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# NEWSLETTER

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## We Have Many Reasons to be Grateful in Cottonwood Heights

By Council Member Scott Bracken



I'm thankful for the confidence expressed by voters and for the opportunity to serve another term on the City Council.

Cottonwood Heights is a great place to live, and I enjoy doing my part to keep things that way. I'm thankful to welcome Doug Petersen to the Council in January. He comes with 10 years of experience with the Cottonwood Creek Community Council (prior to incorporation) in planning and zoning. He

As Thanksgiving has just passed and the end of the year approaches, it's customary to reflect on where we are, where we have been and where we are going. Personally,

was a great representative then, and I have every confidence he will continue on in that way on the City Council.

I will miss our fire chief, Mike Watson, who is retiring at the end of the month. I am grateful for his service. He has been with us since the beginning and has always been a voice of experience and reason. He is an excellent example of a true public servant who has the best interests of those he serves always in mind.

I'm thankful for first responders who come quickly when called, who are well-trained, and have the equipment necessary to do their jobs. In a recent tour of Fire Station 110, I was impressed with the commitment and dedication the firefighters and paramedics had for our citizens. One paramedic commented, "When someone calls, it's an emergency to

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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER DOUG PETERSEN WHO WILL REPRESENT DISTRICT 1.

### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- PASSED ORDINANCE 332, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 BUDGET.
- PASSED ORDINANCE 333 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO CODE SECTION 14.28.080 REGARDING WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS DEC. 3, 2019

- **WORK SESSION: UNIFIED FIRE DATA AND REPORT DISCUSSION. REVIEW OF BUTLERVILLE DAYS FLOAT.**
- **BUSINESS MEETING: OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS PROPOSED ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**
- **PARKING STANDARDS PROPOSED ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**
- **CONSIDERATION OF REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY**

### DEC. 17, 2019

- **BUSINESS MEETING: COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & CITY AUDITORS. COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE SHELTON RECOGNITION**

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## History Question of the Month

The Homestead Act of 1862 was passed to help in the population of the west with farmers. It was available to citizens and immigrants. Many of the homesteaders within our city boundaries were immigrants. Being new to our country and not speaking the language presented problems for some of those applying for Homestead Grants. What were some of the problems they encountered?

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## Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents

# The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

Written by: Barbara Robinson

Directed by: Dana Pearson

Samuel French, Inc., A Concord Theatricals Company

**December 7 - 4pm & 7pm**  
**December 9 - 7pm**

Cottonwood Heights Theater (Butler Middle School Auditorium)  
7530 S. 2700 E. - #cottonwoodheightsartscouncil

Tickets purchased at the door

\$5 per person - \$4 for groups over 5 - Free for kids 3 and under



### Recycling Tip #4



Although most paper-based products are recyclable, paper towels should not be recycled.



### Recycling Tip #13



Wet newspaper cannot be recycled.

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them." That stood out to me. With the wide variety of people and needs in the city, I was impressed with that attitude. It's very true: What may not be an emergency or hard or difficult for one person, may be for another. We each have our challenges and our strengths.

Our police serve us every day and with excellent response times. If you call them, they will show up. If you are in a traffic accident, they will respond within minutes and help you get things cleared up. There are many stories I get to hear as a Council Member about our officers going above and beyond in helping our citizens in need — from simple wellness checks

to clearing sidewalks to letting someone know their garage door was left open, or responding to home alarm alerts.

Our public works crews stand ready each winter day and night to deploy and clear snow from our roads as quickly as possible. What a blessing to not have to plow through thick snow on the cold days to get to the store, work or school. There are so many places in this world where such service is never provided, and yet we are able to expect it.

Each week, our trash and recycling are picked up and removed from our neighborhoods. This keeps us all healthy

and our city clean. A few years ago, I was on a bus in Greece and the tour operator asked that we not mind the mountains of garbage at the city limits on our way into town. That city's method of removal was to collect it and dump it at the city limits! I am grateful I just have to fill my black/blue can and take it to the curb. Green waste and glass recycling are also curbside services.

