



# Cottonwood Heights

# NEWS JOURNAL



## WHAT MAKES A CITY GREAT: THE BENEFITS OF PUBLIC PARKS

### City Council Article Michael J. Peterson – Dist #3

As a newly appointed City Councilman, I'm excited about the future of our young city. I am impressed by how quickly our city has matured and created an identity centered on an outstanding level of service to its residents. I don't think this happens by chance. I firmly believe it comes from superb leadership.

I would like to extend a personal thanks to Cottonwood Heights' initial city council, including Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Don Antczak, Councilman Gordon Thomas and Councilman Bruce Jones. In the early years it was these individuals that worked long hours and wrestled with numerous challenges to establish a new city that we can all be proud to call home.

But good leadership alone doesn't make a city great. Outstanding

people, excellent schools, successful businesses, and dedicated public servants are among the many other necessary attributes of a great city. Yet another mark of a great city—one that is very close to my heart—is its commitment to quality parks, trails, and open space. From the beginning, the city of Cottonwood Heights was privileged to have an existing park system that already included exceptional amenities. Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area already owned and/or managed Butler Park, Bywater Park, Antczak Park, Mill Hollow Park, and the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center.

However, the residents of Cottonwood Heights recognized the value of additional parks and insisted that parks within our community continue to be a high priority. The city listened and immediately partnered with Salt Lake County and Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area to ensure the development of Golden

Hills Park. Golden Hills Park is adjacent to Wasatch Boulevard at approximately 8600 South. This is the only park within our city that is east of Wasatch Boulevard and it includes a tennis court, pavilion, playground, green space, a walking trail and more.

The city has also taken the initiative to incorporate urban trails into our community by developing the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail which runs through the Cottonwood Corporate Center along Big Cottonwood Creek and will eventually run to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Similarly, The city was proactive in finding non-city funds to develop the Timberline Trailhead, which provides quality access to scenic Ferguson Canyon above Wasatch Boulevard at approximately 7800 South.

The city has also been instrumental in collaborating with Canyons School District and Cottonwood

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## Shopping Locally Leads To A Stronger Community

Did you know that when you shop locally, more of your hard-earned money stays within the city and helps foster a vibrant and sustainable community?

In an attempt to help residents get to know local retail and service providers a little better, Cottonwood Heights has created its Business Networking Program. This program is a way for businesses to get the word out about their services and offer promotions to residents, who can then save money by taking advantage of deals and discounts.

Here's how it works: each week, the city will feature a local business on its website as well as on Facebook and Twitter. We will include information about the business, its services and products, and any promotions they are willing to offer.

Residents can learn about businesses and check out promotions just by following the city's social networking pages. To follow us on Facebook, all you have to do is go to [www.facebook.com/CHCity](http://www.facebook.com/CHCity) and "like" us in order for updates to show up in your news feed.

On Twitter, follow @CHCity. Don't have a Twitter account? Not a problem! Just text "Follow @CHCity"

to 40404. You will receive the city's tweets as texts to your phone without having to sign up for a Twitter account.

Businesses can participate by filling out the Business Networking Program application on the city's website. All businesses must be licensed with the city in order to participate.

**Let's work together to keep our community strong!**



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<b>Animal Control.....</b>	<b>840-4000</b>
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## E.D.I.T.H.—Exit Drills in the Home

**Exit Drills In The Home** can help people prepare for an emergency. Most home fires occur at night, when people are the least prepared. Home fires can become a disaster if you and your family are not familiar with how to escape during an emergency.

### How to Design Your Fire Escape Plan

To design your own fire escape plan, sketch the floor plan of your home on a piece of paper. Indicate on the plan all doors, windows and other areas from which you could escape from each room in your home. Draw arrows to indicate the normal exits which would be your primary escape route. With an alternate color, draw arrows to indicate a secondary exit from each room in your home.

### Meeting Place

Choose a location outside the home where family members should meet once they have safely escaped. A neighbor's front yard or sidewalk may be an ideal meeting place.

### Smoke Detectors

In California, all residents are required to have at least one operating smoke detector. The number of detectors you need and their locations depend upon the layout of your home. There should be at least one smoke detector located near sleeping areas. It is also a good idea to have at least one detector on each level of your home, including the basement.

