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# NEWSLETTER

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## Let Us Pause...

By Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr.



A famous Christmas song includes a phrase that contains some unexpected wisdom for our consideration this holiday season. It is "Up on the Housetop." The first line of those famous lyrics indicate that "reindeer pause." This holiday season we would all do well to do the same.

This holiday season may we pause to consider the meaning of what we are celebrating – regardless of our religious affiliation or absence of religious affiliation. We may be celebrating religious rituals, family, historical events or cosmic influence. No matter what your beliefs, life can get so busy that instead of making time to pause and enjoy the spirit of the season, we can begin to resent it as one more obligation. The older I get, the more I realize that the important events of life have little to do with work, wealth or even worry, but they do involve family, friends and faith. They are not driven by self-serving satisfaction but by sincere service.

We can pause to remember those less fortunate. "Sub for Santa" activities are abundant this time of year, but it is less about what we buy for others than what we give to others. Often it is more about giving of our time than it is of our means – especially when it comes to family. Taking time to visit, write a letter, make a phone call, or send an e-mail to cheer or to express gratitude to a family member or neighbor can be more valuable than any monetary gift..

At the risk of sounding Scrooge-like, I caution against giving to those who play on our sympathies by soliciting directly on our streets



or in front of our business establishments. Many are aware of a couple that has for some time occupied positions at the off ramps of I-215 at Highland Drive seeking donations from passers-by. Clearly the effort was productive because they continued in their solicitation efforts month after month, as well-intentioned citizens would contribute. Even so, we received many complaints wondering if we couldn't remove them or whether what they were doing was legal. As long as they remained on the sidewalk, they were lawful in their activities. Regrettably, the male was recently found deceased on the sidewalk from a drug overdose. It was truly a sad situation made more poignant by the fact that the cash donations given to this solicitor more than likely contributed to his addiction instead of purchasing necessities of life and seeking the help that he really needed.

I have no doubt there are many in legitimately destitute situations who look for help on our streets, and they have the right to be in public areas. But before acting on the very natural desire to assist a fellow human being by offering cash, I would suggest pausing to realize that your direct donation may be used for purposes that may be detrimental to the recipient and even harmful. Instead, I suggest that you make a donation to an agency that is known to assist the needy and

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# Upcoming Cottonwood Heights Events

- Dec. 7            Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) 6 p.m.
- Dec. 9            Free Skate With Santa – Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, 2-4 p.m.  
7500 S. 2700 East ([www.cottonwoodheights.com](http://www.cottonwoodheights.com) for more information)
- Dec. 10           Christmas Concert Featuring Peter Breinholt - Butler Middle School 7:30 p.m.  
7530 S. 2700 East (tickets are \$12, available at the door or in advance at City Hall)
- Dec. 26           City Offices closed for Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 2            City Offices closed for New Year's Holiday



## A Room For The Community

One of the great features of the new city hall is the 2,400 square-foot Community Room. This room was named deliberately, since it is intended for use by Cottonwood Heights citizens, groups and city partners.

It's also available for private use.

The Cottonwood Heights City Council took special care to ensure that the room (and other meeting rooms) would be available and affordable for use within the community.

City partners and non-profit community groups will be able to use the facility for little

or no cost. People who want to use the room for private or family events will be able to use the room for a minimal cost.

The council also worked to develop a use policy that defines parameters for use, rental fees and other restrictions that will help maintain the room and preserve it for future events.

If you are interested in hosting an event in the new Community Room or other meeting rooms in the new city hall, contact Ann Eatchel at [aeatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:aeatchel@ch.utah.gov) or call 801-944-7040. ■

## Peter Breinholt Headlines Holiday Concert

The holiday concert that has featured Peter Breinholt for the last three years is quickly becoming a beloved Cottonwood Heights tradition.

Many residents have commented how they look forward to this concert every year. This family-friendly concert is a great way to take some time to slow down and enjoy the season.

Tickets will be available at city hall, or before the concert at the door for \$12 per person.

The concert will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Butler Middle School (7530 S. 2700 East). Doors will open at 7 p.m.

For more information, go to [arts.ch.utah.gov](http://arts.ch.utah.gov). ■



## Update from Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District



As we approach the cold, winter months, we also see the possibility of bad weather affecting our ability to provide timely service to your neighborhood. Our Facebook page is the best way for residents and customers to find out if there could be a delay in service due to weather or traffic complications. Please follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wasatchfrontwaste/](http://www.facebook.com/wasatchfrontwaste/)) to stay apprised of these issues, and also to receive waste and recycling tips. ■

## History Question of the Month

What prominent Butler family suffered a devastating loss on December 24, 1946?

