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# BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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## The end of an era: A special thank you to Mayor Peterson

Council member Scott Bracken



Not since the inaugural election of city officials in 2005 have we had all seats open (no incumbents on the ballot). At the beginning of the year, we will have three new faces at city council meetings.

While I have only known Council Members Christine Mikell and Tali Bruce for the last four years, I have known and worked with retiring Mayor Mike Peterson for over two decades.

Mayor Peterson will have January's article to say farewell, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication and selfless service to our community for the many years I've known him, and for the many years preceding that!

Being a mayor is not an easy job, and I hope

the citizens of Cottonwood Heights have made a good choice for our next one (if you are reading this before Tuesday, Nov. 2, take a break, fill out your ballot now and turn it in at city hall before 8 p.m.). The representatives we choose are critical to keeping our city running well and using our tax dollars in the best ways possible.

Our budget is strong and lean but faces the same challenges we all do. Rising costs and inflation mean our dollars don't go as far, demands on limited resources mean we have to prioritize what we need most first, and differing opinions on what is a need or a want must be resolved.

As I mentioned in my last article, that is where being single-minded or narrowly focused can be a barrier to finding and building a consensus that works for the city as a whole. A good representative needs to be open to discussion, be willing to consider various points of view, and be ready to move forward acting in accordance to their oath

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## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

#### NOVEMBER 2

- FIVE-YEAR ROAD PLAN DISCUSSION
- TRAILS ALONG MURRAY POWER LINES DISCUSSION
- POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
- ZOO, ARTS AND PARKS (ZAP) GRANT AGREEMENT RATIFICATION
- STORMWATER BILLING AGREEMENT WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

#### NOVEMBER 16

- BUSINESS LICENSE CODE DISCUSSION
- HOUSING PLAN UPDATE
- AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROCESS DISCUSSION
- BUILDING CODE SPRINKLER DISCUSSION
- STORMWATER CONTRACT

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## History question of the month

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When is the Historic Committee's Brighton High School exhibit?

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

# Light the Heights

**HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST**

**CONTEST IS OPEN**  
**NOV. 26 - DEC. 9, 2021**

Judging Dec. 10-15

- Prizes awarded
- Free to enter

More info [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov) or email Ann Eatchel at [aeatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:aeatchel@ch.utah.gov)

Contest Application: 

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# Light the Heights

**TREE LIGHTING AND SING-A-LONG**

**Monday, Nov. 29, 2021**  
City Hall - 2277 Bengal Blvd  
**6-7:30 P.M.**

**6-7 P.M.**  
Free Hot Chocolate  
(while supplies last)  
Musical Performance

**7 P.M.**  
Tree Lighting With Santa  
Holiday Sing-A-Long

Nana's Sonoran Hotdogs (food truck) will be available for purchase 5:30-7:30 P.M.

All events will be outside

For more information visit [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov)





Don't miss a single event update! Visit [ch.utah.gov/emails](http://ch.utah.gov/emails) to subscribe to city emails. You can receive all notifications or choose from different categories, including:

- City and community events
- City council meetings
- Arts Council and Historic Committee
- Public notices
- Volunteer opportunities



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of office and fiduciary responsibility to the city and its citizens.

I recently read a report on deliberations among the Supreme Court justices — a group with a wide array of political philosophies, to be sure. Nevertheless, each has a chance to speak, be heard and offer up their interpretation of the law. In the end, the law reigns supreme. Fortunately for me (and the others on our city council), we are tasked not with judicial duties but with legislative ones. We have a great staff that helps us find the best options for our community.

As we move forward with new leadership in the new year, we face the same issues that are always before us: public safety, public infrastructure, planning and zoning, maintenance and the general welfare of our community. There will always be a need to balance budget demands/needs/wants and a need to balance new ideas with established precedent.

Change for change's sake is usually just busy work, but change yielding improvement can be hard to swallow. As a group, our council is tasked to recognize the difference so we can progress and improve. ■



## Don't forget to vote in the municipal election on Tuesday, November 2!

Election Day is here! Registered voters have several options:

- **Mail your vote-by-mail ballot**
- **Drop off your vote-by-mail ballot in the secure box outside city hall**
- **Visit city hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to vote in person**

You must mail your ballot by **Monday, Nov. 1**, or drop off your ballot before 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, Nov. 2**, to have your vote counted for the municipal election.