### 9-1-1

Everyone should know the location of telephones in the home and where to find a telephone outside of the home. It is very important that children also know the "911" phone number in order to report a fire or other emergencies to authorities.

### Practice, Practice, Practice

Your fire escape plan may look great on paper, but does it really work? Regular exit drills in the home will allow you to test the plan and make adjustments as needed. When practicing your exit drills in the home, remember to use alternate escape routes as well. Children should be closely supervised during drills in the home and no one should take unnecessary chances.



Asst. Chief Mike Watson

### Special Needs

People with physical or mental handicaps face greater risks during a fire emergency. People with special needs should sleep in a bedroom near someone who can help in the event of an emergency. A physically handicapped person may require a sleeping area on the ground floor. Design a special escape plan based on the abilities of the person.

### TIPS

- Prepare a fire escape plan
- Install and maintain smoke detectors
- Examine your home for fire hazards and take steps to prevent a fire before it occurs
- Practice exit drills in the home regularly

In 2006, 80 percent of all fire deaths were caused by home fires. Last year, roughly 2,600 people were killed by home fires and 12,500 were injured, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Advanced planning will ensure that you are ready for any fire emergency and can provide you and your loved ones peace of mind.

*\*Information provided by US Fire Administration*

## Mountview Park Taking Shape

If you've driven down Fort Union Boulevard lately, you've probably seen the infrastructure of Mountview Park slowly taking shape. It hasn't changed much for the last month or so, but if the weather cooperates, March will bring some big improvements as the city gets closer to opening the park this spring.

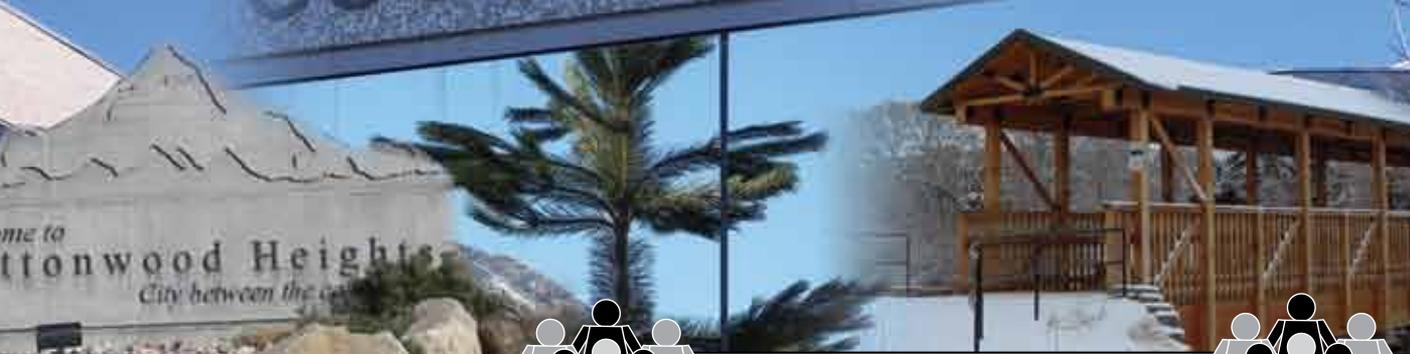
Park planners have ordered the sign that will mark the entrance of Mountview—a giant boulder cut with the name of the park and the city. The sign is expected to be installed by mid-March.

The pavilion, the restrooms and the

playground equipment are mostly installed, but crews will soon begin pouring concrete for the pavilion floor, the plazas, the picnic tables and the splash pad. They will also start working on preparing the playgrounds for the installation of ground covering.

Planners will also order the park landscaping this month so that it can be done this spring. In fact, the city is working on ways to involve the community in the landscaping process, so stay tuned to our website and next month's Cottonwood Heights News Journal for more information!