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# Financial Reporting Award For Cottonwood Heights



The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded Cottonwood Heights with its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The GFOA

citation states that the award is "...the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." This award is based on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared each year by Cottonwood Heights.

Cottonwood Heights has received this award for every CAFR prepared, over the past 4 years.

Individual recognition of Financial Reporting Achievement is awarded to the individual primarily responsible for preparing

the award-winning CAFR. Cottonwood Heights Treasurer/Financial Reporting Manager David Muir is primarily instrumental in the preparation of the City's annual financial report. The latest award presented to Muir is for his efforts in preparation of the CAFR.

The City congratulates David Muir for his diligence and efforts in annual financial reporting for the City. The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the city's financial story. ■

# Season's Greetings from Whitmore Library!

Whitmore Library is spreading cheer this holiday season, and there's a way for everyone to celebrate in December.

The Whitmore Senior Advisory Board is once again sponsoring a Mitten Tree to benefit The Road Home Midvale Shelter. Library patrons and Cottonwood Heights residents are invited to fill the library's Christmas tree with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks. Items are needed for men, women and children. These donations will be taken to the shelter on Dec. 22 to keep shelter residents warm and toasty.

The library will be celebrating the season with some fun holiday programs and activities for all ages. Teens will have a chance to try their hand at Parkour on Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. Teens are also invited to make things this month – for gifts or just for themselves. On Dec. 15, they can make bath salts and scrubs, and on Dec. 22, they can make holiday duct tape crafts. Both programs begin at 4 p.m. and require registration by visiting the library or calling 801-944-7539.

Families will enjoy a festive Frozen Magic Show on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. along with a visit from Santa on Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Make

sure you bring your camera and your wish list! Kids will also enjoy the Santa's Toy Bag Puppet Show on Dec.



5 at 10:30 a.m. with a second performance on Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to make some holiday origami on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. and Winter Wonderland: Storytime with Ducks on Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. (featuring real ducks) is sure to entertain children of all ages.

Whitmore Library will cap off 2016 with a New



Year's Eve Kid's Countdown Dance Party with Miss Anna. We will count down to 12 p.m. (noon) and ring in the new year! The party starts at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 31.

Because of the holidays, the library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 21 for Christmas Eve and the beginning of Hanukkah and also on Monday, Dec. 26 for the observance of Christmas.

The library will close at its regular time of 6 p.m. on Dec. 31 and then be closed on Monday, Jan. 2 for the observance of New Year's Day. Regular hours will resume on Jan. 3. ■

# Answer

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Frank Leslie Cowley and Vera Elizabeth Tucker moved to Butler circa 1939 after Vera's mother died to take care of Vera's father, Ed Tucker. Shortly after moving in, Frank was called to serve as bishop of the Butler Ward. Their oldest son Lynn Frank died as a child of pneumonia, caused by the measles. Their next oldest son, Kent, served in WWII. Shortly after being released from the service at the end of the war, he obtained a job working for Millcreek Lumber.

On the night of December 24, 1946, while returning home with a friend, he was involved in a tragic traffic accident that took his life. The night was extremely foggy and they were only able to see a few feet in front of them as they drove along State Street. Near 6400 South in Murray, while attempting to make a left hand turn onto 6400 South, they mistakenly drove into a pit at a service station (this was in the days when service stations had pits to drive over so they could get under your car to work on it). Kent died at the scene and his friend survived. The Cowley family and the entire Butler community were devastated. Kent had made it through all the horrors of the war and then lost his life to a traffic accident. The Cowleys had two other children. ■

## Look Out For Fakes

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



Unfortunately, our city is no stranger to fraud. I've written about scams, gift cards, check fraud and credit cards in the past, but there is also a huge counterfeit market for women's bags and men's Rolex watches.

Rolex timepieces are one of the most coveted luxury items in the world, so consequently, there is a significant market for replica (fake) ones. Identifying counterfeits isn't always easy. Even experienced dealers can get fooled by bogus timepieces made in China for \$25-\$200 and with remarkable similarities. Many of the fakes fall into the hands of unsuspecting victims who are devastated when they find out that their Rolex isn't real.