Remember: The mayor and city council voted to implement ranked-choice voting this year. You'll rank candidates by preference instead of voting for just one.

If no candidate has a majority after the first choices are counted, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated.

Visit [ch.utah.gov/rcv](https://ch.utah.gov/rcv) for more information about ranked-choice voting, and check out [ch.utah.gov/elections](https://ch.utah.gov/elections) for a district map and list of candidates. ■



# VISIT WITH SANTA

**Nov. 29-30, 2021**

Cottonwood Heights invites you to sign up for a virtual visit with Santa

More info: [CH.UTAH.GOV](https://CH.UTAH.GOV)

## Watch for a new stormwater fee on your power bill beginning early 2022

The mayor and city council voted in June 2021 to implement a stormwater fee to cover the cost of repairing and replacing the city's stormwater infrastructure, which is decades old and needs significant upgrades and ongoing maintenance.

Most Cottonwood Heights homes will pay \$7.50 a month, and area businesses will also pay a monthly fee based on the amount of impervious area (surfaces that don't allow stormwater to pass through, including concrete, parking lots, and roofs).

Rocky Mountain Power will begin collecting this fee from Cottonwood Heights residents in early 2022.

Visit [ch.utah.gov/stormwater](https://ch.utah.gov/stormwater) for the city's full stormwater plan and a presentation that includes photos of deteriorating pipes and a breakdown of anticipated infrastructure expenses. You can also learn more about the way the fee is calculated for both residents and businesses and what constitutes stormwater. ■

## Preparing for snow: Check out three important tips from our snowplow drivers

Our snowplow drivers plow whenever there is snow, working all snowy holidays and weekends to ensure residents can safely drive in the city. Follow these tips to make it easier for crews to clear snow in your neighborhood:

- **Blow snow onto your lawn, not into the street.** When you blow snow from your sidewalk into the street, it creates dangerous ice patches after drivers have already plowed.
- **Clear all snow or ice from your sidewalk and driveway within 24 hours of the end of a storm.** Review Cottonwood Heights code section 14-32-060 for more information.
- **Contact neighbors who have mobility**

**issues to help clear their sidewalks and driveways after a storm.** The city doesn't have the resources to clear private sidewalks and driveways.

Snowplow drivers follow assigned routes, prioritizing the main streets to maintain safe travel for the largest volume of traffic. The city's policy is plowing every city road within 24 hours after a storm ends.

Check the city's Facebook (/chcity), Twitter (@chcity) and Instagram (@cottonwoodheights) for plowing updates during and after a storm. To address a snowplowing issue, call the city at 801-944-7000 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■



## COVID-19 vaccines available for ages 12+ throughout Salt Lake County

Residents age 12 and older can receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit [ThisIsOurShot.com](https://thisisourshot.com) to find Salt Lake County Health Department clinics offering the vaccine. No appointment is necessary. You can also visit [VaccineFinder.com](https://vaccinefinder.com) and enter your zip code to find a private provider near you and schedule an appointment.

### Reminders:

- A parent or guardian must accompany those under 18
- Clinics cannot guarantee which vaccine brand you will receive
- You can't be vaccinated if you've had passive antibody therapy to treat COVID-19 within 90

days or currently have COVID-19

- Clinics will schedule your second dose when you get your first dose (you can log into your account to change the appointment)
- You can now receive a second dose from SLCHD if you received a first dose (Pfizer or Moderna) from a different provider ■

## Congratulations to last month's Arts Council art show winners!

Thank you to the artists who participated in the city hall art show. The Arts Council recognized the following artists:

### Professional

Frank Fuller: "Bride's Maid"

### Amateur

Jerry Hartman: "The Lady in the Mask"

### Youth

Ruth Tian: "Leisure"

### Child

George Williams: "The Night Sky"

### Awards of merit

- Rebecca Klundt: "Bamboo Quilt"
- James Hohmeister: "Owl in the Oaks"
- Jane Hulka: "The Wave"
- Lauren Barklow: "Grace"
- Harper Wilson: "Sunshine of Day & Night"

