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## The Cottonwood Heights I Know is Filled with Good People

By Council Member Doug Petersen



In the last month, Cottonwood Heights has been in the news — not just the local news, but the national news and even international news. Those news stories characterized a Cottonwood Heights that was foreign to me. They highlighted events initiated by a few residents and attended by far more who were not residents of Cottonwood Heights.

As a result, it has created an image that is not the real Cottonwood Heights. In the 2019 survey of Cottonwood Heights residents, 75% of those responding indicated that what they liked best about the city was the fact they felt safe and that it was family friendly.

This is the Cottonwood Heights we all know and love. In addition, 75% of those surveyed felt the city was headed in the right direction at that time. There was no mandate for significant change.

The character of Cottonwood Heights is best defined by the actions of our residents and their interaction with city employees and officials. Paul Ellingson, a resident of District 1, told me recently about a neighborhood event. Such events are not easy to do in the current COVID-19 environment. But they decided to make an effort using masks and social distancing. The event included a children's parade that circled several blocks. Paul arranged to have members of the Cottonwood Heights Police Department

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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

##### SEPTEMBER 1

- BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL ACCESS MASTER PLAN UPDATE
- BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS
- LOBBYIST CONTRACT RENEWAL DISCUSSION
- CAPITAL ROAD ADJUSTMENTS
- STORM WATER FEE DISCUSSION

##### SEPTEMBER 15

- PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY DISCUSSION
- SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
- TRAIL ACCESS PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT
- POLICE POLICIES AND PRACTICES DISCUSSION

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History Question of the Month

Vast progress has been made in recent years in regard to care for people with various forms of dementia. How were these diseases considered and treated in the early days of our community?

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Cottonwood Heights Arts Council News

Many events this year have had to be postponed, delayed, or canceled. This has been true of the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council events over the past 5 months. However, our social media at <https://www.facebook.com/CHArtsCouncil> and <https://www.instagram.com/chcityarts/> has been more active than ever. For the month of September, we are sharing many artists from our city and state. Please tune in to see this talent throughout the entire month of September. Our city is full of talent and the art council is happy to celebrate it. ■

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS  
ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS



The Deadline to Save 27 Acres of Rare Cottonwood Heights Foothills Open Space is Almost Here

By Melissa Fields, Parks, Trails, & Open Space Committee Chair

In October, Utah Open Lands' (utahopenlands.org) will wrap up its campaign to preserve 27 acres of open space at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon. If UOL is able to meet its fundraising goals, this rare piece of undeveloped foothill land will remain open space into perpetuity and could lend critical access to the long-awaited section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail between Big and Little Cottonwood canyons. If UOL does not raise the funds necessary to purchase and preserve this land, 11 homes will be built there and its public access and enjoyment will be lost forever.

To be clear, Utah Open Lands' campaign to save this land is completely independent of the Utah Department of Transportation's Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS study. If preserved, this land will not become a satellite parking lot for the ski resorts or a bus turnaround. Utah Open Lands will hold the land's permanent conservation easement and Cottonwood Heights will steward it as a public access point to the Salt Lake Valley's unparalleled backyard, the Wasatch Mountains.

If you've already given to this campaign, thank you so much for your generous support. If not, the time to act is now. To make a contribution, simply go to [utahopenlands.org/cottonwood-heights-bonneville-shore](http://utahopenlands.org/cottonwood-heights-bonneville-shore) or donate via Venmo @UtahOpenLands. All donations made between now

and Sept. 10th will be doubled by a \$200,000 challenge grant from the AHE/CI Trust. (Donations will be refunded in full if this campaign is unsuccessful.)

Thank you in advance for helping keep a little but significant corner of Cottonwood Heights wild and open to us all. ■



Katherine Maus, Utah Open Lands Outreach Director (left) and Douglas Petersen, Cottonwood Heights City Council member for District 1, stand near the sign Petersen made and installed on land in Cottonwood Heights that Utah Open Lands is working to preserve as open space. photo courtesy of Melissa Fields, Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee

*"...Filled with Good People", continued from cover*

attend, and they led the parade with lights and sirens. The kids had a blast. This is the Cottonwood Heights I know.

