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## Building Strong Neighborhoods in Cottonwood Heights

Councilmember Matt Holton



*The statements in this article are the author's views and not necessarily of the entire city council.*

As members of our vibrant community, one thing I know we all have in common is our investment in the well-being and success of our neighborhoods. It's

essential to recognize the power we hold as individuals and as neighbors to foster connections and support one another.

One of the most powerful resources we have is each other. By fostering connections and building relationships with our neighbors, we can create a network of support that is unmatched. Whether it's lending a helping hand to a neighbor in need, organizing a neighborhood clean-up, or simply taking the time to check in on one another, these small acts can have a significant impact on the well-being of

our community.

It's not only the beauty of what we have in common that makes a community, but also our differences that add depth and richness to our collective experience. Whether it's our varied cultural backgrounds, unique hobbies and interests, or differing perspectives and viewpoints, it's these contrasts that truly make our community shine.

As we all enjoy the beauty of our city, it is important that we are all mindful of others, particularly in the late night or early morning hours, avoiding undue nuisance. However, it's also imperative to acknowledge the fundamental right to own and enjoy property. While the government certainly has a role to play, many issues can and should be resolved directly between neighbors. In some extreme circumstances, it may become necessary for the city to step in, especially if laws are being violated, but these situations should be the exception rather than the rule. The government's focus should be on protecting residents' rights while promoting a

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## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

#### APRIL 2

- COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION CENTER REPORT
- TOURISM RECREATION CULTURE & CONVENTION FUNDING
- EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN REPORT
- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT CHANGES TO COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2
- TRANSPORTATION UTILITY FEE DISCUSSION
- BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

#### APRIL 16

- 2024 - 2025 BUDGET DISCUSSION
- EMERGENCY MANAGER DISCUSSION
- TELECOM TAX DISCUSSION
- BUDGET AMENDMENT
- CDRA MEETING
  - TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE UPDATE
  - GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DISCUSSION

#### MAY 7

- SL COUNTY LIBRARY - WHITMORE LIBRARY UPDATES
- ROCKWORTH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
- TENTATIVE BUDGET CONSIDERATION
- SHORT-TERM RENTALS DISCUSSION
- PUBLIC WORKS HEAVY EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION

TO FIND FULL AGENDAS, VISIT [CH.UTAH.GOV](http://CH.UTAH.GOV).

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- **APRIL 1 - MAY 4** : ART EXHIBIT: UTAH WOMEN MAKING HISTORY
- **APRIL 25, 6 PM- 8 PM**: TOWNHALL MEETING REGARDING PUBLIC TRAIL ACCESS AT CITY HALL
- **APRIL 20**: COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SHAKEOUT AT CITY HALL
- **APRIL 20 & 21**: SAPLING SALE AT CITY HALL
- **JUNE 7**: FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING AT CITY HALL
- **JULY 12 -13, 15, 18-20** :BEAUTY AND THE BEAST MUSICAL
- **JULY 25 - 27** : BUTLERVILLE DAYS

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**ALICE KASAI**

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

# Art Exhibit

UTAH ARTS & MUSEUMS' TRAVELING EXHIBIT

## UTAH WOMEN MAKING HISTORY

ILLUSTRATIONS BY BROOKE SMART



**VIOLET BEAR ALLEN**

BROOKE SMART'S ARTWORK HIGHLIGHTS UTAH WOMEN WHO WORKED TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S RIGHTS. THE SERIES WAS COMMISSIONED TO CELEBRATE THREE MAJOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020: THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST VOTES CAST BY WOMEN IN UTAH, THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT, AND THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. THE EXHIBIT HONORS UTAH WOMEN'S STRIDES IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS AND HAS BEEN MADE INTO AN ILLUSTRATED BOOK: "CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE, 25 WOMEN WHO MADE HISTORY."

