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## A New Mayor...a New Year

By Mayor Mike Peterson



Let me begin by wishing each of you a wonderful and prosperous New Year. I'm looking forward to 2018 and the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I'm also excited to welcome two new members to the City Council, Christine Mikell from District 4 and Tali Bruce, representing District 3. I look forward to their involvement and in hearing their perspectives on the many challenges that face our city.

I'd also like to take a moment and offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore for his 13 years of incredibly dedicated service. I firmly believe we are much further along in our development as a young city than we would have been without his early leadership and love for Cottonwood Heights. His tremendous sacrifice and commitment became more and more evident each year I served with him on the City Council and watched the respect he garnered from the various entities with which we worked throughout the state. I also need to express my appreciation to the Mayor for his graciousness in facilitating my smooth transition toward filling this position. Prior to me taking office, he went out of his way to keep me informed on all topics and invited me to join him at the many meetings, boards and councils that a mayor is expected to attend. This is often not the case for many new mayors who are about to take office.

Similarly, I need to express my appreciation to Councilman Tee Tyler for his eight years of service and wish him well as he leaves the City Council.

Councilman Tyler is truly one of the finest individuals I've ever met and a true example of a valued public servant.

It is my goal to continue to work closely with the Council to add value to this great city and what's already been accomplished, to look for opportunities to improve services to our constituents, and to carefully guide the growth of our young city in a way that protects and enhances the quality of life we all enjoy.

With the mayoral campaign behind me, I'm thankful for the experience and the many opportunities I had to meet so many wonderful people. I enjoyed meeting many of you when knocking on doors, attending neighborhood cottage meetings and gatherings, or when responding to inquiries about me or my position on a particular issue. I think this is what I love most about municipal government, that it allows elected officials to be closer to the people they serve.



It's during these past few months that I have gained an even greater understanding of your priorities and concerns. There was definitely not a consensus of opinion on all issues, but I certainly felt a common thread of genuine interest for the well-being of our city. Wherever I went, I felt genuine support in the ongoing care and development of our parks, trails and open space, and the specific need to attempt to find an appropriate location for a dog park. There was also strong interest voiced for the continuing need for strategic and

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# Upcoming Cottonwood Heights Events

- Jan. 1 City Hall closed for New Year's Day holiday
- Jan. 2 Newly elected officials swearing-in ceremony @ City Hall - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 4 Open house for outgoing Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore & Councilman Tee Tyler - 4 to 8 p.m.
- Jan. 15 City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 18 Business Boot Camp @ City Hall "Effective Networking" - 5:30 p.m. (see Page 11 for details)

## January Featured Artist



Flossie Kehr was born in Elkins Park, a suburb of Philadelphia in 1951. Her grandmother loved to paint as a hobby

and would invite her to paint on Sunday afternoons. Flossie became fascinated with her grandmother's works and decided to become an artist herself. Along the way,

she married, traveled and had a family. She eventually became an entrepreneur of her husband's family label printing company. After retirement in 1999, Flossie decided to return to her passion for art after a good friend gave her a watercolor set and a gift certificate to a painting class. In 2000, she moved to Utah, where she could also follow another passion: skiing. After enrolling in an art class at the Petersen Art Center, she rediscovered her love for painting. Flossie enjoys painting people, street scenes,

landscapes, old cars and animals, and creates her ideas through photographs she has taken. Her mediums are oil and watercolor, and her artwork has been shown all over the Salt Lake City area in galleries and restaurants. Flossie has won awards at the Utah State Fair and ISA (Intermountain Society of Artists) art shows. Flossie lives in Cottonwood Heights with her husband, Roger, and poodle puppy Thena. ■

## Joshua Creek's "Country Holiday"

Folk and country group Joshua Creek took to the stage on Dec. 16 to entertain the crowd with a Country Christmas concert.

Thanks to all for attending and supporting the arts in Cottonwood Heights. ■



## City Lights

Hundreds of joyous Cottonwood Heights neighbors joined in song and friendship to ring in the holidays at the city's second annual Light the Night event on Nov. 27.

