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## How Do We Thrive Regardless of Growth?

Council Member Ellen Birrell



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

When I ride my eBike to City Hall in November, the air is crisp and the last autumn

leaves tremble on their branches. The wide-open sky energizes me. I love the simple rhythm of pedaling—my knees appreciate every rotation—and a warm headband and sunglasses keep the chill at bay.

Out there on our streets, life feels good. Passing familiar houses, xeroscaped yards, schools, churches, a few remaining horse

properties, and the skateboard park reminds me how connected we are as neighbors.

Watching teenagers try a new trick brings both empathy for their world and nostalgia for my own skateboarding days.

For me, thriving includes health, peace of mind, time in nature, community connection, stable housing, nutritious food, and some measure of financial flexibility. Using alternative modes of transportation fits squarely into that picture.

I originally planned to focus this article on transportation in Cottonwood Heights—specifically, the misconception that more driving automatically leads to more prosperity. During my recent campaign for re-election, many of you shared concerns about our city's future growth. You're not

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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**JANUARY 6**

- UTAH OPEN LANDS TRANSIT TO TRAILS PROGRAM
- BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON EA RESPONSE LETTER DISCUSSION
- TELECOM TAX DISCUSSION
- BRAD GONZALES ALL WEST FIBER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
- AMEND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR CANYON COVE

**JANUARY 20**

- ILA CREEK ROAD WITH SANDY
- UTAH RENEWABLE COMMUNITIES DISCUSSION
- RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO 2024-07 TO RATIFY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**JANUARY 24, 2026 - CITY COUNCIL RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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- **JANUARY 5:** OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY AT CITY HALL
- **JANUARY 8- FEBRUARY 17:** COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL ASIAN ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION
- **JANUARY 29:** CERT TRAINING BEGINS - 8 WEEKLY SESSIONS
- **FEBRUARY 7:** COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
- **FEBRUARY 20:** COZY PAINT NIGHT AT CITY HALL
- **MARCH 19:** AMERICA'S BIG BAND JAZZ AMBASSADORS EVENT AT BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE

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**Cottonwood Heights Arts Council  
 Lunar New Year  
 Celebration**

**2026**  
 Year Of The Horse

**February 7, 2026 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year, the most important holiday in China, with a FREE family event featuring Chinese culture through art, music, and martial arts.

- Traditional Chinese Musical & Dance Performances
- Interactive Childrens Crafts (While supplies last)
- Kung Fu and Tai Chi Demonstration

**Cottonwood Heights - City Hall  
 2277 E. Bengal Blvd.**

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**COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS  
 ARTS COUNCIL**

INSTRUCTOR  
 WHITNEY HORROCKS FROM  
 SMARTEST ARTIST

**Cozy Paint Night**

Settle in for a warm and relaxing evening at Cozy Paint Night! Learn to paint the inviting “Cozy Cabin” scene while enjoying good company and light refreshments. All supplies are provided — just bring your creativity! Ages 16+.

Registration opens on January 12! Visit [CHCITYARTS.COM](http://CHCITYARTS.COM) for more details!

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FEB 20, 2026 6 PM - 8 PM	COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL 2277 E. BENGAL BLVD.	\$20 +TAXES AND FEES

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**Art Exhibit**  
 Cottonwood Heights Arts Council

Asian Arts and Culture Association

*From Tradition to Expression:  
 Learning Culture Through Art*

January 8 - February 17  
 Weekdays - 8 am to 5 pm  
**Cottonwood Heights City Hall  
 2277 E. Bengal Blvd.**

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Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents

AMERICA'S BIG BAND  
**JAZZ  
 AMBASSADORS**

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army,  
 Washington, DC

**A FREE Ticketed Event!**

Ticket reservations open  
 January 12, 2026 at  
[CHCITYARTS.COM](http://CHCITYARTS.COM)

**MARCH 19, AT 7PM**  
 BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE  
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alone. Public polling across Utah now shows a dramatic shift in perception: more residents feel that growth threatens our quality of life rather than improves it.

