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Saying goodbye: 3 things I've learned through city council

Council member Christine Mikell



This is my last newsletter article and my last month as a council member for Cottonwood Heights. The past four years have been a gift. I am, and always will be, so grateful for the opportunity I've had to serve the residents of

this city.

Local government works when members of the community voice their needs and then elected officials work to find timely and viable ways to meet those needs. While we didn't bat 1,000, I do believe that the progress we as a council and community made over the last four years has set the stage for the next council to continue to serve the needs of Cottonwood Heights well into the future.

Along the way, one of my greatest pleasures

as a city council member was getting to know this incredible community in a new way. While public service certainly has its challenges, it is also filled with new experiences and opportunities I would have never had otherwise. A few of the specific things I learned about Cottonwood Heights include:

Our community cares about the environment.

This became evident to me when a group of citizens attended a city council meeting to voice their support for sustainability issues. That group — ranging in age from elementary and high school students to seniors — came together in pursuit of a common goal.

I am happy to report that their efforts were met with these amazing results: removing Styrofoam in Cottonwood Heights' school lunch services (at least temporarily), adding a shared sustainability manager to city staff, approving the Clean Energy Resolution, which led the way for the city to receive a Rocky Mountain Power grant to subsidize the cost of rooftop solar panels at City Hall, and enacting a study to see

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

DECEMBER 14

- 2022 MEETING CALENDAR
- ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
- BUDGET BOOK
- FIRE STATION SEISMIC RETROFITS DISCUSSION
- PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE PRIORITY PROJECTS DISCUSSION
- DOVERHILL DRIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
- PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT
- OFF-STREET PARKING PERMIT PETITION FOR CANYON CENTRE PARKWAY

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History question of the month

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What Cottonwood Heights resident was one of the original Butlerville settlers and lived in the same house for nearly 65 years?

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 or email Ann Eatchel at aeatchel@ch.utah.gov

Contest Application: 

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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

 Cottonwood Heights ARTS COUNCIL  

Don't miss a single event update! Visit ch.utah.gov/emails to subscribe to city emails, including event notifications, Arts Council and Historic Committee meeting reminders, and periodic volunteer opportunities.

See the winning paintings from the Arts Council's October City Hall art show!



Professional

Frank Fuller: "Bride's Maid"

Amateur

Jerry Hartman: "The Lady in the Mask"

Youth

Ruth Tian: "Leisure"

Child

George Williams: "The Night Sky"

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if our community at large can be powered by 100 percent renewable energy at a cost equal to or less than our current energy mix.

Other citizen initiatives led to implementation of idle-free, dark sky, and tree ordinances. And, after one resident asked why Cottonwood Heights couldn't provide incentives for parking strip water-wise landscaping, the council and staff sought after and achieved citywide eligibility for Flip Your Strip and Localscapes water conservation strategies and rebates.

Our community supports open space. Each of the city's Y2 Analytics survey results has shown how widely our community values this dwindling resource. Our mayor had the foresight to form a Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee (PTOS) four years ago.

As the council liaison to that committee, I have watched as they spearheaded the 26-acre open space acquisition at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon and helped shape the Open Space Master Plan, which highlights how our city can become more walkable and bike-friendly through connectivity of our trails, sidewalks, parks and other open spaces. Furthermore, while prior councils came close to siting a dog park, the tireless efforts of the PTOS led to identifying a location for a dog park that will open in 2022.

Additionally, the council worked at the state level to bring more funds to Cottonwood Heights for

open space. With the help of our lobbyists and state representatives, in the 2021 session the Utah State Legislature appropriated \$5 million to trails, of which Cottonwood Heights is a beneficiary.

And open space advocates in the Dover Hills neighborhood gathered more than 1,500 signatures in support of preserving six acres of green space at the former Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meetinghouse there. While the council may not be able to secure all six acres, I am hopeful that the city can continue discussions with Church leadership in 2021 to preserve at least three acres of that property.