# COMMUNITY CULTURE

## Community Culture

*The Arts Council works hard to provide events that will expand our community's culture and experience with art, and this spring we have a lot to offer!*

- **Is writing your thing?** Write for the Heights will have its kickoff event on April 14 at Whitmore Library beginning at 10:30 a.m. Local authors including Paul Genesse, Robison Wells, and Jesse Parent will share their experiences with writing and publishing in their respective fields. Afterward, participants can take the opportunity to speak individually with presenters, collect autographs, or purchase copies of their work. This event is free to the public. See the city website for a schedule of Write for the Heights events throughout the year.
- **Do you like photography?** A free photography class will be held at the Whitmore Library Auditorium on Saturday, April 21 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with photographer Jacob Bruner. Use the skills learned in the class to take photographs throughout Cottonwood Heights during the next week. Then on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., framed photographs taken in the Cottonwood Heights area can be submitted at the Whitmore Library Auditorium for a photography contest. There will be a cash award for best photos and an open house to view the contest entries will be held May 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Whitmore Library Auditorium. Participants need not reside in Cottonwood Heights, but all photos submitted must be taken in Cottonwood Heights between April 21 and April 28, 2012. Youth are especially encouraged to participate and submit photos to the contest. Selected photos will be hung in Whitmore Library from May 7 until the end of the open house on May 31. For more information, please contact Karen McCoy at mcfro45@msn.com.
- **Interested in theater?** Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is staging Cinderella this July and we need lots of talented and interested community members to help in areas such as acting, back stage, fund raising, tickets, costumes, make-up, etc. We are also looking for local musicians who are interested in participating in the production's orchestra. We had a great show last summer and plan to just keep getting better. Come meet your neighbors, discover your talents, help your community and have a blast! Watch for auditions May 3, and please contact Ann at aatchel@ch.utah.gov if you would like to volunteer to help in any way. We will need lots of townfolk as well as principal actors and dancers. Stay tuned for more details next month!



The Wasatch LDS Stake is holding an organ recital to celebrate the 25th anniversary of its Schoenstein Pipe Organ on Friday, March 23 at the church building located at 8170 Short Hills Drive.

Concert organist James Welch, who performed the dedication concert in 1987, will return to perform the anniversary recital. He will be joined by soprano Sue Thorup of the Wasatch LDS Stake. Music will include works of Bach and Widor, arrangements of well-known hymns, and lively pieces from England, France, Mexico, and China.

Welch is University Organist at Santa Clara University in California. He received his doctorate in music from Stanford University and has performed throughout the world. He is also a regular guest organist at the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

The program is free and open to the public.



### Rec Center Tennis Programs Honored By Utah Tennis Association

The Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, a longtime community partner with Cottonwood Heights, was presented with the 2011 Utah Tennis Association Organization of the Year award at the association's annual meeting at the Cottonwood Country Club on Jan. 26.

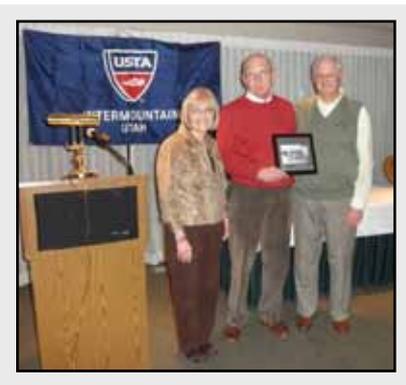
CH Rec was honored for its dedication to fostering community tennis programs and helping them thrive. The Utah Tennis Association noted that after the recreation service district took over tennis programs from Salt Lake County 15 years ago, they added additional courts and a full

range of tennis programs including lessons, tournaments, leagues, and 10-and-under tennis. The rec center currently manages 11 courts in six different parks within the service area, and two new courts will be added when Mountview Park opens in the spring.

The Organization of the Year award was established in 2007 and is presented annually in recognition of the services offered by a Utah Tennis Association member and to honor their support to the association in helping to grow tennis participation at all levels.

Cottonwood Heights congratulates the Cottonwood Heights Recreation

Center and its staff on their award and expresses appreciation for their valuable contributions to our community.



*Pictured left to right are Utah Tennis Association Executive Director Linda Vincent, and CH Parks and Rec Service Area Director Mike Peterson and Chairman Carl Evans.*

### HISTORICAL QUESTION

Can you identify the present day locations of the following early 1900's Butlerville areas:

1. Brown's Hill
2. Butler Bench
3. Butler Hill
4. Colebrook Corner
5. Colebrook's Hill
6. Danish Town
7. Emmaville
8. Pepper's Hill
9. Poverty Flat
10. Union Fort Road
11. Will Dyer's Road

March 2012

JUST A  
REMINDER

**Commit to be Fit**

Have you noticed the brightly-colored banners posted around the city? Commit to be Fit is not only a goal-setting program to help people live a healthier lifestyle, it is also a contest between all the cities in the Salt Lake Valley to see which city has pledged to become the most fit.



