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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	April 1 & 15
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	Apr 12
Annual Cedar Hills Spring Clean Up	Apr 12 & 19
Easter Egg Hunts for Teens and Kids	Apr 18 & 19
Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Apr 24

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Annual Spring Clean Up

The City will sponsor its 16th annual **Spring Clean-Up BLITZ** on two Saturdays in April. Large dumpsters will be staged at the following locations:

- 1) Sunset Park – 9814 N Dorchester Drive (parking lot)
- 2) Heritage Park – 4450 W Cedar Hills Drive (parking lot)
- 3) Hayes Circle – The Cedars
- 4) Timpanogos Cove Park – 9508 N Timpanogos Cove (parking lot)
- 5) Morgan Blvd/Sage Vista Drive



DUMPSTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12, AND SATURDAY, APRIL 19, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON ONLY. If you are unable to utilize the dumpsters on these two days, the City provides each household with two free landfill passes per year. Please review the following guidelines to ensure safety and convenience in disposing of junk and yard waste:

- 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 the load to another location to avoid scattered debris or creating difficulty in hauling away the dumpsters.

The City encourages residents to clean their yards, sweep gutters and sidewalks, and do their best to improve yards and neighborhoods. Owners of vacant lots should ensure that their lots are free of garbage, tall weeds, and other debris. In the spirit of Spring Clean Up, 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 you.

Celebrate Arbor Day on April 25 and Win a Prize!

Along with the nation and the world, the City of Cedar Hills will celebrate Arbor Day on April 25. It has been over 135 years since J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day. His simple idea of setting aside a special day for planting trees is now more important than ever. Cedar Hills is a distinguished member of Tree City USA and continually focuses on the benefits of planting and caring for trees. Now that spring is here, consider planting a tree or two! There are many good reasons to plant trees, but here are just a few:

- Trees conserve energy and save money. Properly planted trees can cut air conditioning costs by 15%-35%.
- Trees help clear the air. Trees produce oxygen and reduce air pollution.
- Trees can increase property values by up to 15%.
- Trees help clean rivers and streams by holding the soil in place and reducing polluted runoff into waterways.
- Trees make homes and neighborhoods more beautiful, adding seasonal color and texture. Trees make a house feel like a home.



This year the City will award one free admission ticket per household to Thanksgiving Point Gardens to the first 18 residents who send in a photo of themselves planting a tree on or before Arbor Day, April 25, 2014. For a chance to receive a ticket, send a digital photo of you and the tree to the City's front desk at: frontdesk@cedarhills.org by Friday, April 25, 2014. Please include your contact information, including your mailing address.



Mayor's Minute

Spring has sprung! At least I hope it has. We are gearing up for many outdoor Public Works projects. If you see our technicians out working in the parks or on the roads, please tell them, "Thanks!" They work in both the freezing cold winter nights and sizzling hot summer days. You'll find that our Public Works team is always ready to help.

There are two things I would like to talk about this month. First, our new Water Conservation Committee is coming up with ideas on how to reduce our secondary water consumption, not just because we are using too much, but because we also have to plan for any mechanical failures in the future. Our pressurized irrigation (P.I.) pump stations are mechanical, so it's possible that someday we may have a failure. Therefore, we need to prepare for this. I fear that encouragement alone will not get us to conserve as much water as we need to. I see this summer as a time to prepare for when our P.I. system has a metering system, which will measure our individual P.I. usage, so we pay for what we use. Most cities are heading toward this solution, as encouragement alone to conserve has not worked very well. Please take our committee's recommendations seriously, so that there won't be any surprises next summer with higher secondary water bills.

The second item I would like to talk to you about starts with our Family Festival in June. This is one of the best times of the year for our city.

There will be many family-oriented activities, so look for your Festival flyer coming out in the next couple of months. Last summer we started our first summer concert series, and so many of us loved it that this year the first concert will be held during Family Festival week. You will want to make sure you are there. Our first concert this year will blow your socks off—really, it will. I can't announce it yet, but plan on attending it and the other summer concerts, as well.