### Honorable mentions

- Brekkes Sjoblom: "Sheltered"
- Susan Bryan: "Waterfall in the Woods"
- Joshua Wood: "Red Rock Sunset"
- Kaylee Rowley: "Kalalau Valley, Kaua'i"
- Remington Anderson: "Chalk Art"

### Mayor's choice

Libertad Hernandez: "Los Faisanes"

### Arts Council's choice

Eric Felt: "Sunset" ■

**Christmas Around The World  
Gingerbread Contest**

3 Grand Prize winners to receive a \$250 gift card and display their gingerbread creations at City Hall.

[www.chcityarts.com](http://www.chcityarts.com)

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Cottonwood Heights ARTS COUNCIL  
ZAP IS YOU  
SALT LAKE COUNTY SET  
Utah Legislature  
Utah Division of Arts & Museums



## Collect and drop off bags of leaves by November 30

There's still time to participate in Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's annual leaf collection program, which extends through Nov. 30. You can pick up leaf bags at city hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.), Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center (7500 S. 2700 E.) and Whitmore Library (2197 E. Fort Union Blvd.) Drop off filled leaf bags at Bywater Park (3149 Banbury Road).

WFWRD limits leaf bags to 10 per household. Residents can also drop off their own leaf bags as long as they contain only leaves. ■

## WFWRD remains competitive amid national driver shortage

Salary markets continue to escalate, along with a national shortage of drivers with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs). WFWRD remains competitive to attract the needed staff to deliver services to residents. They have increased staff wages to keep up with the rising markets and have absorbed these costs with the decreased cost of processing recyclables.

Because of these measures, WFWRD does not anticipate a base services fee increase in 2022. ■



## Participate in WFWRD's annual customer satisfaction survey

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District is preparing for its annual customer satisfaction survey, administered this year by Y2 Analytics.

If WFWRD has your email address, you will receive an email invitation to take this survey. If you don't get an email, visit [wasatchfrontwaste.org](https://wasatchfrontwaste.org) to submit your feedback. The survey will be open in mid-November. You can also provide service feedback at any time by visiting [wasatchfrontwaste.org/suggestion-form](https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/suggestion-form). ■

## Check Facebook and Twitter for WFWRD service updates

As the cold winter months approach, bad weather can affect WFWRD's ability to provide timely service to your neighborhood. The best way to learn about service delays is to check the social media pages.

Follow Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District on Facebook ([facebook.com/wasatchfrontwaste](https://facebook.com/wasatchfrontwaste)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/WFWRD1](https://twitter.com/WFWRD1)) for the latest updates and to receive waste and recycling tips. ■



## Contribute to the Road Home donation drive until November 24

Help families staying at the Road Home shelter in Midvale by contributing the following items this month:

- Coats, winter boots, hats, gloves, and scarves
- Men's, women's, and children's clothing
- Maternity clothing
- Pajamas or sweats

- Pack 'n' plays and strollers
- **NEW** carseats
- Twin-size sheets
- **NEW** sippy cups and bottles
- **NEW** pillows

Please put all donations into bags and drop them off at city hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) by Nov. 24. City hall is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. ■



## Participate in the CHBA's Sub for Santa beginning November 15

Cottonwood Heights Business Association is sponsoring a Sub for Santa and grocery gift card drive for Cottonwood Heights families.

Visit [ch.utah.gov](https://ch.utah.gov) after Nov. 15 to sign up for different needed items. Then bring unwrapped toys and gift cards (with at least \$25 credit) to city hall by Dec. 7. We appreciate your generosity and support in helping local families in need this holiday season. ■



## Answer

**Question,** continued from page 2

More than 50 years of local history will be on display at Cottonwood Heights City Hall starting Nov. 1, as the city's Historic Committee honors the past and present of Brighton High School in a new public exhibit.

The exhibit in the City Hall lobby will feature photographs and memorabilia spanning BHS history from the land's agricultural roots and years of student activities and achievement in the original "roundhouse" design to the recently dedicated re-building of a 21st-century educational center.

"Public schools have been at the heart of local history for more than 100 years," says Historic Committee vice-chair Ken Verdoia. "The re-build of Brighton High in the heart of our city truly is history, and great memories, in the making."