Santa was there to lead a sing-along as the city Christmas tree was lit to honor the holiday season.

A Christmas boutique was also part of the festivities. ■



## A New Mayor, continued from cover

comprehensive planning in most all areas of our city's responsibilities. Some issues most often mentioned included the gravel pit area, Wasatch

clear support for a strong public safety presence, both fire and police, and this included an underlying sentiment to continue the education and communication between residents and these two organizations.

A few other areas of common interest raised by many included the issue regarding accessory dwelling units, snow removal, bike lanes, community emergency preparedness, road conditions, economic

development, communication, taxes, and the cost of government. I look forward to addressing these and many other topics as we begin the new year.

As a new Mayor and Council, we have many responsibilities, but none more important than to aggressively listen to you as our constituents. I encourage each of you to feel free to reach out to the Mayor, Council, and the city administration and share with us your thoughts on the many issues facing our great city. ■

"I have gained an even greater understanding of your priorities and concerns."

Boulevard between Big and Little Cottonwood canyons, our remaining open space, Crestwood Park, and Fort Union Boulevard. There was also



Mike Peterson



Tali Bruce

## Inaugurations Planned for New Mayor and Council Members

Cottonwood Heights' next mayor and two new council members

will be sworn in during a special city council meeting to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 5 p.m.

The evening will also include speeches, entertainment and light refreshments.

Mike Peterson will become the city's second mayor, following Kelvyn Cullimore's tenure since the city was incorporated 13 years ago.

Peterson previously served as the city's District 3 council representative.

Replacing Peterson in District 3 is Tali Bruce, who will also be sworn in during the ceremony.

In addition, Christine Mikell will take the oath of office, replacing Tee Tyler on the council, representing District 4. Tyler chose not to run for re-election.

A standard city council agenda will follow the ceremony. ■



Christine Mikell

## Start the New Year with New Programs at Whitmore Library

January ushers in a new lineup of programming and volunteer opportunities at Whitmore Library, starting with technology classes every Saturday morning. The library also will host a monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting and is looking for self-motivated teens ages 13 to 17 to serve. Volunteers must be able to commit a few hours a month. Other programming includes a pajama storytime, jewelry classes, book club and weekly teen interest classes. See the list below and for more information on volunteering or programming dates/times, please visit the library's website [slcolibrary.org/calendar](http://slcolibrary.org/calendar) or call (801) 943-4636.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

#### Winter Sparkles

Jan. 20 at 11 a.m.

Learn to make a winter-themed mosaic coaster!

#### Spanish Songs and Storytime

Jan. 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Speak Spanish with this interactive program for all early learners and their participating adult.

#### A Very Small House Puppet Show

Jan. 31 at 10:15 a.m.

See a charming Polish folktale about a farmer who thinks his house is too small.

### TEEN PROGRAMS:

#### Anime Club

Third Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.

Enjoy treats, anime, new friends and more.

### TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS:

#### 3D Printing 101

Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. and Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

Learn about 3D printing and make your own creation.

#### Technology 101

Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Drop by and ask the tech-savvy library staff for help with your tablet, phone or computer.

#### eBook Basics

Jan. 16 and Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

Nooks, Androids and Apple, oh my! Learn how to download eBooks on your device. ■



## History Question of the Month

What early Butler resident also owned property in East Canyon where they operated a saw mill?

Answer on page 6



# Second Community Survey Helps Shape City's Future

Looking for input on Cottonwood Heights' future, the City Council recently turned to the citizens once again for input. Relying on a community survey conducted by the independent firm of Y2 Analytics, 61 percent of those polled agreed that the city is heading in the right direction, 14 percent said in the wrong direction and 25 percent didn't know or were unsure.

Kyrene Gibb of Y2 Analytics informed the Council that those surveyed rated their Quality of Life at 81 out of 100. She stated that this is one of the highest rankings that they have seen for Utah communities that have asked this question.

