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# BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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## Eight Ways To Prepare For Winter Storms

By Council Member Doug Petersen



We knew Feb. 17 would not be a typical day, with much of our city seeing 18 inches of snow or more. The storm warning had been issued the night before, but sometimes don't you wonder if it will really materialize or

miss us entirely? Of course, the hope is that it will all stay up in the mountains and keep our roads and driveways clear. Wishful thinking aside, we all know what it took that day just to clear out our own sidewalks and driveways. Between my drive and my parents', it took me the better part of the day.

Now imagine that process for the entire city. Our Public Works Director, Matt Shipp, keeps crews running and keeps track of all our road maintenance. He prepares crews ahead of time knowing a storm is coming and ensures the trucks

are loaded with treated salt before they start their routes. Our well-trained snowplow drivers used almost 515 tons of salt and spent many hours moving this much snow.


I asked Matt what we can do as citizens to help make this undertaking go more smoothly. Here are his suggestions:

- **Be prepared:** Have shovels, snowblowers, and someone who can help you if needed, and stay home if possible
- **Be informed:** Listen to the weather for any storm warning alerts
- **Be patient:** The city plows the main roads, hills, and through streets first and strives to plow all residential streets within 24 hours after a storm ends
- **Be a good neighbor:** Help those in your area who might need your help
- **Don't park on the street.** It's hard for plows to maneuver around cars, and your car may be towed.

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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

##### MARCH 2

- CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION PRESENTATION
- UTAH OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROJECT DISCUSSION
- AGREEMENT WITH BLU LINE DESIGNS FOR FERGUSON CANYON PARK DESIGN
- GRANITE AGREEMENT FOR SCOTTISH DRIVE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY (CDRA):
  - CANYON CENTRE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION
  - PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)

##### MARCH 16

- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT ON AUG. 2 MILL HOLLOW INCIDENT

TO FIND FULL AGENDAS,  
[WWW.COTTONWOODHEIGHTS.UTAH.GOV](http://WWW.COTTONWOODHEIGHTS.UTAH.GOV)

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History Question  
of the Month

Who provided the land for the fort in Union?

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS  
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Choreographer:  
**JIN-XIANG YU**



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in 1874, in Baltimore.

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents



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DENNIS KELLY  
Music & Lyrics  
TIM MINCHIN

# VIRTUAL AUDITIONS

**March 19 - 20**









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*"Prepare for Winter Storms", continued from cover*

- **Check Wasatchfrontwaste.org for any trash collection changes.** Get containers off the street as soon as possible when trucks collect the trash.
- **Don't shovel or blow snow back into the street.** This makes it hard for others to drive and creates more work for plows.
- **Use our snow events email address**



(snowevent@ch.utah.gov) or our phone line (801-944-7000) if you have concerns. The Public Works team logs everything and addresses all issues.

The city has a detailed snow-removal plan in place that shows every city street. The drivers are familiar with every route, so they know the best method to plow these roads. Our crew's motto is "Plan the plow and plow the plan." I hope as Cottonwood Heights citizens we can do all we can to help our crews complete their jobs in the most safe and efficient way.

I am grateful for the storms that bring this vital commodity of water to our state and the added recreational benefits. March brings new hope to a COVID-weary world. I look forward to the longer daylight hours and the warmer days that are ahead.

Thank you for helping keep Cottonwood Heights a wonderful place to live. ■

## New Utah Bills For Education, Police Reform, and Clean Air Initiatives

By Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion



By the time you read this, I will be finishing my first session in the Utah House of Representatives. Thank you for allowing me to represent District 46. I'm happy to share how an exciting education program,

balanced police reform, and clean air initiatives are becoming realities.

Rep. Lowry Snow, chair of the House Education Committee, sponsored a bill last year that would allow some youth to stay in juvenile detention centers until age 25. He knows education is a valuable investment and the key forward for everyone, so this year he is sponsoring HB279. The program Rep. Snow is creating with Dixie State College would cost \$300,000 a year and allow incarcerated youth to enroll in classes or work towards a technical certificate, associate or bachelor's degree. Utah currently spends about \$200,000 annually for each incarcerated young adult. Gaining skills, knowledge and confidence would save state funds, reduce recidivism, and enable many of these young people to leave the justice system supporting themselves.

Our police officers risk their lives to help us during emergencies and maintain the safe society

we all enjoy. This year, several bills are improving police transparency, training and safety. Each bill sponsor has worked with law enforcement agencies to ensure the changes are desired and beneficial. Senator Iwamoto sponsors a bill requiring a law enforcement agency to share information about an open officer conduct investigation upon request when processing a job application.

