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Prioritizing Safety and Open Space in Cottonwood Heights

By Christine Mikell



As a city councilperson, many of the calls I receive from residents are about safety — the need for safe walking and biking paths to schools, the speed at which cars drive through our neighborhoods and parks, and ensuring that our neighborhoods are safe from crime. I was reminded of how closely safety is intertwined with quality of life when I first became aware of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' plans for the meetinghouse on Doverhill Drive.

turn the entire property, including the ballfield and pavilion, over to the Church's real estate department to place it for sale on the open market. I learned also how important the meetinghouse's recreational and open spaces, in particular, have been to Doverhill Drive-area residents since it was constructed more than 40 years ago. There Church members and non-members alike would gather annually to celebrate the neighborhood. And, like many other meetinghouses in Cottonwood Heights, kids frequent the parking lot and green space when learning to ride a bike or a skateboard, playing tag, throwing a ball or simply relaxing on the grass.

Preserving the Doverhill Drive meetinghouse recreational space is, I came to realize, about safety as well. Without this open space, children in that neighborhood will have to either cross the four-way intersection at Bengal Boulevard to get to the playground at Canyon View Elementary School

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UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

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- CITY HALL SOLAR PANEL CONTRACT
- STORMWATER FEE DISCUSSION
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- TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION
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- FINANCE AND UFA QUARTERLY REPORTS

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History Question of the Month

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Who were the first Brown and Sanford Irrigation Company officers and directors?

Volunteer for the Arts Council and Historic Committee

The Historic Committee and Arts Council both need volunteers. Learn more about each group below. To volunteer, email Ann Eatchel,

culture manager, at aeatchel@ch.utah.gov or call 801-550-8225. ■



Historic Committee

The Historic Committee serves to identify, preserve and enhance the buildings, artifacts, documents, and stories of Cottonwood Heights. Members meet monthly to plan initiatives highlighting city history. Past efforts include

gathering historical site information, overseeing the historic trail marker creation, and guiding the publication of *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953* by Allen D. Roberts. The committee also creates

and staffs a rotating exhibit at Butlerville Days each year. ■



Ken Verdoia, Historic Committee member



"For one of Utah's newest cities, we have an incredibly rich and diverse history. Knowing that history gives me a

special sense of connection. Being part of the Historic Committee has revealed stories I never knew about the place we call home and the people who came before. These are great stories to share!"

Visit the Historic Committee's Facebook page (Facebook.com/CottonwoodHeightsHistoricCommittee) for city photos, stories and committee updates. ■

Arts Council

The Arts Council enriches residents' lives of residents by providing engaging cultural events and educational opportunities that foster creativity

and passion for the arts within the community. Members meet monthly to plan and discuss upcoming community events, including literacy

and photography contests, art shows, community concerts, children's theater productions, and the annual summer musical. ■

Katy Mitarai, Arts Council member



"Art is a vital part of any community. It enriches lives, brings people together and fosters an understanding and appreciation of differences. Being part of

the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is a fun and rewarding way to serve in our community. From the summer musical and the fine art and photography show to the unveiling of a community sculpture and many more art-related events and productions, I am looking forward to the vibrant and engaging events we have planned. Come join us!"

Connect with the Arts Council on Facebook (Facebook.com/CHArtsCouncil) and Instagram (Instagram.com/chcityarts) to learn more about upcoming events. ■

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or cross Wasatch Boulevard to access Golden Hills Park. Neither of these vehicular traffic-heavy routes offers a Category 1 bikeway as the Cottonwood Heights Bicycle and Trails Master Plan defines, which provides exclusive bicycle space by combining a separated path with on-street infrastructure of bike lanes. Sadly, a community member died while attempting to cross Wasatch Boulevard last year, and I have heard of several other instances where teenagers have nearly been hit biking across Wasatch Boulevard.

To that end, the mayor and city staff have been

meeting with the Church's real estate department in the hopes that they will consider donating the recreational area of the Doverhill meetinghouse to Cottonwood Heights. Stay tuned for updates on the city's social media channels and in future newsletter issues.

When it comes to safety, we must remember it starts with each one of us. Like the masks we've been asked to wear for the last year, it is a sign of respect to think of others as we move through our community each day. When it comes to open space preservation, I will personally do all

that I can to ensure we leverage our resources, including county and state resources, to preserve any open space and connector trails that come before us.

As more and more of us — particularly children — gravitate to technology rather than nature, it is important for us to provide frequent and safe opportunities to get outside by holding onto whatever green spaces we have in Cottonwood Heights. As Mark Twain said, "Buy land. They are not making it anymore." ■

Cottonwood Heights Tomorrow: 2021 General Plan Update

Cottonwood Heights is currently updating its general plan, a comprehensive guiding document that directs the city's long-range vision and informs future policies and initiatives, thanks to a grant partnership with Wasatch Front Regional Council. The general plan establishes broad goals, opportunities, and priorities for land use, transportation, economic development, housing, parks and recreation, and sustainability.