This is the second survey conducted in the past 18 months, and the City Council is interested in community needs and trends to help them direct the future of the city. With 673 respondents and a margin of error of +/- 4 percent, the survey is calibrated to give a demographic sample of registered voters in the city.

Other questions focused on subjects such as public works, planning/zoning/building inspection and parks/open space services. It also sought input on how the city gets news to the citizens, if the format and frequency is meeting the public's need, and how the website can be improved to provide better service.

Trends are changing. When asked, 52 percent preferred the city newsletter for information. That is down from 60 percent in 2016. Last year, 31 percent of respondents leaned toward digital formats for city information (email, social media, city website, etc.) and that number has risen to 45 percent in the latest survey.

One of the largest changes in service satisfaction is with the public works department. Since bringing snowplowing in-house last winter, the average citizen satisfaction rose from 44 to 64 percent. With a 20-point increase, Ms. Gibb indicated that the jump was unprecedented among other similar surveys, and that the city is obviously moving in a great direction.

Street maintenance rose by 7 points moving from 55 to 62 percent. The Council took that as a signal to be more invested in streets. The city is currently conducting a study of street integrity to determine priorities of street maintenance and reconstruction.

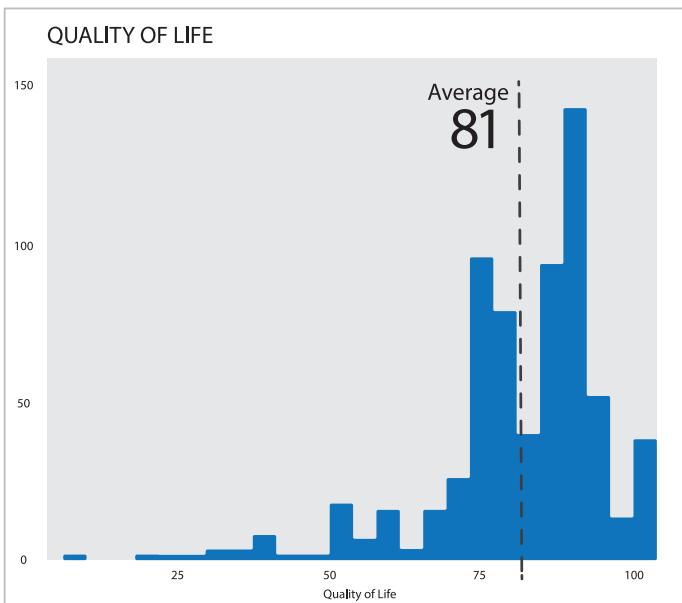
Questions also focused on where residents shopped, ate, and recreated. The city will use this information for economic development efforts. Keeping residents in the community keeps dollars circulating locally. Providing meaningful parks and open spaces also helps the economy by keeping families close. Citizens

show a desire to increase parks space, as well as create a dog park locally, and indicated that they are willing to pay for it.

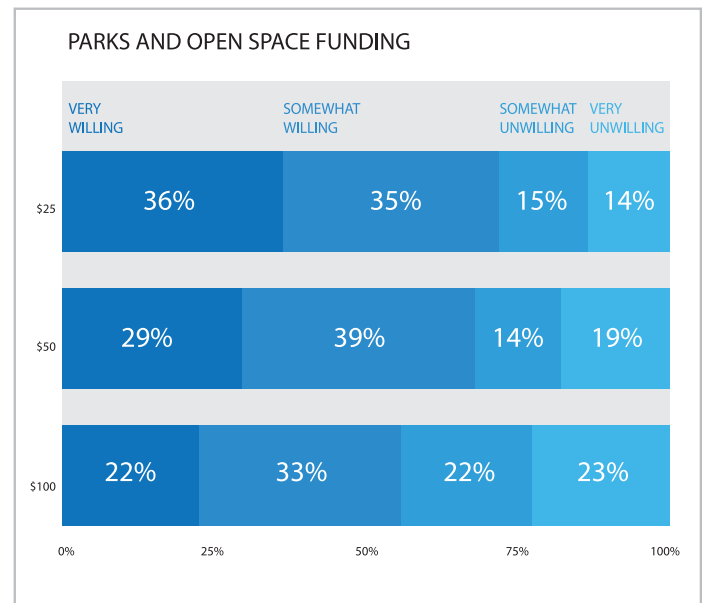
The final subject related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) which are often referred to as "mother-in-law" or basement apartments. With housing stock in short supply right now and a growing number of senior citizens looking to supplement their income, this housing mix is one option to consider.