Our Community Development Department makes sure new buildings are up to code and new projects get handled correctly. They are also the lead on long-range planning projects in the city, and do an excellent job in helping us document our vision of how we want our city to be.

This list is hardly comprehensive as there are also support staff who help administer, support and enable the work that must go on each day. Additionally, we have hundreds of good citizen volunteers on committees, councils and commissions who help provide us with a better place to live. Many of those volunteers are experts in the fields where they serve, and we, as citizens, enjoy the benefit of that expertise.

Finally, I am grateful to the thousands of Cottonwood Heights citizens who help their neighbors every day. Community members do so many things to make life better, including just saying 'hi,' or holding a door, providing a meal, tutoring or cleaning a yard. Thanks to all, and may this year end up well for you. ■



## Green Waste Collection

The last pickup date for Green Waste Collection in 2019 for Cottonwood Heights will be Wednesday, Dec. 11. Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District reminds residents to not place the green cans out on the curb after that date. They will not be picked up nor emptied. 2020 Green Waste Collection for Cottonwood Heights will resume Wednesday, March 18, 2020. ■

## Facebook/Twitter

As we approach the cold, winter months, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District also sees the possibility of bad weather affecting its ability to provide timely service to neighborhoods. The district's Facebook and Twitter pages are 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 WFWRD on Facebook and Twitter to stay apprised of these issues, and also to receive waste and recycling tips. ■





# THANK YOU!

## Cottonwood Heights Wishes a Fond Farewell to Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson

By Tim Beery



After the turn of the New Year, in the second week of January, our city will celebrate a milestone. January 14 marks 15 years as an incorporated city. During that time, we have grown from a small staff without a City Hall into a respected municipality that has gained national recognition for excellence in governance. In our years, we've seen changes. Some big, some small, but one thing that has always been consistent is our leadership and representation in the Unified Fire Authority.

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson has steered the helm for Cottonwood Heights since our beginning and at the end of this month, he will retire following a 28-year career in firefighting. During his tenure, Watson watched Cottonwood Heights grow from a township operating in a conference room of a local business to a developed city with established codes and practices.

"Being assigned to a startup city has been a phenomenal experience for me," he said.

"Watching a group of people come together with a shared vision and seeing them navigate the difficulties — from writing policies to building a General Plan, for me it was simply incredible to be a part of that," he said.

Watson says the part he will miss is the camaraderie he built with the city staff in the startup process.

"I told Mayor Peterson and (Police) Chief Russo I will miss that part as much as what I do with the UFA," he said, "because it has opened up my thinking incredibly."

Watson's approach has always been to lead with an open mind and reciprocity to feedback and ideas. His calm demeanor and stoic-leadership style left an indelible imprint on his colleagues and brothers-in-service.

"In our industry, you see a lot of different personalities and skillsets," said Cottonwood Heights Police Chief Robby Russo.

"If there is one person whom I would like to emulate in my life, it is Mike Watson," he said. "From his knowledge to his people skills to the family man that he is, he is the most patient and respectable man I have ever met."

Watson's legacy in Cottonwood Heights extends beyond patience and manners, however. During his tenure he has been instrumental in keeping Cottonwood Heights associated with Unified Fire Authority and has helped strengthen relationships in surrounding communities.

Watson said that during his career, his belief system kept him grounded and clear-headed during both turbulent times and good.

"I believe in good causes. There are many, many good causes out there. (Cottonwood Heights City) is one of them. I think that is probably the driving factor for me is that it is a good cause. We have folks who face difficult or dangerous situations every day. My job is to make sure that I am doing everything I can to help those folks — whether firefighters, city employees, elected officials and residents — to be as safe and as successful as possible."

Cottonwood Heights has had a successful turn as an incorporated city, and much of that can be attributed to stellar leadership from folks like Watson. Long-term relationships have built a level of trust that has fostered success.

