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Taxation Without (WATER) Representation

Council member Matt Holton



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

Friends and Neighbors,
Many of you have recently expressed deep concern over the significant water rate hikes impacting families across our city, and I want you to know that your concerns are heard and shared. Like many of you, I was shocked when I opened my most recent water bill. This issue is something felt by all of us. Know that this issue is a top priority for me and for your city government.

The frustrating reality of this situation is that the Cottonwood Heights City Council has no say over these rate increases. Our water rates are unilaterally controlled by Salt Lake City Public Utilities and set by the Salt Lake City Council. This leaves us in a difficult position: we are subject to decisions in which we have no voice and no vote.

An Unfair System

This lack of representation is made worse by an inequitable rate structure. The Salt Lake City Council has set lower rates for its own residents while imposing higher rates on all of us in Cottonwood Heights. We are told these rate hikes are necessary to fund "aging infrastructure," which is a valid concern. However, it raises the question: what percentage of our hard-earned dollars are

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

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- **OCTOBER 10:** SPECIAL EFFECTS HALLOWEEN MAKEUP WORKSHOP AT CITY HALL FROM 6:30-9 PM
- **OCTOBER 15:** SENIOR SOCIAL
- **OCTOBER 24:** MONSTER MASH
- **OCTOBER 31:** TRUNK OR TREAT FROM 3 TO 4 PM
- **NOVEMBER 4:** ELECTION DAY
- **NOVEMBER 27:** CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY
- **DECEMBER 1:** LIGHT THE HEIGHTS
- **DECEMBER 5:** CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH ECLIPSE 6

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT CH.UTAH.GOV AND CLICK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONSTER MASH
Friday, October 24, 2025
5 - 7 P.M. - Free
CH REC CENTER - 7500 S. 2700 E.

Free Spooktacular Halloween Fun!
 Ages 12 & Under: Carnival Games & Ice Skating.
 Creepy, crawly creatures from Scales and Tails will be there!

Cottonwood Heights
 Parks & Recreation

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
Senior Social
 Seniors (55+) are invited to join us for fun!
COOKIES, CIDER & CONVERSATIONS WITH CITY DIRECTORS

Come learn how the city runs and enjoy a tour of City Hall!
 Our City Directors will explain what they do and how the city works.
 Fall right into the season with fun treats, good company, and a behind-the-scenes look at your community.

When: October 15, 2025
Time: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Where: Cottonwood Heights City Hall
2277 E. Bengal Blvd.
Cost: Free!

Cottonwood Heights
 City Between the Canyons

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents

UNLEASH YOUR INNER MONSTER!
 A HANDS-ON SPECIAL EFFECTS HALLOWEEN MAKEUP CLASS
 October 10th
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 \$20* class fee
 Ages 14+

YOU WILL LEARN:
 X Special effects wounds
 X Face Painting
 X Silicone prosthetics
 X And more!

PROVIDED:
 X All Materials
 X Light Snacks
 X Spooky photo booth
 X Hands on practice

Workshop Location:
 Cottonwood Heights
 City Hall
 2277 E Bengal Blvd.

More info & registration at
CHCityArts.com
 Advanced registration
 required.

* Plus tax and ticket processing fees.

CHCITYARTS.COM

ECLIPSE 6
 Christmas
 CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE!
DECEMBER 5, 2025
 7:30 - 9 PM **FREE**
 BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE
 TICKETS ARE REQUIRED - AVAILABLE AT CHCITYARTS.COM

More information
www.chcityarts.com

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being used to repair infrastructure for Salt Lake City residents instead of the pipes and systems right here in our own neighborhoods?

My Position is Clear

Cottonwood Heights deserves a fair deal. I believe in three fundamental principles:

- **Representation:** Cottonwood Heights either deserves a voice and a vote when it comes to setting water rates for our own residents, or we deserve a public presentation and hearing at our city hall, where our own residents can share their voice before any action is

taken.