### HOW TO SPOT A FAKE ROLEX?

If you're wondering how to tell if a Rolex is real you can use the below reference guide. We will go over each point in more detail after.

- Use a Reputable Seller
- Quality of Printing, and Overall Craftsmanship
- Movement (mechanism)

- Cyclops
- Waterproof
- Weight
- Dial - Printing should be high quality
- Caseback
- Micro-Etched Crystal

The easiest way to prevent the purchase of a reproduction Rolex is to know your seller. Rolex is one of the most popular luxury brands on the planet and they are experts in protecting their brand, and authorized dealers in Utah are obviously safe. I'm sure they're not pleased that the counterfeit watch industry is estimated to generate up to \$1 billion in sales each year.

A replica cannot match the craftsmanship, dedication, precision and knowledge invested into each watch. Every line and number must be perfect so you won't see any uneven fonts, spaces, text or misspellings. Rolex even manufactures their own steel and gold to insure quality. With very rare exceptions Rolex watches have mechanical movements, so if you're looking at a quartz watch that's a big red flag.

Another way to spot real versus fake models



is the cyclops, or the magnification lens over the date that magnifies 2.5 times for increased

readability. If it's flat or the numbers appear smudged under a loop, it's probably a fake. A real Rolex is also waterproof and will feel very heavy because it's manufactured from the finest metals. Rolex doesn't make clear backs and the real ones (post 2002) have a micro-etched crown at the 6 o'clock position that's difficult to see without magnification. The serial number is located at the 6 o'clock position between the lugs or, on the newer ones, engraved on the side under the crystal above the watch face.

If you're looking for a genuine used Rolex, you want to make sure you know if aftermarket parts were used (that hurts the value). Again, always with reputable dealers.

If you're in that awkward position of buying a watch from a friend who needs money or from Internet classifieds sites, suggest the seller meet you at one of those reputable watchmakers or dealers to verify the authenticity. Thank you, Paul Altieri, who contributed to this article. ■

## SNOW REMOVAL HOTLINE: (801) 944-7071

## Watch Out For Holiday Grinches

By Stan Rosenzweig

December is a wonderful time. There is Christmas if you are Christian, Hanukkah if you are Jewish, Kwanzaa if you are of African Heritage, Mawlid an Nabi if you are Islamic, Rohatsu if you are Buddhist, and Yule if you are Wiccan. December is our season of celebration. We connect with friends, buy each other gifts, and are filled with glad tidings.

Yet, among all of the heritages recognized in Utah, there is one less discussed heritage that makes itself richer at the rest of our expense: common thievery. While most of us are recognizing and celebrating our traditions, there is that one group that takes advantage when we are at our most unguarded.

Holiday thieves break into our cars to steal wrapped gifts lying on the back seat. They observe and steal our unguarded credit card numbers and passwords. They follow us into shopping venues

and pickpocket our cash, credit cards and other valuables right from under our eyes.

Don't let them spoil your holiday. Follow a few simple precautions to protect yourself against holiday thieves.

First, be mindful of how and where you carry your valuables. Don't flash a wad of cash. Shop low key and keep valuables in an inside pocket, not in a loosely flung handbag or a backpack.

You've heard this before, but it's still true: Don't leave valuables visible in your car. Put them in the trunk. Keep receipts with you so that even if a thief breaks in and takes things, it will be harder to bring them back to the store for a refund.

When shopping, keep your cell phone handy and if someone makes you suspicious or uncomfortable, notify security, or call the police. It's also a good idea to program the CHPD non-emergency number (801-840-4000) into your

phone.

Always park and walk in well-lit areas. Be situationally aware of what's going on around

you. If you carry a purse, keep it close, with the opening or flap towards your body. Never leave it unattended in a shopping cart and never keep your wallet, credit cards or cash in a backpack. Also, never give your credit card information in response to unsolicited calls or emails. During holiday travel, have a neighbor collect your mail and newspapers, or suspend delivery. Use timers to turn lights off and on.

Finally, remember, if you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity to 801-840-4000 and for emergencies, call 9-1-1.

