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Annual Town Hall Meeting on February 12 to Focus on Earthquake Emergency Preparedness

Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 8 to 5
Fri: 8 to 4
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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Feb 3 & 17
Town Hall Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Feb 12
City Office Closed for National Holiday	Feb 16
Night out with the Utah Jazz	Feb 23
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Feb 26

City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:
 Front Desk, 100
 City Recorder, 503
 Zoning & Code Enforcement, 500
 Business Licensing, 504
 Building Department, 200
 Public Works, 200
 Utility Billing, 400
 Recreation, 302 or 601
 Vista Room, 300
Other Phone Numbers (801):
 Public Works After Hours, 420-2243
 Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
 Animal Control, 763-3020
 Police, 763-3020

The city's third annual Emergency Management Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center, 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive. This year we will focus on one of our community's main concerns: earthquakes. These are some of the items that will be covered:

- Local geological expert information
- Free earthquake preparedness information
- Meet and hear new State Emergency Liaison: Ken Kraudy
- Local and state earthquake preparedness plans

We would like to invite a representative from every block and every household to attend and be involved in this meeting. This is a great way to prepare your household for emergencies and become involved in the community. For more information and/or suggestions, please contact the city's emergency management coordinator, Laurie Petersen, at lpetersen@cedarhills.org or 801-785-9668 ext. 104.

2015 Candidate Filing Period Approaching

There will be a municipal election this year for three (3) city council positions (four-year terms, January 2016 to January 2020). The candidate filing period is between June 1 and June 7, 2015. Because June 7 falls on a Sunday, the filing period will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015. Interested parties may file for office in person with the city recorder at the Cedar Hills city offices at 10246 N Canyon Road during normal office hours: Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A fee of \$35 is required at the time of filing.

Water Conservation: A Positive Review of Our 2014 Usage



The city's public works department has compiled data regarding our usage for the 2014 irrigation season. Usage during May, June, and July 2014, was typical; significantly higher than the state recommended amounts. July usage of 175,465,967 gallons was nearly double the state recommended amount of 88,125,100 gallons. This usage occurred during a July when precipitation was slightly above average of 0.61 inches per month versus actual rainfall of 0.68 inches per month. Substantial above-average precipitation moved into the area late July through August and into September, reducing the need to irrigate.

During significant rain events, flows from storm water inlets drain into our ponds and feed into our systems. This unmetered water is not accounted for in the total consumptive use. The July report estimated that one large rain event added approximately 7 million gallons of water to the storage ponds. Due to the increased and stronger precipitation events, much of the usage difference could be from unmetered water being used and not accounted for.

Concerted efforts helped the city finish the 2014 irrigation season marginally better, by using 114,800,261 gallons less than the 2013 season. This is approximately a 13% reduction, excluding unaccounted inflows as stated above. This is far from our goal of 50% and only a small part of our total goal of matching the state recommended amount. As we review our usage and evaluate methods to further reduce consumption, we recognize that our initial efforts were positive. More information regarding water conservation and irrigation use will be presented in next month's newsletter.

**3RD ANNUAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
TOWN HALL MEETING**

Earthquake Preparedness

**Thursday, Feb. 12th
7:00 p.m.**

**Community Recreation Center
10640 N Clubhouse Drive**

- PRESENTATION FROM LOCAL GEOLOGICAL EXPERT
- INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEW STATE LIAISON
- FREE EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS INFO
- LOCAL/STATE EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PLANS

We would like to have a representative from every household attend this meeting.

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Mayor's Minute

On the 2nd of February 1848, Nicholas Trist, representing the United States of America, reached across the table to shake hands and resolve the peace treaty with representatives from Mexico. This hand shake of peace ended

the Mexican American war and is viewed as one of the most important treaties in US history; it gave the US more land than anything other than the Louisiana Purchase. Interestingly, something that none of them knew about would soon take place at a location called Sutter's Mill that would change the value of west coast property and the direction of our country for quite some time.

I have always believed strongly in the law of unintended consequences. I want to talk this month about how our city is doing so far this fiscal year with our finances and why I think the state of our city is strong.