There is still time to get involved with our festival this year. We need volunteers for many of the events, and if you're entrepreneurial then join our group of vendors that sell their products during the carnival on Friday and Saturday. This could be your big break. One of my neighbors on Carriage Lane sells the world's greatest cookies, and she could be the next Mrs. Fields! I like supporting our well established local businesses, but let's not forget the "not quite there yet" businesses. I look forward to seeing everyone at Family Festival 2014!



Mayor Gary Gygi

WANTED: Volunteer balloon artists for the Family Festival children's area, Saturday, June 28. Shifts: 12:00-2:00 and 2:00-4:00. Supplies provided. Contact Emily Cox at emilyboxcox@yahoo.com. We need someone to make animals or characters out of balloons.

City Implements Water Conservation Guidelines

The City finds there is an urgent need to establish a water conservation goal and has created a Water Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee, which is made up of Cedar Hills residents with various expertise and focus on conservation. Last year, the City's usage exceeded the State's recommendation by more than double. Additionally, the City's pressurized irrigation system was pushed to its delivery capacity. **After reviewing historical data, the committee recommends a pressurized irrigation consumption reduction of 50% over last year's usage, phased over the next three years.**

For the 2014 irrigation season, which begins mid-April and runs through mid-October, the committee proposed a 15% minimum consumption reduction. The committee plans to make recommendations to the City Council to implement the metering of secondary water for the 2015 season. Water is a precious and limited resource. We need to begin preparing now. Please create a watering schedule for your home with a focus on conservation.

We encourage residents to utilize the many online resources, which provide suggestions for conservation, water-wise landscaping, watering guides, etc. The Utah Division of Water Resources offers many tips about how to "Slow the Flow" at: www.conservewater.utah.gov. The City's water conservation committee plans to implement an educational campaign, including water usage tips and recommendations, throughout the irrigation season.



Pressurized Irrigation Energized Week of April 15

The City's pressurized irrigation will be operational the week of April 15. Residents are encouraged to close their individual valves in advance to protect sprinkler lines while the city-wide system is energized. During energizing and loading of the system, there are sometimes fluctuations in pressures that may affect individual systems if they are left open.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

Proper landscaping and garden maintenance benefits water resources. What can we do to help?

Control erosion by planting groundcover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.

- Use up pesticides. Rinse containers and use rinse water as product. Dispose of rinsed containers.
- Collect lawn and garden clippings, prunings, and tree trimmings. Chip, if necessary and/or compost.
- Sweep and collect dirt from driveways or walks and dispose of in garden.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to instructions.

Sun is out - Signs are up!

We all want to keep the City looking clean and beautiful. Remember, when placing a temporary sign:

- Get permission from property owner. City-approved signs may be placed on **private property only**.
- All signs of any type placed in the City's right-of-way will be removed. This includes signs on utility poles, historical markers, trees, and traffic signs.

The complete sign ordinance may be obtained at the City office or viewed on the City's website.

Open Burning Permits

Burn permits are no longer issued by the City, but are available online through the State Department of Air Quality (DAQ). Recent modifications to State standards have changed the open burn periods and include a statewide requirement to obtain a permit from the local fire authority. The permit application process begins at DAQ's website: www.airquality.utah.gov.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

On March 19 the City Council held a Public Hearing regarding the proposed development by Blu Line Design. This proposal is for a senior living facility located at approximately 4600 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Several residents attended the hearing and gave feedback. We appreciate the time and input those residents gave that night.



Jenney Rees

Some points from the meeting: This is a congregate care facility that is privately funded. The estimated value of the facility is \$24-\$30 million. It would be evaluated as a commercial facility, so would be taxed at 100% of the value of the building. This would bring in an estimated \$68-\$86k annually to the city in property taxes. The closest comparison is Walmart, which brings in \$23,264 in property taxes each year. Taxes to Alpine School district would be about \$260,000 each year without any negative impact on schools, as no school age children can live at the facility. While any development will require some infrastructure needs, the developer will be responsible for the improvements not already in place. Access roads, sewer, and water lines are already in place. Upon final approval, the developer would be required to purchase water rights.