Nearly half of all surveyed know of someone in their neighborhood occupying an ADU. Nearly two thirds of those feel favorable or neutral to ADUs compared to just over one third who feel unfavorable toward them. Negative views center on appearance of the home, extra cars, and neglect that results from multiple tenants living in the home together. Favorable comments leaned toward personal property rights, demand for affordable housing, and supplemental income for those needing it.

The survey results are available on the city website and the City Council intends to use the data as they set goals and budget priorities in the coming year. We invite you to see the data for yourself at [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov). ■



All things considered, on a scale from 0 to 100, with 0 being very low and 100 being very high, how would you rate your overall quality of life in Cottonwood Heights?



How willing would you be to pay an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year if you knew the funding would be used for upgrades and improvements to parks, trails, and open spaces in Cottonwood Heights?



## Community Blood Drive Planned

Please join city staff and neighbors on Jan. 11 at Cottonwood Heights City hall to donate blood with ARUP Blood Services, from 1 to 6 p.m.

ARUP supplies life-saving blood to patients at Primary Children's Medical Center, Huntsman Cancer Institute, Shriners Hospital for Children and other hospitals and clinics along the Wasatch Front.

For more information, email [blooddrive@ch.utah.gov](mailto:blooddrive@ch.utah.gov) or go to [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov). ■



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## New Pool Coming to Rec. Center

You may have noticed some construction going on at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center. It's a pretty big change.

Thanks to multiple funding sources, including partnerships with the City of Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation and the General Obligation

Bond, after 40 years, residents are finally getting a new High Adventure Pool.

CHRC worked closely with Valley Design & Construction about their vision, and together were able to put a new face to an old favorite. Along with lap swimming, competitions and water aerobics, a rock facade will encompass

1 and 3 meter springboards as well as 5 and 7 meter platforms.

While some may be sad to see the old platforms go, CHRC made sure there is something for everyone. Their newest addition is expected to open mid-summer 2018. ■



## Open House Slated to Honor Outgoing Mayor, Councilmember

A special open house will be held on Thursday, Jan. 4, to honor outgoing Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore and Councilmember Tee Tyler.

The event will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at City Hall. There will be a special presentation at 5 p.m.

All citizens, business owners, family, friends and associates are invited to attend and share memories.

Cullimore and Tyler chose not to run for office in the 2017 municipal election. ■



Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore



Councilmember Tee Tyler

## Turkey Run

Hundreds joined to run in the annual Cottonwood Heights Thanksgiving 5K race on Nov. 23.

The race began and ended at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center. Thanks to all for participating in this great holiday tradition. ■



## CHPD Officers Go the Extra Mile to Help

When CHPD Officers Joey Incardine and Kevin Salmon responded to a trespassing call in early December, they found a homeless woman who had spent several hours inside a local diner.

They also discovered the woman had been paying small amounts for drinks in order to stay inside the warm building and out of the cold.

Instead of running her out of the restaurant, the officers decided to pool their own money

to pay for two nights at a motel for the woman. They also provided resources for further homeless assistance.

They tried to keep their act secret, but Police Chief Robby Russo found out and the local media was alerted.

Thanks to Officers Incardine and Salmon for going above and beyond the call of duty. ■



Officer Kevin Salmon



Officer Joey Incardine

## Answer

**Question,** continued from page 3

Joseph Smith Maxfield was born in Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, Canada, on Jan. 13, 1847. After the family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they left their beautiful and comfortable home and traveled to Winter Quarters, Iowa, where they arrived in the summer of 1850. While crossing the Missouri river, Joseph's brother, Jesse, who was 6 years old, slipped off of a plank as they were ferried across the river and drowned. A week later, his brother Benjamin, who was 1 year old, also died. He was buried on the banks of the river. The family traveled to the Salt Lake Valley the next spring. The family spent their first winter near Murray and eventually settled in what is now West Jordan (about 6400 South and 1300 West.)