Another bill (HB264) requires law enforcement officers file a report each time they point a gun or taser at someone. Utah's Peace Officer Standards and Training department (POST) believes having more information like this will help them understand the challenges officers face. Rep. Andrew Stoddard sponsors a bill that would increase POST's ability to discipline law enforcement officers. Under the bill, POST could issue a warning or revoke an officer's certification if they show dishonesty or deception when violating policy or "knowingly engaged in biased or prejudicial" behavior. All of these bills passed a House committee unanimously and have moved through the Utah House with strong support.

This year there are 22 bipartisan initiatives for clean air improvements, ranging from Governor Cox asking for \$350,000 for double-tracking FrontRunner to a proof of concept for mobile air monitoring on UTA electric buses.

My first bill, HB0325, increases annual Office of Licensing fees. Due to reports of abuse and neglect

in centers for troubled Utah youth, Senator Mike McKell's bill would improve facility guidelines for the first time in 15 years. Currently, the Office of Licensing only has enough staff to make one annual inspection visit to each of the state's 250 facilities. HB 325 would increase the yearly per-bed fee the Office of Licensing charges facilities so they could hire enough new employees to allow four annual inspection visits. This will help ensure youth's safety and wellbeing at the centers.

Overall, at the Capitol we have had bipartisan agreement on many important issues. Gov. Cox and Lt. Gov. Henderson are eager to meet with us as needed. I am grateful for their diligent work to coordinate efforts that have led Utah to be one of the most efficient states for COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

With more than 800 bills and resolutions this session, I appreciate hearing from my constituents. I receive emails and texts on both sides of issues, and I value your perspective and concerns. Your input is key to my ability to function as your representative. Contact me at gaylynn@gaylynnbennion.com or glbennion@le.utah.gov. I am honored to represent so many of you as we solve problems and plan the future we desire together. ■



## Ready, Set Go: Three Ways to Prepare for Wildfires

By Assistant Fire Chief Riley Pilgrim



Though Cottonwood Heights is an urban community, its Wasatch Front location places several of its residential areas along the wildland-urban interface. These areas are adjacent to undeveloped land, such as the Forest Service, parks and other areas with vegetation and potential wildfire risks.

While the risks vary in severity depending on the neighboring fuel, lay of the land and any type of area management, residents are responsible for mitigating fires on their own properties. Visit [readyforwildfire.org](https://readyforwildfire.org) for tips on preparing for wildfire season, including:

- **Be ready:** Create and maintain defensible space around your home and property. This includes removing flammable vegetation within 30 feet of your home and extending outward from there with other protective measures. If your home borders public land, work with the city and fire department to address your concerns.
- **Get set:** Ensure your family is prepared to evacuate on short notice. This includes having important valuables, documentation, medication and other essential or difficult-to-replace items ready for a quick retreat.
- **Be ready to go:** When wildfire strikes and you have safety concerns, leave the area before you are told to do so. Sometimes you'll need to make this decision based on your own



impressions. Public safety authorities will do their best to evacuate areas as needed, but we also rely on citizens to leave without direction if they feel threatened by fire.

Now is a great time to assess your readiness for the wildfire season. Whether you're preparing your home and family for a possible evacuation or considering a property wildfire assessment, we have resources to help. Visit [unifiedfire.org](https://unifiedfire.org), [fireadapted.org](https://fireadapted.org), and [readyforwildfire.org](https://readyforwildfire.org) for more information. ■

## COVID-19 Vaccinations Available for Salt Lake County Residents with Qualifying Medical Conditions

The Salt Lake County Health Department is now offering COVID-19 vaccination appointments for those with qualifying medical conditions.

Visit [SaltLakeHealth.org](https://SaltLakeHealth.org) and click **COVID Vaccine Information** or call 385-468-7468 to schedule an appointment. To see if you have a qualifying medical condition, visit [coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine-distribution/#eligibility](https://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine-distribution/#eligibility).

Salt Lake County is now using the statewide vaccine scheduling system, [vaccinate.utah.gov](https://vaccinate.utah.gov).

- The statewide system requires users to create an account so they can cancel or reschedule their appointment at their convenience

- People who do not want to create an account or schedule online may continue to call 385-468-7468 and have a SLCoHD agent schedule an appointment for them
- The statewide system only allows employees to schedule appointments for people who live in a Salt Lake County zip code

People 65 and older also remain eligible for vaccine and may schedule immediately as they have been. Some Salt Lake County pharmacy chains are also scheduling COVID vaccine appointments for people eligible under the state's vaccine distribution guidelines:

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

In coming days and weeks, some private providers, like Intermountain Healthcare and University Health, will also have limited vaccine doses of vaccine at some Salt Lake County clinic locations. These private providers may also only vaccinate people eligible according to the state's vaccine distribution plan. Visit [thisisourshot.com](https://thisisourshot.com) for more information. ■

## Volunteer with Salt Lake County's COVID-19 Response Team

Salt Lake County needs volunteers to scan codes, check guests in, manage queues, and help with second-dose appointment scheduling at the county's three vaccination sites:

### Salt Palace Convention Center

- Salt Lake City

### Mountain America Expo Center

- Sandy

### Maverik Center parking lot

- West Valley City

Shifts are four hours, and volunteers must work at least eight hours a week through the end of the vaccination efforts.