This has moved public conversation from how we should grow to why we should grow. That broadened lens reveals two realities most cities face simultaneously. On one hand, little or no growth means city revenues fail to keep pace with rising service costs, eventually forcing increases in property taxes. On the other hand, too much growth—or the wrong type—may boost revenue in the short term but reduce our quality of life and create unintended long-term costs for taxpayers.

The picture becomes even more complicated when roadway safety enters the equation. With Canyons School District's decision to close Bella Vista Elementary, even more children will need to cross Fort Union Boulevard to reach Ridgecrest Elementary.

That raises an essential question: how do we keep our children safe and healthy?

It also invites a broader conversation.

Is prioritizing high-speed through-traffic compatible with our safety goals? How do we reconcile today's conditions with the vision outlined in Cottonwood Heights' General Plan and the 2017 Fort Union Boulevard Master Plan—plans that call for street trees, multimodal transportation, and walkability?

Between the extremes of “no growth” and “grow as fast as possible” lies a thoughtful middle ground. That is the space where your city leaders work—sifting through complex trade-offs, balancing fiscal responsibility



with livability, and striving to honor the community values you express.

During this past year, many of you told me you're wrestling with where that middle ground is for you. Those conversations made me realize we may benefit from reframing the question altogether. Instead of asking only whether we should grow, perhaps the more meaningful question is:

**How do we thrive—individually and as a community—regardless of growth? ■**

## January at the County Library | Whitmore

Teens	Family	Adults
<p><b>Teen Monthly Origami: Owl</b> Monday, January 13, All day Includes folding instructions and paper. This month's origami is an owl. Packets are first come, first served.</p> <p><b>Teen Take &amp; Make:</b> Teen Bird of the Month - Wren Monday, January 26, All day Come in the 4th Monday of each month in 2026 to make a different seasonal bird! Packets are first come, first served, while supplies last. This month's bird is a wren getting into the Valentine's Day spirit a little early. *Sewing needle not included*</p>	<p><b>Art Explorers</b> Saturday, January 10, 10:30 am Have fun exploring your creative side! Each month we will feature an assortment of materials and tools for everyone to explore. Suitable for all ages (young children may require adult assistance).</p> <p><b>Babcock Performing Readers:</b> <i>Twelve Angry Men</i> Thursday, January 15, 7 pm Watch as twelve diverse people determine a young man's guilt or innocence in Reginald Rose's ageless masterpiece.</p>	<p><b>Reader's Choice Begins!</b> January 2 - April 30 Twice a year, members of the county library staff cultivate a list of twenty nominees from all book genres for library patrons to vote on. Read and vote for a chance to win fun prizes!</p> <p><b>All Ability Kits available</b> Monday, January 6, All day Pick up an activity kit designed for ADULTS and TEENS with intellectual disabilities while supplies last!</p> <p><b>Adult DIY Makers &amp; Crafters:</b> Origami Drop-in Tuesday, January 20 - Saturday, January 24, All day Stop by our Drop-in DIY activity table January 20th - 24th and challenge yourself with an origami craft. Let the library help you try new things or revisit old passions in 2026!</p> <p><b>Nonfiction Book Club</b> Wednesday, January 21, 7 pm Join us for a discussion of new and noteworthy nonfiction books. This month's book is <i>How to Be Perfect</i> by Michael Schur. New readers are always welcome!</p>
Early Learners	Kids	
<p><b>Family Storytime</b> Mondays January 5, 12, 26 Tuesdays January 6, 13, 20, 27 10:15 am Storytime fun for the whole family. We'll be talking, singing, reading, writing and playing.</p> <p><b>Ready, Set, Move!</b> Thursdays January 8, 22, 29 10:15 am Can you "head, shoulders, knees and toes" with the best? Music and movement for little ones and their grown-ups.</p> <p><b>Play &amp; Learn</b> Thursdays January 8, 15, 22, 29, 11 am Interactive play and early learning activities for children ages 0-5 and their caring adult(s).</p> <p><b>Saturday Morning Stories</b> Saturday, January 24, 10:15 am Too busy for weekday storytimes? This storytime is for you! Children and a caring adult will have fun listening to stories, singing songs, and more.</p> <p><b>Pajama Storytime</b> Monday, January 26, 7 pm Wrap up your day with stories, songs, and movement. Pajamas optional.</p>	<p><b>Read to a Dog!</b> Saturdays January 3 &amp; 17 11 am - 12 pm Read a book to Geo, a therapy dog who love being read to! For kids of all ages. Stop by the children's desk on the morning of the activity to sign up.</p> <p><b>LEGO Club</b> Wednesday, January 7, 4 pm Build and create with tons of our LEGO® bricks in the storytime room upstairs.</p> <p><b>STEAM Club</b> Wednesday, January 21, 4 pm Fun activities and crafts that work with STEAM principles. Held in the storytime room upstairs.</p>	<p style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Whitmore Gallery</b></p> <p>Art by Mark Marzoff</p>