Utah Women Making History will be showcased at Cottonwood Heights City Hall lobby located at 2277 E. Bengal Blvd. Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1 - May 4




[CHCITYARTS.COM](http://CHCITYARTS.COM)




TOWNHALL MEETING  
APRIL 25

Attend the Townhall meeting regarding Public Trail Access

- Thursday, April 25th, 2024
- At City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.)
- 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents



# Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

## July 12-13, 15, 18-20, 2024

### Tickets on Sale April 15!

More info at [chcityarts.com](http://chcityarts.com)




# BUTLERVILLE DAYS

**July 25 - 27, 2024**

- Sponsorships:** Partner with us and display community spirit
- Vendors:** Sell your product
- Volunteer:** Get involved with your community
- Parade:** Promote your business and show community pride

Get more information at [BVDAYS.COM](http://BVDAYS.COM)



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collaborative approach to problem-solving.

I encourage all of us to recognize how fortunate we are to live in a community like Cottonwood Heights. It's a place full of involved, concerned residents who look out for each other. Our tight-knit neighborhoods are a unique luxury that is becoming less and less common around the country these days. I am blessed every day by my relationships with neighbors and friends. They create an amazing environment for my wife and I to raise our children.

As we move forward, let us commit to strengthening

the bonds that unite us as neighbors. Let us continue to support one another, to collaborate on solutions, and to celebrate the unique diversity and strengths of our community. Together, we can create a community where neighbors connect with neighbors, where support is readily available, and where we work together to build a brighter future for all. ■



## Cottonwoods Connection Pipeline: Ensuring Salt Lake City's Water Supply

Jordan King, Public Involvement (Kimley-Horn)

To enhance the resiliency and efficiency of Salt Lake City's water supply system, the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy (the District), together with the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) is embarking on a critical infrastructure project – the Cottonwoods Connection Pipeline. This project, for the first time, creates a robust regional water supply solution that addresses:

- The aging infrastructure of both the Big Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant (BCWTP) and the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant (LCWTP),
- The seismic vulnerability of both the Salt Lake Aqueduct (SLA) and Little Cottonwood Conduit (LCC), and
- Optimizes the use of our limited water resources in the canyons and in Deer Creek Reservoir (DCR).

### Big and Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plants: Legacies in Need of Renewal

Built in the 1960s, the Big Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant (BCWTP) has served the community for decades. However, signs of age-related failures have emerged, prompting the decision to rebuild the plant.

Also built in the 1960's, the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant (LCWTP) has served as the primary water source to Salt Lake City and the surrounding communities since it was built. Also experiencing age-related issues and failure this plant is scheduled to be rebuilt to meet water supply needs and address seismic vulnerabilities not recognized when first constructed.

### Salt Lake Aqueduct Resiliency Upgrade: A Vital Step Forward

The SLA, constructed in the 1940s and 50s, serves as the primary drinking water supply for the Salt Lake Valley. The existing 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe was not designed with seismic resiliency in mind. In response, a Long-Range Hazard Mitigation Program has been initiated, involving the construction of a parallel aqueduct for hazard resiliency and the refurbishment of the existing

aqueduct to extend its service life.

### Little Cottonwood Conduit: Time for a Change

The LCC was constructed in the 1930's to meet the burgeoning water needs of Salt Lake City. Over the years this aqueduct has served Salt Lake City well but is in need of retirement and repurposing. The LCC capacity will be replaced by the Cottonwoods Connection pipeline once the two treatment plants are reconstructed.

### Regional Water Supply Solution: Connecting Canyons for Maximum Impact

The Cottonwoods Connection creates a regional solution by connecting Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon water supplies.

The Cottonwoods Connection Pipeline will enable the transfer of untreated water from either plant to the other for treatment. This innovative approach allows both canyon's water supply to be treated at either the Big or Little Cottonwood Canyon Treatment Plants. With both plants undergoing reconstruction in the future, there is potential for the exchange of water sources, providing operational flexibility.