Joseph married Matilda Ann Turpin and made their home in Butler. During the summers, they spent their time in East Canyon where they also owned property. Joseph had a saw mill, where he sawed and hauled pine ties for the railroad. The family eventually moved to Idaho. ■



# Prepare for Winter with These Three Safety Tips

By UFA Assistant Chief Mike Watson



season.

As the winter months come upon us, there are a few safety reminders that are always relevant to the season. Outlined are three very important safety topics, including first smoke detectors. It's always good to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Also, there has been an important recall of a particular brand, make, model and manufactured dates of a smoke alarm that will be replaced by the manufacturer upon consumer request. Please make note of the following recall details and take the necessary steps to get your smoke detectors replaced:

Kidde has announced a voluntary recall on certain Model PI2000 Dual Sensor smoke alarms. This voluntary recall is in conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission for smoke alarm units that were manufactured between Aug. 1, 2008, and May 4, 2009. An electrostatic discharge (caused by static electricity) can damage the unit, causing it not to warn consumers of a fire.



This model can be identified by both of the following:

1. The two buttons on the front (center) of the alarm that are labeled, "HUSH" and "PUSH AND HOLD TO TEST WEEKLY."
2. By checking the manufacturer's label on the back of the unit for the model name and manufactured dates.

Please check your smoke detectors to determine whether or not they need to be replaced per this recall.

For more information, visit Kidde's website at: [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) or contact Kidde toll-free at (855) 239-0490 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

The second safety issue is maintaining a clear and workable space around fire hydrants

during the winter months. In general, this responsibility falls on the residents who own or occupy property nearest a hydrant. When responding to structure fires, time is of the essence. Fire departments strive for acceptable response times and it is frustrating when a fire hydrant needs to be cleared of snow or debris before firefighters can engage in water supply and suppression tactics to extinguish a fire. If you have a hydrant on or near your property, here are the things you can do to ensure firefighters can connect to the hydrant when needed:

1. Shovel or snow blow 3 feet of space on each side and in the back of fire hydrants.
2. Maintain an open corridor from the street to the front of fire hydrants.

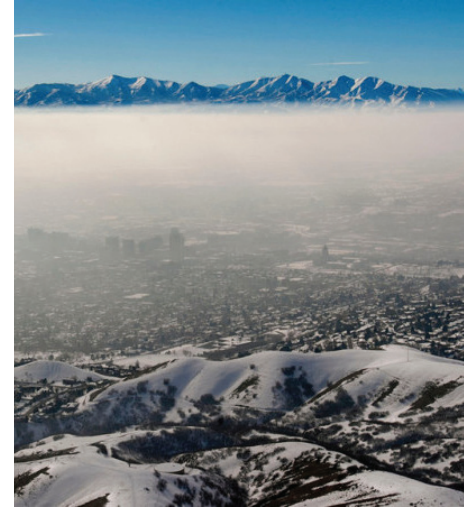


3. These clearings should go all the way to the ground whenever possible, but not less than 1 foot below the hydrant caps at a minimum.

Some neighborhoods organize an Adopt-A-Hydrant program. This creates the awareness for residents to take note of clearing snow from hydrants and maintaining space around them and to help each other with those tasks throughout the winter months. These things can be done when you are already out shoveling or blowing snow from your driveways and sidewalks.

For more information, visit [www.Allstate.com](http://www.Allstate.com): How to Keep Fire Hydrants Clear, and [www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org): Removing snow from around hydrants, a crucial part of winter fire safety.

