



CEDAR HILLS

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings	Mar 1 & 15
7:00 p.m.	
Disaster Preparedness Event for Families	Mar 8
Miss Marisa's Story Time - 11:00 a.m.	Mar 9
Plants & Soils Classes Rec Center, 6:30 p.m.	Mar 16 Apr 20
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Mar 22

City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then extension:
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 503
Zoning & Code Enforcement, 500
Business Licensing, 400
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



"Be Ready Utah" Family Preparedness Event

The city's fourth annual multi-city Family Preparedness Event will be held on Tuesday, **March 8**, in the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center. The city will join with Be Ready Utah to focus on disaster preparedness for families. Every family in attendance will receive a free QuickSeries Family Preparedness Guide, while supplies last. Here is the evening's schedule:

- 7:00 p.m. - "Be Ready Utah" Presentation
- 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Preparedness booths: Drawings and giveaways
- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Emergency personnel on-site: Lone Peak Fire Department and EMS Incident Command Center tours.

The meeting will be helpful in organizing your household for emergencies and giving families an opportunity to become involved in this community effort. Our goal is to have a representative from every household attend this important event. For more information, please contact the city's emergency management coordinator, Laurie Petersen, at lpetersen@cedarhills.org.

2016 Utah Elections



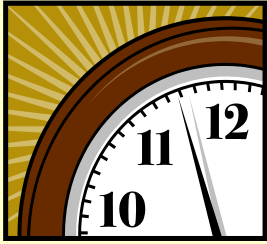
The Utah County Clerk's office will coordinate and administer the 2016 Election using the traditional polling locations to vote in person. If you enjoyed the convenience of the vote-by-mail process that the city used in last year's municipal election, you can request to be put on the absentee/vote-by-mail list. Visit utahcounty.gov and click on Absentee Voting.

Registered voters may vote absentee for any reason. We recommend that you take the time to submit the one-time application to be able to vote by mail in all future non-municipal elections.

The 2016 Primary Election will be held on June 28, and the General Election is on November 8. The following offices are up for election in 2016: Presidential, Utah Senate, House of Representatives, State School Board, Utah County Commissioner, and Local School Boards. More information on the 2016 Elections can be found at: vote.utah.gov.

Utah County Election Poll Workers Needed

The Utah County Elections office is recruiting poll workers for the 2016 Presidential Election. If you or anyone you know would be interested in working the polls, please visit: www.utahelectionworker.com to read the complete requirements and apply online, or call the Utah County Elections office at 801-851-8128.



Mayor's Minute

One hundred and three years ago, about 5,000 women marched in support of women's Suffrage. The march took place before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration, and some people were not too pleased or eager to give women the vote.

Many women participating in the march were struck in the face or spat upon and a near riot took place.

I have had strong women closely in my life since I was a child. I was raised in a single-parent home by a mother who is a saint, and I am now married to a very independent wife and two daughters, whom I adore.

I believe that my two daughters will achieve great things in their lives, as much has progressed since the 1913 march in Washington D.C. I try and teach them not to be victims and to always stick up for themselves. Life has many challenges for both men and women, and I am sure my daughters will face myriads of them, but we are so blessed to live in a country where everyone is entitled to the pursuit of happiness through the freedoms and liberties, which we so richly enjoy.

I want to talk about a woman in Cedar Hills who is doing great things for us in regards to her efforts in soil, gardening, and water conservation. Dianne Farrer teaches free monthly "beyond gardening" classes in our community center. She says she is trying to give us the scientific chops to make good

decisions regarding not just soil management, but what to plant and why. Our soil is not the same as other parts of the valley, so if you would like to know what will thrive and what will not, I highly recommend you to her classes. The next class is scheduled for March 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The classes run every third Wednesday through October. Please check the city's website for specific information about each class.



Mayor Gary Gygi

Don't forget our emergency preparedness town hall meeting on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the community center. We hold this meeting every year, and if you were to choose one city meeting to attend each year, this is the one.