Last week, we enjoyed another parade of sorts. While Butlerville Days was not possible this year because of COVID-19 concerns and county limitations on public gatherings, we were able to have a rolling car show in the city. Antique cars drove down many of the streets of our city as people gathered to observe and enjoy the show. It was a parade with more than 120 entries and for those who were able to attend, it was a great event. This kind of community event helps define the Cottonwood Heights I know.

Reports from our police department indicate that they have never seen such an outpouring

of community support. People are approaching our officers in the community to thank them personally and to let them know they are appreciated. One sergeant tells of having dinner at a restaurant with his wife and two kids to celebrate their anniversary. At the end of their dinner, their tab had been picked up by another patron who apparently recognized him as a member of CHPD. It has become quite common for citizens to pay for lunch or breakfast for officers dining at the same location as their benefactors. This kind of generosity and kindness to those who put their lives on the line every day is the Cottonwood Heights I know.

While the media may choose to focus on the protests, I prefer to focus on the goodness that emanates from our community every day. The longer I serve in this position as a City Council member, the more I am amazed at all the good that is done by the citizens of this community. I am proud to live here and to serve this community. The character of Cottonwood Heights is defined by the service and community pride exhibited by you, the majority of our citizens — those who use civility and dialogue to effect positive change.

That is the Cottonwood Heights I know.



My heartfelt gratitude goes out to our CHPD for helping us with our neighborhood parade. - Council Member Doug Petersen



The rolling car show brought communities together in Cottonwood Heights and Midvale and was a hit with all who participated. - photo courtesy of Council Member Doug Petersen

## Shakeout 2020 Rescheduled to October

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Cottonwood Heights had to postpone our annual Shakeout Emergency preparedness exercise originally scheduled for last April. The new date is Oct. 10.



The Shake Out is designed to test the emergency communications ability of the community to collect important data on the health and wellbeing of our citizens after a large scale disaster. It also helps ensure that data is effectively and efficiently transmitted to emergency management professionals within each city. The information is used to prioritize the city's response and dispatch resources.

Plan on participating on Oct. 10 by placing a colored ribbon of either green, yellow, red or black in a highly visible location that can be seen from the road on your residence. ■

### Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!



[ShakeOut.org/Utah](http://ShakeOut.org/Utah)

## Start of School Year Marks Good Time to Plan

By UFA Assistant Chief Riley Pilgrim



As children return to school, many of us experience a significant change in our daily schedules. This is a great time to revisit your family's emergency plan or create one if you don't have one in place. Though a fun and

exciting time of year, it is important we all have a plan in the event there is an emergency at home or school. With many parents working and children in school, they must know what to do in the event something happens when families are separated. These times can be frightening for children and stressful for parents, so discussing these events before something happens will hopefully reduce some of those feelings. Here are some tips to get the process started:

- Develop a communication plan, so kids know who to contact if parents aren't accessible. Have a list of trusted individuals you or your children can reach out to such as other family, siblings, neighbors or family friends.
- Ensure they have a safe primary and secondary route to and from school.
- Discuss concerns with school staff when attending Back to School nights or Parent-

Teacher Conferences. Understand their procedures and expectations when something occurs while children are at school.

- Though somewhat frightening and sometimes intimidating, discuss the types of emergencies that may occur and how you and your kids will respond if something happens.
- Make sure children are sent to school with the appropriate clothing (coats, shoes, etc.) in the event they are evacuated from school or outside for an extended amount of time.

Our schools and public safety officials place the

safety and well-being of our children as a top priority,

but it is critical that parents also participate in this process. Though COVID-19 procedures may change how we attend school, it is important to ensure we have a family plan in the event of an emergency.

