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NEWSLETTER

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Sustainability & Clean Air Focus is Making a Difference

By Mayor Mike Peterson



In early October, I was asked by the Citizen's Climate Lobby to join the Mayors of Millcreek City and Sandy City to discuss Cottonwood Heights' efforts regarding air quality and climate change. We were joined at this "Mayor's Town Hall" event by student climate activists and experts in environmental law and atmospheric science. As a Mayor and a parks and recreation practitioner by trade, the subject of sustainability is close to my heart. I'm proud of the efforts to make a difference by our City Council and community members. During this event, I was able to share with the audience and panel members several areas of progress in

Cottonwood Heights. I am pleased to be able share these accomplishments here, as well. In June 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance 299, which created a new chapter in our city code to address vehicle engine idling. Avoiding idling, whether while waiting in the school pickup line or in the drive-thru for our favorite beverage, has a tremendous impact on the air we breathe. Reducing emissions is especially critical during our winter months, when we are prone to atmospheric inversions. Ordinance 299 prohibits drivers from idling their vehicles for more than one minute. This approach, intended to be educational rather than punitive, relies on three warnings followed by a Class C Infraction Citation (roughly the same level as a speeding ticket). I am pleased to mention that this monumental effort was championed by many young students in Cottonwood Heights, and we are grateful for their efforts.

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Municipal Election 2019
Districts 1 & 2

To find polling locations near you, visit www.slco.org/clerk/elections

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- OCT. 15 - COUNCIL ORDINANCE 331 - CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ON OUTDOOR LIGHTING (PASSED)
- AMENDED SUSTAINABILITY RESOLUTION (PASSED)

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

- CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 2020
- NOV. 19 ELECTIONS CANVASSING
- GENERAL PLAN-AFFORDABLE HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT
- CITY INITIATED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ON PARKING STANDARDS

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The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, written by Barbara Robinson, is a hilarious play about a family of mischievous misfits who take over the annual Christmas pageant.

The outcome is heartwarming and you won't want to miss it!

Presented by the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council, this memorable play runs Saturday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., at the Cottonwood Heights Theater located on the Butler Middle School campus.

The majority of the cast are Cottonwood Heights residents, including a children's angel choir with more than 30 participants. For many of these kids, it will be their debut performance.

Mark your calendars and join us for this delightful comedy that has become a holiday tradition for families across the country. Tickets will be available at the door, \$5 per person or \$4 a person with groups over five. Ages three and under are free. ■



Light the Heights

December 2, 2019
 5-8 P.M.
 City Hall—2277 Bengal Blvd.

5-8 P.M. Craft Market
 5:45 P.M. Santa Arrives
 Singalong with Santa
 Christmas play sneak peak
 6:15 P.M. Tree Lighting
 6:30-8 P.M. Visit with Santa
 Santa letter writing center
 Hot chocolate, and kid crafts



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MON, NOV 25
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 BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL

WASATCH FRONT **Recycling Tip #29**

Pumpkins are compostable. You can also place them in your Green Waste can if they are free from candles, paint, markers, or stickers.

"Sustainability...", continued from cover

In September 2018, following collaboration with Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District, Cottonwood Heights City announced the location of a glass recycling depository bin. This free bin is conveniently located adjacent to the Cottonwood Heights Public Works Yard, on 3000 East and 6600 South. It serves as an alternative to fee-based curbside glass recycling, and provides an opportunity for a more sustainable treatment of glass products, as opposed to traditional landfill use.

Also during 2018, Cottonwood Heights created a Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee. This 15-member committee is comprised of residents from each of the City Council districts and features subject matter experts, as well as residents with a vested interest in the field. The committee meets monthly to coordinate meaningful service projects, formalize recommendations to the City Council and research grant opportunities for parks, trails and open space efforts. Cottonwood Heights is beloved by many for its access to natural areas, and this group helps ensure that this benefit is

enjoyed by our community for years to come.

In January 2019, Cottonwood Heights joined a short list of municipalities to pass a sustainable energy resolution. This resolution, 2019-03, sets a goal to transition to 100 percent renewable energy for city operations by 2022, and for the city at large by 2030, without compromising affordability, reliability or environmental stewardship. This resolution fits into a larger sustainability effort, the Community Renewable Energy Act. The Community Renewable Energy Act enables communities to partner with Rocky Mountain Power to facilitate transition to renewable energy. It is a component of House Bill 411, which was passed during the 2019 legislative session. A sustainable energy resolution is the first step for participation in this program, and as the program continues to take shape, Cottonwood Heights will consider further involvement with it.