Would you like to get on board and help Cottonwood Heights become the fittest city in the county? All you have to do is go to the Commit to be Fit website at [www.slfrit.org](http://www.slfrit.org), pledge to make a healthy change in your current habits—large or small—and then stick to your goal. A free smoothie coupon and monthly prize drawings await!



**Scholarships available**

An anonymous donor in Cottonwood Heights has asked city leaders to administer \$3,000 in scholarship money to eligible high school seniors that live in the city. The deadline to submit completed applications to the Brighton High School counseling center is noon on Friday, April 13. A more detailed breakdown of scholarship criteria can be requested from the school counseling center. Seniors who live in Cottonwood Heights but don't go to Brighton High School can request the criteria by contacting the city offices at 801-944-7000.



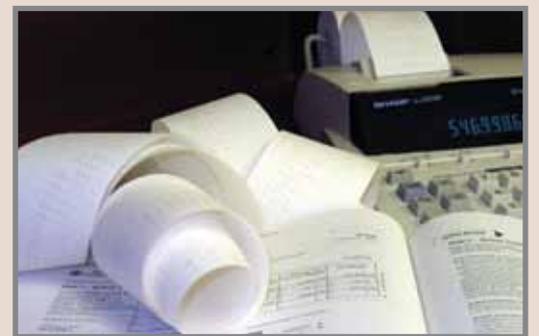
**Tax help available**

April 15 is quickly approaching, and with it comes the stress of tax preparation. If you need help preparing your taxes, the IRS offers two programs for lower-income or elderly residents.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is available for people who make \$50,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free preparation in local communities. To find nearby VITA sites, call 1-800-906-9887.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) is also available for all with priority assistance for people 60 years of age or older. IRS-certified volunteers specialize in questions about pensions and retirement issues. Call 1-888-227-7669 to find a local TCE site.

More information on both of these programs can be found at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



**Get ready to shake!**

At 10:15 a.m. on April 17, thousands of Utahns will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" during The Great Utah ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill in Utah history! Stay tuned to the Cottonwood Heights News Journal and the city website in coming weeks for more information on how to participate in our community. Meanwhile, see how others in the state are preparing for the event by logging onto [www.shakeout.org/utah](http://www.shakeout.org/utah).



**Staff Changes At The City Office**

In February, Cottonwood Heights' city staff was switched around a bit, and the city welcomed one new employee while others moved into new positions.



- Candi Tanner was hired as Accounts Manager after Alice Winberg took a position with Herriman City. Candi previously worked as the Planning Technician in the planning department and she has worked for Cottonwood Heights in various capacities since the city incorporated in 2005. She is our "Jack of All Trades!" Her current responsibilities include payroll and accounts payable.
- Michael Johnson has been hired as the planning department's new Planning Technician. He worked as an intern for the planning department for eight months before being hired as a full-time employee. Michael is a recent graduate of Brigham Young University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning.
- Dawn Black is new to Cottonwood Heights and has been hired as the part-time Assistant Emergency Manager. She will work as a liaison to local CERT groups and the city's emergency planning committee. She will also help coordinate volunteers. Dawn is well-qualified and has years of emergency management training and experience. She also works part-time for Sandy Police Department.



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## PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW COTTONWOOD CORPORATE CENTER PROPOSAL

### Public hearing regarding CDBG funds

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are federal funds dedicated to low-income census tracts. Cottonwood Heights has been awarded a small amount of CDBG funding and will hold a public hearing to solicit comment on proposed uses for the funds.

The city is considering using this year's CDBG funds to support two programs: ASSIST, Inc. and Valley Services' Handyman Services Program.