When I first started to do this job, I didn't know what challenges we would face, but I did believe that using business practices that I have learned, coupled with transparency, would help. I have tried to limit the impact of government in your lives, both from regulation and taxes. This means that we had to keep government from expanding, but maintain the quality of life we all enjoy. As

our State of the City Report showed last year, our property taxes have been heading lower in total, and also the city operations, as a percent of the total property tax, have also been heading lower.

I am going to place whole-cloth excerpts from my management report's finance section, which was prepared by our finance director, Charl Louw. His work is exceptional and we are lucky to have him. Charl says: "Key program revenue under community services continue to show improvement. The [city's] events and recreation departments appear to be substantially ahead of the previous year. Sales taxes have increased from the previous year each month so far. The other general revenues are flat, or slightly lower than the prior year. The county's property tax settlement in March may have a large or small adjustment, so it is difficult to tell whether or not collections will exceed budgeted expectations yet. Currently, the county's collections appear to be slightly slower than the previous year for property taxes."

I have included some charts on the opposite page to help you visualize the numbers, but we are headed in the right direction and I look forward to the rest of a good year.



Mayor Gary Gygi

On-Street Parking Restrictions Continue

As the winter season continues, we appreciate our residents' cooperation with the city's winter parking ordinance. Compliance makes it easier for snow plows to get in and out of the streets and creates safer conditions for other residents. This also keeps cars from being trapped along the side of the road after snowplows have passed. **It is unlawful to park any vehicles upon the streets:**

- 1) when snow is falling;
- 2) when the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall;
- 3) between 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.

When parking regulations are ignored or violated, it creates unsafe conditions for everyone. It may also cause the plow operators to discontinue snow removal operations for that area. Remember that storage of trailers, RV's, or boats, etc., on public streets will be considered a nuisance. Be aware that any vehicle causing unsafe conditions may be subject to fees and/or towing at the owner's expense. A complete copy of the city's ordinance is available on the city's website. Thank you for your cooperation.

After-Hours Emergencies: "Who Do We Call?"

Calling 9-1-1 should be reserved for fire, police, emergency medical services, and similar emergencies. However, for city-related emergencies that occur after-hours, you may call 801-420-2243 and you will be routed to on-call city personnel. Again, this number should not be used for issues that can be addressed the next business day.

Here are some examples of appropriate calls to the Cedar Hills after-hours emergency line: 1) Broken or leaking main utility lines—water, sewer, pressurized irrigation; 2) Road problems or

conditions that cause a potential hazard for vehicles or pedestrians; 3) Sewer back-up; 4) Water outage; 5) Storm water illicit discharge (illegal dumping or spills in gutters).

Items that can wait until the next business day include: 1) Interruptions in pressurized irrigation service; 2) Park scheduling and non-emergency facility issues; 3) City event/activity schedules; 4) City utility sign-up/activation; 5) Non-city utility problems/outages (power, gas, phone/cable). Direct these to the utility provider.

IMPORTANT: Close PI valve before spring!

Please make sure your main pressurized irrigation valve is in the CLOSED position before April 15. This will protect the pipes and sprinkler heads from damage when the high-pressure system is activated around April 15.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

What Is Storm Water Runoff and Why Should I Care?

When it rains, storm water runs off roads, parking lots, driveways, roofs, and yards. As it flows across these surfaces, it picks up contaminants such as oils, salts, sediments, fertilizers, pesticides, and household chemicals. Contaminated storm water flows into storm drains, ditches, and gutters, and eventually into streams and wetlands. Contaminants in storm water runoff impair water quality in streams and wetlands, and they can lead to fish kills, loss of wildlife habitat, and public health risks. Uncontrolled storm water runoff is one of the largest remaining sources of water quality impairment in the United States. As communities grow and develop, more land is covered with impervious pavement. This means water may reach streams more quickly and become potentially contaminated. Communities working together can lessen the degree of contamination and help protect local water resources.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

Last month the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented Cedar Hills with the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Finance Director Charl Louw was also presented with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation as the individual primarily responsible for having achieved this award.