Returning to our passionate young students, I would like to applaud the efforts of our own Butler Elementary School, and in particular, three young students who worked to eschew

foam lunch trays for a more sustainable composite material. They gathered signatures from 85 percent of the school's student body to show support for this unique initiative. It is amazing to see what the youth of our community can accomplish through their determination. They are great examples to all of us!

Most recently, Cottonwood Heights has made efforts to reduce light pollution through an updated outdoor lighting ordinance that incorporates dark-sky criteria within city development standards. This is an important sustainability step, as light pollution has been proven to have negative impacts on ecosystems. By addressing the type of fixtures used, their placement and the level of brightness, we can work to reduce this environmental threat.

It is with gratitude to our City Council, our staff and our community members that I share these sustainability achievements with you. Through these efforts, and many others, we hope to ensure Cottonwood Heights continues to be a place where people love to work, play and live for generations to come. ■

Help Wanted: Canyons District Seeks Community Partners for Job Training Program

A Canyons District program that helps adult special-education students gain the skills necessary to live independently is looking for business partners who would be willing to provide onsite job training for men and women in need a little extra help. Businesses of all kinds and sizes can aid the efforts of the Canyons Transition Academy, which holds classes for students 18- to 22-years-old who have aged-out of the school system but still need more vocational and social-skills training. "I can't say enough good things about the businesses who give our students a chance," says Nate Edvalson, a program administrator in Canyons' Special Education Department. Interested business owners can contact Edvalson via email at nathan.edvalson@canyonsdistrict.org. ■



Cottonwood Heights-Area Schools Now Accepting Applications for French, Chinese Programs

Did you know in Canyons District, it's possible to learn two languages at the same time and graduate from high school fluent in both? Applications are being accepted now through Tuesday, Nov. 26 for Canyons District's Dual Language Immersion Programs. The programs are for students entering first grade in 2020-2021. Among the Cottonwood Heights-area schools offering immersion programs are Butler Elementary, where French is taught, and Ridgcrest Elementary, which teaches Mandarin Chinese.

For more information on how to apply, visit canyonsdistrict.org. ■



Apply Online for CSD's Dual-Language Immersion Programs, Oct. 7 - Nov. 26

Strike up the Band: Brighton High Revives Tradition of Marching Band

Starting next fall, Friday Night Lights at Bengal Stadium will be accompanied by the thump and blare of a marching band. The Board of Education has approved a proposal by Brighton High to start a marching band — an idea that is supported by 99 percent of the school's parents. Brighton is experiencing a uptick in participation in instrumental music, and Principal Tom Sherwood said the community has responded positively to the performances of the school band at recent public events. To aid in the launch of the new marching band, the Board approved an investment to purchase and maintain instruments, uniforms and equipment. Brighton will join Alta as the only two schools in Canyons with marching bands. ■



FALL AND WINTER SAFETY TIPS

By Mike Watson UFA Assistant Chief



As we make the transition from long, warm summer days to fall and winter temperatures with less daylight, we will all be spending more time indoors. As such, I share these seasonal safety tips to promote a

safer environment in your homes, particularly over the holidays:

The end of Daylight Saving Time is our reminder to replace the batteries on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. While you are doing so, please check the expiration dates on the back of your detectors. It is also a good idea to vacuum the fronts of the detectors, to clear them of dust, cobwebs or bugs. Engage the “test” button to make sure they are working



properly. You can visit websites such as www.fire.ca.gov for detailed information, including instruction on where smoke alarms should be installed in your homes.

The Christmas holidays present hazards that come with the use of candles, extension cords