This strategy allows the treatment plants to be reduced in capacity or taken off-line during their rebuild efforts. In the case of the BCWTP being demolished, this enables the optimization of our water resources by sending water from Big Cottonwood Canyon to the LCWTP for treatment. This strategic move not only ensures a continuous water supply during BCWTP reconstruction but also saves 24,000 acre-feet of storage in Deer Creek Reservoir. This is equivalent to fulfilling the water needs of approximately 110,000 people.

Cottonwoods Connection Construction: Building for the Future

### The construction of Cottonwoods Connection involves three major pipelines:

1. **BCWTP to SLA at Ft. Union Blvd.:** A 36-inch welded steel pipe within the public right of way, crossing Wasatch Blvd. and designed to withstand earthquakes.
2. **LCWTP Campus to SLA:** A 36-inch welded

steel pipe contained within the District's property.

3. **Parallel to SLA:** A 72-inch to 60-inch welded steel pipe, 100% contained within the existing SLA easement.

The District has bid the project and selected the contractors who will build the pipeline. Contractors were invited to pre-qualify with the District in January this year. Bids were accepted from the pre-qualified contractors and the District's Board of Trustees made a selection on 26 February 2024. Congratulations to the selected construction contractors:

- **COP Construction LLC has been awarded the BCWTP to SLA at Ft. Union Blvd. (CC-1) and LCWTP Campus to SLA (CC-2) pipelines.**
- **Whitaker Construction Co., Inc. has been awarded the Parallel to SLA (SLAR) pipeline.**

Construction on the CC-1 pipeline will begin in Ft. Union Blvd. at the crossing of Wasatch Blvd. this spring. This pipeline is expected to be completed before winter of this year.

The CC-2 pipeline is wholly contained on the LCWTP campus and won't directly impact any property owners or public use.

The SLAR pipeline will not begin construction until the fall of this year, starting at Ft. Union and generally progressing southward.

The Cottonwoods Connection Pipeline signifies a major step to secure the community's clean drinking water. By addressing aging infrastructure and enhancing resiliency we are creating a regional water supply solution. This degree of planning and development ensures a reliable and sustainable water source for generations to come.

For more information and to stay updated on Cottonwoods Connection Pipeline, we invite you to sign up for email updates with the latest news and announcements about the project, simply send an email to [info@cottonwoodsconnection.com](mailto:info@cottonwoodsconnection.com) with "Updates" in the subject line. ■

## History question of the month

What home, built in 1948 (in what was then Butlerville), was the first show home open for public tours at 50 cents a head? (Clue: it was later home to the St. Thomas More Parish.)

Answer on page 6

## Tips for Enjoying the Outdoors Safely During Spring Runoff Season in Utah

Assistant Fire Chief Riley Pilgrim



With Spring upon us, we are beginning to prepare for the potential of an increased water runoff similar to what we experienced last year. As the temperatures rise and we continue to receive spring moisture, our local waterways will become extremely active. With a change in the season also comes with an increased interest in recreating and enjoying the outdoors. With the anticipated increases in water, we would like to share a few tips to help you enjoy the outdoors safely.

The Spring runoff can be an impressive site in Utah, particularly in streams that have a tendency to run at a slower pace during the summer and winter months. Even with slight warming in higher elevations, the runoff can drastically change the speed and volume of water in our rivers and streams. This increased flow naturally draws attention, which can quickly become an emergency if we are not careful.

If you are headed to spend some time in the outdoors

and will be near moving water, please consider the following:

- **First and foremost, it is essential to remember the water will be extremely cold. If someone were to enter or fall into moving water, the temperatures will reduce the body's ability to move and make it far more difficult to exit the water. This can also lead to hypothermia, which poses a significant risk.**
- **Fast moving water that is only a few inches deep has the potential to knock a grown adult off balance; this risk is increased when water rises as it may also include debris from upstream.**
- **Even water that appears calm at the surface can have rapid and varied currents immediately below, never underestimate the power of water**
- **River and stream banks can become compromised as water flow increases, so be cautious when approaching moving water.**
- **If hiking, only cross water in areas with a**

### bridge or other reliable crossing.

It is also paramount to keep a close eye on children and pets when playing near moving water. They are both more susceptible to the danger as they are not familiar with the risk. If at any time you see someone fall into moving water, immediately call 911 for assistance. It will be important to provide information in regard to where they fell into the water and what they were wearing. It is also advised that you do not enter the water to help someone else out as it may lead to you and others experiencing a similar emergency.