On a final note, even though it appears that we have received abundant snow this winter, I am told that in the mountains it is just average. Don't get me wrong; that is better than the last few winters that have been much drier, but we need much more to get back to where we need to be as a city and state. I will continue to talk this year about water conservation, as last year we only cut back 2% when our water conservation committee was hoping for a 30% reduction. Two percent is better than an increase, but it didn't move the dial.

Enjoy the rest of your winter.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

Fertilizers and Pesticides: What can you do?

Use natural fertilizers. Do not spread fertilizers onto sidewalks or driveways, and only apply as much fertilizer as needed. Only use pesticides as a last resort. If you must use pesticides, follow directions on product labels and do not apply on exposed, eroding soil. Remember, do not apply pesticides on windy or rainy days.

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 pressurized system is activated around April 15.

City Offers Free Dump Passes

Cedar Hills offers its residents two (2) free dump passes per year, per household. Each pass will cover the cost of a load that is 500 pounds or less. Any additional cost is the responsibility of the resident. Both passes may be used for one load if necessary. Please come to the city office to obtain the passes, which are available year-round, but must be used before December 31.

City Provides Dumpsters for Spring Clean-Up

The city will sponsor its 18th annual Spring Clean-Up on two Saturdays, **April 16, and April 23**. Large roll-off dumpsters will be available from 7AM to NOON at the following locations:

- Sunset Park—9814 N Dorchester Drive
- Heritage Park—4450 W Cedar Hills Drive
- Hayes Circle – The Cedars
- Timpanogos Cove Park – 9508 N Timpanogos Cove
- Morgan Blvd/Sage Vista Drive

Do not place the following items in the dumpsters: car tires, car batteries, motor oil, appliances, electronic devices, concrete, construction materials, or liquids. Tree limbs should not exceed six inches in diameter and 12 feet in length. If the dumpster is full, please take the load to another location.

The city encourages residents to clean their yards, sweep gutters and sidewalks, and do their best to improve neighborhoods. Owners should clear vacant lots of garbage and tall weeds. In the spirit of Spring Clean-Up, please assist those who may need a helping hand.

Group projects can be coordinated through the city's Beautification Committee. Call or text Boyd Wilkes at 801-822-7601 for more information.

City Council Corner

Council members have the opportunity to provide links to their council blogs, where city-related information can be shared. We hope this will increase communication and will provide a variety of views on the important topics facing our city.

Jenney Rees

The City of Cedar Hills retained Bowen Collins & Associates (BC&A) to perform an update to the Utility Rate Study that was completed in 2012 for the city's water, pressurized irrigation, sewer, and storm drain utilities. One of the areas of concern listed by BC&A relates to the city's use of PI water. The Council will be discussing the updated study recommendations and appreciates your feedback on this issue. For more information, read my blog at: jenneyrees.wordpress.com.

Daniel Zappala

The city is currently revising our zoning and development ordinances for the commercial zone. We recently conducted a survey to collect feedback from our residents regarding what uses they think should be allowed in the commercial zone. Thank you for your input! My blog summarizes the results of the survey so you can see what your fellow residents think. Read the results at: cedarhillsblog.org.

Rob Crawley

Council blog found at: cedarhillsrob.blogspot.com.

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 obstructions. The following definitions in the City Code constitute a "nuisance."

- Weeds on a vacant lot or residential property, along public sidewalks or the outer edge of any public street, or weeds that constitute a fire hazard.
- Improper accumulation of soil, litter, debris, plant trimmings, or trash visible from the street or an adjoining property.
- Dead, diseased, hazardous, overgrown or uncultivated vegetation obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or that could 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.

Residential Burn Permit Information

The open burn policy was changed in 2013 to meet the revised standards of the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Recent modifications to these rules change the open burn periods and include a statewide requirement to obtain a permit from local fire authority. The permit application process begins at DEQ's website: deq.utah.gov. More detailed information is available on the Cedar Hills website under Sanitation.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, and unused medications will be offered safe disposal of these items. The collection will take place in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre Mall in Provo on Saturday, **April 9**, from 9am to 3pm. For details, including a list of what will or will not be collected, please visit the Utah County Health website or call 801-225-8538.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

This workshop is for individuals, ages 18 and older, with any chronic condition. Family members and caregivers are welcome to accompany a registered class member. The workshop meets weekly for six weeks, beginning **March 8** in the Cedar Hills Community Center from 10AM to 12:30PM. Visit the Cedar Hills website for more information and to register online.