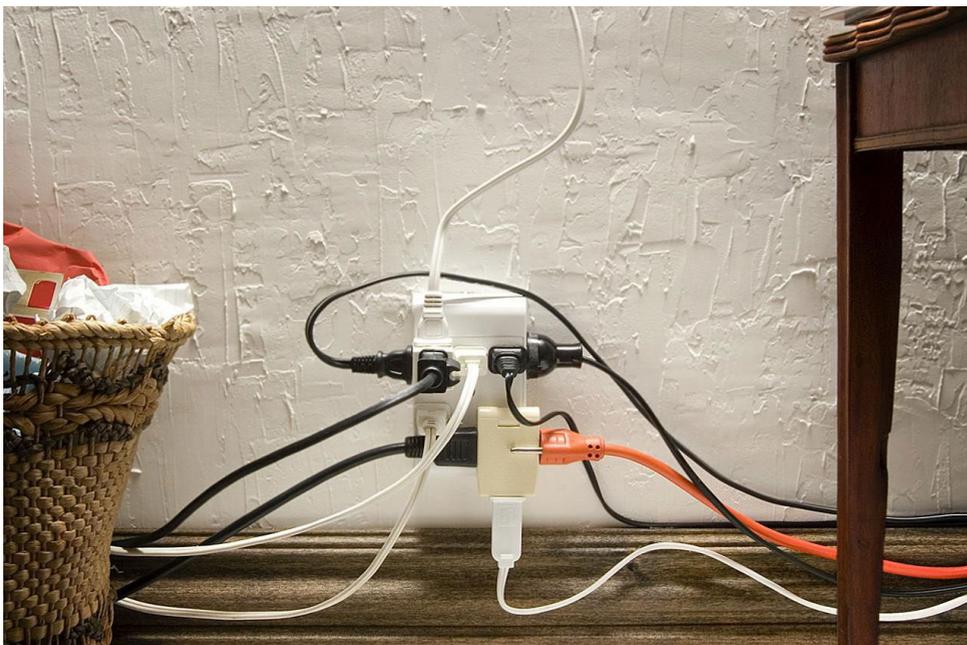


and dried out Christmas trees. Don't overload electrical circuits and keep lit candles out of the reach of children and out of the pathways of pets. Keep your Christmas tree fresh and watered, as the dry needles ignite easily and the whole tree can go up in flames faster than you can imagine.

With the cold temperatures of the winter months, many of us will employ the use of space heaters, either to supplement furnaces or to provide heat to specific areas or rooms. Inspect electrical heaters for the UL listing labels and to ensure the power supply cords and plugs are in good condition. Change your furnace filters regularly and have your furnaces inspected by a certified maintenance company. Do not use your furnace or water heater room for storage, as combustible materials can catch fire from the flames on the burners.

These are just a few of the most important safety tips that are related to colder temperatures, shorter days and some of the holidays that are headed our way. I highly encourage parents to talk to your kids and family members, so they know what their roles are when it comes to safety issues.

Enjoy the holidays and as always, stay safe! ■



Snow Plowing: Frequently Asked Questions

Winter is fast approaching and with our unique proximity to the canyons, Cottonwood Heights often experiences more significant snowfall than other cities in Salt Lake County. With this knowledge, we have a defined plan to deal with snowstorms. When heavy snowfall occurs, we focus on high volume streets and work to get them clear before we approach neighborhoods. We begin plowing immediately as snow starts to fall and our plow operators work consistently to remove snow accumulation from the roads. Unlike some other cities, which can allow up to 72 hours following a storm to clear neighborhood streets, we strive to clear the city within 24 hours following a major snowstorm. Our crews work diligently to keep the city clear and we ask for patience from our residents and property owners during heavy storms. The following are some frequently asked questions we receive at City Hall during and following winter storms.



Who do I call to report problems with snow removal?

You should contact Cottonwood Heights at 801-944-7000 during regular office hours Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or send an email to snowevent@ch.utah.gov if you feel we have missed a road or an area within 24 hours after the end of the storm. Someone will be dispatched to review and send a truck if needed.

Will the city fix my broken mailbox?

If we hit the mailbox with a plow, we will replace it. This is not a typical occurrence though as the mailbox is behind the curb and gutter and the plows do not cross over into that area.

It is the homeowners' responsibility to ensure that mailboxes are sturdy, in good condition and able to withstand the rigors of the harsh conditions of winter.

Does the city plow snow on holidays, nights and weekends?

Yes. Our policy is to plow when there

is a snowstorm. Staff works all holidays and weekends necessary to ensure the safe passage of vehicles in the city.

Why can't I blow the snow from my driveway and sidewalk into the city street?

Blowing this snow after the plows have been through an area creates ice patches that are dangerous to the traveling public. It is better to blow this snow into your lawns; it keeps the roads clear.

Why do the plows cover over the areas I just shoveled? Am I responsible for those areas?

Snowplow drivers do not intentionally plow snow onto sidewalks and driveway entrances or in front of mailboxes; however, in the process of plowing snow from roadways there may be times that this cannot be avoided and these areas will have some snow pushed into them. Residents are responsible for the clearing of this snow.

Why is there ice on the road after the plows come through the area?

The ice remaining on the road after a plow has been through an area is compacted ice from cars traveling through the area. Once an area has been compacted and is ice, a snowplow blade does not have any effect.

Why doesn't Cottonwood Heights plow every residential streets during every storm?

