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## Supporting Local Business and Economic Development in Cottonwood Heights

Council Member Suzanne Hyland



*The statements in this article are the author's views and not necessarily of the entire city council.*

Since joining the council, I've enjoyed the opportunity to hear various viewpoints about what citizens want for our city. I've found we universally agree on a common motive: well-being. That can encompass many things but seems to boil down to the well-being of ourselves and our loved ones and the desire for peaceful living in our community. Though some may eschew money as a source of well-being, there is an element of peace and security when households can freely pursue and

rely on steady income to meet their needs.

As an economist and small business owner, I'm tuned into the role of government as a facilitator and advocate of business development and growth. Cottonwood Heights is home to over 4,800 businesses, with new businesses emerging every day. We have a strong commercial foundation as the home of large domestic and international businesses such as Extra Space Storage, Breeze Aviation, and Instructure, as well as small businesses that contribute significantly to our community.

What does the city do to support the local economy?

**Cottonwood Heights Business Association (CHBA)**

City staff organize and run the Cottonwood Heights Business Association (CHBA), which promotes local businesses through networking

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## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

**(NO MEETINGS NOV. 5 DUE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION)**

- NOVEMBER 12**
- HISTORIC COMMITTEE REPORT
- NOVEMBER 19**
- TOWN CENTER DISCUSSION
  - CANVASS MEETING: OFFICIAL BOND RESULTS
- DECEMBER 3**
- MODERATE INCOME HOUSING POLICY DISCUSSION
  - 20TH ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION 2025

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- **NOVEMBER 5:** GENERAL ELECTION FROM 7 AM - 8 PM
- **NOVEMBER 11:** CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY
- **NOVEMBER 16:** INAUGURAL COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BYWAY EVENT AT 2 PM AT BYWATER PARK PAVILION
- **NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 31:** AROUND THE WORLD WINTER WONDERS AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS ART SHOW
- **NOVEMBER 28-29:** CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY
- **DECEMBER 2:** LIGHT THE HEIGHTS AT CITY HALL
- **DECEMBER 6:** ECLIPSE 6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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*Light<sup>the</sup> Heights*  
TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA

**Monday, Dec 2, 2024**  
**5-7:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall-2277 Bengal Blvd.**

**5-6:45 P.M.** Visit Santa (Inside)

**5-7:00 P.M.** Holiday Vendors  
Write Letter to Santa  
Kids Craft

**6-7:00 P.M.** Hot Chocolate &  
Pot Roast Sundae  
Enjoy a delicious small cup of pot roast served  
with mash potatoes and gravy! (While supplies last!)

**7-7:30 P.M.**  
Brighton High School Band  
& Tree Lighting  
(Outside)

All activities at the event are FREE!  
Come and join in on the holiday fun!

More info: [CH.UTAH.GOV](http://CH.UTAH.GOV)



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POWER  
POWERING YOUR GREATNESS

**ECLIPSE 6**  
*Christmas*  
CONCERT



**DECEMBER 6, 2024**  
**7:30 - 9 PM** CONCERT IS FREE  
Doors Open at 7pm General Admission

Butler Middle School Theater - 7530 South 2700 E.  
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*Around the  
World  
Winter Wonders  
and  
Cultural  
Traditions  
Art Show*

**Cottonwood Heights Arts Council**  
Cottonwood Heights City Hall  
2277 Bengal Blvd. Cottonwood Heights, UT  
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm  
**November 18 - December 31, 2024**  
Cottonwood Heights City Hall  
2277 Bengal Blvd. Cottonwood Heights, UT  
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm  
Visit [CHCityArts.com](http://CHCityArts.com) for a list of exhibited artists.

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events, educational workshops, and involvement in local traditions like Butlerville Days, Trunk or Treat, and Death by Chocolate (February). There are two recently added programs:

1. Business Spotlight is an opportunity to be featured in the city's monthly newsletter, highlighting your business' unique offerings and contributions to the community.
2. Love Your Locals is designed for businesses to share special events, promotions, or coupon codes with the community, helping to drive engagement and support for local initiatives.