City leadership, staff and local emergency managers will also be closely monitoring current and future conditions to assess the potential for runoff and are prepared for a variety of weather and flood-related scenarios. Though there isn't the same concern for flooding as there was last year, resources are still ready to respond to increased water flows. Additional resources and recommendations will be provided as the season progresses and both the city and Salt Lake County Emergency Management websites will post updates as needed. ■

## Save the date: Join Cottonwood Heights' annual city shakeout Saturday, April 20

Participate in Cottonwood Heights' annual city shakeout on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon! This drill helps the community prepare for an emergency situation.

Put a green, yellow, red or black ribbon (or an object in that color) in a visible place outside your home before 9 a.m.:

- **Green:** No medical situations
- **Yellow:** Non-life-threatening medical issue
- **Red:** Life-threatening situation
- **Black:** A death in your home

Block captains will collect information from the street beginning at 9 a.m. The Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club, a volunteer group that

handles the city's radio disaster communications, then transfers the data to the emergency operations center at City Hall.

As part of the drill, residents should also create and review a personal or family emergency plan. Visit the Utah Shakeout website ([shakeout.org/utah](http://shakeout.org/utah)) for more tips. ■

## Protecting Our Waterways

### Spring Clean Up:

Spring has arrived! Take a moment to clear any debris around storm drains in your neighborhood. Blocked drains can lead to street flooding and, ultimately, contaminated water in our water bodies like rivers, lakes, and reservoirs.

While the public works team will be inspecting and maintaining the grates, they value the assistance of residents in cleaning and reporting any problems. ■



### Stop Waterway Crime:

#### PROTECT OUR CREEKS: STOP WATERWAY CRIME

Stormwater is rain and snow runoff that flows into the gutters and storm drain inlets. This water is discharged into Big and Little Cottonwood Creek without being treated. As a result, anything that enters the storm drain ultimately ends up in our creeks. Dumping anything into gutters, storm drains, or creeks not only harms aquatic life, but it is also illegal. If you witness anyone dumping anything into the storm drain, please report it by calling City Hall at 801-944-7000 or online by scanning this QR code. Our stormwater team will respond quickly to ensure that harmful pollutants are not entering our creeks. Let's work together to stop waterway crime and protect our environment.



## Subscription Green Waste Program Resumed March 11

WFWRD weekly green waste collection program resumed Monday, March 11. Cottonwood Heights currently has 1,671 out of the 11,243 District-wide subscribers.

Residents can sign up and help divert green waste, which will then be processed into mulch they can buy from the Salt Lake Valley Landfill.

A one-time \$70 start-up fee to pay for the can is required. The annual cost is \$126, which is less expensive than buying an additional black garbage can (a \$234 annual cost).

To get more information on the green waste program and subscribe, visit: <https://live-wasatch.pantheonsite.io/services-requests/additional-subscription/green-waste>. ■



## Reserve a trailer now to clean up your home or yard this spring

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's offers both bulk and green waste trailers you can rent to help with spring cleaning this season. These trailers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early to ensure you get the date you need.



