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# NEWSLETTER

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## More than Mere Numbers: The City Budget is a Year-Long Process

By Mayor Mike Peterson



I recently read an article addressing budgeting and local government. It stated, "Money puts the fun in governing. If your city has money you

can do things. You can make people happy and, when people are happy you feel good about your office..." I'm not sure if this is true, but as a City Council we take the budget process very seriously and we hope in the end our constituents are pleased with our efforts and the outcome.

A city budget is a financial plan for a 12-month period and includes the estimated and contractual expenditures for given purposes and the proposed means or revenues of paying for those expenditures.

There never seems to be enough money to do all that is desired or proposed for our city. In tackling the city's needs and with a new City Manager and Finance Director, a revised budget process was created this past year for preparing the 2019-2020 annual city budget. This new process was designed after recognizing the importance of establishing a means to more directly involve the City Council in developing the city budget in collaboration with staff. It also identified the fact that the budget development needs to be an ongoing year-round activity. To facilitate this process, a council retreat was held to outline the city's strategic priorities for the coming year. During the retreat, a formal mission statement was developed to guide the implementation of priorities. The agreed upon mission statement states:

**"Cottonwood Heights strives to enrich the quality of life for our residents and to build an attractive, inviting, and secure community. We work in partnership with our residents and businesses to foster community pride, preserve and enhance the natural beauty of our environment, facilitate economic development, and plan for the future within the constraints of fiscally and socially responsible government."**

The city's departments then began preparing their individual proposed budgets for presentation to the City Manager. Two new committees were created that involved the City Council more directly. The first committee was the Benefits and Compensation Committee. Recognizing that our city employees are



our greatest asset, this committee is critical in our attempts to appropriately compensate and retain our talented employees. The committee is made up of two council members, our human resources personnel and our City Manager. This committee reviewed the relevant data and information

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# Upcoming Cottonwood Heights Events

June 4	City Council Meeting @ <i>City Hall</i>
June 5	Planning Commission Meeting @ <i>City Hall</i>
June 18	City Council Meeting (Budget Hearing) @ <i>City Hall</i>
June 28	Shred Day 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ <i>City Hall</i>
July 4	Independence Day (City offices closed)
July 12-20	CH Arts Council's "The Little Mermaid" @ <i>Butler Middle School</i> - (more info below)
July 26 & 27	Butlerville Days @ <i>Butler Park</i> - (more info on Page 3)

## Why Donate to the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council?

Your contributions are what allow us to carry out our mission of fostering creativity and passion within our community. We strive to bring about awareness and appreciation of the arts. It is because of donors that we can support and showcase deserving artists, provide engaging events and inspire a local culture of creative and innovative thinkers.

Your fully tax-deductible contribution to the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council supports all our programs.

### Reasons to Support the Arts:

- Arts improve individual well-being,

- Arts unify communities,
- Arts improve academic performance,
- Arts strengthen the economy,
- Arts are good for local businesses,
- Arts improve health care,

### Ways to Give:

**Make a donation** - Make a donation of any amount! Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

**Make an Honor Gift** - Make a donation in honor of a loved one.

**Double your gift** - See if your employer has a matching gift program.



Cottonwood Heights  
**ARTS COUNCIL**

**Make a Memorial Gift** - Make a donation in memory of your loved one.

**In-Kind Donation** - If you have a talent or skill that could benefit the Arts Council, reach out and offer your service. Your help is valuable in so many ways and assists in obtaining additional grant funding.

**Volunteer** - If you are passionate about the arts in your community, be an advocate and join the Arts Council.

\*\*\*DONATE ONLINE AT [ARTS.CH.UTAH.GOV](http://ARTS.CH.UTAH.GOV) \*\*\*

## June Featured Artist of the Month – Joshua Wood

As an artist, I enjoy capturing the fleeting glances we get of our surroundings. That is why I use acrylic paint. It is a fast medium that forces an artist to be in the moment. I paint on hardwood panels that I make myself. I like how the grain of the wood helps shape each painting.