To sign up, visit [slco.org/volunteer](https://slco.org/volunteer). ■





## Cottonwood Heights Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan

Did you know living near parks, trails and open spaces has been shown to improve your property value and your health? University of Washington researchers found that “homes that are adjacent to naturalistic parks and open spaces are valued at 8-20% higher than comparable properties.”

Living near parks has also been linked to higher physical activity levels for adults and children. By making parks, trails and open space a priority in our community, we can actively improve our quality of life.

The City of Cottonwood Heights has collected resident feedback about future parks,

trails and open space through a series of surveys and open houses over the past few years. Based on the public input, city staff have prepared a Parks, Trails and Open Space master plan for public review. Intended to be an advisory guide for future Cottonwood Heights land use recommendations, the plan does not approve any specific projects for new parks, trails or open space preservation.

The master plan lists existing open space and trails in Cottonwood Heights while also making recommendations for potential future parks, trails and open space. We'll consider individual projects as future opportunities arise during the

development process or funds become available from the city budget and through other grants and programs.

Do you have a good idea for a park or trail in your neighborhood? Want to review the current draft plan? Find the plan and an interactive map on the city website ([cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)) through City Services > Community Development > Adopted and Special Plans. Please share feedback in the comments section below the interactive map or email Andy Hulka at [ahulka@ch.utah.gov](mailto:ahulka@ch.utah.gov). ■



## Share your vision for future valley greenways

Do you want more trails, access, and recreation opportunities in your community? The Seven Greenways Vision Plan imagines a connected system of greenways along our seven major creeks in the Salt Lake

Valley. Take the survey by March 17 at [sevengreenwaysvisionplan.org](http://sevengreenwaysvisionplan.org) to share your feedback. ■

## Updates from the District

### Subscription Green Waste Program

The weekly green waste collection program will resume Wednesday, March 17, for Cottonwood Heights residents. Cottonwood Heights currently has 1,212 out of the 8,412 districtwide subscribers.

Help divert green waste



from the landfill to be processed into mulch, which you can buy from the Salt Lake Valley and Trans-Jordan landfills. You'll pay a \$60 one-time start-up fee for the can and \$126 per year, which is less expensive than an extra black garbage can at \$204 per year. To sign up for or learn more about this program and composting, visit [wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste). ■

### Landscape Maintenance

Now is the perfect time of year to trim your trees! Municipal ordinance requires trees and landscaping hanging over the pavement be trimmed to a minimum height of 13.5 feet above the street.

Following these guidelines will help trucks navigate through your neighborhood and empty your cans without potential damage to your trees and Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) trucks. We appreciate your help. ■



### Curbside Glass Collections

Did you know WFWRD provides a curbside glass collection service through Momentum Recycling? You'll pay a \$45 start-up fee for the can and \$8 monthly for Momentum Recycling to collect glass once a month. WFWRD coordinates billing and provides the can.

Momentum Recycling accepts glass bottles and jars in all colors. You can also recycle glass at locations throughout the valley. To sign up for curbside service or learn more, visit [wasatchfrontwaste.org/glass](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org/glass). ■



## Answer

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In 1853, Jehu (John) Cox donated ten acres of land for a fort site near the present-day intersection of North Union and 1000 East. Settlers then built a 12-foot high wall of cobblerock, clay and adobes around the perimeter to protect themselves from Native Americans. They made watch holes a few yards apart around the wall and built bastions (lookout towers) on the southeast and northwest corners.

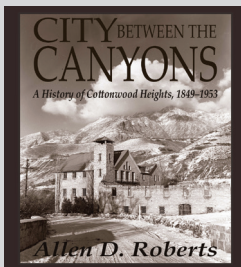
Two streets ran east and west, and one alley ran north and south. All streets and alleys had gates at either end, kept locked. About 22 families of many nationalities lived in the fort, though settlers gradually tore down the walls as relationships with the Native Americans improved.

Today, you can see a historic marker near the original fort site and the preserved Jehu Cox home, now located used about a block north of North Union Avenue and used as a shop.