**The County Library | Whitmore**  
2197 E Fort Union Blvd  
Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121 | 801.943.4636  
[thecountylibrary.org](http://thecountylibrary.org)

## Cottonwood Heights Senior Corner



# COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SENIOR CORNER

*Do you feel your joints aching a little more with the change of weather?*

*Mt Olympus Senior Center has an exercise class to help keep your joints moving! It's called AFEP (Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program), 10:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Mt. Olympus Senior Center. Improve strength, mobility, and coordination!*



**Note: The center will be closed for Martin Luther King day, Monday, the 19th.**

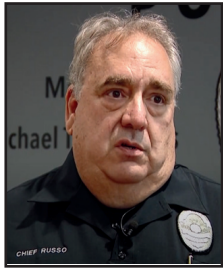
**COME CHECK OUT THE CENTER FOR 2026:**  
<https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/aging-adult-services/community/senior-centers/mt-olympus/>

**Contact Us!**

**Mt. Olympus Senior Center**  
1635 E. Murray Holladay Rd.  
Holladay, UT  
Call (385) 468-3130 for more information.

## Safety Awareness

Police Chief Robby Russo



We want to draw attention to a common scam involving text messages sent to your cellphone. Many of these messages claim to be from UPS, FedEx, or the U.S. Postal Service. Since many of us are expecting

packages, it can be easy to fall for a message that says, "We're having trouble delivering your package—click here." Please be aware that these texts are scams. Clicking the link may lead you to a site designed to steal your personal or financial information. When in doubt, avoid clicking the link; instead, go directly to the shipper's official website or app to check your tracking number.

Another concern is the rise in package theft—what we often call "porch pirates." While frustrating and intrusive, there are steps you can take to reduce your risk. Consider having packages delivered to your workplace, a trusted neighbor, or to a secure delivery locker. You can also leave delivery instructions, such as placing the package behind a planter or side gate, or schedule delivery for a day someone will be home.

What we don't recommend is what sometimes makes the rounds on social media—setting up explosive traps, dye packs, or booby-traps to "teach thieves a lesson." Although understandable, these devices can be dangerous and may expose you to serious civil or even criminal liability. Your safety—and the safety of



others—comes first.

From all of us at the City and the Cottonwood Heights Police Department, please stay safe, stay aware, and have a Happy New Year! ■

## Kick Off 2026 with Environmentally-mindful Habits

A new year means new goals and new habits. As we step into 2026, consider adding a few simple conservation-focused goals to your routine.

If the holidays brought new electronics, appliances, or household upgrades, think about giving your older but still-usable items a second life. Donation centers like **Goodwill**, **Savers**, or people in your community can put them to good use. Reusing items not only conserves resources but may also support someone in need.