Jenney Rees

According to the GFOA, the award "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting." This is the 13th year that Cedar Hills has received this award. In order to qualify, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The budget documents submitted are evaluated separately by three reviewers. Each reviewer rates each budget document as being not proficient, proficient, or outstanding in regard to 27 specific criteria, grouped into four basic categories. To receive the award, a budget document must be rated either proficient or outstanding by at least two of the three reviewers for all four basic categories, as well as for 14 of the 27 specific criteria identified as mandatory.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of Mr. Louw and our entire finance team. They do a great job keeping the city in compliance with all applicable laws and have done many things over the past few years to improve transparency in the budget. We are fortunate to have such a team.

Reward Offered for Vandalism Information

We are disappointed to report that the face panels on the city's Community Recreation Center sign, located at the intersection of Canyon Road and Bayhill Drive, have been extensively vandalized on six different occasions since its installation less than six months ago. The face panels for this sign cost over \$1,000 to replace, so the city has been temporarily repairing the panels to avoid the expense of replacement, until a more protective barrier can be installed. The area is now under surveillance, but we would appreciate alert residents reporting any suspicious activity in the area to the police. **The city is offering a \$500 reward to anyone who has information leading to an arrest and prosecution of those involved in this, or any other vandalism, in the city.** If you have information about recent vandalism or wish to report suspicious activities, please contact the American Fork police.

Family Festival Dates Are Set

Mark your calendars and join us for the 2015 Cedar Hills Family Festival the week of June 1, culminating with a parade and Fireworks Spectacular on June 6. We are excited to announce that we've selected a new carnival company, which will provide a wider range of rides for all ages and a better level of customer service. In addition to last year's events, we expect to add several new ones to appeal to the different interests and age groups of our community. Watch the city newsletter and website for more details.

New Arts Council Seeks Volunteers

The newly formed Cedar Hills Citizens Advisory Arts Council is seeking residents, age 16 and up, who want to be part of this volunteer council to promote the arts in Cedar Hills. If interested, please contact the city's front desk or Emily Cox at emilyboxcox@yahoo.com.

Have You Seen the Bookmobile?

The Utah County Bookmobile comes to town every other Monday (Feb. 9 & 23) from 1:00 to 2:30 and will be parked at the LDS church located at the roundabout behind Walmart. This service is offered at no cost to the city or its residents. You may obtain a library card directly from the bookmobile when it is in Cedar Hills. For more information and to view the bookmobile library catalog, visit them online at: bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah.

Book the Vista Room for Your Special Event

The Vista Room at the community center is the perfect place for special events, weddings, parties, business meetings, and more. Special resident rates are available. Visit VistaCedarHills.com.

Seniors Education Series

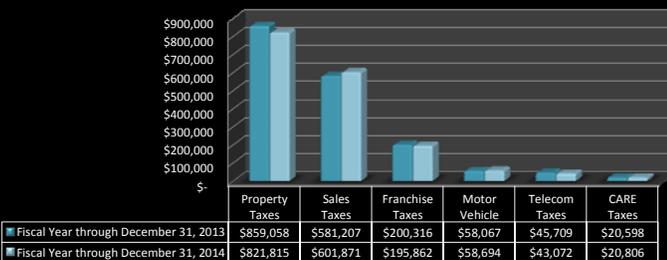
Please join us at The Charleston for a free, monthly Senior Education Series presentation. Annika Grimes with Brighton Home Health will discuss how to maintain independence and overall well-being during the senior years. Place: The Charleston at Cedar Hills, 10020 North 4600 West. When: Thursday, **February 19**, at 6:00 p.m.

The charts below show program revenue improvements in community services, events, and recreation. Sales taxes have increased from the previous year. Currently, the county's collections appear to be slightly slower than the previous year for property taxes.

Program Revenues Year-to-Year Comparison



General Revenues Year-to-Year Comparison



Karate Classes - Register NOW!