Be aware and have a great December holiday season. ■



# Student Profiles

## Pedaling their Way to the State Championship

Brighton High's Mountain Biking team rode to victory this fall, claiming the State Championship in Division 2. Two of the team's riders also won individual titles: Brayden Barlage took first in the girls freshmen category, and Ryder Jordin was the points leader, taking first among freshmen boys. Go Bengals! ■



## BHS Girls Volleyball Player an Under Armour All-American

Congratulations to Brighton High's Dani Barton, one of 150 high school volleyball players nationwide to be selected to play for the Under Armour Girls Honorable Mention All-American Team. She was nominated by her coach and was chosen from a field of 600 players. Dani also recently signed a letter of intent to play for the University of Utah. ■

## Brighton High Mock Election: Creating Lifelong Voters

Weeks before Election Day 2016, students at Brighton High filled out simulated ballots in a mock election that, according to organizers, has accurately predicted the outcomes of six of the last seven presidential elections. VOTES (Voting Opportunities for Teens in Every State) was started in 1988 by two history teachers in Massachusetts, and includes teen voters from at least one public and one independent school in each state. Which candidate came out on top? Even though they did not predict the actual outcome, the Bengals chose Secretary Clinton, joining 50,000 of their peers. ■

## An Undersea Adventure

Cottonwood Heights residents driving along Bengal Boulevard on Nov. 3 may have noticed hundreds of pre-teens walking to and from Brighton High. The purpose of the afternoon stroll? a Butler Middle School fieldtrip to see Brighton theatre students perform "The Little Mermaid." An under-water menagerie with elaborate costumes and glow-in-the-dark backdrops, the production was a stage designer's dream, and a great educational opportunity for Bruins en-route to becoming Bengals. ■



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# COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER



## CHRC News & Events

### Lifeguards Wanted

Are you looking for a fun job with incredible perks (including a FREE Membership)?

We're looking for Lifeguards and we're even willing to train! Download an application at [www.cottonwoodheights.com](http://www.cottonwoodheights.com).

### Holiday Hours

Monday, Dec. 5: 5am-5pm  
Saturday, Dec. 24: 6am-4pm  
Sunday, Dec. 25: Closed  
Saturday, Dec. 31: 6am-4pm  
Sunday, Jan. 1: 12pm-5pm

## What's happening in Aquatics

### Swim Lessons

Registration is going on now for our Winter Swim Lessons.

Register online at [activityreg.com](http://activityreg.com) or visit [www.cottonwoodheights.com](http://www.cottonwoodheights.com) for more details.

### Boy Scouts

Swimming Merit Badge  
Dec. 3, 10am-1pm  
Lifesaving Merit Badge  
Dec. 10, 10am-1pm  
CPR  
Dec. 7, 5:30pm-7pm

## What's happening in Programs

### Skate with Santa

Celebrate the holidays with our fun, family-friendly and FREE

Ice Skate with Santa. Join us on Friday, December 9 from 2pm-4pm for free ice skating, pictures, candy canes and of course, Santa!

### Ice Skate Clinic

Thank you to Brighton Bank for sponsoring another year of our FREE Ice Skating Clinic. On Saturday, January 7 from 2pm-4pm, we will be having free ice skating, door prizes, a skate exhibition and more!

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## Merci! Butler Elementary Students Schooled in French Diplomacy

Delegates from the French Ministry of Education dropped by Butler Elementary in October to observe some of the school's dual-language immersion classrooms. Their visit happened to coincide with Halloween, providing them a taste of American popular culture. Students also had a chance to practice their French with some high-ranking officials, including Madame Claudine Schmidt-Lainé, Superintendent of France's Grenoble Region. Principal Christy Waddell said the immersion program wouldn't be possible without France's support in finding guest teachers. ■



## City Welcomes New Associate Planner

Cottonwood Heights is proud to welcome one of its own to join our team.

Andrew Hulka is the city's new associate planner. He takes over for Michael Johnson, who was recently promoted to Senior Planner.

Hulka grew up in Cottonwood Heights and graduated from Butler Middle School and Brighton High School. He also graduated

from BYU with a bachelor's degree and is currently attending the University of Utah, where he is working for a master's degree in planning.

Hulka also currently lives in Cottonwood Heights.

Welcome aboard, Andy! ■



## CH Girls Raise Money For Breast Cancer

Iris Whitlock and her friend Christie Petrogeorge attend Bella Vista Elementary School as 4th graders.



They got together one day and decided that they should raise money for breast cancer research. They chose to contribute to the Susan G. Komen Foundation by making

loom bracelets and selling them door to door.

