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The Rights and Duties of Citizenship

By Councilmember Scott Bracken

One of our most closely held rights is that of the right to vote. It's also a duty of citizenship. Unfortunately, far too many citizens don't seem to realize that elections occur more often than every four years. In elections where the office of President of the United States is not in the ballot, turn out is often low. In odd-numbered years and "mid term" elections, it's often much worse. This is troubling to me - not only as an elected official sworn to uphold the constitution, but as a citizen as well.

Election Day is coming next month (the 4th) and although it's not a presidential election, many key offices - that likely will have a greater impact on your life - are on our ballot. Each of Utah's four Congressmen is on the ballot as well as the Attorney General for the State. Considering all the press the AG's office has received over the last year or so and the National impact of some Utah laws working their way to the US Supreme Court, ensuring the office is filled by the right person is critical.

Other more local offices include seats in our Utah House of representatives. The Constitution



City Council Member
Scott Bracken



reserves significant power to the States, so the members of our State Legislature carry significant weight in creating the laws that affect our quality of life, our finances and our legacy. If you don't know who your representative is, you ought to get to know them. We have three that represent parts of the city. They are our neighbors too.

One of the seats on the Canyons School District is up for grabs. Our schools are core to our community values and quality of life and our children's future. Those that serve on the school board are integral to how our community functions. This is evidenced by the many cooperative efforts between the school district, city, and the Cottonwood Heights Recreational Center.

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Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Events

October 3	Deadline for Photography Contest
October 7-30	Photography Exhibit, Whitmore Library
October 25	Cottonwood Heights Orchestra Halloween Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Butler Middle School Theatre
October 30	Photography Contest Awards and Open House, 7:00 p.m. at Whitmore Library
November 14	SALT Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m., Butler Middle School Theatre
December 6	Winter Fest Concert featuring Cottonwood Heights Orchestra and Peter Brienholt

Photography Contest

Submissions for the "Autumn in Cottonwood Heights" Photography Contest will be accepted from September 22 to October 3. Entries may be dropped off at Whitmore Library any time during that week. Judging will take place on October 6, and the exhibit will run from October 7 to 30. An Open House and Awards Ceremony will conclude the event on October 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Whitmore Library.

Cottonwood Heights Community Orchestra

The orchestra, conducted by Shaun Davis, is rehearsing for its fall season on Thursdays at Butler Middle School. They will present a Halloween Concert on Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the theatre at Butler Middle. Also mark your calendars for a special Winter Fest Concert featuring Peter Breinholt with the orchestra on Saturday, December 6.

SALT Dance Concert

SALT Contemporary Dance will present a family-friendly dance concert on Friday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Butler Middle School Theatre. SALT is dedicated to producing artistic, honest, and uplifting work of professional caliber, and the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is excited to sponsor this free community concert in conjunction with master classes taught by SALT in the local schools.

2014 Cottonwood Heights Sub for Santa

Cottonwood Heights' employees and Brighton High School are teaming up this year for the annual Sub for Santa program.

To nominate someone, they must be a resident of Cottonwood Heights, not affiliated with any other Christmas Charities and their children must be under 18 or in their senior year in high school.

You can find the application on the city web site at http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/get_involved.community_events.html

Further questions can be directed to the City Events Coordinator, Ann Eatchel aeatchel@ch.utah.gov or 801-550-8225.



Duties of Citizenship, continued from cover

This year the office of Sheriff is on the ballot. Even though we have an awesome Cottonwood Heights police department

one half of the city council (Districts 1 & 2). The Cottonwood Heights Rec. Center board of trustees also has elections in odd numbered years.

All elections are important, as they

mark occasions where we choose those who will make decisions on our behalf. Those decisions affect our neighborhoods, our common good, and our kids' education. Take the time to look into the candidates and mail in or cast your ballot. Voting has been made more convenient (vote by mail, early voting etc.) over the last decade or so, there isn't any reason your voice shouldn't be heard. ■

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that takes care of our immediate public safety needs, we also have shared associations with the county sheriff's office, which has responsibility for the Jail, Canyon Patrol, search & rescue and other countywide services. As the Sheriff also provides police services (via UPD) in some areas of the county, it's key that the office coordinates well with city Police Chiefs in the county to ensure effective service across jurisdictions.

In case you're wondering, city offices (municipal elections) take place in odd numbered years. So, those of us in Cottonwood Heights have an election every November. Next year, we will elect



Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District Cottonwood Heights September Update



REMINDER

The 3rd quarter payments are due by September 25th.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Beginning October 1st, residents can pick up leaf bags at no additional charge (1 bundle of 10 per household) at the Cottonwood Heights City Hall, Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, Wasatch Fire Station or the Whitmore Library. After the bags have been filled, residents can drop them off at the Cottonwood Ball Complex or Bywater Park between October 15th and November 30th. See www.wasatchfrontwaste.org for detailed address locations.