The subject matter I enjoy most is the world around me. This usually means landscapes, from the mountains near my hometown to the red rock deserts to the south. I also love architecture and



how, like the landscape around us, it can help shape us and how we feel. Painting has taught me to pay closer attention to my surroundings, to see how the light plays on everything and to see everyday objects from a fresh perspective.

I have always wanted to paint. It took well into my adult life to really dive in as an artist, but it was a desire that I have felt my entire life. I paint almost every day to make up for lost time and to work at finding new ways to depict the things I see. ■

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents

Disney **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

July 2019 | [Arts.ch.Utah.gov](http://Arts.ch.Utah.gov)  
July 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20

## History Question of the Month

Who provided the land for the fort in Union and how much land was given?

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regarding cost of living, salary benchmarks and related benefits, and then made recommendations to the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee is represented by two additional council members, the City Manager and the city Finance Director. This committee looked at every facet of the city budget which included all revenue sources and fund balances. They then reviewed, in detail, the proposed costs of operating the various city departments including capital requests. They compared these needs and requests with the city strategic outline of priorities, the responsibility of providing mandatory services such as fire, police, planning, snow removal, etc., along with city-sponsored quality of life type programs. This committee was also charged with identifying opportunities for increased efficiency in operations to add value to cost-keeping efforts already identified through the city department reviews.

This revised budget process began immediately after the current budget was adopted nearly a year ago and continued throughout the current fiscal year in preparing the 2019-20 tentative budget. State law requires this new budget to be posted and presented to the public and City Council on or before the first scheduled council business meeting each May. This tentative budget is a public document as soon as it's presented to the Council at which time council members set a time and place for a public hearing on the budget. If no property tax increase is proposed, this hearing is required to be held prior to June 22 of each year.

With our tentative budget being adopted on May 7, and the fact it does not include a proposed property tax increase, a public hearing and formal adoption of the 2019-2020 budget is scheduled for June 18 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Prior to the public hearing, residents can view the proposed budget by going to the city's website at [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov), or obtaining a personal copy by contacting the city's Recorder or Finance Director at 801-944-7000.

This revised budget process has enhanced the collaboration and coordination of our efforts to be fiscally responsible as the city's mission statement indicates. It also allows time for the Council to be more reflective in the process to allocate funding for services and needed capital improvements in our great city. ■

Cottonwood Heights  
**BUTLerville DAYS**  
 JULY 26-27, 2019  
 Butler Park, 7500 South 2700 East

**BOTH DAYS**

- INFLATABLE BOUNCE GAMES *Balloon Artistry*
- Food Truck & Booths
- CARNIVAL RIDES
- FREE GAMING TRUCK
- FACE PAINTING
- Mayor's Cup Pickleball Tournament
- STAGE ENTERTAINMENT
- CH Historic Display
- craft market

**FRIDAY**  
 4 P.M. TO 11 P.M.

- NEBO ROAD 7:30 P.M.
- FREE ICE SKATING
- bingo
- MOVIE IN THE PARK  
 SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

**SATURDAY**  
 NOON TO 10:30 P.M.

- BVDAYS PARADE 11 A.M. *Yoga with Yogurt*
- PETER BRIENHOLT 8:30 P.M.
- ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW
- Chalk Art Showcase
- FIREWORKS**

More information at [www.ButlervilleDays.com](http://www.ButlervilleDays.com)

# Arbor Day Tree planting at Mountview Park

Mountview Park was enhanced with 30 new trees on Arbor Day. With more than 100 people participating, including Cottonwood Heights residents, and others. Together, they braved the rain to partner with city employees, IvoryGreen, KSL, SelectHealth and Tree Utah to prepare the



site and locations of the trees. The trees were gifted to the city through the Ivory Homes Tree grant program whose goal is to gift 20,000 trees to communities through the state. Mountview Park was selected as one of the new locations and the

trees were strategically located in a manner which will provide additional shade to the splash pad, soccer field and walking path while enhancing the already significant beauty of the park. A big thank you to all who came out and helped. ■