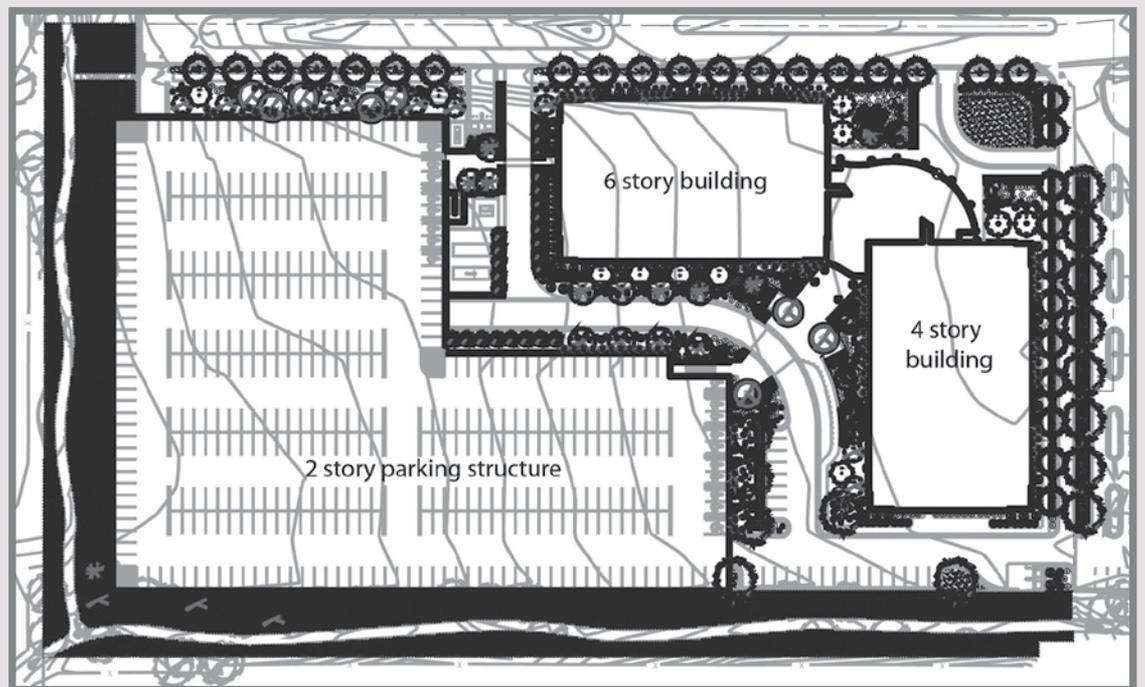
The public hearing will be held on March 27 at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers at 1265 E. Fort Union Blvd. Suite 300. Reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities or those in need of language interpretation services can be provided if three working days' notice is given to the city. Please call Linda Dunlavy at 801-944-7000. TTY/TDD users should call 7-1-1.



The Cottonwood Heights Planning Commission will again review a proposal for a new two-building office in the southwest parcel of the Cottonwood Corporate Center. The proposal is for the consideration of the site plan and two new office buildings (six- and four-stories) that will total approximately 250,000 square feet and be connected by a common lobby located at 2800 E. Cottonwood Parkway.

The planning commission will take public

comment at their March 21 meeting. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1265 E Fort Union Blvd. Suite 300. The public is encouraged to submit written comments prior to the meeting until March 20. Any changes to the proposal will be posted to our website. Since this public hearing is a repeat of a public hearing held on Jan. 18, previous comments have been recorded and do not need to be resubmitted.



## Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation (Butler Park west fields, 2700 E. 7500 S.)

**FREE KIDS EGG HUNT** with the Easter Bunny, over 13,000 eggs, & face painting

**Saturday, April 7, 2012 – 9:00 am**

Come early to find the field for your age group:

**ages 0-2** (Each Bunny Helper has a different surprise)

**ages 3-4** (No parental assistance)

**ages 5-8 & ages 9-12**

**~BRING YOUR OWN BASKET~**

*In the event of inclement weather, eggs will be passed out in a drive-thru at the Rec Center. Watch for the Easter Bunny & bring the kids and their empty baskets.*

**Come early---parking limited!**

Albion Middle School (old Cottonwood Heights Ele. School)

LDS churches on Bengal Blvd.