- **Local Investment:** The infrastructure fees we pay should be invested in the water infrastructure that directly serves our city.
- **Fair Pricing:** Our residents should not be charged more than any other ratepayer served by Salt Lake City Public Utilities.

The Path Forward

Mayor Mike Weichers and I have been focused on this issue for the past four months,



working hand-in-hand to find a viable solution. Our first and preferred path is to work collaboratively with Salt Lake City and/or other neighboring municipalities. We believe that through true partnership, we can find a way to deliver clean, reliable, and affordable water to all our residents.

However, if we cannot achieve a fair and equitable agreement, we must be prepared to explore alternative paths to keep costs reasonable for everyone in our community. While this would not be an easy road, we cannot stand by while our residents are treated unfairly.

I am committed to fighting for you and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure a better and more affordable future for Cottonwood Heights. ■

October at the County Library | Whitmore

Teens	Family	Adults
<p>Teen Craft Program: Book Bedazzling Tuesday, September 2, 6:30 - 8 pm B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Book) to create your own personalized sparkly masterpiece! We'll provide the gems and glue; you bring the reading material. (A small selection of books will also be available, but bringing your own is recommended.)</p> <p>Teen Monthly Origami: Dolphin Monday, September 8, All day Includes folding instructions and paper. This month's origami is a dolphin. Packets are first come, first served.</p> <p>Teen Craft Program: Duct Tape Crafts Monday, September 29, 4 - 5 pm Come make some fun crafts out of duct tape!</p>	<p>Produce Swap Thursdays September 4 & 11 Fridays September 5 & 12 Saturdays September 6 & 13 Is your garden overflowing with fruits and vegetables? Bring your extras to the library to share with others, or come and pick up some tasty produce. Tables will be set up inside the library.</p> <p>Chess Club Wednesdays September 3, 10, 17, 24 6 pm Drop by our weekly chess club to play chess, meet other players, sharpen your skills, and have fun! All skill levels and ages welcome!</p> <p>Utah Puppet Theater Friday, September 5, 11 am Enjoy a fun and funny puppet show presented by the Utah Puppet Theater!</p> <p>Parade of Raptors Monday, September 8, 7 pm A Hawkwatch International expert will bring three different raptors for children and families to learn about and to see close up.</p> <p>Babcock Performing Readers: Rhetoric of the Suffragists Thursday, September 18, 7 pm American suffragists were successful in getting the vote for women. Let's look at some of them and listen to examples of the speeches that turned the tide.</p> <p>Art Explorers Saturday, September 20, 10:30 am Have fun as you explore your creative side! Each month we will experiment with different artistic techniques and materials in this open-ended art program. Great for individuals and families.</p> <p>Ken Yu Piano Performance: Favorite Sounds of Fall Thursday, September 25, 4 pm Ken Yu returns to perform popular classics including Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Liszt and Gershwin.</p>	<p>Whitmore Library September 2025 Adult Reading Challenge: Try a classic!</p> <p>All Ability Kits Tuesday, September 2, All day Pick up an activity kit designed for ADULTS and TEENS with intellectual disabilities while supplies last!</p> <p>Yoga Fundamentals Wednesday, September 3, 5:45 pm Yoga poses will be taught in adaptable ways so that different body types and abilities can experience the benefits of each posture. Please bring your own yoga mat.</p> <p>Adult DIY Makers & Crafters: Autumn Jewelry Monday, September 15 thru Saturday, September 20 Check out our drop-in adult activity table. We'll be welcoming autumn all week long with DIY jewelry making!</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Club Wednesday, September 17, 7 pm Join us for a discussion of new and noteworthy nonfiction books. This month's book is <i>The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum</i> by Margalit Fox. New readers are always welcome!</p> <p>Take Time for Yourself: A Cultivating Mindfulness Workshop Thursday, September 25, 7 pm Saturday, September 27, 11 am Discover the transformative power of mindfulness in this workshop with Devon Clawson. Since this workshop includes sitting or lying in stillness for long periods of time, participants are encouraged to bring layers of clothing, a yoga mat, and a blanket or towel.</p>
Early Learners	Kids	
<p>Family Storytime Mondays September 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:15 am Storytime fun for the whole family. We'll be talking, singing, reading, writing and playing.</p> <p>Pajama Storytime Mondays September 15, 22, 29, 7 pm Wear comfy pajamas, bring a favorite bedtime buddy and a caring adult, and let's have fun! Join us for stories, songs and crafts that support early literacy development.</p> <p>Ready, Set, Move! Thursdays September 4, 11, 18, 25 10:15 am Can you 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' with the best? Music and movement for little ones and their grown-ups.</p> <p>Play & Learn Thursdays September 4, 11, 18, 25 11 am Interactive play and early learning activities for children ages 0-5 and their caring adult(s).</p>	<p>Whitmore Gallery John Welch: Feel Good Color July 22 - September 13</p>	