"I have had the honor of working with Chief Watson over the past 15 years in my capacity as Director of the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area, as a City Councilman and now as Mayor," said Mayor Mike Peterson.

"During this time, I have found Chief Watson to be an intelligent and dedicated individual who has always wanted the very best for our city. Mike is a true professional in every way. He will be sincerely missed," he said. ■



## For Council Member Mike Shelton, Service has Always been about Time

By Tim Beery



I had the opportunity to meet with Council Member Mike Shelton recently to discuss his eight-year term as the District 1 representative in Cottonwood Heights.

As Mike reminisced on his career behind the dais, one theme continued to enter the conversation: The idea of time. Time given to a worthy cause, time spent pushing for what matters, time dedicated to the betterment of a city.

"It has been a great experience, but it takes time," he explained. "I had time, and I was able to use it to do what the residents elected me to do, which is to become informed about the issues by spending time."

It is through hours of meetings, and days leading into weeks that led into months, which allowed Shelton to appreciate his position.

"When you dedicate the time and get involved with something, you come to love it," he said.

"Hopefully spending my time, as I was elected to do, helped me to make some small contributions to the city and community."

Shelton's time did contribute to the city in

a myriad of ways, including increased revenue sources for the city, improving how the city plows snow, and the building of new buildings and amenities throughout Cottonwood Heights. Projects and tasks such as these don't build themselves, and for an elected official in a small municipality like Cottonwood Heights, it requires special dedication.

"That's what I was elected to do," he said. "Take the time to learn what needed to be done. My constituents couldn't do that. So it was my job to give my time to become informed for those who I was elected to represent."

"It is something that is always on your mind," he continued. "It is every day, even when you are away from the city. It is something you think about. You're thinking what needs to be done, what needs to be accomplished."

Shelton's mindfulness has been evident through his tenure, and his dedication to his craft was not lost on his colleagues.

"While working with Councilman Shelton over the last eight years, I have found him to be the epitome of an outstanding public servant, with a high moral compass," said Mayor Mike Peterson.

"Mike always wants to do the right things for our city rather than what might appear to be the most politically correct. For this and many other



reasons, he will truly be missed," the Mayor added.

As is the case with most elected officials in Cottonwood Heights, Shelton leads an active life with duties and responsibilities separate from city service. Through this prism, he has gained an appreciation for the sheer magnitude of time it takes to keep a city running.

"Having seen the time it takes to accomplish the tasks of the city, whether it is public safety or public works, the creation of a newsletter or a website, it all takes a tremendous amount of time and effort," he said.

As an elected official, Shelton made the most of his time. Now he is looking to allow others the same opportunity. As the city welcomes a new representative, we thank Council Member Shelton for his service.

It was time well spent. ■

## Celebrating our K-9 Officers and Remembering Chip

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



Here at Cottonwood Heights Police Department, we have three active K-9 officers within our ranks. Two of them are Malinois and one is a black German Shepherd. These dogs

live full time with their assigned officers and as such, they become part of the family. Police K-9s are specially bred animals that are often imported into the United States. Thousands of hours go into training these dogs and it is their main job to protect both their handlers and the public.

The daily routine for our K-9 officers includes searching for drugs and explosives, locating missing people, finding crime scene evidence and helping take dangerous criminals into custody. These dogs work off verbal cues and hand gestures and are trained in locating dangerous drugs very quickly.

The culture surrounding police canines has evolved over the years. In addition to hunting and apprehending criminals, they play an equally vital role in the community by assisting with public demonstrations, educational events and presentations. As American law enforcement officers, sometimes we struggle with negative

elements in society. Our relationship with society benefits greatly through the interaction of the dogs and helps us recapture lost relationships.

One such K-9 officer who served right here in Cottonwood Heights was Chip, a 9-year-old Malinois who loved to interact and play with everyone he met, right up until it was time to go to work. Chip served in patrol and on our SWAT Team and had a special attachment with his handler. But like humans, our K-9s can get sick sometimes, as was the case with Chip.