Our community is safe, and residents want to see it stay that way. Our residents feel strongly about keeping Wasatch Boulevard safe, in particular. To help alleviate vehicular traffic along this popular thoroughfare, the council asked the legislature for \$15 million to convert the gravel pit into a transit hub, a project that I am hopeful will, with help from the landowner and the state, become a legacy for decades to come.

Safety progress has also been made in moving the needle on creating a public safety advisory board, completing many long-overdue road repairs, and beginning to augment and repair the city's inadequate stormwater system.

Over the next four years the new mayor and

city council will no doubt be faced with plenty of challenges. But Cottonwood Heights is now in a healthy financial place and, looking back at our council and community's accomplishments over the last four years, I feel nothing but pride and gratitude.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported me while I was on the council, as well as those who challenged me to do better. Both inspired me to work harder. Cottonwood Heights is truly a special place. ■



Reminder: The city will collect a monthly stormwater fee beginning in early 2022

Beginning in early 2022, PacifiCorp will collect the city's stormwater fee monthly, and you will see it on your utility bill.

As a reminder, the Cottonwood Heights city council voted in June 2021 to implement a stormwater fee to cover the cost of repairing,

maintaining, and replacing the city's stormwater infrastructure, which needs significant upgrades.

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).

Visit ch.utah.gov/stormwater for more information about the stormwater fund, the way the fee is calculated, and a breakdown of anticipated infrastructure expenses. ■

New city park sponsorship opportunity: Leave your mark on Ferguson Park

In response to generous community interest, the city of Cottonwood Heights and the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area have launched an opportunity for community members to sponsor amenities and operations for the newest city park. Ferguson Park, located at 7725 S. Prospector Drive, is expected to open in 2022.

Community members can choose from a variety of eligible options for donation, ranging from \$250-\$1,000, with personalized recognition plaques, including

- bicycle racks
- waste stations
- picnic tables and benches
- drinking fountains

You can also make a general park donation in any amount. Those who donate more than \$25 will

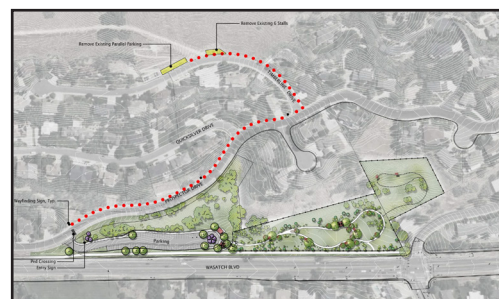
receive a personalized sponsor certificate in the mail, and those who donate more than \$250 will receive a personalized recognition plaque that will be displayed on a park monument.

A donation to Ferguson Park supports a space for community members to gather, recreate, and enjoy the mountain scenery that Cottonwood Heights is renowned for.

To learn more about this opportunity and submit a donation, visit ch.utah.gov/parksponsorship.

If you have more questions, contact Ben Hill, Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Center executive director, at 801-943-3190 or bhill@cottonwoodheights.com.

Thank you for considering a contribution to the city's newest park! ■



Prevent home fires this winter by following these six important safety tips

Assistant fire chief Riley Pilgrim



With Utah's coldest months upon us, it is important to ensure the heating equipment in our homes is properly maintained and ready for the cooler months.

According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), half of all home heating fires occur between December and February. One in every seven home fires and one in every five home fire deaths can be attributed to improperly used or improperly maintained heating equipment.

Here are a few tips to keep your home and family safe from these risks:

- **Keep all flammable materials at least three feet** from any heating element

- or device
- **Plug only one heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time
- **Only use heating equipment** designed to warm your home
- **Have a qualified professional inspect and clean** your chimney, furnace, and vents every year
- **Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container**, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings
- **Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors** in your home and test them at least once a month

As temperatures drop and snow begins to fall, take the proper steps to make sure your home and family are safe from common home heating hazards. ■



COVID-19 vaccines now available for kids 5-11 in Salt Lake County

Children 5-11 are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination. Contact your local health department, healthcare provider or pharmacy to make an appointment or ask about walk-ins.

You can also visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to search for nearby pharmacies and clinics that offer it. A parent or guardian must accompany children under 18 for their vaccination.