The County Library | Whitmore
2197 E Fort Union Blvd
Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121 | 801.943.4636

Cottonwood Heights Senior Corner

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SENIOR CORNER

Did You Know?

A healthy lunch designed specifically for seniors is available at the Mt. Olympus Senior Center in Holladay, served every Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. While the meals are complimentary, a suggested donation of \$4 is appreciated. Free transportation can be arranged.

Mt. Olympus Senior Center Events Highlights:

<p>Balance and Fall Prevention sessions every Monday at 11:00 AM.</p>	<p>AARP Driving Class, held every first Tuesday in October from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.</p>	
<p>Line Dancing Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 AM</p>		

Call 385-468-3130 for more information.

Mt. Olympus Senior Center
1635 E. Murray Holladay Rd.
Holladay, UT

Cottonwood Heights Tomorrow - General Plan Update

Jim Spung, AICP | Community & Economic Development Director

Made possible through a grant partnership with the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the city began work in 2021 to update its General Plan. The **General Plan** is a comprehensive, long-range policy document establishing the community's vision for land use, housing, transportation, economic development, recreation, and sustainability for the next 10 to 20 years. The existing General Plan was adopted shortly after the City's incorporation in 2005 and successfully focused on key priorities and goals critical for a new municipality—many of which have been achieved. As the City continues to grow, it now faces new opportunities and challenges brought on by shifting markets, new technology, and increased development pressure.

To build on previous achievements and propel Cottonwood Heights forward, this updated plan, "**Cottonwood Heights Tomorrow - General Plan 2025**," will provide innovative solutions and strategies that address the City's evolving needs in the near- and long-

term.

This project is a major undertaking that requires substantial community input and collaboration among a wide range of stakeholders in Cottonwood Heights. A series of online Public Engagement Meetings were held through June 2021 to help determine key planning issues and identify the future vision and goals for the City. An online platform provided various options for public comment and participation, including:

- **A Visioning Survey to identify key issues and future visions**
- **A Crowdsourcing Mapping Tool to locate specific needs, issues, and opportunities**
- **A Community Idea Board to indicate likes and missing elements**
- **A Vision Confirmation Survey to verify goals and objectives**

Following public feedback at a Draft Open House in 2022, City staff spent some time revising and clarifying the goals of the plan and

focusing on the progress of the Town Center. Now, as we resume progress on the General Plan update, the city recognizes the importance of continued public engagement. Over the next few months, the goals, objectives, strategies, and vision derived from previous outreach efforts will be introduced to the Planning Commission and City Council through a series of work session meetings. These meetings are open to the public and will provide review and decision-making bodies an opportunity to review and discuss key elements of the Plan and provide direction.