After listening to the concerns of residents from that night and the weeks leading up to this meeting, some members of the Council expressed concern with the height of the building and the number of units, which would add approximately 450 new residents in that facility. There was also concern expressed that while this facility would be billed as a commercial entity for property taxes, it doesn't fall in line with our design guidelines for the area that specify this development should be more of a retail entity. Blu Line has been very open to making changes upon hearing concerns from the city and from residents, and after hearing all the comments that night, asked the Council to table the item so they could make changes to the proposal. The Council agreed, and the item has been tabled. Blu Line will make another presentation with changes at a later date.

Again, we appreciate the comments we've received from residents throughout this process. We will continue to keep everyone informed through updates on the City website and through this newsletter. Please visit the website for past information and further updates. On the city's website search for the City Council agenda page for March 19, 2014.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, and unused medications can dispose of these items safely at the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, April 12**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre Mall. For details, including a list of what will or will not be collected, please visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org/HHW or call 801-225-8538.

The Great Utah Shake Out – Earthquake Drill

Utahns will unite in The Great Utah Shake Out, the state's largest earthquake drill. Participate in the drill wherever you are at 10:15 a.m. on **Thursday, April 17**. Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The Shake Out is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves and for everyone to become better prepared. Please join us in participating in this year's Shake Out. Learn more at: www.shakeout.org/utah.

Donations Needed for an Emergency Telephone in American Fork Canyon

The Lone Peak Fire Department is accepting donations for the installation of a much-needed emergency telephone in American Fork Canyon. The department established a fund in memory of Ashleigh Nicole Cox, a 21-year-old BYU student from Colorado, who was tragically killed in a canyon avalanche on February 8, 2014. Bystanders had to drive down the canyon in order to get cell service before they could call 9-1-1.



Ashleigh Nicole Cox

There are over 1.2 million visitors who recreate in American Fork Canyon each year. Installation of a telephone in the canyon could make a difference in an emergency, when every minute counts! It is time to make a difference so this never happens again. The fund has been established at the Bank of American Fork nearest you. Just stop by any branch to make a donation.

Volunteers Sought for Beautification Project

The City invites volunteers to help in our first annual City Beautification Project. On **Saturday, May 3**, designated homes in Cedar Hills need help clearing weeds, debris, and doing general cleanup, as well as planting trees, shrubs, and flowers in the front yards. This is a great opportunity for youth groups, Scout troops, and families to work together to create something beautiful and build community pride. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up to volunteer, please contact the City office. More detailed information about the locations, tools needed, etc., will be provided.



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.

Call **Blue Stakes** before you dig; it's the law! Dial 811 or 801-208-2110. Protect underground facilities and minimize service interruptions.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children

The Youth City Council presents the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 19**, at Heritage Park, 4425 W. Cedar Hills Drive. The hunt is for children ages 10 and under and will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Bring your cameras for pictures with the Easter bunny, and come join the fun!



Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt for Teens

The Youth City Council presents the third annual Teen Easter Egg Hunt for kids ages 11-15. Bring your friends, a flashlight, and a basket for a night of hunting for hundreds of prize-filled eggs and candies on the driving range at the golf course, weather permitting. Meet at the Community Recreation Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive, on **Friday night, April 18**, at 7:30 p.m. There will be an "after party" held until 10:00 p.m. in the Vista Room following the hunt. Plan to have fun. It's free!

Tot Soccer Registration Ends April 9

Tot Soccer is a fun, six-week soccer league for children ages 3 & 4. Parents are encouraged to coach, if possible. Online registration for the opening spring session continues through April 9 on the City's website. Registration fee is \$25. Games are played on Tuesday evenings, starting April 23. For more information contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department.



Cedar Hills Soccer for K thru 3rd Grades

Cedar Hills offers leagues for co-ed Kindergarten teams and for boy and girl teams for children going into the 1st through 3rd grades in the fall. A one-time registration for both fall and spring sessions begins April 20 for the start of the fall season. Register on the City's website at: www.cedarhills.org. The fall session runs August-

September 2014, and the spring session runs April-May 2015. The cost is \$65 for both sessions. The fee includes a uniform and a soccer ball!