After a courageous fight against cancer, Chip had his last day on the job this past summer before passing away from his illness. On Aug. 29, we said goodbye to Chip, as one of our own.

We miss Chip every day at the department. These dogs are not only our fellow officers, but they are our family. After some mourning, Chip's sergeant and handler believes he's ready to bring a new member into the CHPD family. I expect we'll have our new member ready to introduce in the next few months. ■





## Answer

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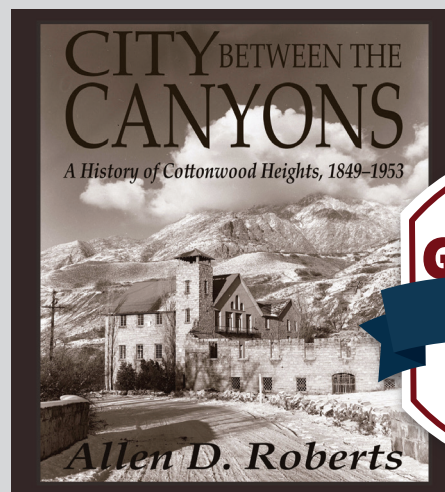
In 1871, Andrew Hansen and his wife, Elsie, arrived in Utah from Denmark. They settled in Cottonwood at about 3900 South and Highland Drive. Andrew found work at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' granite quarry in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Because of the distance it took to travel, it made it necessary for him to stay in the nearby camps. He learned about the Homestead Act from a friend and in 1872, with the help of his friend, he applied for a grant.

The property he chose was close to the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, making it so he could commute each day. Shortly after his first son was born in the fall of 1872, he moved his family, wife, son and mother-in-law into a dugout on his homestead. They lived there until he built a two-room log house, which he moved them into in May 1874. In 1877, when he applied for a patent on his homestead, he found he had built the house on property that wasn't part of his homestead. Because he had been either misled or he didn't understand due to the language barrier, he was able to have his grant amended to include the property with the house, but had to wait another two years before he could again apply for the patent. ■

## Buy the Book!

Stories of our community can be found in the book "City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights 1849-1953."

The book would be a great gift. Pick up yours at City Hall.



# Skate with Santa

**FREE EVENT!**

**Dec. 14th from  
3:30pm-5:30pm**

**BRING THE KIDS!**

**The Annual CHFSC  
Winter Ice Show**

**1:00pm-3:00pm**

Performances by CHRC Learn-to-Skate & CHFSC members.

  
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## Aquatics Info

- Swim Lessons
- Precomp
- Boy Scouts
- Lifeguard Training
- Water Safety Instructor

**Spring 2020  
Sign-Ups Begin  
December 11th!**

## City Council Members

**MAYOR** - Michael J. Peterson  
**DIST# 1** - Michael L. Shelton  
**DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken  
**DIST# 3** - Tali C. Bruce  
**DIST# 4** - Christine Watson Mikell  
**CITY MANAGER** - Tim Tingey

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 Animal Control..... 840-4000  
 Justice Court..... 273-9731

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 City Planning..... 944-7065  
 Public Works..... 944-7000  
 Recorder..... 944-7021  
 Finance Director..... 944-7012  
 Code Enforcement..... 944-7095  
 Police Administration..... 944-7100

## City Council Meetings

**Dec. 3** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.  
**Dec. 17** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.