When reuse isn't possible, recycle what you can, and make sure to get rid of hazardous materials such as paints, chemicals, electronics, and rechargeable batteries responsibly. They never belong in your curbside can. Each thoughtful choice helps reduce our environmental footprint while maximizing the use of both renewable and finite natural resources.

To recycle correctly, use our updated recycling guide (<https://wfrdutah.gov/sites/default/files/2025-12/Recycle%20Guide%202026.pdf>) or scan the QR code under "Hard to Recycle Materials" for additional disposition and recovery options. ■

### Recycle Can Guide

Recyclables must be empty, clean, and dry. **NO BAGS!**

#### Accepted Items

- Plastic Bottles & Jugs** (Leave lids on bottles)
- Plastic Tubs & Plastic Jars**
- Paper** Clean office paper, mail and newsprint. (NO paper plates/cups or paper towels/tissues)
- Cardboard & Paperboard**
- Metal Cans** Aluminum, tin, and empty aerosol cans

**Hard to Recycle Materials**

Do you have a hard to recycle item? Scan this QR code to see drop off locations for hard to recycle materials!

#### Not Accepted Items

- Styrofoam**
- Electronics\***
- Glass\***
- Scrap Metal\***
- Clothing and Shoes\***
- Plastic bags/film\*** (No bagged recyclables)
- Bulk Rigid Plastic\***
- Yard Waste\***
- Tanglers**
- Food Waste\***

\* Items may be recycled/reused via other programs in your area. Scan the "Hard to Recycle" QR code for resources.

Scan the QR code to visit our site for more information or to sign up for additional services.

**WASATCH FRONT**  
WASTE & RECYCLING DISTRICT

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District  
604 West 6960 South, Midvale, Utah 84047  
Phone: (385) 468-6325  
info@wfrdutah.gov  
www.wfrdutah.gov

## Storm-water Tip of the Month

Happy New Year! Make a resolution to care for stormwater this year. Keep gutters and storm drain inlets free of debris and waste. Do your part to preserve water quality in our creeks and waterways. ■

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS'

*Oath of Office*

**CEREMONY**

JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026, 3:00 PM  
2277 EAST BENGAL  
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS  
(COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

**WE'D LOVE FOR YOU  
TO JOIN US AS WE  
CELEBRATE THIS  
SPECIAL OCCASION!**



## Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District: Monthly Billing Begins January 2026

The Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) billing cycle is officially here! Beginning this month, they will transitioned from quarterly billing to a monthly billing schedule.

This update means smaller, easier-to-manage bills and a more consistent way to keep track of your services.

Here's what this month looks like:

1. Your January 2026 bill will cover October–December 2025 services (your final quarterly bill)
2. Beginning February 2026, you'll receive your first monthly bill, which will cover January services

3. From March 2026 forward, you'll continue receiving a bill every month for the previous month's services

As this change takes effect, we encourage you to keep the new billing schedule in mind when planning your budget for the year.

**To make this transition as seamless as possible, consider switching to eBilling—it's the easiest way to manage your payments and stay on top of your bills.**

Thank you for your support as WFWRD roll out this improvement. We're excited to offer a more convenient and streamlined billing experience! ■

Scan the QR code below to enroll in e-billing today!



Scan Me

Switching to e-billing is the easiest way to manage your new monthly bills and reduce paper waste!

## Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

The holidays have wrapped up, and if your once lively Christmas tree is now dropping needles and needs to go, we're here to help you part ways with it responsibly. Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District offers Christmas tree pickup throughout January for residents who submit a request.

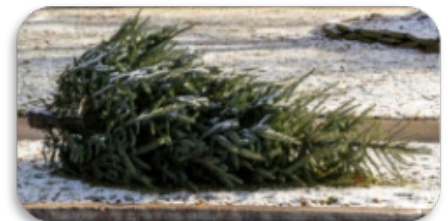
You can request a pickup through our website at [www.wfwrdatah.gov](http://www.wfwrdatah.gov). All collected trees are delivered to Diamond Tree, where they're chipped into clean mulch for redistribution throughout our community.