Although it is our policy to plow every road in the city within 24 hours after the completion of a storm, not every road is plowed during the storm depending on its duration and intensity. If the storm's duration is long or snow is falling at over 1 inch per hour, then the plows will work on the streets with high volume traffic, hills and school bus routes until the snow subsides.

What is the procedure for the 24 hours after the storm has elapsed?

When a storm has ended and we have cleared and opened roads in the city within the 24-hour allotment, the staff comes back the next day to do

clean up. This involves pushing back snow toward the curb and salting and scraping ice packed roads.

Who is responsible for clearing sidewalks in front of city-owned property?

Sidewalks along Cottonwood Heights property are contracted to be cleared by Cottonwood Heights Recreation District. If there is an issue with sidewalk snow clearing on these sidewalks, please contact City Hall at 801-944-7000.

What material is used for de-icing the streets?

Cottonwood Heights Public Works Department uses de-icing salt on the roads. Sand is not used on the roads due to the high cost and substantial environmental impact. City crews are trained on sensible salting techniques, and all snowplow trucks are calibrated to spread only the amount of de-icing salt required to de-ice the roadways.

Why doesn't the city plow Wasatch Boulevard?

Wasatch Boulevard is a state road and therefore is maintained by UDOT. When the occasion does arise, we will help and salt the hill to help with ice control but as a rule, we do not plow a state highway.

The post office has told me they will not deliver mail because of the snow in front of the mailboxes. What will Cottonwood Heights do?

The sidewalks around mailboxes are the responsibility of either the homeowners associations or the property owners adjacent to the boxes. The clearing of snow around mailboxes at individual residential properties is the responsibility of the property owner. If there is a problem with the carrier not delivering mail to a residence, you should call the postmaster and register that complaint with the post office.

Why can't I park on the street during a storm?

Not only is it a violation of city code, it prevents the plows from clearing the entire street. All cars must be removed from the road during storms for safety and plowing efficiency.

What can I do if cars parked on the street are causing a hazard or restricting plowing operations?

You can report these to the police department through a non-emergency dispatch number by calling 801-840-4000. ■

Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee Needs You

Who we are? To maintain and promote the history of our city, Cottonwood Heights has established a historic committee that serves to identify, preserve and enhance the buildings, artifacts, documents and stories that inform our community's collective history.

What we do? The committee meets monthly to plan initiatives that highlight the unique history of our "city between the canyons." Past efforts include gathering recorded information about historical sites, overseeing the creation of historic trail markers, and guiding the publication of *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953* by Allen D. Roberts. The committee also takes an active role at Butlerville Days by creating and staffing a rotating exhibit at the event.

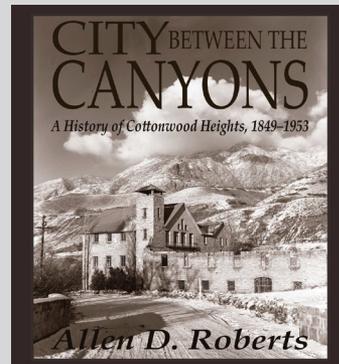
How can I help? Do you have an interest in preserving the history of our city and sharing it with fellow citizens? Are you looking for a fun and interesting way to provide service to our community? If so, we need your talents, enthusiasm and willingness to serve and make a difference on the Cottonwood Heights historic committee.

How do I apply? If you would like to serve on the historic committee you can fill out an application online at www.cottonwoodheights.utah or email aeatchel@ch.utah.gov for more information. We look forward to making history with you on the committee! ■

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.



Thanksgiving 5K is sponsored by Cottonwood Heights

Special recognition medals will be awarded to those who finish with a faster time than Mayor Peterson! It is set Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9 a.m., starting at Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center. ■



Cottonwood Heights Thanksgiving Day 5K

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City Council Meetings

- Nov. 5** - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
- Nov. 19** - 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

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 Nov. 6.

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Fall Leaf Collection

The annual Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin on Oct. 15 and last through Nov. 30.

During this time Cottonwood Heights residents can pick up leaf bags at:

- Cottonwood Heights City Hall: 2277 E. Bengal Blvd.
- Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center: 7500 S. 2700 East.
- Whitmore Library: 2197 E. Fort Union Blvd.