The city has not updated its general plan since Cottonwood Heights incorporated as a city in 2005. This is an exciting opportunity to plan the city's

future with community values and desires in mind while also addressing emerging local and regional trends and challenges.

The general plan process involves extensive research, public engagement, and review, and is anticipated to continue throughout 2021. Preliminary work is underway, and city staff has



been working with project consultants on its early stages. Public engagement is the most critical element of a successful general plan, and residents will have many opportunities to be involved in this process.

Visit cottonwoodheightstomorrow.org to take the vision survey, provide input on a virtual map, and share ideas about our community. We'll continue to add more information and engagement opportunities, so check back often. To contact the Community and Economic Development department, call 801-944-7000. ■

Emergency Rental Assistance Program Available To Eligible Renters

Utah renters who can't pay their rent and utilities due to COVID-19-related circumstances can apply for the emergency rental assistance program for help paying:

- Current rent plus three months of prospective rent (with a termed lease)

- Past-due rent
- Eligible fees
- Security deposits
- Utilities, internet and home energy costs

Visit rentrelief.utah.gov to see eligibility requirements and apply. ■



SLCDPU proposing 8% water rate increase in 2022

The Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) is proposing an 8% water rate increase in fiscal year 2022. It will submit its 2022 budget proposal to Mayor Mendenhall on April 5 and will present to the Salt Lake City council in a public work session on April 13. The Salt Lake City council will hold public hearings on the proposed budget, typically in May and June, but has not yet scheduled those hearing dates. Check slc.gov/council for public hearing updates.

The proposed rate increase's monthly impact on residential customers depends on the water amount used and meter size. For example, Cottonwood Heights residents using a 3/4-inch meter who have

low (6 centum cubic feet, or ccf) to moderate (21 ccf) water use can expect an average monthly water rate increase of about \$1.90 - \$5.05 in 2022 if the mayor and city council approve the proposed budget and rate increase.

The SLCDPU is proposing the increase for several reasons, including:

- Increasing construction, water, and personnel costs
- Aging 1950s-era SLCDPU water treatment plants, including the Big Cottonwood plant, and the need for repair and replacement
- More than \$39 million needed in 2022 for water

infrastructure improvements

The SLCDPU had initially planned, but did not propose, rate increases in fiscal year 2021 due to uncertainties with the COVID-19 pandemic. It now seeks to resume a series of planned gradual rate increases over the next few years to help finance aging water infrastructure across the water service area. Because addressing aging water infrastructure is a high priority, SLCDPU is also planning to use revenue bonds, federal loans, and possibly federal grants, along with gradual rate increases, to help finance aging water infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement over the next several years. ■

How the Cottonwood Heights Police Department is Improving in 2021

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



The year 2020 was quite a unique time, with COVID-19, protests in our community and strained neighbor relationships in insurmountable political times.

As our community has worked through the unprecedented challenges we faced in 2020, we realize how strong we are and what we have learned from our experiences, both successes and failures. It is more important than ever that the police department dedicates itself to a role of leadership and confidence within the community.

As a police department, we will adjust to the direction from the Utah State Legislature and the community. Our training and policies have never been static, they are living documents. Here are a few ways we are working to improve our practices and procedures:

- **Regular reviews.** My colleagues and I meet regularly with our legal advisors to ensure our officers are well trained. We review every use of force and every formal complaint.
- **Auditing police encounters.** The command staff audits random police encounters and evaluates the reports and body camera video to assess officers.
- **Crisis intervention team (CIT) training.** Cottonwood Heights' Police Department recognizes there are special-needs populations in our community that may communicate, interact and behave in different ways. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD), for example, is a group of disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral barriers. We train every officer in caring for people who have ASD.
- **Autism safety roster.** We work with the Unified Police Department to maintain an autism safety roster. Parents or guardians of those with autism spectrum disorder can submit their contact information and their child's description,

known triggers and behaviors for us to add to the dispatch system. Responding officers can then access this protected information if they are interacting with a person with ASD.

In conjunction with our city manager, we have proposed additional efforts to help enhance our work as a police department. These include the following:

- **Citizen advisory board:** Staff will evaluate best practices and prepare a proposal for the City Council to consider creation of a Citizen Advisory Board (CAB).
- **Increase diversity and de-escalation training:** The city administration will prepare a budget proposal to fund additional implicit bias, diversity and de-escalation training for all officers.
- **Regular communications with diversity leaders in Utah:** We will have regular

communications with community leaders, with the goal of promoting racial equity and social justice, and will strive to better understand issues that could help Cottonwood Heights police officers in their work.