T-Ball for Boys and Girls ages 4 & 5

Each child bats every inning and plays in the outfield. Games are played twice a week, beginning the last week of May through the end of June. Register on the City's website until May 4 or until the teams are full. Cost is \$25 per child. Questions? Contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department.

Lacrosse Registration Now Open

Cedar Hills Recreation partners with Central Utah Youth Lacrosse for boys in grades 3-8. Cost ranges from \$55 to \$75, depending on the age group. The six-game season begins mid-June and runs through July. Games are played on Saturdays against teams from neighboring cities. Registration runs through May 15 without a late fee on the Cedar Hills website. Questions? Contact Cedar Hills Community Services at 801-785-9668, ext. 302.



"Hooked on Fishing" for Children Age Six and Over

To register online go to the Highland City website and search "Youth Fishing." Online registration ends on April 17 at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$15. For more information or to be placed on the waiting list after April 17, please e-mail: emily@highlandcity.org or call Highland City at (801) 772-4523.

Golf Course Resident Appreciation Day - May 10

Cedar Hills residents are invited to enjoy a free round of golf at the Cedar Hills Golf Club! It's our way of saying "THANK YOU" for supporting the city's recreation programs. Between noon and 3:00 p.m. on Sat., May 10, residents may receive **FREE** green fees for 9-holes with a required cart fee of \$7.00 per player. Proof of residency is required at check-in. Call the pro shop at 801-796-1705 starting May 1 to reserve tee times. In addition, Sammy's Cafe, located inside the Recreation Center, will have special offers the same day between noon and 10:00 p.m. With your pro shop receipt you may receive a free ice cream cone, \$5 cheeseburger and fry special, and a \$2 half-size pie shake. Please come out and enjoy the day with us!

Decisions Survey

The City Council and staff constantly gather information from residents about what Cedar Hills is doing right, ideas for change, and feedback on various services and programs. Resident participation is vital in continuing to make Cedar Hills a great place to live. In 2002, the City Council created "Decisions," a citizen survey tool, intended to gather information to assist in creating budgets, initiating programs, and more. Cedar Hills will again partner with an outside research firm to complete Decisions 2014. The survey will be distributed in a variety of methods to maximize response: mail, voice call, e-mail, and website links. We look forward to your participation in offering information that will drive the future of our city.

Save the Dates! Family Festival 2014

The 19th annual **2014 Family Festival** begins on June 21 with the AF Canyon Half Marathon/5K, and ends on June 28 with a parade, carnival, children's games, baking contest, concert in the park, and FIREWORKS! Other events include the Family Swim Night on June 23, the Firecracker Golf Tournament on June 24, and the Fun Run Fundraiser and "Dinner and a Movie in the Park" on June 27. More information for sponsors, vendors, and volunteers is available on the City's website.

Family Festival Service Project - June 25

For Cedar Hills' first annual Family Festival service project, we have decided to team up with the Escalera and Launfal foundations to help build schools and provide 1,000 feminine hygiene kits to people in desperate need living in the high mountains of Chiapas in Southern Mexico. Monetary donations will go directly toward school construction and hygiene kits. If you prefer to donate supplies for the kits, the list is as follows:

- Hand towels & wash cloths
- Safety pins
- Yellow Playtex rubber gloves (one size fits all)
- Bars of soap
- Ziploc™ snack bags
- Ziploc™ gallon bags



The supplies will be collected at the City office, 10246 N. Canyon Road, in a box in the front entry. Send monetary donations by check, made out to the City of Cedar Hills, to: City of Cedar Hills, Chiapas Service Project, 10246 N Canyon Road, Cedar Hills, Utah 84602. Cash donations should be made in person at the front desk. Donations made by credit or debit card may be made at the City's front desk by calling 801-785-9668, ext. 100.

In conjunction with Family Festival week, we will hold a service project event on **Wednesday, June 25**, at 6:30pm at the Community Recreation Center in the Vista Room, where we will assemble the kits. Our goal is to put together 1,000 kits, so we need lots of people to show up! Questions? Call Marisa Wright, service project coordinator, at 801-900-1036, or e-mail familyfestival@cedarhills.org.