## Find a 'Universe of Stories' at Whitmore Library this Summer

June is the start of the library's Summer Reading Program, and this year's theme is "A Universe of Stories." Readers can sign up anytime in June or July and receive a \$5 fee waiver. Everyone who finishes the program receives a free book and the opportunity to win great prizes. Other programs include:

**Mondays in June, 10:15 a.m.** Keep your kids moving this summer with Zumba Kids! Play games with movement and dancing.

**Tuesdays in June, 2 p.m.** Celebrate space with Space Crafts, a weekly craft program for

families. Make galaxy slime, perler-bead planets, straw rockets and bedroom constellations.

**Tuesday, June 11 at 10:15 am.** Explore the fascinating lives of reptiles and amphibians with Revealing Reptiles. Get up close and personal with our favorite cold-blooded friends.

**Wednesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.** Adults can hear the experiences of a transgendered marriage with Marriage in Transition. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

For more program details, drop by the library and pick up a calendar, or visit [thecountylibrary.org](http://thecountylibrary.org).

Your library card gets you access to books, databases for research and study, test prep, language learning, business resources, downloadable materials, streaming video, and much more. ■



## Sandbags Available

The Cottonwood Heights Emergency Management and Public Works teams will provide free equipment and materials for homeowners and business owners who want to make sandbags to protect their property against possible springtime runoff flooding.



Free bags, sand and use of loading tubes will be available at the Cottonwood Heights Public Works yard (3000 East and 6600 South) every Wednesday in June from 4 to 7 p.m. ■

# A Must: Register Your Phone Numbers with 911 Emergency Systems

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



In our city, there are two types of phone numbers that have a direct impact on public safety. While it could be assumed that those numbers are 911 and 801-840-4000, which we use to call for police and fire help, they are not the ones I'm referring to. The two types of phone numbers I want to focus on are landline numbers that are hardwired into our residences via CenturyLink and those that are accessed through a cellular network or via an Internet connection.

Currently, there are 9,311 total Cottonwood Heights phones registered with the 911 system. Of those, 8,977 are CenturyLink landlines and 334 are cellular or Internet phones. At present, the 911 system only automatically recognizes CenturyLink landline phones. The system does not recognize cellular or Internet phones unless the owner has registered them with the 911

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It is important to understand that hardwired numbers (landlines) are registered to the address where the service is delivered. The other two are registered to the address where the bill is sent. Understanding the difference can have a direct impact on public safety. Occasionally, the police or fire dispatch center will send out information to phones registered in a specific geographical area. These calls contain specific information on emergent situations and provide instructions to help keep our citizens safe.

Recently, we had a situation in our city where a person was held against their will and shots were fired. Officers responded to the call and set up a perimeter to catch the perpetrator. We felt it was important to alert

## Answer

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In 1853, Jehu (John) Cox gave 10 acres of his farming land for a fort site, around which a wall was built that was 12 feet high and 6 feet thick at the bottom, tapering off to 1 foot thick at the top. This was built of cobblerock, clay and adobe. Watch holes were made a few yards apart around the wall, and bastions or lookout towers were built on two corners. The northeast corner, however, which ran along the top of a steep hill, with the creek at the bottom, evidently furnished enough protection, for about 30 feet of the wall on the brow of the hill. One bastion was on the southeast corner and the other on the northwest corner. There were two streets, running east and west with gates at each end, which were kept locked. One alley ran through the fort north and south, with a gate at either end, which

were also locked. About 22 families lived in the fort of many nationalities. There were a few families who did not move to the fort. Among them were: Richard Morgan, Charles Nowlan, Charles Williams, William P. Smith, Rufus F. Forbush, Alonzo Knight, William McGuire, and Foster Greenwood.