Visit [wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org) to see rental fees and reserve your trailer, or call 385-468-6325 for more information. ■

## Household Hazardous Waste Dispose

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is defined by the US Environmental Protection Agency as any product that contains corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients. Products such as batteries, cleaners, oils, gasoline, and pesticides are all examples of HHW. Do not place these products in your residential waste, recycling, or green waste cans as it can lead to fire or explosion. For information on where and how to properly dispose of HHW, visit the Hazardous Waste page on our website: [www.wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://www.wasatchfrontwaste.org). Please properly dispose of your hazardous waste materials. ■

## Exploring the History of Golden Hills Park in Danish Town Neighborhood

Ronna Cohen, member of Parks, Trails, and Open Space Committee, Gail Gonger, member of Historic Committee

In the Danish Town neighborhood, Golden Hills Park (8303 South Wasatch Blvd), has a pavilion for 30 people, one tennis court, playground, restrooms, walking paths and hammock posts.



As a member of the CH Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee, Aline Longstaff heard about the Volunteer in the Parks program and became Captain of Golden Hills Park. She has recruited a team to walk the park, check for maintenance needs, pick up trash, and monitor the park's overall health. She says, "The park is a pleasure to visit. Whether playing tennis or taking a stroll, I always see friends from our neighborhood community." Interested in helping at Golden Hills? Please reach out to Andrew Davis [andrew@cottonwoodheights.com](mailto:andrew@cottonwoodheights.com).

Most of the park was never homesteaded. A small portion of the park was part of the Rasmussen homestead. In 1875, Yorgen Rasmussen, applied for an eighty acre homestead grant though he was not yet a citizen. He added a house, stable, orchard, and eight acres for wheat and other grains. Water for irrigation came from Little Willow Creek. In 1881, he died at home never receiving the patent certificate.

In 1884, his son William wrote two letters to the General Land Commission in Washington, DC. He explained that his father was nearly blind and could not see to sign his name on the application. He signed "X" with someone else signed his name. Upon review, the "X" was plainly there and a patent certificate was issued to William Rasmussen, being the only living son of Yorgen Rasmussen.

John Bair was the last owner of the property, operating a tree farm, before being obtained by the City for an open space park. ■

## HOW IS LIFE IN COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS?

PLEASE TAKE THE UTAH WELLBEING SURVEY!



<http://tinyurl.com/CottonwoodHeights2024>



Cottonwood Heights has joined USU's Utah Wellbeing Project to conduct a public wellbeing survey and your voice matters!

All residents age 18+ are encouraged to participate in this 10 minute survey. Disponible en Español!

Please share this survey with friends and family!

Thank you for supporting our community!



Survey works best on computer or tablet

Please contact [courtney.flint@usu.edu](mailto:courtney.flint@usu.edu) for more information. Learn more at [www.usu.edu/utah-wellbeing-project](http://www.usu.edu/utah-wellbeing-project)

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Answer

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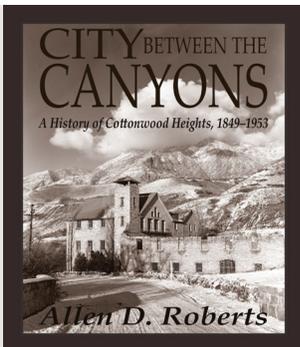
Cannon Mortuary, established by Don and Jackie Cannon, occupies the famous Meyer-Lawn Home built by Dutchman Albert Meyer-Lawn. Albert married Jean Bowthorpe, cousin to Don's mother Margaret Staker Cannon. In this unusual home, Albert featured ceramic tiled walls and ceilings, archways, an inner courtyard, and a heated swimming pool. He advertised it as "The home that is different." Don and Jackie purchased the 32-year-old home

in 1980 and began renovation "on a shoestring and doing the majority of the improvements by themselves." They opened the doors of Cannon Mortuary to the public in November 1981. At that time, Father Maurice Moran, first pastor of the newly formed parish of St. Thomas More, was looking for a temporary building to house his congregation. The arrangement benefited both the Cannons and the Catholics until their new church could be built in 1984.

Don and Jackie Cannon have preserved a beautiful property, raised their family of four children, maintained good relationships in the community, and built a solid respectable business that has survived economic and political downturns. We are proud to have Cannon Mortuary in Cottonwood Heights. ■

Subscribe to emails and get the latest news about city events, Arts Council efforts, and volunteer opportunities! You can also get agendas for public meetings and be notified when we post a new job or a road work update.

