergency kit for

home or auto. These kits make great gifts and are an excellent way to be more prepared. In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or victims themselves are the first to provide emergency assistance or to perform a rescue.

The Citizen Kit is available at the Cedar Hills offices and the Highland fire station. For more information you may contact Laurie Petersen at the City offices: e-mail [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org) or call 801-785-9668, ext. 104.

## Tickets for Utah Jazz and Sacramento Kings Game

Get your tickets at the City office for the Jazz game on January 27 with the Sacramento Kings. The upper concourse tickets are \$15.00 per person and include a hot dog and drink.

## Winter Reminder: Street Parking Restrictions

Winter is just around the corner, and the City of Cedar Hills would like to remind you of the street parking rules.

**Winter Street Parking Restrictions:** Keeping the roadway clear of additional vehicles increases safety for other drivers and reduces obstructions during snow removal. Parked vehicles on roads during snow removal operations may result in the street not getting plowed, due to an increased risk for damage and collision.

**Street parking is prohibited:** 1) when snow is falling; 2) when the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall; 3) between the hours of 1:00am and 7:00am, November 1 through March 31; 4) during snow/ice removal; 5) for any continuous period of more than 48 hours.

