



CEDAR HILLS

# OUR HOME TOWN

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## Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar 3 &amp; 17</b>
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar 26</b>
Teen and Kids Annual Easter Egg Hunts	<b>Apr 3 &amp; 4</b>
Free Class: Pruning and Gardening Tips	<b>Apr 8</b>
City's 17th Annual Spring Clean Up	<b>Apr 11 &amp; 18</b>

## 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

## Cedar Hills Recreation Celebrates Another Successful Jr. Jazz Season



*Cedar Hills Jr. Jazz players Grant Hess (from front left) and Nsilo Challenger participate with other juniors and Jazz team members on the floor of the EnergySolutions Arena during the National Anthem, prior to the Utah Jazz game with the San Antonio Spurs on Feb. 23, 2015.*

For many of the parents and players in the city's Jr. Jazz program, the culminating event is the annual city night at EnergySolutions Arena with the Utah Jazz. This year, some of our junior players were able to participate in the game's opening ceremonies by appearing on the floor with other juniors and the Utah Jazz team. Nearly 300 people from the city's recreation program, which includes Highland and Alpine, attended the game on February 23. It was a great night of fun and celebration, topped off with a Jazz win over the defending champs, the San Antonio Spurs. Cedar Hills Recreation thanks everyone for another great year of Jr. Jazz.

## Spring Clean Up Is Just Around the Corner

The city will sponsor its 17th annual "Spring Clean Up" on **Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, April 18**. Large roll-off dumpsters will be available at various locations throughout the city. Please refer to the city's website for the dumpster locations and further guidelines. Dumpsters will be available from 7:00 a.m. until noon. The city also provides each household with two landfill passes per year, which may be used anytime.

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 lots are free of garbage, tall weeds, and other debris. In the spirit of Spring Clean Up, please assist those in your neighborhood who may need a helping hand. Please contact city staff if you are interested in coordinating a group project. The city may have resources available to assist you.

## Seedling Trees and Shrubs Available

A seedling sale is being sponsored by the combined Alpine/Timp-Nebo conservation districts, non-profit organizations for the conservation of natural resources. Trees and shrubs adapted to our area are on sale for \$1.50 to \$3.50 per seedling sold in bundles of 5 or 10, depending on the species. The seedlings are available on a first come, first served basis and must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Order forms can be accessed at [uacd.org](http://uacd.org). Click the icon for the Alpine/Timp-Nebo seedling tree sale. Orders may also be placed by calling 801-377-5580, ext. 121. The seedlings will be available for pickup on April 17 and 18 in two Utah County locations.

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## Mayor's Minute

On March 2, 1933, Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack produced and directed a movie about a fantastically large ape that falls in love with a human woman and tears apart New York City. The woman the ape falls in love with is Ann Darrow, and she was played by the actress Fay Wray. The movie

was called *King Kong* and opened to rave reviews. The movie has been remade a couple of times, so people are still captivated by a huge ape falling for a woman and tearing apart New York City.

Cedar Hills has a slightly different "King Kong" that I fear we will be battling sooner than later. In our case, "Kong" is our secondary water, which we all use to irrigate and water our lawns and gardens. I wrote much about this last year, even to the point that a resident asked me to stop writing about it. I fear I will anger this resident again, as our water situation is getting worse, not better.

I want to reiterate that right now we have enough water shares, but much of the secondary water we pump through our pressurized irrigation system comes out of American Fork Canyon, and we usually run out of this water in July when the weather is hot. The city supplements its secondary water with culinary (drinking) water, which comes from one of our city's two wells. At that point, if one of our two wells were to go down, then I don't believe I would be able to supply water to you for watering your lawns.

Right now Cedar Hills, like most cities, does not meter its secondary water, and most of us are using far too much. If we treated secondary water like a utility, and we paid for what we used, then I believe we would all be motivated to reduce our consumption. Reducing our consumption helps the wear and tear on our culinary water pumps because, as I mentioned, in July and August we are supplementing secondary water with drinking water and the pumps are working every day, all day for a couple of months. Last year we were lucky; we had a very wet summer and fall so we used less water on our lawns. But this year we had a dry winter and, so far, a warm January and February. This does not bode well for the year if we continue to have above average temperatures this spring and summer. I worry about my ability to provide you with the amount of water you are accustomed to.

I cannot imagine the city deciding not to meter our pressurized watering system. The cost could be close to two million dollars, but we are applying for a grant from the Department of Water Reclamation for part of the costs. If we get the grant, then I would imagine doing about one-third of the city this year and one-third for each of the next two years, so that we can limit our need to borrow money to accomplish this task.

Please join with me in seriously cutting back on our water usage this year, so that we are ready for metering in the next year or so.