COVID-19 vaccine reminders

- Salt Lake County can't guarantee which brand of vaccine adults will receive at their appointment
- You can't currently be vaccinated if you have had passive antibody therapy to treat COVID within 90 days or are currently in isolation for COVID-19 infection

Booster shots available for all Salt Lake County residents 18+

COVID-19 vaccine boosters are now available for all vaccine brands.

- Everyone 18 and older who received the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech OR Moderna vaccine **at least 6 months ago** should receive a booster
- Everyone 18 and older who received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine **at least 2 months ago** should receive a booster.

To get your booster, visit your local pharmacy or make an appointment with your healthcare provider. Walk-ins are also available at one of Salt Lake County Health Department's five immunization clinics. Visit slco.org/health/locations for hours and addresses.

You may ask to receive a booster with a different brand from your original vaccine. Not sure which vaccine you initially received? Check your vaccination record card. If you've lost this, visit slco.org/health/immunizations and click **Records** to request a new one. ■

Reminder: Check the city's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for snowplow updates

Cottonwood Heights' policy is plowing every city road within 24 hours after a storm ends. Snowplow drivers follow assigned routes, prioritizing the main

streets to maintain safe travel for the largest volume of traffic. Check our Facebook ([/chcity](https://www.facebook.com/chcity)), Twitter ([@chcity](https://twitter.com/chcity)) and Instagram ([@cottonwoodheights](https://www.instagram.com/cottonwoodheights))

for plowing updates during and after a storm. To address a snowplowing issue, call 801-944-7000 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■



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SALT LAKE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

5 Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District fee changes coming in 2022

WFWRD will not be increasing fees for base services in 2022 because other factors, including better recycling markets, have allowed them to absorb this year's cost increases. However, they have proposed changes to implement in 2022:

- Increasing the new-can fee from \$50 to \$60 while discontinuing the \$10 stand-alone delivery fee
- Increasing the new home start-up fees to \$130 to cover the costs for two new garbage and recycling can orders (\$60 per can + \$10 delivery = \$130)
- Discontinuing the \$70 damaged can

fee for customer-caused damage and combining all replacement can fees to \$70 (except normal wear and tear)

- Increasing the refurbished can fees from \$20 to \$35
- Adding a \$120 fee for a 14-yard roll-off container for municipality cleanup events, including container delivery and two tons of disposal per container (extra fees apply for loads exceeding two tons)

Find the full budget proposal and 2022 fee schedule at wasatchfrontwaste.org/rates-fees. ■



Dec. 8 final day in 2021 for WFWRD green waste collection

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will pick up green waste for the last time in 2021 on **Wednesday, Dec. 8**.

Do not place green cans out on the curb after that date; they will not be picked up or emptied. Green waste collection will resume Wednesday, March 16, 2022. ■

Check Facebook and Twitter for WFWRD service updates

Bad weather can affect Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's ability to provide timely service to your neighborhood. Follow Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District on Facebook (facebook.com/wasatchfrontwaste) and Twitter (twitter.com/WFWRD1) to find out about service delays due to weather or traffic. ■

Cottonwood Heights area cleanup results by the numbers

Though the 2021 area cleanup program was again impacted by staffing issues, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District allowed residents to reserve a container for their driveways, ensuring WFWRD can continue to offer this service. In Cottonwood Heights, WFWRD's program:

- Served 9,664 households

- Delivered 1,286 containers
- Collected 1,075 tons of waste
- Picked up 147 mattresses, five tires, and seven refrigerators

WFWRD staff are currently evaluating this year's performance to make the program more convenient and effective for residents next year. ■



Sign up now to donate gifts for the CHBA Sub for Santa program

The Cottonwood Heights Business Association (CHBA) is sponsoring six families, nominated by a local school, for the Sub for Santa program.

Insurance Concepts, Network Funding, and the Pat Saltzman neighborhood have generously committed to sponsor three of the families, but we need your help to provide gifts for the other three families.