If you're a local business, take advantage of these opportunities to increase your visibility and connect with the community. Learn more about CHBA on the "Doing Business" tab on the city website.

#### South Valley Chamber of Commerce

Just over one year ago, the city council voted to join the South Valley Chamber of Commerce. It's difficult in a short article to adequately represent the magnitude of business support the Chamber offers. There is Business Boot Camp, an Everyday Entrepreneurship program, and Business Accelerator, which is a "mini-MBA" program. I can only wish when I started my business 20 years ago that I had access to the range of programs and

education available. If you're a small business or thinking about starting one, start with the South Valley Chamber ([www.southvalleychamber.com](http://www.southvalleychamber.com))! It will jumpstart your success, saving you time, headaches, and significant resources.

#### Sister City Agreements

A number of representatives from the University of Utah and various elected officials traveled to Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, Korea, to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the U's Asian campus and to sign an intent to forge a sister city agreement with Yeonsu-gu. Why Korea? And why would Yeonsu-gu be interested in a small community like Cottonwood Heights? Both cities are making efforts to create business cooperation across shared industries such as biotech, private equity, and fintech that are burgeoning in Utah. The University of Utah has a campus in Yeonsu-gu creating opportunities for educational exchanges. Incheon created an international free economic zone (IFEZ), which means trade is free of tariffs and customs duties, thus reducing the cost of conducting business together.

CHBA, South Valley Chamber, and beneficial agreements help our local economy flourish.



What can you do to support the local economy?

Think local. Dine at a restaurant in the city. Seek local providers for personal care and services. Buy from local retail businesses. If you can't find it in the city, shop online. Shopping online generates sales tax that supports our local tax base.

Every dollar spent here matters. Our local economy matters. A thriving economy contributes to our personal and collective well-being. I'm grateful to live in a city and state that recognizes the value of local business development. Working together, the city and citizens can do good in our community by investing and spending here. ■

## Safe Places to Walk & Roll: Cottonwood Heights makes strides in establishing an active transportation network.

A couple of the most common comments from Cottonwood Heights' residents in regard to the current state of our city include: "there's too much traffic" and "there isn't safe infrastructure to get where I want to go without a car." We are all fortunate to live in a place that sits right up against some of the most beautiful mountains in the U.S. And yet it's true that the safe and effective ways to get around our community without a car are few and far between.

Active transportation is one of the ways to fix this. Previous articles have touched on the subject, but as a refresher, active transportation is defined as human powered mobility such as walking, skateboarding, biking, scootering etc. that replaces vehicle trips. Many communities around the country are realizing the advantages of creating safe active transportation networks, including improved public health, reduced vehicle emissions, and overall better quality of life.

Cottonwood Heights recently made a step toward creating an active transportation network in our community with the establishment of the city's first Neighborhood Byway, i.e. a pleasant and convenient

route for people using active modes of transportation by encouraging safe travel speeds, discouraging cut-through vehicle traffic, providing safe crossings of busy streets, and connecting people to destinations. Our city's first Neighborhood Byway is currently being established between Big Cottonwood Canyon and the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center along Banbury, Winesap, Nutree and Racquet Club streets. This route will include signage and large sharrows (signage indicating that drivers need to share the road with cyclists) that signal



it's the preferred route for walkers and bikers to use. The route was established through collaboration between the City's Department of Public Works and the Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee's Active Transportation Subcommittee.

This route will hopefully be the first of many Neighborhood Byways located within Cottonwood Heights where citizens and visitors can feel safe walking or rolling to get where they want to go instead of getting in their car. "Cottonwood Heights has many potential routes for Neighborhood Byways," says Zach Geiger, chair of the city's Active Transportation subcommittee "There are neighborhoods with low traffic volumes and existing sidewalks that can serve as these routes."