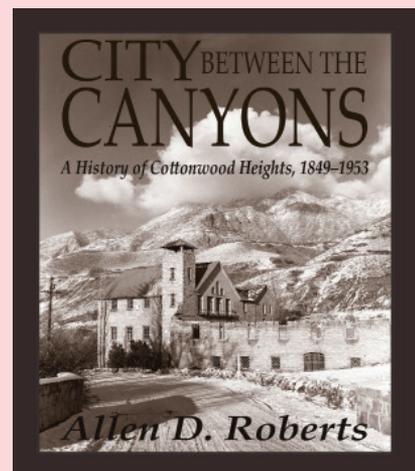
The fort was built to protect the settlers from conflicts with natives in the area. A few years after the "Indian difficulties were over, the fort walls were gradually torn down..." (Source: Union First Ward History, 1849-1978)

According to Wikipedia, "The fort was near the modern intersection of North Union and 1000 East Street. The most visible remnants of this era are the old preserved Jehu Cox house (moved from its original location and now used as a shop), about a block north of North Union Avenue in an area that is now largely a parking lot, and a historic marker at the side of the fort." ■

## Buy the Book!

*Stories like this 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.*



## Curbside Green Waste Collection | Cost of a Green Waste Can

Each residence within the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District has the opportunity to obtain a green waste can. The green waste collection program is a subscription program. Collections are provided weekly between mid-March and mid-December. This program starts every year on the third Monday in March and ends the second Friday in December.



Fees for a green waste can include a one-time, \$60 start-up fee and an annual fee of \$114 for the nine months of collection. Those interested in second green cans still need to pay the \$60 start-up fee, but all additional green cans are \$36 per can, per year. This program is self-sustained through subscription fees

and not subsidized with any other fees or tax dollars. There is no obligation to participate since this is an optional service for those who want it and are willing to pay for the services.

- A green waste can is less expensive than an additional garbage can. Annual fees for a green waste can equal \$114 vs. annual fees for an additional waste can of \$204,
  - Green waste is less expensive to process, keeping costs low,
  - Green waste cans reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill as garbage,
  - Green waste is processed into usable organic compost.
  - Green waste cans reduce greenhouse emissions caused by decomposing organic landfill waste,
- To submit an online request for a green can, visit:  
<https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste/green-waste-can-rental> ■

- Collection is the same day as your regular refuse and recycling day,
- Customers will receive a special green waste can with vents to release moisture,
- The \$60 start-up fee allows Wasatch Front Waste to purchase and deliver the cans,

Contact Jeffrey Summerhays if you have any other questions at [jsummerhays@wasatchfrontwaste.org](mailto:jsummerhays@wasatchfrontwaste.org) or 385- 468-6337 ■



# IT'S WATER SAFETY TIME!

Give yourself or your children the gift of **Swim Lessons**

**3-MONTH MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!**

**The CHRC outdoor pool is open!**

Sign up online or in-person!

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 PARKS & RECREATION SERVICE AREA

**City Council Members**

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

**City Office**

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 Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121  
 Phone .....801-944-7000  
 Fax.....801-944-7005

**Numbers to Know**

Emergency.....911  
 Dispatch .....840-4000  
 Fire Authority.....743-7100  
 Animal Control .....840-4000  
 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**

**June 4** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.  
**June 18** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.

*(Work session reconvenes after  
 business meeting.)  
 Agendas are posted 24 hours in  
 advance of public meetings.  
 For details about the agendas,  
 go to: [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov)*

**Planning Commission**

The Planning commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting will be held on June 5.