Mayor Gary Gygi

## 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.

## Celebrate Arbor Day and Receive a Prize

Now that spring is here, consider planting a tree or two! Cedar Hills is a distinguished member of Tree City USA and continually focuses on the benefits of planting and caring for trees. This year Thanksgiving Point has generously donated complimentary tickets to Thanksgiving Point Gardens. The first 25 people who send a photo of themselves planting a tree on or before Arbor Day, April 24, 2015, will receive two free admission tickets to Thanksgiving Point Gardens. Please send the photos to Laurie Petersen at [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org).

## Reminders from the Public Works Department

- 1) **Access to Utilities:** It is prohibited to bury the access lids to any utility, including water meters, irrigation connections, power boxes, etc., with landscape materials.
- 2) **Public Interference with Water or Sewer System:** "It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, deface, injure, or interfere with the operation of any part or appurtenance of the water or sewer system (Ord. 3-3-88A, 3-3-1988).

## Residential Burn Permit Information

The open burn policy was changed in 2013 to meet the revised standards of the State Department of Air Quality (DAQ). Recent modifications to these rules change 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: [airquality.utah.gov](http://airquality.utah.gov). DAQ may also be reached by phone at: 801-536-4000. More detailed information is available on the Cedar Hills website under Sanitation.

## Keep Weeds, Vegetation under Control

March is a good time to trim back vegetation, including trees, bushes, and hedges, to free sidewalks and street signs from obstruction. The city's code enforcement officer would like to remind residents to be aware of the following definitions in the City Code that constitute a "nuisance."

- Weeds on vacant lots or residential property, along public sidewalks or the outer edge of any public street, or weeds in any other location that constitute a fire hazard.
- Improper accumulations of soil, litter, debris, plant trimmings, or trash visible from the street or an adjoining property.
- Dead, decayed, diseased, or hazardous trees; weeds; hedges and overgrown or uncultivated vegetation that are in hazardous conditions, or are an obstruction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or that are likely to harbor rats or other pests.
- The front yard of a lot containing a dwelling shall be landscaped and maintained. Grass shall not exceed 6" in height.

## Storm Water Tip of the Month

### What can you do?

If commercial fertilizers are used, do not apply to sidewalks or driveways, and only apply as much fertilizer as needed. Use pesticides as a last resort. Follow the directions on product labels and do not apply on exposed or eroding soil. Only use what you will need. Remember: Do not apply pesticides on windy or rainy days.

## City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

On February 3, the City Council unanimously voted to authorize the 2015 Primary and General Municipal Elections to be conducted using vote by mail, a system where all residents vote using absentee ballots. Cedar Hills will be the first city in Utah County to conduct an all vote-by-mail election. Last year, ten counties in Utah conducted elections entirely by mail. According to a press release issued by the Lieutenant Governor's office in 2014, these counties "increased the percentage of their voters who cast a ballot before Election Day to 49 percent." In 2013, nineteen Utah cities and towns conducted completely absentee ballot elections, and each one saw an increase in voter turnout, with fifteen of those cities also recognizing a reduction in election costs. Conducting all vote-by-mail elections will create an easy, accessible method for each registered voter to cast a ballot. For those who would rather submit their vote in person, there will be a ballot box at the city office before and on Election Day.

Over the years there have been several mechanisms put in place to ensure the integrity of a ballot sent via mail. Every voter's signature is compared to the signature in the State voter database, return envelopes are designed to be secure and are kept in a locked box until Election Day, and as with in-person voting, two election workers review the ballots and tally forms. An added bonus is that voters generally receive their ballots four weeks prior to the election, giving more time to research candidates and issues and to make better informed votes.

More information will be provided to residents on how to vote by mail and what to expect for the upcoming election. We are excited to move in this direction and to spearhead the vote-by-mail effort in Utah County.



Jenney Rees

Registered voters are not required to fill out an application for the vote-by-mail ballot. Each registered voter will be mailed a ballot with instructions for returning the ballot. Ballots for the



Primary Election will be mailed out by Tuesday, July 14, 2015, and for the General Election by Tuesday, October 6. Completed ballots must be returned by mail and clearly postmarked before Election Day, or placed in the ballot box at the Cedar Hills city office building by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Primary Election Day is August 11, 2015, and General Election Day is November 3, 2015.

Questions regarding the vote by mail process may be directed to the Cedar Hills recorder, Colleen Mulvey, at: 801-785-9668, ext. 503, or at: [cmulvey@cedarhills.org](mailto:cmulvey@cedarhills.org). Other election information, including voter registration and how to register to vote, may be found on the city's website.

## 2015 Candidate Filing Period Approaching

There will be a municipal election this year for three city council positions (four-year terms, January 2016 to January 2020). The candidate filing period is **Monday, June 1, to 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 regular office hours. A fee of \$35 is required at the time of filing. Additional information regarding candidate qualifications can be found on the city's website.

## 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 on June 6. Watch the city's website for more details.

## Become a Family Festival Volunteer

Volunteering for the Family Festival is both rewarding and fun. It's an opportunity to serve others and to meet many wonderful people in the community. Training is provided, and each volunteer receives a Family Festival T-shirt. Please submit the Family Festival Volunteer Form, found on the city's website, to let us know you'd like to help. Questions? E-mail: [FamilyFestival@cedarhills.org](mailto:FamilyFestival@cedarhills.org).