For a map of Cottonwood Heights' first Neighborhood Byway, visit [cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/community/maps](http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/community/maps).

**Join us for the Inaugural Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Byway Event! Celebrate the opening of our first official Neighborhood Byway with light snacks and refreshments. Time and Place: Saturday, November 16 at 2 PM at Bywater Park pavilion.** ■

## UDOT STICKER AND TRACTION PROGRAM

Police Chief Robby Russo



The Cottonwood Heights Police, Sandy Police, and Salt Lake County Sheriff have partnered with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to address traction issues in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons during the winter ski season.

Managing traffic and assisting motorists traveling to the four ski resorts has always been challenging. However, significant progress has been made over the past two years in improving parking, controlling traffic during avalanche control, and reducing neighborhood cut-through traffic.

A crucial element for winter safety is the UDOT Cottonwood Canyons sticker program. Residents and skiers have requested the reimplementation of the sticker and traction control preparedness and education program specifically designed for the Cottonwood Canyons. The goal of this program is to enhance vehicle safety and preparedness by pre-inspecting vehicle tires (minimum tread depth of 3/32) for winter driving conditions before drivers travel into the canyons. Traction devices are mandatory during severe winter weather conditions in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

We are pleased that Senator Cullimore introduced a Bill in the Utah Legislature last year to secure funding for this essential program. The aim is to improve the efficiency of public transit and guide underprepared drivers towards alternative transportation methods such as transit, shuttles,

carpooling, or delaying travel until road conditions improve.

Officers will be stationed at the entrance of both canyons on snowy days when UDOT enforces the Traction Law. Utah's administrative rule (R20-6), known as the Traction Law, is implemented during severe winter driving conditions. It requires vehicles to have snow-worthy tires, chains, or other approved traction devices for safety. Vehicles that do not meet these standards will be turned around and not allowed to proceed up the canyons, where they could pose a risk to other drivers and pedestrians.

The sticker program certifies that the vehicle has been pre-checked, allowing officers to wave the vehicle through the checkpoint when the Traction Law is in effect. Vehicles without a sticker will be inspected to ensure their tires or traction devices meet the requirements before being allowed to enter the canyon. The sticker is free of charge (placed on the front windshield), completely voluntary, and will be available from October 17, 2024, to February 28, 2025. It is important to note that under the existing rule, the requirement for traction devices is based on current road conditions, not predicted conditions.

### The traction requirements are as follows:

**1. AWD/4WD: M+S or M/S tires are the minimum**



**requirement.**

**Traction devices such as chains or 3-peak mountain snowflake (3PMSF) tires are also acceptable and provide the most reliable traction in severe winter conditions.**

**2. 2WD: 3-peak mountain snowflake (3PMSF) tires (on all four tires) are the minimum requirement.**

**Traction devices such as chains are also acceptable.**

We value our relationship with UDOT and our allied agencies and aim to continue educating the public on what to expect. We want everyone who wishes to use the world-class resorts to safely traverse the canyons. UDOT has created several public service announcements and collaborated with rental companies to ensure that out-of-state visitors do not encounter obstacles when renting a vehicle. However, we encourage visitors to check with their rental company to verify that their vehicle is equipped with four-wheel drive (4WD) or all-wheel drive (AWD) and the appropriate tires.

Winter weather driving is challenging, especially in the Cottonwood Canyons, and we hope the new program enhances your experience, whether you are heading to the slopes or residents navigating local roads. ■



## Public Notice: Environmental Study for Tolling and Enhanced Bus Service in Big Cottonwood Canyon

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is issuing this notice to the public that an environmental study is being prepared to evaluate tolling and enhanced bus service to address winter-

time traffic congestion management on State Route (SR) 190 in Big Cottonwood Canyon as directed by the Utah State Legislature in Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) (2023).