Whether facing a natural disaster or human-caused emergency, it is essential our children understand what to do if parents are not close by. This should be considered a part of your overall family plan in the event something does happen

We hope you and your kids have a great school year! ■



# Updates from the District

Remove Your Cans from the Street after Collection



Salt Lake County Health Department Sanitation Regulations (Regulation #7, paragraph 4.3.2) state that “containers shall not be set out on the street prior to the evening of the day before the scheduled collection. All containers shall be removed from the street the same day they are emptied.” Please keep your neighborhood streets clean by quickly removing your waste/recycle/green waste/glass cans from the street and public access ways after collection. ■



Plastic Bags

WFWRD is still seeing lots of plastic bags in the curbside recycle cans. The district asks all residents to keep plastic bags and all thin film plastic materials out of the blue recycle cans. These bags create a lot of problems at the recycling processing facility. ■

Mattress Recycling

Spring Back Mattress (at 1929 S. 4130 West) will take your used mattresses, and will recycle 100% of its materials! The recycling fee for mattresses or box springs is \$20 per piece. They will also come pick up your mattress for an additional \$40. This is a much better option than sending it to the landfill for \$15 per piece. For more information, please call them at 801-906-8146 or visit them at [www.springbackutah.com](http://www.springbackutah.com). ■



**Cottonwood Heights City Hall & Police Department Requires**

**Face coverings**  
Las cubiertas faciales  
- AND -  
- y -

**Social distancing**  
Distancia social  
Thank you for your cooperation.  
Gracias por su cooperación.

**Slow the spread of COVID-19**



**Did you know???**

Most police and sheriff stations will take your old and out of date prescription medicine. Please dispose of them at the nearest Unified PD precinct, or find additional sites at <http://useonlyasdirected.org>

**Did you know???**

In a lifetime the average American will throw away 600 times the amount of his or her adult weight in garbage. For example, a 150 pound adult will leave a trash legacy of 90,000 pounds.

**Did you know???**

We use over 80 billion aluminum soda cans every year, which are all recyclable.

## Answer

**Question,** continued from page 2

According to the 1910 U.S. Census, Casper and Catherine Grimm immigrated from Germany in 1891. They lived in Illinois before coming to Utah in 1901, where they bought a home in Salt Lake City. About 1906-1907, they purchased a small farm in Butler, located on 2700 East. The following story was related many times by the children of A.R. Green:

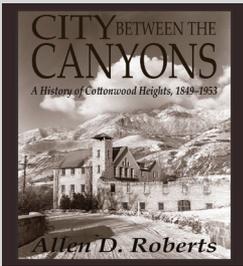
There was an old couple who lived on the road the children traveled to attend school. The boys in the area would taunt and tease this old couple as they went to and from school each day. To make matters even worse, the boys told the girls to be really careful when they walked in front of this couple's house because they said

they were crazy and would do terrible things to them. The boys had the girls so frightened that they were afraid to walk along the road. The girls decided that they would cut through the fields to bypass this couple's home. The problem was, there was a big bull in one of the fields and the boys told them they had to be really careful when going by it. They were not to wear red or do anything, like run or scream, or the bull would charge them. They also had to cross both the Big Willow Irrigation and the Brown and Sanford ditches. They were afraid of the bull and falling into the ditches but they were even more afraid of walking in front of this old couple's home. So, the girls chose to cut through the fields.

When Mr. Green learned from his daughters what had been going on and that one of the boys involved was his own son, he was not happy. He had his children dress in their "Sunday best." He

then took them to visit the couple. He wanted his girls to know that they had nothing to fear from the old couple and for his son to apologize for his actions.