We anticipate that a public review draft of **Cottonwood Heights Tomorrow - General Plan 2025** will be available this November. Please stay tuned for an announcement with more details in the November 2025 City Newsletter. ■

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2025 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4: ELECTION DAY

VOTER INFORMATION

To check if you are a registered voter, please visit:
<https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/clerk/elections/register/check-voter-registration/>

For voter registration inquiries, contact the Salt Lake County Election Registrar's Office at 385-468-7400.

For additional information, please visit our website:
<https://www.ch.utah.gov/elections>

Pick up leaf bags and drop off bagged leaves beginning October 15

As the temperatures cool down and we head into fall, Wasatch Front Waste Recycling District (WFWRD) will begin their seasonal fall leaf pickup service. Starting Wednesday, October 15, residents can pick up leaf bags at the following locations:



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

Due to limited supplies, WFWRD requests you take only one roll of leaf bags per household and not pick up bags for your neighbors. Once you fill your bags with leaves, you can take them to Bywater Park (3149 Bandbury Rd.) and put them in the designated trailers. We do not collect leaf bags sitting at your curb. Please do not dump garbage or other items at these or other locations, and do not put leaves and other yard waste in your recycle cans. You are welcome to take leaf bags from any site for your own compost. ■



The Community Center of Hillside Plaza and The Heights

For decades, Hillside Plaza was more than just a shopping center; it was the unofficial town square for our growing community. As one of the first major commercial hubs in the area, it served as a familiar landmark where residents connected, neighbors crossed paths, and generations of local teens found their first jobs. From grocery shopping at Ream's Grocery to grabbing breakfast at Carl's Cafe, the plaza was an essential part of daily life and a cornerstone in the story of Cottonwood Heights' development from a scattered suburb into a cohesive city. It was a place where community happened organically.



As our city has matured, the vision for a central gathering space has evolved alongside the needs of our residents. Today, this historic and centrally located property is being reimagined to serve our community

for generations to come. The upcoming development, known as "The Heights," represents the next chapter in our city's story. The initial project design seeks to create a vibrant, walkable downtown district that will serve as a central heart for our entire community, fulfilling a long-held goal of having a defined city center.

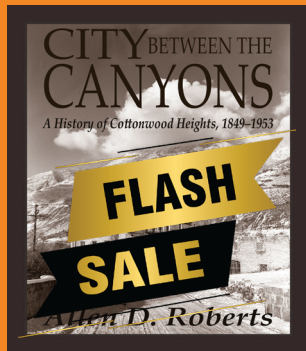


"The Heights" will blend modern retail, diverse dining options, and new housing with beautifully designed public plazas and

green spaces. The goal is to create a dynamic destination where residents can live, shop, dine, and, most importantly, gather. While the architecture and energy will be new, the fundamental purpose of this location remains the same: to continue Hillside Plaza's powerful legacy as a place where the Cottonwood Heights community comes together. This ambitious project honors our past by building a thoughtful, connected, and exciting future for all of us. ■



20th Year Anniversary Sale



Buy the book!

Get your very own copy of the hardbound history book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*! Buy yours at City Hall for **\$10** or online at ch.utah.gov/history-book for **\$15** with shipping. ■

HISTORIC EXHIBIT

CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
PRESENTED BY THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE

Explore Cottonwood Heights' journey since incorporation in 2005.

See historic aerial maps that show how farms and open fields became the neighborhoods, parks, and businesses we know today. Learn about the key moments that shaped our city and discover the Cottonwood Heights Digital Archives, an online collection of thousands of historic photos and documents.

20 years of history, growth, and community!

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL LOBBY
2277 E BENGAL BLVD
WEEKDAYS - 8AM TO 5PM
OCTOBER 6 - NOVEMBER 12, 2025



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

City council meetings

- **October 7:** Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **October 21:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **November 18:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday each month at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. unless otherwise noticed. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings at ch.utah.gov/agendas.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission generally holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

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 Communication Manager



Cottonwood Heights

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable Leaf Management in Cottonwood Heights

Maverick Yeh, Planner III

Keep Our Streets Clean, Protect Waterways, and Build Healthier Yards. As autumn arrives in Cottonwood Heights, neighborhoods are filled with the beautiful colors of fall — and soon, piles of leaves covering yards and streets. While it might seem easiest to sweep everything into the gutter or bag it up for disposal, the way we handle leaves can have a significant impact on our environment, our streets, and even the health of our yards.