### Guidelines:

- We **ONLY** accept **REAL** trees – no artificial or flocked trees
- Trees must be completely free of ornaments, lights, tinsel, flocking/artificial snow, and stands
- Place trees at the curb, never inside your waste or recycling cans

Once you've submitted a request and set your undecorated tree at the curb, pickup will generally occur the day after your regularly scheduled collection day.

High participation may extend collection times, so it could take more than one week to complete all requests. **This program ends on January 30**, so schedule your pick up today at [www.wfwrdatah.gov](http://www.wfwrdatah.gov)! ■



## Historic Committee News: Reflecting on 2025 and Moving Forward in 2026

The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee reflects on a successful 2025, a year dedicated to celebrating and documenting the building of our community. We shared this history through a variety of exhibits and regular newsletter contributions focused on this theme. A major highlight was our participation in the city's 20th incorporation anniversary celebration, which included the much-needed replacement of signs marking our city's historic areas. We also continued the essential work of preserving history and making it accessible to Cottonwood Heights citizens online with sustained growth and expansion of the holdings in our city digital archive. The year culminated in November 2025 with the dedication of a significant new monument and time capsule about Butlerville, erected on the corner of 2700 East and Fort Union Boulevard, marking a lasting tribute to an important historical area

within our city.

Looking ahead to 2026, the committee is excited to shift its focus to the theme of movement within our community. We plan to explore this topic through exhibits at Butlerville Days and in City Hall, as well as through new newsletter entries. Our exploration of movement will be comprehensive, including the history of the movement of water in our area, the development of our roadways, and the historical and current movement of our local people and economies. To keep our information current and accessible, we will be undertaking updates and refreshes of some of our existing historic walks, signs, and handouts. In addition, we will be developing a new page on the city website that will provide in-depth historical information on all the areas currently marked with historic signage throughout the city.

As we wind down one year, and look ahead

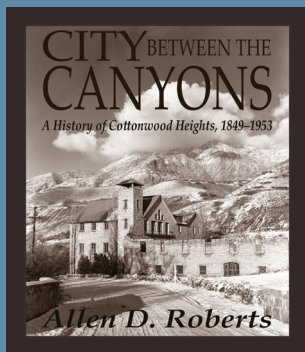


to a new one, the Historic Committee wants to invite passionate residents to join our team! There are currently two open seats on the Historic Committee, and anyone interested in serving should apply through the city website at: <https://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/community/volunteer>. ■

Reach more than 13,000 Cottonwood Heights households each month by promoting your business in *Between the Canyons*! Our business spotlights and Love Your Locals campaign help you get the word out about the unique foods, products, and services you offer – and it's FREE.

To learn more or share your company with us, visit [ch.utah.gov/business-association](http://ch.utah.gov/business-association).

### Book Sale



### 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 **\$10** or online at [ch.utah.gov/history-book](http://ch.utah.gov/history-book) for **\$15** with shipping. ■

# Brighton Bank

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## FREE SKATE DAY JANUARY 10, 2025

Must register for lessons here

12:45-1:45:  
**FREE Skate Lessons**



Registration ends  
24 hours in advance!



# 2PM - 4PM FREE SKATE

[www.CHparksandrecUT.gov](http://www.CHparksandrecUT.gov)



## City council members

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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..... 944-7002  
Recorder ..... 944-7015  
Finance director ..... 944-7012  
Code enforcement ..... 840-4000  
Police administration..... 944-7100

## City council meetings

- **January 6:** Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **January 20:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **February 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