Visit [ch.utah.gov/emails](http://ch.utah.gov/emails) to sign up for the notifications you want today!



Buy the book!

Get your very own copy of the hardbound history book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953!* Buy yours at City Hall for \$20 (3 for \$50) or online at [ch.utah.gov/history-book](http://ch.utah.gov/history-book) for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■

# SUMMER JOBS

## Cottonwood Heights

### Parks & Recreation

- LIFEGUARD
- PRE-COMP COACHES
- SWIM INSTRUCTORS
- SWIM INSTRUCTOR AIDES
- OUTDOOR POOL CASHIERS
- YOUTH TENNIS & PICKLEBALL INSTRUCTORS
- KIDS CAMP COUNSELORS & SUPERVISORS
- SKATEGUARDS
- PARKS CREW



**SCAN ME!**

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Public works..... 944-7000  
Recorder ..... 944-7021  
Finance director ..... 944-7012  
Code enforcement.....840-4000  
Police administration.....944-7100

## City council meetings

- **April 2:** Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **April 16:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **May 7:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday each month at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. unless otherwise noticed. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings at [ch.utah.gov/agendas](http://ch.utah.gov/agendas).

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission generally holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Editor:** Beatriz Mayorga,  
Communication Manager

## Improved Pedestrian Safety: HAWK Signal to Be Installed at Busy Intersection on Fort Union Blvd.

The city has successfully secured funding to install a HAWK (High-intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon) signal at the busy intersection of Ft. Union Blvd. and 2115 East, in response to the need for improved pedestrian safety. A HAWK signal is a pedestrian crosswalk that operates as a signalized intersection to stop traffic so that pedestrians can cross in a safer manner.

The primary goal of this project is to provide a safer crossing for pedestrians, especially the students attending Bella Vista Elementary School, who frequently navigate this intersection. The project has passed through the federal and State review and design

processes after securing the necessary grant funding. The State of Utah is distributing the funds, and the project is now set to enter the bidding phase. The bid was scheduled to be authorized by the State on March 23rd, with the bid opening for April 16th.

Construction is expected to commence after the bid has been awarded. This crucial infrastructure upgrade aims to enhance pedestrian safety and streamline the crossing experience at Ft. Union Blvd. and 2115 East intersection, benefiting the local community and ensuring a safer environment for all road users. ■

## SUSTAINABILITY

### The Benefits of Trees

*Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst*

With Spring fast approaching, it's a good time to remember the benefits of trees to our community. The weekend of April 20th and 21st, the city will be hosting a Sapling Sale at City Hall. The event will last from 10 AM to 3 PM on both days while supplies last. There will be no presale, so the event will be first come, first served. All trees will be sold in 5-gallon containers and will be approximately 3-5 ft tall. Whether it's at this event or not, consider planting a new tree this spring! Your yard (and the community's well-being) will thank you! Here are some strong reasons to consider purchasing and planting a new tree this year:

- **Environmental Benefits:** Trees absorb and intercept urban pollution, while emitting oxygen, both especially important during Wasatch Front summers; Trees cool the city down due to shade and evapotranspiration; Trees filter rainwater in their roots and reduce stormwater runoff.
- **Social Benefits:** Drivers tend to drive slower on leafy streets; Tree canopies can



significantly reduce noise and light pollution; Higher tree density is correlated with improved overall health and well-being

- **Economic Benefits:** Planting shade trees can reduce winter heating and summer cooling bills; Studies show shoppers spend more money at businesses surrounded by trees; Trees increase the value of a home, by as much as 15%.