YTD 2014 Tonnages:

Recycling Collected: 1781 tons (\$55,210 in savings)

Green Waste Collected: 230 tons (\$3,461 in savings)

Diversion rate is 21% compared to a district wide diversion rate of 18%, contributing to the District savings of \$440,891 from waste diversion.

Green Waste Program Subscriptions: 229 Cottonwood Heights subscribers, 1579 District-wide subscribers



Playing it Safe

Preparation and fun were on hand at the Cottonwood Heights Public Safety Fair, held Thursday, Sept. 11 at Butler Park.

Free prizes, safety demonstrations and food were all part of the festivities.



Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Preparedness Go Hand in Hand

By Dan Feist



Earlier this year, I was asked to be the Coordinator of Precinct 42 Emergency Preparedness in the Brighton District. I had been involved in the program five years ago. We have had block captains in place since then. We were able to obtain a C.E.R.T. trailer and stock it with essentials. We located it in the center of the neighborhood thanks to a willing homeowner; and it resides there today.

When asked to participate again this year, I wanted to bring new energy and excitement to the program. In discussing this with my good friend, Jim Jones, who volunteers with the Cottonwood Heights Police Dept. in the Neighborhood Watch program, I decided to develop our own N.W. program and incorporate it into our

existing Emer. Prep. Program. I found there was a high level of interest from the homeowners. We have had a few incidents in the neighborhood this year and people wanted to know what they could do to make the area safer.

We passed out flyers via the block captains announcing a Neighborhood Breakfast on May 31st. from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in a familiar cul-de-sac. I coordinated the event with Sheila Jennings of the Police Dept. Sheila was also instrumental in getting neighborhood watch signs placed on all our entry streets.

For the event, we invited the police and fire departments to participate - and they manned their respective instructional booths. Much information was shared with the community on neighborhood

watch and Emergency Preparations. The Emergency Essentials company was there and demonstrated various types of water filters and how to use them.

Getting involved again in the neighborhood, I quickly discovered how valuable our Police Dept is as a resource. They want to assist us in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

We need to take the initiative and get organized. The City of Cottonwood Heights has the resources to help us in so many ways. If this interests you, I would suggest you give [Sheila Jennings](#) a call @ [801-944-7032](tel:801-944-7032) and get started.

Sincerely,

Dan Feist
Precinct 42 Coordinator

Thousands Run in BCC Marathon

More than 4,500 runners took to the street on Fort Union Blvd. early Saturday morning on Sept. 13.

They were racing in the Revel/Hoka One One Big Cottonwood Canyon Marathon and Half Marathon.

It's a prestigious race, and a qualifying run for the Boston Marathon, drawing runners from all over the state and the country.

Congratulations to the winners! ■



Buying Drugs with Gift Cards

By Cottonwood Heights Police Chief Robbie Russo



Police Chief
Robbie Russo

Gift Cards make nice gifts, and taking back unwanted gifts in exchange for gift cards is a great service offered by retailers. But it's also a new type of theft and criminals are taking advantage of store return policies.

CHPD is seeing large numbers of gift cards being pawned. We discovered most of these were never really purchased. Instead, stolen items from big box retailers were returned for in-store credit in the form of a gift card. We started seeing a large number of gift cards a couple of years ago from all types of different stores (Lowe's, Home Depot, Wal-Mart and Target) appearing for sale in pawn shops

Unfortunately, there is never a shortage of customers willing to be on the receiving end of the good deal.

People often ask me if it's illegal to buy these cards and the answer is no, unless you have knowledge the card was obtained by fraud or theft. The customer can call the toll free number or go on line and enter the card number to validate the balance. Although it's not illegal per se, most purchasers should know to be suspicious.

In the end, it's the consumer that ends up paying more for the product - so the increased theft impacts the honest customer. It's no surprise these suspicious gift cards are generating money used to purchase drugs.

Chairman of the Utah Pawnshops



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and on on-line services such as KSL.com.

Thieves will shoplift from a big box retailer then return the items without a receipt, getting a store credit gift card. They then sell the card online or at a pawn shop for usually ½ of face value.

and Secondhand Dealers Advisory Board Mike Katsanevas says his group recognizes the problem and has urged his members to avoid transactions involving gift cards.

Retailers are doing their best to make it more difficult for the thieves to obtain and

sell the gift cards. Many scan your Drivers License and look for suspicious patterns, but it's not difficult for savvy drug-motivated criminals to send different buddies in and target multiple retailers. We join with retailers and recommend that people only buy gift cards directly from the store or from a store with a section dedicated to selling gift cards. ■



Monster Mash on Ice



FREE

where: Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center
7500 South 2700 East
Activities include Scales and Tales, ice skating,
pumpkin alley, treat bags, games and more!
Costumes are encouraged!
All children 12 years old and younger are welcome

Rec Center to Host Halloween "Monster Mash"

There will be plenty of chills and thrills in the air during the "Monster Mash On Ice" sponsored by Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center and Cottonwood Heights City on **Friday, October 24**.