*(Work session reconvenes after business meeting.)*

*Agendas are posted 24 hours in advance of public meetings.*

*For details about the agendas, go to: [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov)*

## Planning Commission

The Planning commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting will be held on Dec. 4

## Editors

Tim Beery, Kim Horiuchi

## Graphic Designer

Megan Pace

## Eight Bengals Earn Academic All-State Status

Eight Brighton Bengals were among 26 Canyons District students this fall season to receive Academic All-State Awards. The Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) selects students on the basis of their academic achievements and athletic and artistic abilities. Congratulations the following honorees:

### FOOTBALL

Blake Yates, Brighton

### GIRLS SOCCER

Courtney Ebeling, Brighton  
 Dylan Zito, Brighton

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Jacob Simmons, Brighton

### VOLLEYBALL

Elle Wilson, Brighton

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Kate Marler, Brighton

### GIRLS TENNIS

Laura Lundahl, Brighton

### BOYS GOLF

Quentin Cook, Brighton

## A New 'Home of the Bengals' is on the Rise

Until now, most of the work to rebuild Brighton High has taken place behind the school where it's not immediately visible. But a new auditorium and performing arts center, and physical education building are beginning to take shape on either end of the campus — and over the holiday break, a portion of the existing building will come down to make room for a new classroom wing. When students return from Winter Recess, they'll be taking some of their classes in new locations and school events will be staged at Butler Middle. "We'll have to get creative and find ways to share space and repurpose rooms, but we'll be able to occupy the new classrooms and arts and athletics buildings by fall 2020," says Brighton Principal Tom Sherwood. "The end result will be a safe, high-quality learning environment that inspires students to set and achieve challenging goals." For more information about the project, visit [www.bond.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.bond.canyonsdistrict.org). ■



## Brighton High's Model UN Team Takes Region

The Brighton Bengals' Model United Nations Team, long ranked as one of the best in the country, took first place at the 2019 Regional High School Model United Nations conference at Brigham Young University. Much like the real UN, the goal is to identify creative solutions to vexing foreign relations' problems. ■





## Business Spotlights

### Canyon Cove Pilates and Activewear | 2258 E. Fort Union Blvd., Suite B2

Pilates and Beyond Canyon Cove Pilates, has been providing individualized, classic Pilates for 13 years, and welcomed a new owner this year, Christina Murray Kohlburn. She is a longtime Cottonwood Heights resident who is happy to have transitioned from client to owner. The studio continues to provide Pilates instruction on an individualized- or small-group basis, taught by classically trained, certified instructors. Experience a friendly community environment where support, camaraderie and networking take place. Instructors not only help clients get in the best shape possible, but genuinely care about them. Come in and see what genuine Pilates can do for you! ■



Thank you for all your donations for The Road Home. It was greatly appreciated.

### Whispering Pines Skincare



Whispering Pines Skincare in Cottonwood Heights is located at the mouth of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. Owner Linda Folkmann specializes in Microneedling, bioenzyme facial masque sessions and botanically stabilized chemical peels. All treatments are two hours in length and that time includes a therapeutic LED Collagen Induction session. To see the menu of services or to schedule an appointment, please visit [www.whisperingpinesskincare.com](http://www.whisperingpinesskincare.com) ■



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### Sub for Santa

Cottonwood Heights Business Association (CHBA) is sponsoring eight families for the Sub for Santa program. They have been nominated by one of our Cottonwood Heights schools. Local businesses Auction IQ, Equiscript, Insurance Concepts, Network Funding and CHBA Board Member Miriam Aiazzi have generously committed to sponsor five of the families. The CHBA has three families remaining and is seeking your help. If you would like to join in the Christmas spirit and help a child, go to the link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4fadac29a7fe3-subfor>

All purchased items need to be delivered to City Hall by noon, Wednesday, Dec. 11. We appreciate your generosity and support to sub in for Santa and help bring these families Christmas. If you have any questions, call 801-944-7067 or email [smartell@ch.utah.gov](mailto:smartell@ch.utah.gov). ■



### Death by Chocolate

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 | 5 to 7 pm.

Tickets will go on sale in January for anyone in the community who would like to attend. This event will be held at City Hall in the Community Room.

If you would like to be a vendor, please call 801-944-7067 or email [smartell@ch.utah.gov](mailto:smartell@ch.utah.gov). ■