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**Brighton Ranks Among Utah's Top 20 High Schools**

The Brighton Bengals have clawed their way to a top-20 finish in U.S. News and World Report's 2019 ranking of Utah high schools. Brighton claimed the No. 12 spot in the rankings, which are based on how a school's students perform on year-end assessments in math and reading, its graduation rate and preparation for college. The school was applauded for its high participation rate in Advanced Placement courses and exams. Related news: Brighton High's 2019 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5 at 2 p.m. at the Maverik Center in West Valley City. ■



**Canyons' High School Students Can Now Order their Transcripts Online**

Canyons School District is now partnering with Parchment, an online system for ordering high school transcripts. Starting this spring, Brighton high school students can order electronic copies of their official transcripts with a push of the button. They can also use the system to electronically send their transcripts to the college or university of their choosing and track the request to ensure the document arrives at its destination. For now, there is no limit to the number of transcript requests students are allowed. The service is free-of-charge for currently-enrolled students and available to graduates for a small fee. ■



**Top Teachers Honored for Raising the Educational Bar**

They slip notes of encouragement into backpacks. They call parents to celebrate student success. They engage students and parents in their classrooms. They mentor colleagues. Honored on April 23 at Canyons District's 2019 Teacher of the Year ceremony, were the following Cottonwood Heights-area teachers who have helped children learn, thrive and grow:

- Bella Vista Elementary - Laura Rasmussen
- Butler Elementary - Julien Naudot
- Canyon View Elementary - Ina Thompson
- Oakdale Elementary - Allison Fortie

- Ridgecrest Elementary - Sara Hawker
- Butler Middle School - Susan Kirkland
- Albion Middle School - Emalee Brown
- Brighton High School - Aaron Hadfield

# Business Spotlights

Healthy Pets Mountain West | 2352 Fort Union Blvd.



Healthy Pets Mountain West (HPMW) is a family owned and operated healthy pet food store, celebrating its sixth anniversary

in August. HPMW proudly carries only the best, high-quality pet food, toys and treats. They are knowledgeable and passionate about your pet's health and happiness. HPMW has two groomers: Shelby and Nikki who are the best of the best. The business also has a self-dog wash. ■



Bright-Sun Foot Zoning | 801-618-6097



Healing has been a large part of Tammi Sumsion's life. For 19 years, she worked in the medical field as a Respiratory Therapist in a hospital and

with home care. In 2009, her oldest son was diagnosed with autism. His diagnosis led her to the world of foot zoning, which is a holistic health option utilizing the feet's natural signal system to establish balance to the body, increase life energy and renew cells. In 2017, she became a Certified Foot Zone Practitioner

and later started Bright-Sun Foot Zoning to provide the benefits of health and healing to others. Making home visits, she can be reached at 801-618-6097. ■



Children's Academy Preschool | 7904 S. Highland Dr.



Children's Academy Preschool, based in Cottonwood Heights since May 1997, recently built and moved into their own 5,000-square-foot building at 7904 S. Highland Drive. Children's Academy Creekside is dedicated to the specific needs of children ages 5 to 12. Programs cover before- and after-school care, days off

from public school, plus an adventurous and exciting summer camp. Visit their website at [www.mychildrensacademy.com](http://www.mychildrensacademy.com)

Also, a hearty congratulations to Lynn Curtis, the owner of the Children's Academy Preschool, who was awarded the Utah District SBA award for Woman Owned Small Business of the Year! ■



# Shred Event for Cottonwood Heights Residents

Cottonwood Heights City is hosting a Document Shred Event for our community. Come join us on Friday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cottonwood Heights City Hall parking lot for this complimentary service.

Our partners at Columbus Secure Shredding will have their mobile shred truck there for secure document destruction. All materials will be shredded in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. It is OK if documents include

staples and paper clips, but other metal objects cannot be accepted. ■



# Ribbon Cutting

Eric Felt DDS | 6800 S. Highland Dr.

The dental office of Eric Felt DDS will mark the opening of their new building on Friday, June 21 with a ribbon cutting and shaved ice. The event will take place at 5 p.m. at 6800 S. Highland Drive. Dr. Felt has lived in Cottonwood Heights for 20 years and is excited to relocate his practice of 30 years closer to home. ■



# Superhero Bike Ride

The Superhero Bike Ride was postponed in May due to rain. The event will be held later this summer with the date to be announced. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for updates on the new scheduled date and time. ■