Visit ch.utah.gov and click the Sub for Santa banner to sign up for individual donations. Then bring the unwrapped gifts to City Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

If you have any questions, call 801-944-7067 or email Sherrie at smartell@ch.utah.gov. ■

Thank you for your Road Home drive contributions in November

The CHBA was overwhelmed by donations for the Midvale Road Home shelter in November, thanks to many residents and businesses. We appreciate the many items you contributed to families in need. ■



Answer

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Mary J. Moody was born Marie Sorensen Jensen in Denmark on May 11, 1860, and emigrated to Utah at 16 years old.

In 1877, she married Silas Samuel Jones, a Civil War veteran, and moved to the area known as Butlerville. Their farm was on the east side of Alva Butler's farm on the Butler Bench Road.

Mary and Silas were married 30 years and had 14 children. Silas died in 1907 at 66 of carbolic acid poisoning, leaving Mary with nine children still at home.

On Jan. 28, 1909, Mary then married Lindley Elmer Moody, who worked as a cook at Howl Mining Co. They were married 15 years, until Lindley died of diabetes in 1924.

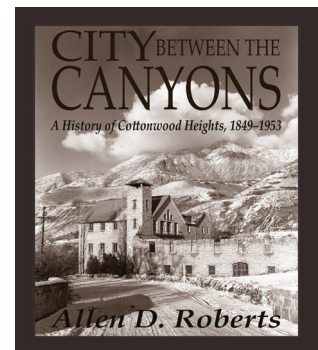
Mary lived in her home until she fractured her hip in late 1943. She was admitted to Bingham Canyon Hospital, near the present-day Kennecott Copper Mine, for 12 days before dying on Dec. 15, 1943, at age 83. ■



Yes, the perfect holiday gift DOES exist!

Still looking for a holiday gift for your friend, family member, or neighbor? Your search stops here! History buffs and new or longtime Cottonwood Heights residents alike will love a copy of *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*.

Buy your hardcover copy at City Hall for \$20 (3 for \$50), or order it online at ch.utah.gov/history-book for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■



We need your help!

Volunteer with the Historic Committee! Members meet monthly to plan initiatives highlighting Cottonwood Heights history.

Past efforts include curating an exhibit celebrating 50 years of Brighton High School, gathering historical site information, overseeing historic trail markers, and helping to publish Allen D. Roberts' historical book. The committee also creates and staffs a rotating exhibit at Butlerville Days each summer.

Contact culture manager Ann Eatchel at aeatchel@ch.utah.gov or 801-550-8225 to fill out an application or learn more about the Historic Committee.

You can also follow the Historic Committee on Facebook ([/CottonwoodHeightsHistoricCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/CottonwoodHeightsHistoricCommittee)).




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PARKS & RECREATION SERVICE AREA

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Public works..... 944-7000

Recorder 944-7021

Finance director 944-7012

Code enforcement..... 944-7095

Police administration..... 944-7100

City council meetings

Dec. 14: 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.

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

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Fifth-grader Moya Croft wins anti-bullying t-shirt design contest and \$250 prize

She has the power to be kind, be respectful, and be safe! Last month, Ridgecrest Elementary 5th grader Moya Croft received word from Cottonwood Heights Police Chief Robby Russo and Officer Kelly Taylor that she won a t-shirt-design contest for a police-run program that teaches students to "say no" to bullying.

Croft's parents were on hand for the surprise announcement, which was held in the school's gymnasium. Fifth-grade students throughout Cottonwood Heights submitted design ideas.

"We got a lot of really good entries and it was hard to choose," Chief Russo said. "We chose this t-shirt because we felt it reflected the community's values and embodied everything I think a t-shirt should be. It should be something kids would wear...And what she talks about with this design



is about being kind and being respectful. I can't think of anything more important."

All student participants in the anti-bullying program will receive one of the shirts designed by Croft who, as the contest winner, also received a \$250 check. ■

Ridgecrest Elementary students join global bid for world record in cup stacking

Cup stacking has become an international phenomenon, and Ridgecrest Elementary students are now some of its biggest fans. Throughout the day on Wednesday, Nov. 17, small groups of eager students piled into Ridgecrest's gymnasium to test their hand at sport stacking and take part in an annual global attempt to break the World Sport Stacking Association record for "The Most People Stacking at Multiple Locations."