Led by Historic Committee member and Brighton faculty member Jerry Christensen, the multi-panel display is a celebration of changing times and faces, as well as reminders of the role public schools play in our community.

"Brighton opened in the era of Woodstock

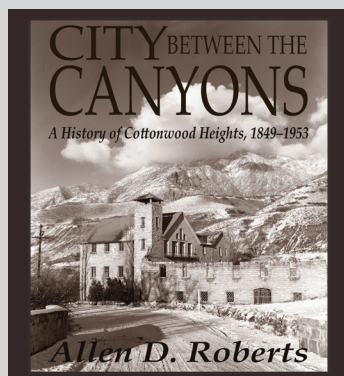
and the moon landing," says Christensen. "And the new Brighton opens with a state-of-the-art, sophisticated facility driven by 50 years of technology and design advancement."

The exhibit, located in the lobby of City Hall on the corner of 2300 East and Bengal

Boulevard, is free and open to the public and will run through Nov. 19.

Much of the exhibit will then move to permanent display in Brighton High School. City Hall public hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■

Follow the Historic Committee on Facebook ([/CottonwoodHeightsHistoricCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/CottonwoodHeightsHistoricCommittee)) for more updates and photos and stories from the Cottonwood Heights and Butlerville areas!



## Buy the book!

Find more community stories in the book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*. Buy yours at city hall for \$20 (3 for \$50) or order it online at [ch.utah.gov/community/history/history-book](http://ch.utah.gov/community/history/history-book) for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■



  
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## City council members

**MAYOR** - Michael J. Peterson

**DIST# 1:** Douglas Petersen

**DIST# 2:** J. Scott Bracken

**DIST# 3:** Tali C. Bruce

**DIST# 4:** Christine Watson Mikell

**CITY MANAGER:** Tim Tingey

## City office

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## Numbers to know

Emergency..... 911

Dispatch ..... 743-7000

Fire authority ..... 743-7100

Animal control..... 743-7000

Justice court ..... 273-9731

## Call direct

City manager..... 944-7010

City planning ..... 944-7065

Public works..... 944-7000

Recorder ..... 944-7021

Finance director ..... 944-7012

Code enforcement..... 944-7095

Police administration..... 944-7100

## City council meetings

**Nov. 2:** Work session 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

**Nov. 16:** Work session 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

(Work session may reconvene after business meeting.)

*Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings.*

*For agenda details, visit [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov).*

*City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*

## Planning Commission

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

## Editors

Lindsay Wilcox, Kim Horiuchi

## Seven Brighton Bengals earn Academic All-State Awards in fall sports

These Brighton High athletes are Academic All-State Award winners for 2021 fall sports. They earned at least a 4.0 grade-point average, scored highly on college-entrance exams, or had stellar grades and standardized test scores.

### Girls' tennis

Elizabeth Monson

Nicole Devashrayee

### Girls' soccer

Annie Alder

Eliza Hobby

### Girls' cross country

Caroline Rupper

### Volleyball

Graysen Trupp

Savannah Cottam ■

## Brighton High School student wins national tennis tournament in Oahu, Hawaii

Near the end of the 2020-21 school year, Brighton High's Hardy Owen carried on a family tradition by winning the Class 5A No. 1 singles boys tennis championship. Then Owen earned victories in both singles and doubles at the Level 2 United States Tennis Association National Tournament in Oahu, Hawaii.

Simply competing in this tournament is an honor. Draws are limited to just 32 players, many of whom are college or pro-tour bound.

Hardy Owen is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Redd Owen, who won three consecutive first singles state titles with Brighton. ■



Photo courtesy Owen family

## Brighton High principal Tom Sherwood named Administrator of the Year

The Canyons Board of Education and Administration is proud to present Tom Sherwood with the 2021 Apex Award for School Administrator of the Year.

Colleagues say Sherwood's capacity to humbly accept feedback and always be striving to improve is what they admire most about him. It's also what he works to instill in his students and had to draw upon these past few years, some of the toughest in his 25 years as an educator.