If you're curious to know more about tree benefits or the Sapling Sale, visit [www.ch.utah.gov/sustainability](http://www.ch.utah.gov/sustainability). We look forward to seeing you there. ■



**Cottonwood Heights is hosting a community tree sale event!**

**April 20th & 21st, 2024**  
10 AM - 3 PM  
City Hall (2277 E Bengal Blvd.)

Visit [ch.utah.gov/sustainability](http://ch.utah.gov/sustainability) for more info, or scan the code here.



## Business spotlight

### Pur Life Medical Cottonwood | 1844 E. Fort Union Blvd. #17 | 385-342-2598

Pur Life focuses on identifying and restoring your proper cell and system functions to assist your body in healing itself. Their business represents a dramatic departure from the current medical paradigm based on innovative science

to offer a different approach to your healthcare by using their groundbreaking, effective treatments for a wide range of health conditions, administered by licensed healthcare professionals. For further details, visit their website at [www.purlifecottonwood.com](http://www.purlifecottonwood.com)

[purlifecottonwood.com](http://purlifecottonwood.com) or contact them at 385-342-2598. ■



### Rooted In Play Outdoor Learning | [www.rootedinplaylearning.com](http://www.rootedinplaylearning.com)

Rooted In Play Outdoor Learning is a unique outdoor enrichment program that focuses on learning through nature and child-led play. Enrolled families are encouraged to get outside and make the most of their kids' early learning years, and parents and caregivers are guided on how to support healthy, confident, and

capable kids. Every child is always accepted and celebrated for whoever they are and wherever they're at, and our grown-ups are also provided with various resources to support their child(ren)'s learning at home. Families who attend weekly sessions will feel inspired and confident to replicate fun, engaging, and simple play invitations at

home, too. It makes purposeful, outdoor play doable for every family! To learn more, explore their website at [www.rootedinplaylearning.com](http://www.rootedinplaylearning.com). ■



### Smartest Artist | [www.thesmartestartist.com](http://www.thesmartestartist.com) | [whitney@thesmartestartist.com](mailto:whitney@thesmartestartist.com)

Located at the top of Bengal Blvd, Smartest Artist is an art education studio where children and teens can explore, create, and grow in a supportive and enriching community. Founded in 2020 and led by Whitney Horrocks, the studio is dedicated to providing a comprehensive and engaging art education experience for young artists. Through hands-on exploration and

guided instruction, students develop essential skills such as problem-solving and critical thinking and gain a deep understanding of contemporary art and art history. Her carefully curated curriculum covers a wide range of artistic concepts and techniques, from observational drawing to acrylic painting, watercolor, and more. Visit [thesmartestartist.com](http://thesmartestartist.com) or call Whitney at 801-

458-9183 for registration information or to schedule a studio tour. ■



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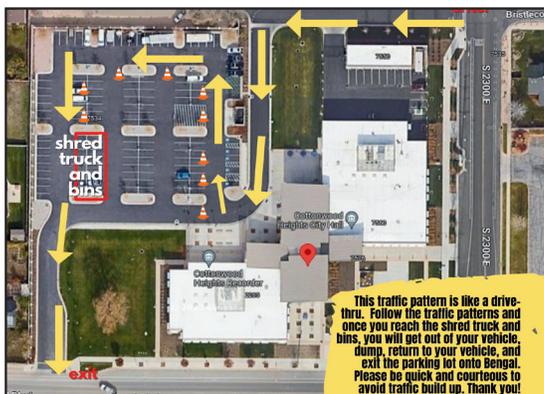
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### Free shred event held Friday, June 7

Columbus Secure Shredding will offer secure document destruction in the City Hall parking lot (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) On Friday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Staples and paperclips are okay, but NO other metal objects are allowed. Please follow the traffic pattern shown below. ■



### Death by Chocolate

Thank you to all attendees and vendors that attended the city's Death by Chocolate Tasting Extravaganza! The event's vendors included Alpha Coffee, Cache Toffee Collection, Conte de Fée Bakery, Crumbl Cookies, Dirty Dough, Elizabeth's Catering, Julie Ann Caramels, Redstone Olive Oil, and Sweet V Bakery! ■