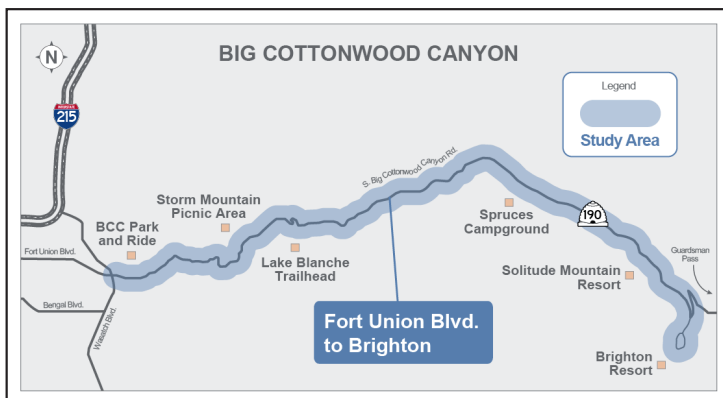
SB 2 specifies and directs UDOT to use certain legislature-allocated funds to "provide enhanced bus service, tolling, a mobility hub, and resort bus stops for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons." This environmental study will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Cottonwood Heights residents are encouraged to attend one of the public meetings UDOT is hosting

to learn more about the study. There will be an in-person open house on Nov. 13 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Butler Elementary School, 7000 S. 2700 E., Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121, and a virtual meeting on Zoom on Nov. 14 from 6 - 7 p.m.

**UDOT is also asking for public comments from Nov. 13 - Dec. 13, 2024, and would like community input** on the preliminary purpose and need of the project, observations or concerns associated with existing traffic conditions, and the community and natural environmental resources that should be evaluated in the study.

For more information about the project or how to submit a comment, visit [udotinput.utah.gov/bccstudy](http://udotinput.utah.gov/bccstudy). You can also call or text the study hotline at **801-477-6410** or send an email to [bccstudy@utah.gov](mailto:bccstudy@utah.gov). ■



## Stormwater Tip of the Month

Everything that goes into the gutter is gobbled up by the storm drain, then flows into Big or Little Cottonwood Creek. Dumping anything besides stormwater down the gutter is illegal and known as "illicit discharge". If you see an illicit discharge report it to the City. ■



# Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District proposed fee increase for 2025

The District needs a fee increase as part of the 2025 budget to sustain service levels for our communities. Our Board has been reviewing scenarios that include \$5.50, \$6.50 per month, and incremental increases over two to three years. Our team works hard and will continue to work to absorb increased costs through improved efficiencies.

We have, however, experienced higher costs and have drawn down our fund balance due to costs associated with truck shop maintenance rates, labor rates for our CDL drivers, landfill fees, recycling processing fees, and truck purchase prices to replace our aging trucks.

Our Board is scheduled to tentatively adopt

the tentative 2025 budget on Monday, October 28th at 9:00 a.m. They will hold a **public hearing on Monday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. to allow public comment on the tentative 2025 budget.** All Board meetings are held at our offices located at 604 West 6960 South in Midvale on the main floor of the SL County Public Works Administration building. Online attendance is also available. Meeting agendas and other information can be found here: <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/about/our-board-trustees/board-meeting-information>.

Pam Roberts, General Manager, is also available for questions and she can be reached by phone, (385) 468-6342 or via email [proberts@wasatchfrontwaste.org](mailto:proberts@wasatchfrontwaste.org). ■



## District Diversion

As Utah's population grows and consumer habits evolve, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling is here to champion a greener future for our community. One way we measure our efforts is by our diversion rate.