A new session of karate classes begins **February 16**. The one-hour classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings for children ages 6-12 at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. The beginner-level class (white belt only) is at 4:00, the level-two class (yellow to senior orange belt) is at 5:00, and the level-three class (blue to senior blue belt) is at 6:00. The registration fee is \$50 for each five-week session. Register on the city's website or call 801-785-9668, ext. 302, with questions.



Indoor Golf Instruction for Youth

Kids, keep your golf skills up during the winter months by participating in a four-week indoor golf program. Classes are taught by PGA professionals, and the student-to-instructor ratio is 6:1. Instruction includes putting, chipping, range, video and swing analysis, rules, and golf course etiquette. Online registration runs through March 2. The session begins March 5. There are four lessons in the session and a variety of times and age groups available. Classes are taught indoors at Inmotion in Lindon. Cost is \$60 per student, ages four through 17. Register on the Cedar Hills website.



Kids ages four through 17 will enjoy expert indoor golf lessons.



Night out with the Utah Jazz!

Purchase discounted tickets at the Cedar Hills city office, 10246 N Canyon Road, for the Jazz game on **Monday, Feb. 23, 2015**, with the San Antonio Spurs in the Energy Solutions Arena.

Upper concourse tickets are \$15 and include a free hot dog and a drink. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Go, Jazz!

Tot Soccer Is Back with the Spring Session!

Tot Soccer is a fun, six-week soccer league for children ages three and four. Games are played on Tuesday evenings, starting April 21. Parents are encouraged to coach, if possible. **Online registration begins March 1** and continues through April 9. Register from the Recreation page on the city's website or in person at the Cedar Hills office building during regular business hours. The registration fee is \$25 plus a one-time fee of \$5 for a Cedar Hills reversible T-shirt, which can be worn for any Cedar Hills youth sport program.

For more information or answers to questions call the Recreation Department or email: recreation@cedarhills.org. Tot soccer welcomes Highland and Alpine residents to join the fun at no additional cost.

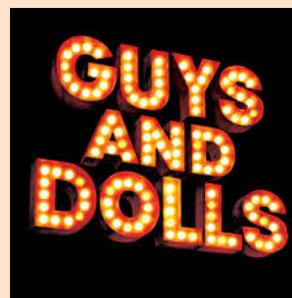


New! Co-ed Teen Soccer

Come join the Cedar Hills Co-ed Teen Soccer League for high school students, grades 10 through 12. Form your own teams and enter your team name when you register. There will be eight players on the field with four girls and four boys. Register until March 15 at cedarhills.org/recreation. Games will begin in April and will be played on Monday afternoons in Cedar Hills and American Fork.

Fishing Instructors for Youth Needed

Do you like fishing? Do you want to share your love of fishing with young people? Are you 18 or older? Then consider becoming a fishing instructor for Highland City's Hooked on Fishing program. Fishing classes are held in May on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park (next to Lone Peak High School). Each volunteer gets a camo DWR hat, plus small gifts donated by local businesses. Please contact Emily at Highland City at 801-772-4523 or e-mail emily@highlandcity.org and let her know you heard about it from Cedar Hills.



Lone Peak High School presents *Guys & Dolls*

Come see this charming production at the Lone Peak auditorium. Show times are February 18-21 and 23-24 at 7:00. A matinee will be shown on February 21 at 1:00. Tickets are available at the door or online at showtix4u.com.

Chivalry Corps Focuses on Community Service

Join Lone Peak High School and Aeropostale in a jean drive to donate jeans of all sizes for homeless youth nationwide. Bring donations to the school's front office through Friday, February 13. Please contact lonepeakchivalrycorps@gmail.com with questions or pickup requests, or call the school at 801-717-4568. The Chivalry Corps is a service branch of Lone Peak High School student government.

Teenagers Take over Cedar Hills Rec Center

Youth ages 12-18 danced and gamed at the first ever Saturday Night Live, hosted by the Youth City Council on January 17. The basement was packed with partiers, and, due to the event's success, it will be back by popular demand. Sign up at the city office to receive city email notifications so you won't miss the invite to our next Saturday Night Live event!