Leaves left in the street can clog storm drains, leading to standing water or flooding during storms. When rain carries those leaves into Big and Little Cottonwood Creeks, they break down and release nutrients that can harm water quality and disrupt aquatic ecosystems. Managing leaves properly helps keep our waterways clean, reduces maintenance costs, and keeps streets safer for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

One of the most sustainable approaches is to mulch leaves directly into the lawn. Running a mulching mower over fallen leaves chops them into small pieces

that decompose quickly, naturally enriching the soil and reducing the need for fertilizer in the spring. For those with gardens or flower beds, creating a leaf compost pile is another excellent option. Over the winter, leaves combined with grass clippings and kitchen scraps will break down into nutrient-rich compost that can be used next year to improve soil health.

If leaves must be removed, they should be collected properly and placed in the appropriate bags or containers provided by Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District. Blowing or sweeping leaves into the street should be avoided, as it creates hazards and additional work for public works crews. Leaf burning is also prohibited because of its negative impact on air quality.

When residents take the time to manage leaves responsibly, the entire community benefits. Streets stay cleaner, storm drains work more effectively, and local creeks are protected from unnecessary pollution. Together, we can keep Cottonwood Heights beautiful and resilient as we transition into winter. ■

Business spotlight

Sky Roots Wellness | 801-340-3040 | skyrootswellness.org | 7138 South Highland Drive, Ste 212 | info@skyrootswellness.org

At Sky Roots Wellness, healthcare is more than a temporary fix—it's about uncovering and addressing the root causes of health issues for sustainable well-being. Led by naturopathic physician Dr. Shawn Postma, NMD, the practice has been a beacon of natural, holistic care for nearly 11 years. Now, with a new office in Cottonwood Heights, they invite the community to an Open House on October 17, 2025, to explore the space and connect.

Dr. Postma is renowned for his thoughtful and compassionate approach, with patients frequently praising his ability to listen deeply and offer personalized care. Many express that, often for the first time, they feel truly seen, heard, and validated. Reviews celebrate his rare blend of expertise and empathy: "Dr. Postma made me feel seen, heard,

and not crazy. He ordered so many tests and finally got me on the right medication."

At Sky Roots Wellness, Dr. Postma addresses a variety of health concerns, including:

- H o r m o n e imbalances, thyroid disorders, and fatigue,
- Digestive issues such as IBS and SIBO,
- Women's health and perimenopausal/menopausal support,
- Complex chronic illnesses like mold toxicity and Lyme disease,
- Weight loss and metabolic health support,



- Stress, resilience, and overall wellness optimization.

His mission is to treat the whole person—not just the symptoms—empowering patients with clarity, compassion, and hope for lasting health. Whether you're grappling with chronic issues, seeking balance, or aspiring to thrive, Dr. Postma is with you every step of the way.

Join them for their open House on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 4–7 PM at their new clinic in Plaza 2000, 7138 S. Highland Drive, Ste 212, Salt Lake City. Visit to explore the space, connect with Dr. Postma, and learn more about their services. Light refreshments will be served, and everyone is warmly welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call or text 801-340-3040. ■

TRUNK OR TREAT

DRESS UP, DECORATE YOUR VEHICLE, AND BRING CANDY/TREATS TO HAND OUT TO CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY! NETWORK WITH FAMILIES, THE CITY, AND UNIFIED FIRE.

TO PARTICIPATE, EMAIL SYDNEY PIERCE, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, AT SPIERCE@CH.UTAH.GOV.

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