- **Motto modification:** We will work through an administrative process to re-evaluate the Cottonwood Heights Police Department slogan Solve the problem, clarifying CHPD's long-standing practice of working with others to resolve public safety issues in our community.

These are just a few examples of the ways we strive to improve the police department. As the Legislature and City Council provides a roadmap, we will continue to grow and adapt to navigate the difficult road ahead. We stand together to solve the problems for those we serve, no matter what obstacles we encounter. ■

Checklist for reporting crime and suspicious behavior

- Address of incident and whether the suspect is still on the scene
- What happened and when the crime occurred
- Suspect description (age, race, clothing, vehicle)
- License plate number (Police can look up partial plates with a few numbers and vehicle description)
- Photos or video of the suspect (including Ring videos)

801-743-7000 (911 in emergencies)

The Cottonwood Heights Police Department doesn't monitor social media in real time. You must contact CHPD to submit a police report. To prevent crimes:

- Don't leave valuables in your car
- Lock your car doors
- Keep your garage door closed
- Don't leave bicycles and lawn equipment outside
- Collect your mail as soon as possible
- Lock the mailbox if you can

All Utah Residents 16 and Older Now Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine

Gov. Spencer Cox announced March 18 that all Utah residents 16 and older would be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning March 24. Visit vaccinate.utah.gov to schedule your appointment at one of Salt Lake County's three vaccination sites:

- Salt Palace Convention Center
- Mountain America Expo Center
- Maverik Center parking lot

You can also visit some pharmacy chain websites

to schedule your appointment, including:

- Dan's Fresh Market
- Harmons
- Smith's
- Walmart
- Fresh Market
- Macey's
- Walgreens

Visit coronavirus.utah.gov for a full list of pharmacies, health departments, and healthcare providers offering the vaccine. ■



Note: A parent or guardian must accompany 16- and 17-year-olds to their appointment.

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SHAKEOUT

The City's annual earthquake drill

Coming Soon!

Cottonwood Heights Shakeout scheduled for April 17

Participate in Cottonwood Heights' annual city shakeout on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to noon! This drill helps the community prepare for an emergency situation. To participate put a green, yellow, red or black ribbon outside your

home (visible from the street) before 9 a.m.:

- **Green:** No medical situations
- **Yellow:** A non-life-threatening medical problem
- **Red:** A life-threatening situation in your home
- **Black:** A death in your home

Don't have an official ribbon from your block leader? Use any item in the appropriate color.



Block captains will collect information from the street beginning at 9 a.m. The Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club (CHARC), a volunteer group that handles the city's radio disaster communications, then transfers the data to the emergency operations center (EOC).

As part of the drill, residents should also create and review a personal or family emergency plan. Visit utah.gov/beready/familyandshakeout.org/utah for more tips. ■

Check for Off-leash Dog Areas

Cottonwood Heights does not currently have off-leash dog areas at parks within the city limits. Park visitors are required to keep their

dogs on leashes at all times while at the park.

Check slco.org/parks/off-leash-dog-areas/ for a list of nearby off-leash dog areas. ■



Celebrating Earth Day: Seven Tips from Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District

Earth Day is April 22. Help celebrate our beautiful planet by following these seven tips from Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD):

Recycle cardboard and paper – Most paper can go in your blue bin, including:

- Junk mail
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Paperboard (used to make cereal and other food boxes)
- Paper bags
- Office paper

Recycle plastic bottles and containers – Rinse out and check for the plastic symbol 1-7 to recycle:

- High-density polyethylene (HDPE) jugs and lids
- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- Juice and milk bottles
- Soap and shampoo bottles
- Food containers

Recycle aluminum and steel cans – Remove food, and rinse and dry these cans before recycling:

- Aluminum cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Tin cans

Don't Bag Recyclables

Do not put your recyclables in plastic bags in your recycle bin. Recycling processing facilities will not accept plastic-bagged materials, and they often send them to the landfill unopened.

Report Illegal Dumping

Utah Administrative Code R315 requires residents to dispose all waste at a properly designated disposal facility. It is illegal to dispose any waste at any other location. If you see illegal dumping, contact the Salt Lake County Health Department at 385-468-4100.



Tell Wasatch Front Waste about Broken or Damaged Cans

If your garbage or recycling can is broken or damaged, please call 385-468-6325 or visit WasatchFrontWaste.org and click Service Request. Your service fees cover can repairs, and WFWRD will fix them.