Source: Union First Ward history (1849-1978) and Fort Union, Utah Wikipedia page ■

## Historic Committee and Arts Council Volunteers Needed

Both the Historic Committee and Arts Council are looking for new members. Passionate about cultural events or Cottonwood Heights history? Contact Ann Eatchel, Culture Manager, at [aeatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:aeatchel@ch.utah.gov) or 801-550-8225. ■



### 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 the book online at [ch.utah.gov/community/history/history-book](http://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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**DIST# 4** - Christine Watson Mikell

**CITY MANAGER** - Tim Tingey

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Dispatch ..... 743-7000

Fire Authority..... 743-7100

Animal Control ..... 743-7000

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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

**Mar. 2** - Work Session 5 p.m., CDRA Business Meeting 5:45 p.m., Business Meeting 7 p.m.

**Mar. 16** - 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](http://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 March 6 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

## Editors

Lindsay Wilcox, Kim Horiuchi

## Graphic Designer

Megan Pace

## Brighton High's Accadians Finish in Top 5

The Accadians, Brighton High School's drill team, recently earned fifth place in both the dance and show categories at the 5A state drill team championships. The annual Utah High School Activities Association competition was held at Utah Valley University's UCCU Center. ■



## Brighton High School Principal Lauded for Arts Education Support

Brighton High Principal Tom Sherwood recently received the 2019-2020 Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award from the Utah Music Educators Association. The award recognizes a school administrator who consistently advocates and supports arts education in the school community. Sherwood was lauded for launching Brighton High's marching band program last year.

"Tom is a huge supporter and advocate for the band program at Brighton," teacher Mikala Mortensen said in a letter nominating Sherwood for the honor. "He is always willing to listen and help problem solve as we have been building the program. .... His support is a big part of why the [Board of Education] agreed to support this new activity at our school." ■



## Thank a Teacher: Canyons School District Now Accepting 2021 Nominations

Submit your nominations for Canyons School District 2021 Teacher of the Year by March 5! Download and print the nomination form (<https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/wp-content/joom-files/images/TOYnominationform.pdf>), fill it out, and return it to the PTA leader at your child's school. A committee will choose and honor one teacher from each school. The district will then choose one teacher to represent Canyons in the state's top-teacher competition. ■



## Business Spotlights

### Orangetheory Fitness | 6953 S. 1300 East

Orangetheory is the first Utah fitness center with the CDC-endorsed BAF Clean Air System. They offer personal, heart-rate monitored training. One month-to-month membership provides access to 15 Utah locations in Utah and more than 1,300 U.S. locations.



Mention this newsletter when you visit the studio in the Trader Joe's shopping center and receive one week free. Call 801-463-6748. ■

### Solstice Design Build

Partners Shay Myers and Caroline Wallace lead Solstice Design Build, an architecture and construction company that creates sustainable spaces and structures for people and the planet. Whether they're working on a residential design or community-driven project, Shay and

Caroline's passion is creating healthier homes and environments, reducing ecological impacts in design and construction, and preserving natural resources. Contact Solstice Design Build at 801-558-7705 or solsticedb.com. ■



### Bob Darling

An international voice actor with projects in more than 70 countries and success with regional and national clients, Bob Darling would love to work with you to improve your Utah company's image. Bob can be your trusted voice for any business need, including phone system welcome messages, radio, TV, or web

ads, and corporate training voiceovers. Bob is easy to work with and affordable and delivers on time. He's offering all Cottonwood Heights businesses a 50% discount in March. Contact Bob at rjdarling.com. ■



### Love your Locals

Contact or visit our local businesses for their March specials, and remember to support them on social media! Interested in participating in Love Your Locals? Email Sherrie Martell at smartell@ch.utah.gov or call 801-944-7067. ■

### Canyon Creek Chiropractic | 7109 S. Highland Drive #203

Massage therapy is a healthy and natural way to feel better and stay healthier. Canyon Creek Chiropractic offers deep tissue, hot stones, Swedish, and Shiatsu massages starting at \$49 with no required contract. Let

yourself relax and get relief from headaches, back pain, and tension. Therapists sanitize thoroughly between each patient and take all safety precautions. Call 801-943-0932. ■



### Leverage Fitness Solutions | 7831 S. Highland Drive #8

Leverage Fitness Solutions is offering a 30% discount on the Stable, Able & Strong Program during March. Call 385-985-3603 or visit leveragefitness.com.

#### The program will help you:

- Boost your immune system to better fight illnesses and disease
- Improve your heart and lungs
- Move more easily and feel younger
- Get rid of aches and pains
- Start a tailored, safe, and consistent exercise routine

#### Stable, Able & Strong includes:

- Eight one-hour semi-private training sessions over four weeks (three participants per class maximum)
- Class camaraderie while still meeting social-distancing guidelines
- Customized exercise tailored to your body and needs
- Multiple semi-private times throughout the day for sessions

- 100% money-back guarantee (some restrictions apply) ■