Butler Middle School

Brighton High School

# EASTER EGG HUNTS

**FOR TEENS**  
ages 13-17

**FREE TEEN  
ICE SKATING  
& EGG HUNT**

**Friday Night, April 6**

**7:00-9:00 pm** Free ice skating, pizza, drinks, and live D.J. Hunt for eggs on the ice following ice skating.



Event Sponsored by:





WHAT MAKES A CITY GREAT: THE BENEFITS OF PUBLIC PARKS

City Council Article *Continued from page 1*

Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area to ensure the viability and maintenance of contiguous green space at Butler Park (behind Butler Middle School). This space is the site of so many events that take place within our city, such as Butlerville Days, Easter egg hunts, youth soccer, football, lacrosse and more. With the construction of the new Butler Middle School, fears immediately arose regarding the possible loss of this space. The city quickly partnered with the service area to demonstrate its dedication to maintaining this site and its contiguous green space.

Realizing that every area of our city deserves quality parks with associated park amenities, the city has collaborated with a cooperative Canyons School District to preserve and enhance the Mountview Elementary School site (1600 East Fort Union Blvd.) by developing it into an outstanding community park. The city made an extra effort to hold several meetings with local residents to ensure a park design that the community could enjoy for years to come.

It's been exciting to watch the park take shape as construction progresses. This beautiful new park will include athletic fields, a pavilion, tennis courts, basketball courts, and the community's first splash pad. Preserving this valuable piece of

green space further highlights the character and commitment of our young city.

As a career public parks and recreation practitioner, I've come to understand the dynamics of the many benefits of public parks. Property owners can appreciate economic benefits while residents and park users enjoy active lifestyles and safer communities. However, for me there is nothing more beneficial to a community than the opportunities parks, trails, and open spaces can give to families.

Few memories are as cherished as those that come from attending a child's soccer, football, lacrosse, or baseball game on a Saturday morning. Family reunions with impromptu Wiffle Ball games or a Saturday morning walk or bike ride on one of our urban trails or walkways are treasured moments that last a lifetime. Playing tennis under the lights with your child on a summer evening, watching fireworks on the 24th of July, and enjoying a children's movie as part of Movies in the Park are just some of the truly simple pleasures our parks can provide.

The benefits of parks, trails, and open space are endless and invaluable to families and individuals and one of the many things that makes this city great!

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The March meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, March 6th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 13th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting  
*(reconvenes following business meeting)*  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 20th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 27th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting  
*(reconvenes following business meeting)*  
7 p.m. Business Meeting



**City, Owner Of Tavaci Property Continue Litigation**

Last year, Terry Diehl, whose company owns the Tavaci property at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, petitioned Cottonwood Heights to disconnect his property from the city and become part of unincorporated Salt Lake County. The city council denied his petition on Nov. 1, and Diehl filed suit in Third District Court a few days later.

At the end of November, the city filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit on the grounds that the plaintiff's standing for filing the lawsuit was incorrectly determined. Diehl's attorneys filed a response to the city's motion in early January, the city then filed a reply brief, and the judge set a March 1 hearing date. The city's legal options going forward will depend on the judge's ruling following the March 1 hearing.

Because the hearing date falls too late for information on the ruling to be included in this edition of the Cottonwood Heights News Journal, residents can find out the latest on this issue by visiting the Hot Topics section of the city website at [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov).

**City Council Honors Japanese American WWII Vets**

On Feb. 14, the Cottonwood Heights City Council signed a proclamation thanking Japanese American veterans of World War II and designating Feb. 18, 2012 as Congressional Gold Medal Day in honor of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service.

The city joined the Utah State Legislature and Salt Lake County in supporting the veterans, who were presented with the Congressional Gold Medal on Nov. 2, 2011.

At the inception of World War II, many Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from the West Coast of the United States and incarcerated. Nisei, or second-generation American-born citizens, were classified 4C, meaning they were unfit for military service because of nationality or ancestry.

However, in 1942, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion—both comprised of Japanese Americans, some of whom were from Utah—and Nisei members of the Military

Intelligence Service (MIS) were activated by the federal government and sent to battle in the European, African, and Pacific Theaters of World War II.

The 100th/442nd became one of the most decorated units in United States military history with more than 18,000 individual and unit decorations, and the MIS was awarded nearly 100 decorations, including a Presidential Unit Citation.

Cottonwood Heights thanks these heroic veterans and their families for their service.