Leaf bags can be dropped off at:

Bywater Park: 3149 Banbury Road (7420 South)

WFWRD leaf bags are limited to 10 bags per household and available while supplies last. Residents can also use and drop off their own purchased leaf bags or lawn bags, as long as they only contain leaves. Please see wasatchfrontwaste.org for districtwide drop-off locations. ■

Sharps Containers



There are many medical conditions which require the use of lancets or needles. Due to the extreme health and safety hazards these items pose, it is important to remember that they should never be placed loosely in your garbage can but should be disposed of in a properly identified sharps container. Also, these items, including sharps containers, are not recyclable and should never be placed in your blue recycle can. For more information, contact the Salt Lake County Health Department at 385-468-4100 or slco.org/health on proper disposal of these and other hazardous materials. ■



Cart Placements

Please remember to keep your garbage/recycle/green carts at least 3 feet away from each other and from other objects, such as cars, trees or mailboxes. This space is needed for the automated collection arms on trucks to safely grab and empty the carts. ■



November Donation Drive for the The Road Home

The Cottonwood Heights Business Association is holding a donation drive to help provide basic needs for families staying at The Road Home shelter in Midvale. During November, bring any of the following items to City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.): New pillows, towels, coats and jackets (all sizes), jeans and warm clothing (all sizes), boots and shoes (all sizes), underwear and socks (new, all sizes), blankets (twin, full and queen), diapers (sizes 5-6, and pull-ups), baby bottles and formula. Any donation is appreciated! ■



Cottonwood Connects: Educate the CHBA on your Business

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Carmine's, 2477 Fort Union Blvd. RSVP to smartell@ch.utah.gov, 801-944-7067. (Lunch on your own). ■



Small Business Saturday is Nov. 30 this year.

Business Spotlights

Brighton Bank 7101 S. Highland Drive

Over the past 41 years the focus and mission of Brighton Bank has remained unchanged: to provide communities in which it resides an exceptional banking experience. This comes by offering sound financial products coupled with the wisdom of friendly, seasoned bankers. As a locally owned community bank, Brighton Bank's aim is to assist small businesses, families and individuals in attaining their financial goals while providing the peace of mind to know their resources are safe and secure. Its bankers remain focused on staying abreast of the latest in technology and providing the most efficient and effective delivery of banking services to customers. However, Brighton Bank's primary goal is to retain that old-fashioned, personal approach by being a trusted financial ally. ■



Rocky Mountain Mixers

Local owner and native to the Cottonwood Heights area, Brad McCleery, opened Rocky Mountain Mixers adjacent to the state liquor store at 1869 Fort Union Blvd. as a specialty store offering "drink mixers and more." Rocky Mountain Mixers goal is to make it a little easier to grab a quick cocktail mixer, some bitters, or maybe a bag of ice and some limes. And if you're feeling adventurous and want to try something new, Rocky Mountain Mixers friendly and knowledgeable staff are ready to help you create a craft cocktail with premium products you may not find anywhere else in Utah. ■





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Ribbon Cuttings

WSI of Utah | 6776 S. 1300 East | Friday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m.



In 2010, WSI Trash & Recycling Valet introduced the concept of doorstep-to-dumpster trash and recycling valet to the Wasatch Front.

WSI Trash & Recycling Valet is committed to providing sustainable and environmentally responsible services for multifamily communities.

The company is excited to be a part of the Cottonwood Heights community, and is located

at 6776 S. 1300 East.

To celebrate, WSI Trash & Recycling Valet invites you to join them for a ribbon cutting ceremony, open house and light refreshments on Friday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. ■

Little Code Academy | 1844 E. Fort Union Blvd., #7 | Friday, Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. at 1 p.m.

Little Code Academy is focused on preparing kids with the tools they need to succeed in the 21st century by providing a fun and flexible coding education. Kids develop skills in problem-solving, math, creative thinking and teamwork. They code, build and play with professional languages and tools, and get immediate help and tutoring from friendly,

professional software engineers. They are able to follow a personalized learning path to explore each kid's unique interests, advance through levels and work on real world projects. Little Code Academy offers after-school and weekend hours. Stop by and learn about the academy at its ribbon cutting and open house ceremony. Light refreshments will be served. ■



Sub for Santa

CHBA will be sponsoring a Sub for Santa program for nominated families within Cottonwood Heights City and we would love to have your help. Information will be on our web page www.chbusiness.org mid-November. We appreciate your generosity and support to "sub" in for Santa and bring these families Christmas. All donations must be to city hall by 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11. ■



Cottonwood Heights Community Room Rental

Cottonwood Heights businesses: You can rent the City Hall Community Room for events at the rate of \$50 per hour.

For more information contact Ann Eatchel, 801-944-7040 or aeatchel@ch.utah.gov