Classes on Plants and Soils

This popular series of classes with Dr. Dianne Farrer continues **March 16** and every THIRD Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. through October 2016 at the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center. No registration required. Oh, and did we mention that it's FREE! March's class will address vegetables and herbs. Detailed information about each class is available on the city's website.

Youth City Council Application Deadline

Students in grades 9 thru 12 can submit the application online at: cedarhills.org/youth-city-council. The application deadline is **April 30**, interviews will be held in May, and the new 2016-17 YCC session begins in June.

Factoid: In 2015 there were 56 Eagle Scout ranks earned from the City of Cedar Hills, totaling 2,117 service hours.

Cedar Hills Youth Sports Leagues

Registration for youth sports leagues is available from the city's website using Rec1.com, the city's new recreation management software. Questions? Call the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email recreation@cedarhills.org.

T-Ball Registration Begins

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 8 on the city's recreation page, or until the teams are full. Cost per child is \$25.



Register boys and girls, ages 4 & 5, thru May 4.

Co-ed Teen Soccer

The Co-ed Teen Soccer League is for students, grades 10 thru 12. Form your own teams and enter the team name when you register. Cost per player is \$40, which includes a shirt. There will be eight players from each team on the field with four girls and four boys. Register online from cedarhills.org before March 15. Games begin in April and will be played on Monday afternoons in Cedar Hills.

Cedar Hills Soccer League

Soccer League is offered in the spring and fall for boys and girls in kindergarten through the 2nd grade. Registration runs through March 27 from cedarhills.org. Spring Soccer League will begin play in mid-April.

Tot Soccer

Tot Soccer is a fun, six-week soccer league for children ages three and four. Register at cedarhills.org before April 9 for the spring games, which will be played on Tuesday evenings, starting April 19. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to coach tot soccer.

Next Session of Karate Classes Begins March 14

Karate classes for children ages 6-12 are offered at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. The one-hour classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays for different levels. Registration fee is \$50 for each five-week session. Online registration is available at cedarhills.org. The next sessions begin March 14 and April 25.

Miss Marisa's Story Time

Meet us by the fireplace in the Vista Room on **March 9** at 11:00 a.m. for stories, singing, and art with Marisa Wright. Join us for Story Time on the second Wednesday of each month through May 2016.

Bookmobile Schedule for March

The bookmobile comes to town every other Monday (**March 7 & 21**) from 1:00 to 3:00. For more information visit bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah.

From the Family Festival Committee

Our favorite time of year is fast approaching! The 2016 Cedar Hills Family Festival is right around the corner, and we want you to mark your calendars now, so you can celebrate with us! This year's Family Festival will be **May 31 through June 4**. Here is the schedule of events:

- **Tuesday, May 31:** Annual Firecracker Golf Tournament in the morning followed by Swim Night (on Tuesday this year!) that evening at the Veterans Memorial Pool in Pleasant Grove.
- **Wednesday, June 1:** The crowd-favorite Car Show in the evening is coming back bigger and better than last year (if that's possible)!
- **Thursday, June 2:** The amazing carnival from Brown Amusements will be back (tickets required), as well as the Fun Run that benefits a local family. That evening area teens will take over Heritage Park for our second annual Festi-Frenzy.
- **Friday, June 3:** The carnival will be in full swing, as well as our food and craft vendors. That evening we have a fabulous dinner provided by Meier's Fine Foods (tickets required), followed by our famous movie night at the amphitheater. Bring your family and friends and join us for a lovely evening under the stars.
- **Saturday, June 4:** Don't miss the parade, carnival, food and craft vendors, children's games, Bingo, Buried Treasure, and Taste of Cedar Hills Baking Contest. Then we will finish another Family Festival with a cheer and a bang with Concert in the Park and Fireworks Spectacular!

You can purchase discounted advance tickets for the Swim Night, Friday Dinner, and Carnival. **Online ticket sales begin April 4**. Advance tickets are limited, so order early. You won't want to miss Family Festival 2016!