# Take the Leap, Make a Splash! Enrolling for Preschool, Kindergarten, 2026 - 2027



**Take the Leap, Make a Splash**  
Enrolling for Preschool, Kindergarten, 2026-2027  
**Jan. 14 - Feb. 27**



## SUSTAINABILITY

# A Sustainable Reset: How Everyday Choices Shape Our Community

*Maverick Yeh, Planner III*

January is a natural reset for many households—organizing spaces, setting routines, and planning ahead for the year. These everyday decisions may feel personal, but they also play an important role in how Cottonwood Heights functions as a community

From a city planning perspective, sustainability is not limited to long-term plans or major capital projects. It also shows up in how residents interact with shared systems every day. How we manage household waste, for example, directly affects the efficiency and lifespan of waste and recycling infrastructure. Donating usable items, recycling correctly, and reducing unnecessary disposal help limit strain on landfills and collection services that serve the entire community.

Home maintenance is another area where individual actions support broader planning goals. Addressing drainage issues, maintaining driveways, and keeping properties in good condition helps prevent more serious infrastructure and land-use conflicts over time. Well-maintained homes contribute to neighborhood stability—an essential foundation for long-term planning, property compatibility, and community resilience.

January is also a time when many residents pay closer attention to household water and energy use.

Being mindful of everyday consumption, such as fixing small leaks, running appliances efficiently, and using heating and lighting thoughtfully, helps reduce strain on shared utility systems and keeps long-term infrastructure costs lower for the community. These small actions support planning goals focused on efficient resource use, system reliability, and long-term sustainability without limiting how residents choose to invest in their homes.

Daily travel habits matter as well. Combining errands, using neighborhood routes safely, and supporting nearby businesses all contribute to reduced congestion and more functional commercial areas—key objectives of transportation and land-use planning. Sustainability does not require perfection, nor does it rely on one single action. When many residents make small, thoughtful choices the result is a city that operates more efficiently, protects its infrastructure, and remains a safe and desirable place to live.

Residents interested in learning more about City services, neighborhood planning efforts, or how to report infrastructure concerns can visit the City website or contact the Planning Department. ■

# Big Beginnings Start Small: Learn About Preschool & Kindergarten at Canyons District Open Houses

Families with young children are invited to explore Canyons School District's high-quality preschool and kindergarten programs at a series of early-learning open houses this January. Now in its second year, the District's open house series has quickly become a trusted resource for parents preparing their 3- to 5-year-olds for school. January is the ideal time for families to consider learning options for the 2026–2027 school year. Canyons District will accept applications for full- and half-day kindergarten and tuition-based preschool Jan. 14 through Feb. 27, 2026. To support families in navigating their choices, Canyons is hosting six open houses across the community (see schedule below). Come with questions, and leave with a free pencil case and coloring book! Learn more at [canyonsdistrict.org](http://canyonsdistrict.org).

- **Wednesday, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.** — Alta View Elementary, 917 Larkspur Dr., Sandy
- **Thursday, Jan. 8, 6 p.m.** — Glacier Hills Elementary, 1085 E. Galena Dr., Sandy
- **Friday, Jan. 9, 3 p.m.** — Midvalley Elementary, 217 E. 7800 South Midvale
- **Tuesday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.** — Sprucewood Elementary, 12025 S. 1000 East, Sandy
- **Wednesday, Jan 14, 6 p.m.** — Oakdale Elementary, 1900 Creek Rd., Cottonwood Heights
- **Wednesday, Jan 21, 6 p.m.** — Crescent Elementary, 11100 S. 230 East, Sandy



**Take the Leap, Make a Splash**  
**Enrolling for Preschool, Kindergarten**  
**Jan. 14 - Feb. 27**

**Early Childhood Open House Events**  
*Choose the Open House event that best fits your schedule.*

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 BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS USNews RANKINGS

**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**At the South Valley Chamber, we are proud to be advocates of business. Our commitment to supporting the local business community runs deep, and we strive to provide invaluable resources, advocacy, and networking opportunities to help small businesses thrive.**

## What we do!



**Connect - Educate - Advocate - Grow**  
 Learn More and Join Today at [southvalleychamber.com](http://southvalleychamber.com)