A couple of years later, Casper Grimm died on Dec. 9, 1924. His wife's health was such that she wasn't even able to provide the information for her husband's death certificate or take care of herself. Arrangements were made for her at the Salt Lake County Infirmary. The hospital served the medical needs of the general public, as well as the poor and mentally ill. She was there for two years before being transferred to the Utah State Hospital in Provo, where she lived there for 10 years. She died April 20, 1936. Today, we would have known that she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. At the time of her death, it was known only that she was a widow. She was buried in Provo. ■



### 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.



The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee is now on Facebook



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## City Council Members

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**DIST# 1** - Douglas Petersen  
**DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken  
**DIST# 3** - Tali C. Bruce  
**DIST# 4** - Christine Watson Mikell  
**CITY MANAGER** - Tim Tingey

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 Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121  
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 Fax..... 801-944-7005

## Numbers to Know

Emergency..... 911  
 Dispatch ..... 743-7000  
 Fire Authority ..... 743-7100  
 Animal Control ..... 743-7000  
 Justice Court..... 273-9731

## Call Direct

City Manager ..... 944-7010  
 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

**Sept. 1** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.  
**Sept. 15** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.

*(Work session may reconvene 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 Sept. 2.

## Editors

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# Bengal Marching Band Welcomes Canyon View Students Back to School

The first day of school for Canyon View Elementary was cause for celebration as Brighton High's new marching band greeted students with an electrifying musical welcome. The student musicians — modeling the use of face coverings and appropriate physical distancing — debuted their skills by welcoming Canyon View students back to school. "I'm not sure who had more fun, us or the Canyon View community," said Brighton's director

of instrumental music Mikala Mortensen who drummed up support last year to build a marching band, the second in Canyons District. This will be the band's first official year, though the drum line has played at several events and student musicians have teamed up with Alta High's marching band in the summer months to bring cheer to community celebrations. ■



Photo courtesy of Canyons School District

# Introducing Connect Canyons, a Podcast Powered by Canyons School District

How can schools cultivate inclusive classrooms? Who is Canyons District's new superintendent? What advice does a local doctor have about safely reopening schools? These are just a few of the topics covered by Connect Canyons, a new podcast sponsored by Canyons School District. Put simply, learning is about making connections — and Canyons District invites you to learn and connect with

them. Connect Canyons is a show about what CSD's educators teach, how they teach and why. The podcast features interviews with the people who make schools great: students, teachers, principals, parents and more. They interview national experts, too. You can subscribe using your favorite pod catcher or find all the episodes online at: [canyonsdistrict.org/podcast](http://canyonsdistrict.org/podcast). ■



## Business Spotlights

### Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah

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first in working to personalize their health care, making it easier to navigate and making it more affordable. Regence also has a rich history of commitment and contribution of both financial and volunteer support to local communities. Please visit [regence.com](http://regence.com) ■



### Twisted Sugar | 1936 E. Fort Union Blvd.



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It's a place where you can drive through or step inside to get to enjoy a moment of sugary sweet delicious happiness. Twisted Sugar offers a variety of choices when it comes to delicious cookie, and all of their cookies are baked fresh daily. Enjoy one, two or a dozen of their amazing cookies. Grab a nice, cold refreshing drink to complete your order. They look forward to meeting you. ■

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### Safety Tips from Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah

Regence works closely with doctors and other providers to ensure high-quality healthcare for Utahns. Here are some of their tips for reducing the spread of COVID-19 when kids are back in school:

- Empower your kids with age-appropriate knowledge; discuss the best ways to stay virus-free
- Play games to help younger kids

- understand a 6-foot physical distance
- Role model mask wearing: cover nose and mouth, remove by ear loops to keep hands clean
- Send back-up masks to school, just in case kids put the one they're wearing on a shared surface
- Keep a regular sleep and eating schedule; this helps keep immune systems strong ■



### Salt Lake County Small Business Impact Grant (SBIG) Round 2 in Progress

Eligibility requirements have been updated to include all industries, as well as businesses that received less than \$35,000 in CARES Act funds. If you were denied in Round 1, based on industry or previously receiving COVID-19 aid, please re-apply here: <https://slco.org/covid-19/economy/grants> or call the hotline 385-468-4011. ■



# ROUND 2



## SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT GRANT

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