Lastly, I don't know how you feel about shoveling snow, but I would much rather be



doing that than dealing with the poor air quality that comes with inversions. Please check local sources for air quality warnings and information. Take appropriate measures to protect your respiratory system when outdoors on days when pollution levels are high, especially if you have a medical condition that could be worsened by such exposure. If possible, avoid burning wood or coal on days when pollution levels are high and please get your fireplace chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned. The residue that builds up in chimneys and flues can promote chimney fires, causing a threat to life and which also can lead to a lot of damage and hence, costly repairs.

The Environmental Protection Agency's website is very dependable. Go to [www.AirNow.gov](http://www.AirNow.gov), enter your zip code and state for specific information relative to Cottonwood Heights.

Thank you and stay safe! ■





# Civilian Academy Gives Hands-on Look at Officers' Jobs

Ever wonder what our members of law enforcement need to know when they are in our neighborhoods keeping us safe and secure? Here's your chance to find out, up close and personal.



Once again, CHPD is offering the Cottonwood Heights Police Civilian Academy, a 10-session program on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., during February and March 2018. Space is limited and early sign-up is recommended

for Cottonwood Heights citizens at least 18 years old and who pass a security background check.

The sessions include an introduction to the legal system that police officers work in, a tour of the Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) that they are dispatched from, a tour of the Salt Lake County Jail, including walking among the inmates, and classes on investigation of domestic violence, gangs and narcotics enforcement, including use of K9 units.

The Lethal Force session introduces the rules governing officers' use of force, with an overview of the weapons systems and their capabilities used by officers. This includes participation in simulated real life situations where you have to decide if, or when, to deploy force.

There is a Criminal Investigation/



Evidence Collection session, including fingerprinting and Crime Scene Investigation, as well as an outdoor session on traffic enforcement and patrol tactics.

Finally, in a session on less lethal force, SWAT Team members demonstrate SWAT Team equipment and the less lethal weapons which are available to officers.

If you are interested and have 10 Wednesday evenings, email Liz Jones: [ljones@ch.utah.gov](mailto:ljones@ch.utah.gov). ■

## COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER



### CHRC News & Events

#### You may have noticed:

You may have noticed some construction going on outside. In partnership with Cottonwood Heights City, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation and the General Obligation Bond, we have been able to start building a new high adventure pool that will be opening next summer!

#### Did You Know?

We are now offering all yearly memberships with easy-pay! Instead of paying in one lump sum, you can easily divide those payments into 12 easier to manage monthly installments.

### What's happening in Aquatics

#### Pre-Comp Swimming

Session 1: 1/8-2/1

Tryouts: Friday, January 5 at 4pm

Session 2: 2/5-3/1

Tryouts: Friday, February 2 at 4pm

#### Swimming Lessons

Fall swim lesson registration is now open!

Register now at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com) or visit our website for more details.

#### Boy Scouts

Swimming Merit Badge: 1/13 10am-1pm

Lifesaving Merit Badge: 1/6 10am-1pm

C.P.R.: 1/10 5:30pm-7pm

#### Aquacise Classes

Stay fit (and warm) with our indoor aquacise classes! [Cottonwoodheights.com](http://Cottonwoodheights.com)

### What's happening in Programs

#### Learn to Play Hockey

Our year-round hockey program is designed to introduce the basics of hockey to our newest players. For ages 4-10, our goal is to introduce each player to the game of hockey in a positive and fun learning environment. Visit our website for more details.

#### Silver Sneakers

Did you know that if you're over the age of 65 you may be eligible for a FREE membership?

We are excited to offer this program to our list of amenities for active seniors. To see if you qualify, stop by the CHRC Front Desk or visit [silversneakers.com](http://silversneakers.com). We also offer the Silver & Fit fitness program.

## City Council Members

**MAYOR** - Michael J. Peterson  
**DIST# 1** - Michael L. Shelton  
**DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken  
**DIST# 3** - Tali Bruce  
**DIST# 4** - Christine W. Mikell  
**CITY MANAGER** - John Park

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 Animal Control .....840-4000  
 Justice Court.....273-9731

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 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.