What are diversion rates? Simply put, they measure how much waste we're keeping out of landfills by recycling and composting. We're thrilled to share that our goal for 2024 is 18%, and we're at an exciting 18.47%! This is a fantastic leap from 17.73% in 2023, and it's all thanks to your efforts. By continuing to recycle and compost correctly, we can increase our diversion rates and decrease our contamination rates in efforts to ensure a sustainable future. Below are the tonnages by program and diversion rate for your community:

City	Curbside Waste	Curbside Green	Diamond Tree	Recycle	Glass	Trees	Diversion Rate	Last Update
Cottonwood Heights	9,190	593	115.2	1,598	114	6.7	21%	10/8/2024

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to making our community a cleaner, greener place! ■

# Congrats to the 2024 landscaping/beautification award winners!

Sydney Pierce, Business Development Specialist

In a celebration of community spirit and environmental stewardship, Cottonwood Heights recently held its annual Beautification Landscape Awards, recognizing unique homes from each district that exemplify commitment to enhancing the community's aesthetic appeal through stunning gardens. This year's nominations featured an array of captivating landscapes, showcasing the creativity and dedication of residents. After thoughtful deliberation, district council members awarded the prize to four outstanding homes, each representing the beauty and diversity of their respective neighborhoods.

The winners, who were honored during a recent city council meeting, received a certificate commemorating their achievement, as well as a gift card to Home Depot. This gesture aims to inspire continued gardening efforts and encourages homeowners to

explore new ways to enhance their outdoor spaces. These awards highlight the incredible effort our residents put into their gardens, not just for their enjoyment, but for the enrichment of the entire Cottonwood Heights community.

The Beautification Landscape Awards program has grown in popularity since its inception, with an increasing number of nominations each year. Residents are encouraged to participate, fostering a friendly competition that brings neighborhoods together. In addition to individual recognition, the program emphasizes the importance of community involvement in

creating vibrant public spaces. The city aims to expand the initiative in the coming years, potentially including

categories for community gardens and public spaces.

As Cottonwood Heights continues to embrace its natural beauty, the annual Beautification Landscape Awards serve as a testament to the dedication of its residents in making the city a more picturesque place to live. With each blooming garden, the community reaffirms its commitment to enjoying and preserving the natural environment for generations to come. ■



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District 2



District 3



District 4



## FROM VISION TO REALITY: LOOKING BACK ON 20 YEARS SINCE THE FOUNDING OF COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

For years, this vibrant community thrived as part of unincorporated Salt Lake County. But a desire for greater local control and a unique vision for the future sparked a journey toward incorporation. Over the next year the Historic Committee will be looking back at the key moments and driving forces behind the establishment of Cottonwood Heights in 2005, and important moments in our shared history as we approach the 20th anniversary of Cottonwood Heights!

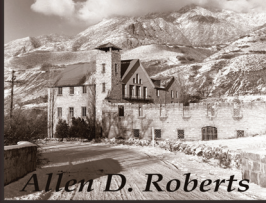
The Historic Committee currently has a photo exhibit up in the lobby at Cottonwood Heights City Hall celebrating the vision, dedication, and community spirit that made our city a reality. The Committee looks forward to an expanded exhibit that further illuminates the twenty year anniversary of Cottonwood Heights next summer at Butlerville Days 2025!



Historic Committee Exhibit  
M-F, 8am-5pm  
On display in City Hall Lobby until Nov. 14

### CITY BETWEEN THE CANYONS

A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953



### Buy the book!

Get your very own copy of the hardbound history book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*! Buy yours at City Hall for \$20 (3 for \$50) or online at [ch.utah.gov/history-book](http://ch.utah.gov/history-book) for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■

# 40TH ANNUAL COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

## THANKSGIVING DAY 5K

REGISTRATION NOV. 2ND - 26TH

ADULT: \$35

YOUTH (11 & UNDER): \$20

LATE REGISTRATION NOV. 27TH

8AM - 8PM ONLINE ONLY!