Congressional Gold Medal, courtesy of the United States Mint

**WORLD WAR II – VETS**



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**Answer To March Historical Committee Question:**

1. The hill on 2300 East between Fort Union and Bengal Boulevards.
2. The area beginning at the top of Butler Hill (approximately 2700 East) to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon along Fort Union Boulevard.
3. The hill on Fort Union Boulevard between 2300 East and 2700 East.
4. The southwest corner of the intersection of Highland Drive and Fort Union Boulevard.
5. Also known as Brown's Hill (see #1).
6. The Danish Road area.
7. The area above the south end of Danish Road where the road makes a sharp turn, running east to Wasatch Boulevard.
8. The hill on Creek Road between Danish Road and Little Cottonwood Creek.
9. Approximately the high area between 1400 East and Highland Drive, and the south side of Fort Union Boulevard and the hill running along Parkridge Drive.
10. Creek Road, running from Danish Road west to the Union Fort in Union (behind Walmart).
11. Bengal Boulevard between Danish Road and old Wasatch Boulevard.

**HISTORICAL ANSWERS**

**Political caucus meetings to be held in March**

The word "caucus" has been a common one recently because of this year's presidential election. In March, several political parties in Utah will be holding caucus meetings in preparation for state conventions. But why are caucus meetings important and how can you participate?

Caucuses are neighborhood meetings held throughout state according to voting precincts. Political parties sponsor these meetings, and local party members choose delegates to represent them at the county and state party conventions. There, the delegates will vote for the candidates who will face each other in the general election.

To find your voting precinct number, do a Voter Info Search on the Salt Lake

County Clerk's website at [www.clerk.slco.org](http://www.clerk.slco.org). Then, contact your political party of choice to find out the date and times of the caucus meeting in your neighborhood. A list of political parties and contact information can be found at [www.utah.gov/government/caucus.html](http://www.utah.gov/government/caucus.html).

The meetings are open to the public, though the parties have different rules about who is allowed to vote in the caucuses. Contact representatives of your chosen party to learn the rules before you go.

Don't miss out on this chance to make your voice heard!

**Health Department Proposes Changes To Noise Pollution Regulation**

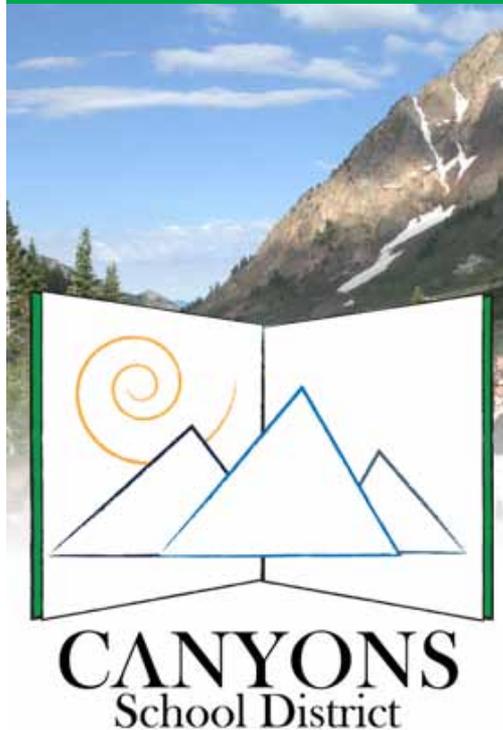
The Salt Lake Valley Health Department is proposing amendments to Health Regulation #21, which governs community noise pollution control and affects how law enforcement agencies respond to alleged noise ordinance violations.

A public hearing on the matter will be held on April 11 at 5 p.m. at the Environmental Health Division Auditorium, 788 E. Woodoak Lane in Murray. Written comments can be submitted anytime prior to the hearing by mailing them to the Environment Health Division, Attention: Reg. 21 Comments. Email comments can be submitted to [slvhdehsan@slco.org](mailto:slvhdehsan@slco.org).

A draft of the proposed changes is available on the health department's website, [www.slvhealth.org](http://www.slvhealth.org).



**Canyons School District Gets Kudos From College Board**



On Feb. 8, the College Board issued its annual report to the nation, and Canyons School District high schools received glowing reports with respect to Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

Canyons was one of only three districts in Utah and 367 districts nationwide that showed increased participation as well as increased performance on AP tests for three consecutive years.