The event will be held at the **Cottonwood Heights Rec. Center** on **7500 S. 2700 East**. From **5 to 7 p.m.**

Some of the fun will include a "pumpkin

alley," featuring over 40 pumpkins carved out by the Cottonwood Heights Youth City Council.

There will be ice-skating, a treat bag for all kids, Halloween-related games in the gym and coloring activities.

You don't want to miss "Scales and Tails" between **5:45-6:45 p.m.** It's a 45-minute educational show featuring all

kinds of "creepy crawlies," like spiders, scorpions, lizards, a tortoise, and snakes. Other exotic animals will include a giant lizard, a giant snake, a giant tortoise, and a baby alligator or crocodile.

Kids and parents are encouraged to attend wearing their favorite Halloween costumes.

The Monster Mash is a free event for kids 12 years old and younger.

Judge For Yourself:

In the past, citizens have expressed frustration with not knowing anything about the judges on the ballot. Not anymore! Now you can go to www.judges.utah.gov and learn whether the judges on your ballot have been recommended by the commission, you can read about how they performed overall, you can see their survey scores, and you can read how citizens like yourself evaluated the courtroom. If you would prefer a paper Voter Information Pamphlet mailed to your home, call the Elections Office at 801-538-1041.



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CHRC is looking for friendly & energetic people!

Come work flexible hours in a fun atmosphere. We have spots available in our Nursery, as a Customer Service Representative or daytime Lifeguard.

NOTICE:

During VEA, October 16 & 17, we will have extra swim hours. 12:00 pm-4:00 pm. October 16 will have extra skate hours. 2pm-4pm.

THANKSGIVING DAY SK



Registration is open now
Register online at
raceit.com or in person at CHRC

LEARN TO SKATE

Enroll now for our Fall Session II
Classes for all ages
Register online or in person at CHRC
*Skaters will be featured in our Dec. 6th show

GET FIT FOR FALL

Come participate in one of our 91 fitness classes a week.
Water Aerobics, Yoga, Zumba, TRX, the list goes on and on!

TAKE THE PLUNGE

Registration has begun for our Fall Swimming Lessons
Register online or at CHRC

BOY SCOUT CLASSES

C.P.R.
Swimming Merit Badge
Lifesaving Merit Badge
First Aid Merit Badge
For more details, pick up a flyer at CHRC

NOTICE:

We will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on October 31, Halloween Day.



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Fire Authority 743-7100
Animal Control 840-4000
Justice Court..... 273-9731

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City Manager 944-7010
City Planning 944-7065
Public Works 944-7090
Recorder 944-7020
Finance Director..... 944-7012
Code Enforcement... 944-7095
Police Administration. 944-7100

City Council Meetings

Oct. 7 - Work Session 6 p.m.
Oct. 14 - Work Session 6 p.m.,
Business Meeting 7 p.m.
(Work session reconvenes after
business meeting.)
Oct. 21 - Work Session 6 p.m.
Oct. 28 - Work Session 6 p.m.,
Business Meeting 7 p.m.
(Work session reconvenes after
business meeting.)

Agendas are posted 24 hours
in advance of public meetings.
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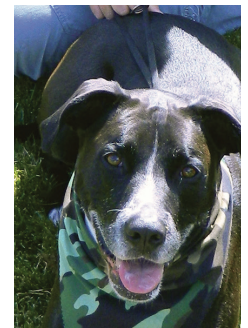
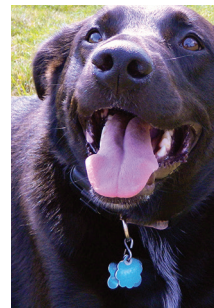
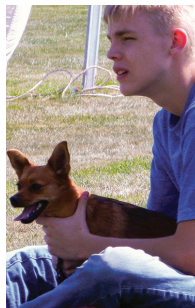
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A Doggone Good Time

Dogs and their owners had a great time
at Cottonwood Heights' "Bark in the Park"
event, held on Saturday, Sept. 6.

The event featured free prizes, vendor
displays, dog adoptions and stunt dog
performances.

Cottonwood Heights Police also
demonstrated the crime-fighting skills of their
K-9 unit.



New Businesses in Cottonwood Heights

BUSINESS

Bountiful Surgery Center

Britnie Harmon

EBH Southwest Services

Harmony Real Estate

Horizon International Cargo

VAST Chiropractic

Verdant Law

BUSINESS ADDRESS

6360 S 3000 E #320

2497 E Fort Union Blvd

8190 S Willow Stream Dr

3434 E 7800 S

7086 S Highland Dr #250

6794 S 1300 E

7084 S 2300 E #100

BUSINESS TYPE

Ambulatory Surgical Center

Hair Stylist

Residential Treatment

Real Estate Brokerage

Freight Transportation

Chiropractic Care

Legal Services