They also depended on friends, family and classmates to purchase their \$1 bracelets throughout the month of October (Breast Cancer Awareness Month).

The girls raised \$285, and presented the money at the branch of the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Holladay. ■



## Help a Local Family This Season

The Cottonwood Heights Business Association is gathering items for a Sub for Santa to benefit a family living in Cottonwood Heights. If you are interested in donating a gift, contact Peri Kinder at [pkinder@ch.utah.gov](mailto:pkinder@ch.utah.gov) for a list of requested items.

You can bring your donation to City Hall anytime or stop by the CHBA Holiday open

house at City Hall on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 1-3 p.m. After dropping off your gift, you share a holiday treat.

Any extra gifts will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. ■



## City Council Members

- MAYOR** - Kelyn H. Cullimore, Jr.
- DIST# 1** - Michael L. Shelton
- DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken
- DIST# 3** - Michael J. Peterson
- DIST# 4** - Tee W. Tyler
- CITY MANAGER** - John Park

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Dispatch .....840-4000  
Fire Authority .....743-7100  
Animal Control .....840-4000  
Justice Court.....273-9731  
Snow Plow Hotline.....944-7071

## Call Direct

City Manager .....944-7010  
City Planning .....944-7065  
Public Works .....944-7090  
Recorder .....944-7021  
Finance Director.....944-7012  
Code Enforcement.....944-7095  
Police Administration.....944-7100

## City Council Meetings.

- Dec. 6** - No Meeting (employee party)
- Dec. 13** - Work Session 6 p.m., Business Meeting 7 p.m.  
(Work session reconvenes after business meeting.)
- Dec. 20** - Work Session 6 p.m.
- Dec. 27** - No Meeting (Holiday)

**Agendas** are posted 24 hours in advance of public meetings. For details about the agendas, visit: [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov)

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# Business Spotlight

## Know How Mom LLC

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

Know How Mom offers fun, lighthearted education aimed at keeping relationships strong, happy and healthy. Research-based classes and workshops from the Gottman Institute, Active Parenting, and other trusted sources, offer families and couples the best tools available in the field of relationship satisfaction and family success. Whether you attend or host a one-night event or a weekend retreat, there is something offered that will make your relationships more fulfilling. ■



## Sugar & Lemon Day Spa

7420 S Butler Hills Dr.

This home-based spa offers skin care for all facial types, using high quality products and the remarkable treatment of organic hair removal by sugaring. Owner Nettie Goins, a licensed esthetician, pampers her clients with custom-designed facials, hot stone massage and microcurrent treatments to lift facial muscles and reduce wrinkles. Sugaring hair removal is a new technique in Utah but is an ancient method that uses a paste made of sugar, lemon and water to remove unwanted hair from the face and body. Schedule your appointment today. [www.sugarandlemonspa.com](http://www.sugarandlemonspa.com) ■

## NightinGayle's

801-518-2820

Gayle Packer's company NightinGayle's specializes in custom-made gift baskets for any occasion, special event, recognition or holiday, and are loved by people of all ages. She also has ready-made baskets for a quick purchase. Gift baskets make gift giving easy and personal. The baskets can be ordered by phone or via a website coming soon. Gayle also makes unique jewelry to purchase separately or to include in the baskets. ■



# BYU Conducts Wasatch Boulevard Study

Residents living near Wasatch Boulevard were invited to a town hall meeting at Cottonwood Heights City Hall on Nov. 9. Students from Brigham Young University teamed up with the city to survey residents to help determine the future of Wasatch Boulevard. Nearly 100 residents attended to discuss traffic problems, future growth, bike transit, pedestrian options and safety along the busy corridor.

The BYU students have created a link to the survey that is available on the city's website at [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov). Results from the survey will be posted in early 2017. ■



# Council Holiday Message



During this wonderful holiday season, the Cottonwood Heights mayor and city council express our appreciation to you, the wonderful people we call "neighbors." We are a blessed community and have much for which to be grateful. We recognize that it is our association with you, the citizens of this wonderful community, and the opportunity to serve this community that is the source of much joy for us. Thank you for that opportunity to serve. May we

all have a spirit of generosity and tolerance this holiday season and make a special effort to assist those around us who are in need. We wish the best for all the citizens of Cottonwood Heights, and look forward to another prosperous and peaceful new year. ■