ADULT: \$45

YOUTH (11 & UNDER): \$25

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Dispatch ..... 840-4000  
Fire authority ..... 743-7200  
Animal control ..... 944-7100  
Justice court ..... 273-9731

## Call direct

City manager ..... 944-7010  
City planning ..... 944-7060  
Public works ..... 944-7000  
Recorder ..... 944-7021  
Finance director ..... 944-7012  
Code enforcement ..... 840-4000  
Police administration ..... 944-7100

## City council meetings

**November 5: No Meetings (Election Day)**

- **November 12:** Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **November 19:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **December 3:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday each month at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. unless otherwise noticed. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings at [ch.utah.gov/agendas](http://ch.utah.gov/agendas).

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission generally holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Editor:** Beatriz Mayorga,  
Communication Manager

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center Opens in Sandy

Safely dispose of environmentally harmful household items at a new convenient location.

This past summer, the Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD) inaugurated a new Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center for county residents. Located in west Sandy, this center offers a practical alternative for disposing of household hazardous waste compared to the designated HHW disposal sites at the Salt Lake Valley or Trans-Jordan Landfills. Household Hazardous Waste encompasses any items in or around your home that are poisonous, flammable, corrosive, or toxic. This also includes products, such as electronics, that contain materials like heavy metals.

**It is dangerous** to discard HHW in your regular garbage or down sinks and toilets, and **it is illegal** to abandon them or pour them into gutters, storm drains, or waterways. Improper storage or disposal of these items **pollutes our land, air, and water** and can lead to civil and criminal penalties.

### Common types of HHW include:

- **Automotive batteries and fluids, including antifreeze and oil**
- **Fuels**
- **Paints, stains, and varnishes**
- **Pesticides, herbicides, and other yard chemicals**
- **Many cleaning products**



- **Cooking oil**
- **Aerosols**
- **Electronics and fluorescent bulbs**
- **Nonalkaline batteries such as lithium, NiMH, NiCd (note that alkaline batteries—like standard AA, AAA, C, and D batteries—are not deemed hazardous)**

Residential HHW disposal is **FREE** for Salt Lake County residents.

Business waste and waste from residents of other counties is accepted for a fee.

The HHW Collection Center is open **Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. located at 8805 South 700 West, Sandy**. Business waste is accepted by appointment only (call 385-468-4380 to schedule an appointment for business waste disposal). ■

## SUSTAINABILITY

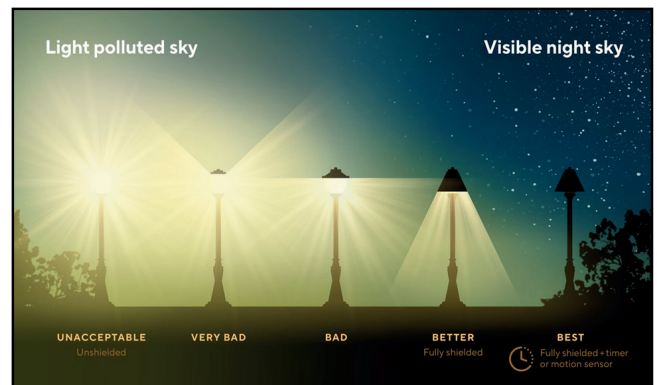
### Importance of Dark Skies

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

One of Utah's best outdoor assets is its beautiful night skies. Visitors from all over the world flock to the state to stargaze and engage in astronomy, like our humans have done for millennia. The arrival of winter and longer nights gives us an opportunity to appreciate this aspect of our great state and the wonders of space above us.

Unfortunately, much of the night sky is obscured in our city. Some of this is due to air pollution, which we can reduce by cutting down on wasteful usage of fossil fuels. However, most of this is due to light pollution from the valley. Light pollution occurs when unshielded lighting shines up into the sky and reflects off particles in the air. This causes glare and haze at night. Light pollution also affects natural wildlife, which relies on the night sky for migration, reproduction and other biological processes.

In 2019, the City of Cottonwood Heights recognized



the importance of the night sky and outdoor lighting on our quality of life and passed an outdoor lighting ordinance to help address this. This ordinance applies to all new lighting in the city but is recommended for all residents. Changing your lighting to enhance shielding or reducing brightness helps the entire city cut down on light pollution while also saving energy.