Among Utah high schools, Alta, Hillcrest and Brighton ranked second, fifth, and seventh respectively for the total number of students taking AP exams. Brighton was sixth in Utah for its AP passing rate.

Nationwide, Utah ranks tenth in the percentage of students who passed AP exams.

Congratulations to Canyons School District and its students! Keep up the good work!

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## Cal Ripken Baseball Encourages Players, Seeks Support

Youth baseball in Cottonwood Heights has been around for a long time—decades, in fact—but waning support along with the scouting and recruitment of players by expensive “super leagues” have led to concerns over whether or not this community fixture can weather the storm.



But Troy Van Der Veur, president of Brighton Cal Ripken Baseball, said he believes community little league teams offer something that super leagues can't: the chance for kids of all ages and skill levels to get outside and enjoy a good old-fashioned game.

“This league gives children a chance to be with their families at the park. That’s where I played years ago, and I can still hear the sounds and smell the smells,” he said. “This is all about creating memories. It’s not live or die, like other leagues. We’re just out there to have a good time.”

Last year, Cottonwood Heights teams included about 250 children, and Van Der Veur said he hopes to be able to expand the program into part of Sandy this year in order to boost enrollment. He also hopes changes to the program, including the addition of accelerated teams that will play double-headers on Saturdays, will encourage support from the community as well as more local sponsorship.

The baseball league is funded mostly through enrollment and donations. Though entities such as the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center Foundation and CR England have contributed generously to the program, Van Der Veur said he would like to see more support from local businesses in order to keep enrollment costs down.

The league offers to post a sign in the outfield and a link on their website for businesses who donate just \$300 per year. Each year afterward, the sponsorship cost is just \$200.

As for the teams themselves, they are gearing up for another season of America’s favorite pastime. Tryouts happen on March 10 at Brighton High School to determine skill levels and evenly match the teams. Opening day, which will boast visits from Bumble the Salt Lake Bees mascot as well as local dignitaries, is April 14.

More information on the Brighton Cal Ripken Baseball program can be found on their website, [www.brightoncalripken.org](http://www.brightoncalripken.org).



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# Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

### NEW “ULTIMATE” MEMBERSHIP

We've added a new membership-- the "Ultimate" membership:

- land, water, & cycling aerobics classes included

### LEARN TO SWIM

Register online now or at CHRC to learn to swim with our qualified instructors at CHRC. Classes available for all ages & levels.

### SUMMER Jobs AT CHRC

Applications are being taken now for these summer jobs at CHRC:

- lifeguards
- swim instructors
- tennis instructors
- cashiers
- park workers
- child care workers

### IRONMAN CHALLENGE

Complete the CHRC Ironman challenge anytime Mar. 12-25 with a 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run, and a 2.4 mile swim. Entry fee \$20 (document your mileage at the front desk.) Finishers will be able to call themselves Ironman athletes & get Ironman Tech shirts.

### AQUA MOMS Class

Moms (or dads) share your fun water workout class with your baby ages 3 months to 3 years.

**\*Tues. 11:30am\***

### LEARN TO SKATE

Register online now for our Learn to Skate (LTS) Winter Session II. Each exciting class has:

- 35 min. of instruction
- 10 minutes of free time
- free skate rental
- a free public skating session

**\*Classes start Mar. 6, 7, or 10\***

## SILVERSNEAKERS

Check out [SilverSneakers.com](http://SilverSneakers.com) for possible free classes & membership at CHRC!

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## Vendors Sought For Upcoming Events

### Emergency Preparedness Fair

Cottonwood Heights will host an Emergency Preparedness Fair on June 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mill Hollow Park. The city is looking for vendors that provide services relevant to emergency preparedness and can help prepare our residents in case there is a disaster. For more information and an application, please check the Community Events page on the city’s website, [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov), or email City Events Coordinator Ann Eatchel at [aeatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:aeatchel@ch.utah.gov).

### Butlerville Days

The Butlerville Days Committee will accept food vendor applications only beginning March 1. The application can be found on the Community Events page at [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov). Please review it and send any questions to Patti Hansen at [phansen@cottonwoodheights.com](mailto:phansen@cottonwoodheights.com).