Angi Williamson, a Playworks coach at Ridgecrest, saw the world record bid as an opportunity to connect physical education with some of the more popular books in the school library covering world record attempts.

"Sport stacking is such a great outlet for

children, which also happens to improve hand-eye coordination and motor skills," she said.

Speed stacking, where contestants race to be the first to stack a predetermined number of cups in a predetermined arrangement and then "down stack" or collapse them, has risen to the level of a Junior Olympics event. For first-timers, Ridgecrest's world record-goers managed to quickly get the hang of the sport. They also brought some teamwork and creative flair to the "STACK UP!" challenge as some combined their cups to build a towering, and precariously perched, pyramid.

"That's a world record, for sure!" exclaimed one of the students as the final cup was placed on a stack about seven feet in height. ■



See Beauty and the Beast at Brighton High School

Don't miss Brighton High School's winter musical this month in the brand-new auditorium!

- Dec. 3 (7 p.m.)
- Dec. 4 (2 p.m. matinee)

- Dec. 4 (7 p.m.)
- Dec. 6 (7 p.m.)

Business spotlights

Botanique Savon Artisanal | 801-550-8072 | boutiquesavon.com (coming soon)

Deborah Bradford and her husband, Bob, have always had a passion for travel. After retiring from rewarding careers as air traffic controllers, they decided to buy a sailboat and explore the eastern Caribbean.

During the nine years aboard *S/V Chimayo*, Deborah learned about the islands' bounty of healing and nourishing plants, herbs and trees. She was determined to create her own skin-nourishing products free from parabens, sulfates and phthalates when she returned to Utah, and Botanique Savon Artisanal was born.

Deborah's mission is to offer handcrafted, nutrient-rich products using the finest oils and luxury butters available. Contact Deborah at 801-550-8072 or botaniquesavon@gmail.com. ■



CHPerennialFlowers | etsy.com/shop/CHperennialflowers

Paula Cabrera started her wedding flower accessory business after researching sola flowers, made of a woody shrub called Cassava, for her own wedding.

These flowers are becoming a more sustainable, affordable, and long-lasting option to real flowers, and Paula fell in love with their appearance and versatility. She carefully handcrafts each bouquet for customers throughout the United States and enjoys making custom orders to meet a client's vision for their special day.

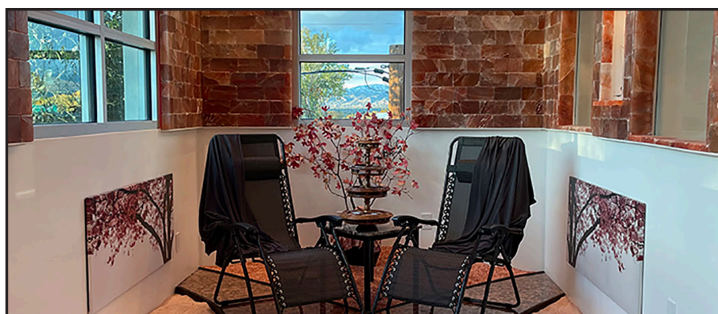
For more information, visit Paula's Etsy shop, email her at chperennialflowers@gmail.com, or follow her on Instagram (@chperennialflowers). ■



Elevation Wellness | 6800 S. Highland Dr. #200 | Facebook.com/elevationwellness

Elevation Wellness is a haven for healing and offers several different treatment rooms, including a Himalayan salt room, hyperbaric oxygen chamber, and infrared sauna with chromotherapy lights.

The center also features a beautiful viewing area offering services and education that promote healing your own body. Elevation Wellness is excited to open and offer these exclusive services to the Cottonwood Heights community. ■



ELEVATION.WELLNESS

Attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Elevation Wellness on December 16

Help us welcome Elevation Wellness! Attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. at 6800 S. Highland Drive #200. ■



Interested in participating in Love Your Locals? Email Sherrie Martell at smartell@ch.utah.gov or call 801-944-7067.

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