If you have questions about how you can cut down on light pollution, or what recommendations city staff might have, reach out to us via our website or give us a call at **801-944-7000**. ■

## Business spotlight

Brighton Bookkeeping | 801-818-5231 | [brightonbookkeeping.com](http://brightonbookkeeping.com)

At Brighton Bookkeeping, they understand that managing finances is just one part of growing a successful business. Led by Jennifer Young, a University of Utah alum with over a decade of financial expertise, they go beyond basic bookkeeping to provide comprehensive support that drives growth and simplifies financial management. Their services are tailored specifically for professional service providers, ensuring that your back office runs smoothly while you focus on what you do best. Whether you need help with payroll, controller services, or detailed bookkeeping, they've got you covered. Here's How Brighton Bookkeeping Can Help: Bookkeeping: We ensure stress-

free compliance with dedicated account managers, secure cloud accounting systems, and paperless receipt processes. They handle everything from accurate transaction entries and reconciliations to 1099 forms, sales tax, and personal property taxes. They also coordinate with your CPA to make tax season a breeze. Back Office Support: From creating invoices and processing income to managing vendor relations and merchant services, they handle the details, so you don't have to. They'll keep your accounts updated, maintain your Chart of Accounts, and customize workflows to suit your specific needs. Performance and Profit Focus: Their budgeting, cash management, and

cost control services are designed to optimize your prices, track projects, and maximize tax deductions.

They help you keep an eye on key performance indicators, ensuring your business stays on the path to success. With Brighton Bookkeeping, you'll have the peace of mind that your finances are in expert hands, allowing you to focus on what matters most—growing your business. Ready to take your business to the next level? Contact Brighton Bookkeeping today and discover how they can help you achieve your goals. ■

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Kameron at Unity Group Real Estate is your go-to expert for finding the best investment properties available as of August 1st, 2024.

**Key reasons to choose Kameron include:**

- Expert Guidance: In-depth knowledge of the Utah Valley market for informed decisions.
- Exclusive Listings: Access to a variety of income properties, including short-term and long-term options.

- Personalized Service: Tailored strategies to meet individual investment goals, from high-return ski properties to stable rentals.
- Market Insights: Up-to-date advice to enhance investment success.

**Current Opportunities:**

- Park City Properties: High-demand areas near ski resorts promising significant returns.
- New Developments: Modern condo

communities like Pioche Village with attractive pricing.

- Diverse Strategies: Options for both short-term and long-term rentals.



Contact Kameron today to consult and explore the best income properties in the valley! ■

Sky Roots Wellness | 801-340-3040 | [skyrootwellness.org](http://skyrootwellness.org)

At Sky Roots Wellness, we're excited to serve Cottonwood Heights and surrounding areas with a full range of integrative health services. Dr. Shawn Postma, NMD, offers compassionate naturopathic care focused on finding the root cause of your health concerns, whether you're seeking support for digestive issues,

chronic illness, weight loss, or hormonal imbalances. They provide advanced care through Specialized Lab Testing, IV Ozone Therapy, Hormone Replacement Therapy, and Detoxification Support. Whether you're struggling with lingering health issues or looking for a holistic approach to wellness, we're here to create a

welcoming environment where you feel heard and supported. Schedule your free consultation call today at **801-340-3040** to see if they're the right fit for your health journey, or visit [skyrootwellness.org](http://skyrootwellness.org)! ■



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**Join the Cottonwood Heights Planning Commission**

Cottonwood Heights currently has an opening on the Planning Commission for District 2. The commission provides city council recommendations on legislative land use decisions, which encompass property rezoning and ordinance modifications. It also grants final approval for conditional use permits, site plan approvals, and subdivisions.

If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Community and Economic Development Director Mike Johnson at [mjohnson@ch.utah.gov](mailto:mjohnson@ch.utah.gov) or call 801-944-7060.