Make Small, Eco-friendly Changes

You can celebrate Earth Day by reducing your disposable plastic use, recycling your e-waste, and buying local produce. Find more tips at Earthday.org. You can also contact WFWRD sustainability coordinator Ethan Morris at emorris@wasatchfrontwaste.org or 385-468-6337 with specific recycling questions. ■

Answer

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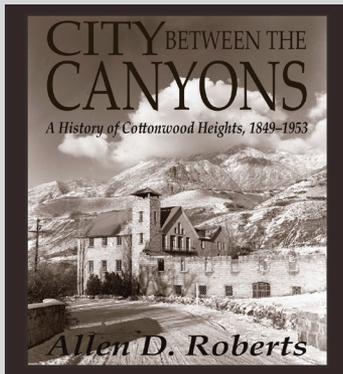
In 1874, a group of homesteaders on the Butler Bench diverted water from Big Cottonwood Creek, near today's water treatment plant, and dug a canal to carry water to their farms. Homesteaders used this water for both culinary and agricultural purposes, and those living on the bench referred to it as "the canal." As the area grew and spread south, west and north below Butler Hill, workers enlarged the canal and added branches to cover more farms. The canal then became known as the Brown and Sanford Ditch, named for two people instrumental in extending the system coverage.

In December 1900, the Brown and Sanford Irrigation Co. filed articles of incorporation with the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office. William J. Panter, president, Charles F. Boyce, vice president, Charles Colebrook, secretary and treasurer, along with John W. Foulkes

and Charles R. Wootton, formed the Board of Directors. The company's capital stock was valued at \$19,500, and 195 shares of stock were issued, valued at \$100 a share. The company's service area covered 1,000 acres and claimed one-fifth of the water from Big Cottonwood Creek.

Since the greatest need for water was in the late summer when water levels were low, the company constructed dams on three lakes in Big Cottonwood Canyon's Mill B area in 1910. The company began enlarging the lakes'

capacity in 1914, completing this in 1934. In 1972, the dams, which had become unstable, were breached. Salt Lake City bought the rights to the water stored in the Three Sister Lakes for culinary use. ■



Buy the Book!

Find more community stories in the book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*. Buy yours at City Hall for \$20 (3 for \$50) or order it online at ch.utah.gov/community/history/history-book for \$25 (3 for \$59).



The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee is now on Facebook



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Public Works 944-7000

Recorder 944-7021

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Code Enforcement..... 944-7095

Police Administration..... 944-7100

City Council Meetings

Apr. 6 - Work Session 5 p.m., CDRA Business Meeting 5:45 p.m., Business Meeting 7 p.m.

Apr. 20 - Work Session 5 p.m., Business Meeting 7 p.m.

(Work session may reconvene after business meeting.)

Agendas are posted at least 24 hours in advance of public meetings.

For details about the agendas, go to: www.ch.utah.gov. City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. The April 7 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

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Final COVID-19 Vaccines Administered to Teachers and Front-line Staff

On March 11, Canyons School District's vaccine clinic administered its final COVID-19 vaccines. The last of nearly 4,000 employees who signed up for vaccines received their second doses. We're one full lap around the calendar since the start of the pandemic, and with vaccinations picking up and case counts falling statewide, the finish line is in sight.

Utah Health Department-endorsed COVID-testing protocols have also ended CSD's high schools' requirements to move to online learning. They have also made it possible to safely hold school dances and allow for overnight travel activities. ■



Six Sporting Bengals Earn Academic All-State Awards

Six Brighton High students recently earned Academic All-State status in winter sports for excelling in their academic and athletic endeavors. They are:

- **Drill** - Reagan Kimball
 - **Boys' swimming** - Sage Doyle
 - **Girls' basketball** - Lillian Cheatham
 - **Boys' basketball** - Joshua Petersen and Michael Kenner
 - **Boys' wrestling** - Logan Hawes
- Sponsored by the Utah High School

Activities Association, the Academic All-State Award honors high school seniors that achieve academically while also contributing to a varsity sport or activity, such as debate, theater and music.

To qualify, students must have a 4.0-cumulative GPA or meet an index score that accounts for grades and ACT or SAT scores. ■



High Schoolers: Apply for the Youth City Council by April 13

Cottonwood Heights sponsors a Youth City Council for high school students to get involved with city government. Members meet twice a month and also participate in service activities for city events, including Butlerville Days, the Easter Egg Hunt and Monster Mash. This is an opportunity to serve the community, develop leadership skills, interact with elected officials and gain education. Besides being fun, Youth City Council looks good on résumés and scholarship applications.

To apply, students must:

- Be in grades 9-12 for the 2021-2022 school year
- Live in the Cottonwood Heights boundaries or attend high school in the city
- Attend meetings, support the council goals and be willing to serve

Visit ch.utah.gov/community/youth-council to fill out the online application or download and print it. All applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13. ■

Business Spotlights

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The Elevated Financial Wellness program helps local companies and their employees be more financially fit and retirement-ready. To preview the platform for your company, book a free demo at elevatedfinancialwellness.com or call Melissa Ceballos at 801-639-0095. You'll qualify for a \$100 Amazon gift card drawing

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