Managing a high school is an emotionally,

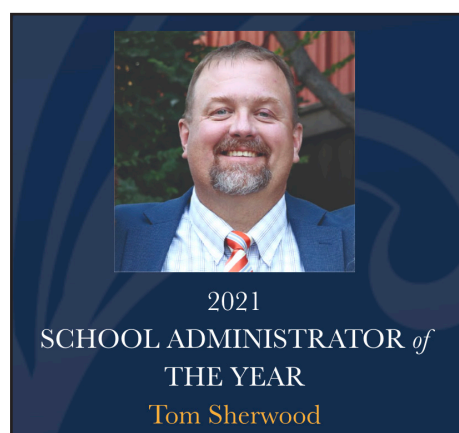
physically, and intellectually demanding job. In the space of a 65-hour workweek, principals will supervise dances, sporting events, and after-school meetings while providing a listening-ear for parents, a backstop for teachers, a reality check for boundary-testing students, and a buffer between the politics and practice of education.

Add to that the challenges of keeping a school running while a new one is being rebuilt around you, and then throw in a pandemic, and you get a sense of the chaos Sherwood has kept at bay.

But in true Sherwood fashion, he'll tell you in his folksy way that while this latest chapter has "been a ride," it has also been incredibly rewarding.

Any doubts about teens' resilience were certainly put to rest. Families rallied to do what was needed to keep students healthy and learning. Schools found new ways to reach disengaged students and deliver more personalized instruction.

Online meeting tools made it possible for educators to collaborate with colleagues from across the hall and around the world — and the Bengal community is stronger for it. ■



## Business spotlights

### Harvest Moon Events | [harvestmoonevents.com](http://harvestmoonevents.com)

Owner Kasey Plourde founded Harvest Moon Events in 2012. Since then, Kasey and her team of mountain event pros have become experts in arranging and transporting ceremony arches, elaborate table decorations, 10-piece bands, celebrity performers, chandeliers, horse-drawn sleighs and more up mountain sides.

Whether offering planning services, décor rentals, or both, Kasey and her team pour their

hearts and souls into every celebration. They take ownership in the success of your event, guiding you along the way with their flexible approach, style and expertise. Their passion and excitement for events is contagious, and they look forward to planning with you.

Visit [harvestmoonevents.com](http://harvestmoonevents.com) or their Instagram account, [@harvestmoonevents](https://www.instagram.com/harvestmoonevents), for more information. ■



### Nikole Holt Organizing | 801-631-5395

Have you ever shut the door on a room or closet and wished it would just disappear? If so, you are not alone. Finding the motivation and time to organize can be overwhelming.

Whether you need help creating an efficient home office, your parents are downsizing or you have an upcoming move, Nikole Holt

Organizing will help you conquer your space one step at a time.

Simplified spaces will restore your energy, reduce your stress, and clear space for what you truly care about.

Contact Nikole at 801-631-5395 to get started. ■



### Wild Sage Acupuncture | 2258 E. Fort Union Blvd. #B6 | [wilsageacupuncture.com](http://wilsageacupuncture.com)

Wild Sage Acupuncture is a holistic medical provider specializing in mind-body medicine for total wellness. They treat the whole family's issues, including acute and chronic pain, stress, anxiety and depression, weight loss, fatigue and many women and children's health conditions.

Owner Megan Sewell is professionally trained and licensed in acupuncture, herbal medicine, cupping therapy and nutritional and lifestyle counseling, and will ensure she uses the right combination of these powerful tools in your treatment plan. The initial consultation is always free.

Visit [wilsageacupuncture.com](http://wilsageacupuncture.com) or call 425-367-3220 to make an appointment. ■



### Attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Wild Sage Acupuncture Nov. 19

Join us in welcoming Wild Sage Acupuncture to the community! Attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at 2258 E. Fort Union Blvd., #B6. ■



### Shop local on Small Business Saturday (November 27)

Support Cottonwood Heights businesses on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 27. Small businesses where we work, play, and live offer numerous options and are ready to complete your shopping list with quality, thoughtful gifts. ■

### Check out the Cottonwood Heights Business Association directory

Visit [ch.utah.gov/business-directory](http://ch.utah.gov/business-directory) to find Cottonwood Heights businesses to help with your needs. Select a category (there are nearly 50 available) and click on the businesses for a brief description of their services. ■