## Free Educational Classes Begin at Rec Center

A series of free educational classes for Cedar Hills residents begins next month. The first one will be a pruning/gardening class. It will be held at the Cedar Hills Community Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive, on Wed., **April 8**, at 6:00 p.m. Get timely tips and techniques for a tip-top garden this year!

## Seniors Education Series

The public is invited to a free, monthly Senior Education Series presentation. This month Dr. Kennedy will discuss the effects of medical reform on seniors. Place: The Charleston at Cedar Hills, 10020 North 4600 West. When: Thursday, **March 19**, at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact The Charleston at: 801-772-0123.

## Horrocks Engineers Sponsors Blood Drive

In an effort to help the community and aid in the constant need for donated blood, Horrocks Engineers is sponsoring the fifth annual "Blood Battle 2015" on **April 7**. Donation sites will be set up in Pleasant Grove, American Fork, Eagle Mountain, Lindon, and Lehi. At last year's drive, more than 200 donors participated.

Horrocks has made this a friendly competition to see which northern Utah County city can get the most blood donors for the American Red Cross. The city with the most donors will receive a service day from Horrocks employees and be named "Blood Battle 2015" champion.

Visit [horrocksengineers.com](http://horrocksengineers.com) (click on Events) for more information, including locations and times, and to pre-register. Please join us as we work to make a lifesaving contribution to the needs of blood recipients across the country.

## Karate Classes - Register NOW!

A new session of karate classes begins **March 30**. The one-hour classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings for children ages 6-12 at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. The registration fee is \$50 for each five-week session. Register online on the city's recreation page or call the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, with questions.



## Attention! All Superheroes

There will be a training day for all superheroes (ages 4-8) on Saturday, **March 14**, from 10 to noon at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. The cost is \$10 per child, which includes crafts, cutouts, stickers, and photos of each child. Come wearing your favorite costume and bring your trusty sidekick (stuffed animal), and be prepared for fun! Register online on the city's recreation page.



## Tot Soccer Is Back with the Spring Session!

Cedar Hills 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 runs through April 9** at: [cedarhills.org/recreation/youth-sports](http://cedarhills.org/recreation/youth-sports). The registration fee is \$25 plus a one-time fee of \$5 for a reversible T-shirt, which can be worn for any Cedar Hills youth sport program. For more information call the Cedar Hills recreation department or email: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org).

## 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 online until March 15** on the city's recreation page or call the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, with questions. Games begin in April and will be played on Monday afternoons in Cedar Hills and American Fork.



## T-Ball for Boys and Girls Ages 4 & 5

Cedar Hills offers T-ball for boys and girls, ages four and five. 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 online until **May 4** on the city's recreation page, or until the teams are full. The cost per child is \$25, plus a one-time fee of \$5 for a reversible T-shirt, which can be worn for other Cedar Hills youth sport programs. Questions? Contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department.



## Girls Softball Leagues at Pleasant Grove

Girls softball leagues for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are offered through Pleasant Grove recreation. **Registration runs through March 28** online at [rec.plgrove.org](http://rec.plgrove.org). Practices begin the week of April 20. The season runs May through June. Fees are \$55 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and \$72 for 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The Pleasant Grove recreation center may be reached by phone at: 801-785-6172. Registrations may also be submitted in person at the center at: 547 S. Locust Avenue in Pleasant Grove.

## Youth Fishing Classes

Highland's youth fishing classes focus on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources. Classes are held for four weeks on Thursday evenings, beginning **May 7**, from 5:30 to 7:00 at Highland Glen Park. Cost is \$20, which includes an instruction manual, bait, tackle, and a T-shirt. A fishing pole may be rented for an additional \$5. Classes are limited to 20 participants, ages six and older. Parents are welcome to attend and participate with the class. Register online at [highlandcity.org](http://highlandcity.org) from the Recreation page under Events.

## Have You Seen the Bookmobile?

The Utah County Bookmobile comes to town every other Monday (**March 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: [bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah](http://bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah).

## 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 on **Saturday, April 11**. The collection will take place in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre Mall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details, including a list of what will or will not be collected, please call 801-225-8538 or visit: [UtahCountyHealth.org/hhw](http://UtahCountyHealth.org/hhw).

## Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt For Teens

The Youth City Council presents the fourth annual Teen Egg Hunt for kids ages 11-15. Bring your friends, a flashlight, and a basket for a night of hunting on the Cedar Hills golf course driving range, weather permitting. Meet at the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center, 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive, on **Friday, April 3**, at 8:30 p.m.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children

The City of Cedar Hills and the Youth City Council presents the annual egg hunt on **Saturday, April 4**, at Heritage Park, 4425 W. Cedar Hills Drive. The hunt is for children ages 10 and under and will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. Bring your cameras for pictures with the Easter bunny, and come join the fun!