**Jan. 2** - Work Session 6 p.m.,  
 (Inauguration Ceremony 5 p.m.)  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.  
*(Work session reconvenes after business meeting.)*  
**Jan. 9** - (NO COUNCIL MEETING)  
**Jan. 16** - Work Session 6 p.m.  
**Jan. 23** - Work Session 6 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)

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# Start the New Year by Resolving to Thank a Teacher

As you ring in the New Year, take stock of the past and pause to consider your priorities for the months to come, why not resolve to thank a teacher? Starting Jan. 1, Canyons' schools are taking nominations for Teacher of the Year. School-based Teachers of the Year will be announced in March at surprise celebrations. Each will be a contender for

Canyons District Teacher of the Year, an honor that includes cash, prizes, and a nomination for the Utah Teacher of the Year award. For information on how to nominate your favorite teacher for the top award, visit [canyonsdistrict.org](http://canyonsdistrict.org). The nomination window closes on Feb. 2. ■



## Canyons District Invites Patrons to "Be Idle Free"

Because we all breathe the same air, and share in the responsibility to safeguard it from the harmful pollutants, Canyons District has declared all of its school campuses idle-free zones.

On Earth Day 2016 Canyons became the first school district in Utah to go idle free at all of its schools. The campaign kicked off early in the morning at Ridgecrest Elementary school where students greeted drivers with placards, informational pamphlets and window clings to place in vehicles. Signs were placed at all of Canyons' schools and "no idling" pledges were sent home with students, encouraging parents to voluntarily pledge to turn their key and be idle free.

"Besides educating students, I feel we have some responsibility for their health, and their future health," says Superintendent Jim Briscoe. ■



### WHY BE IDLE FREE?

- **SAVE MONEY:** Idling causes unnecessary engine wear and wastes about 6 billion gallons of fuel annually, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. That equates to about 1 gallon per hour for a transit bus or 0.40 of a gallon per hour for a large sedan.
- **IMPROVE AIR QUALITY:** The Utah Division of Air Quality says 38 percent of the state's air pollution comes from cars and trucks — some of it from idling vehicles. Monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of pollutants during drop-off and pick-up times.
- **IMPROVE HEALTH:** Kids breathe about 2 gallons of air a minute, and because their lungs are still developing, they are more susceptible to the harmful effects of pollutants, which include an increased risk for asthma, respiratory infections and other chronic ailments.
- **IT'S THE LAW:** Several municipalities in Utah, including Salt Lake County, have anti-idling ordinances. For a full list, see [www.utahcleanair.org](http://www.utahcleanair.org).
- **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS ARE DOING IT:** In 2007, Utah implemented a school bus idling reduction program. To date, the program has reduced consumption of more than 644,000 gallons of fuel for a savings of over \$1.6 million, and reduced 45,000 lbs. of harmful particulate matter, benefitting air quality throughout the state.

## Butler Middle School Teacher Recognized by BYU

When Josh Stott isn't teaching social studies at Butler Middle, he's working toward his master's degree in educational leadership at Brigham Young University, which selected him for a School Leadership Award from the David O. McKay School of Education based on his academic skills and observed leadership potential. One student is selected per cohort per year. Apart from his professional aspirations to become an administrator or university faculty member, Stott is a busy father who loves reading and playing board games. He and his wife are expecting their second son in February. ■





## Special Needs Group Donates Tree to City

A local Special Needs Activity Program (SNAP) operated through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently donated a holiday tree for the City Hall administrative office lobby.

The group is organized by an all-volunteer staff, including adult leaders and high school students from Brighton, Cottonwood and Olympus high schools.

Volunteer youth councilors serve with a local special needs individual for one year.

The program runs on Thursday evenings at the Dover Hills LDS chapel.



All are welcome to visit or attend, and LDS membership is not required. ■

## CH Street Named for Boy

Connor David Sawyer was born April 2017 with a rare heart defect. He was expected to live only a few days or perhaps a few weeks, so his parents decided to take him home rather than experience his last moments in the hospital.

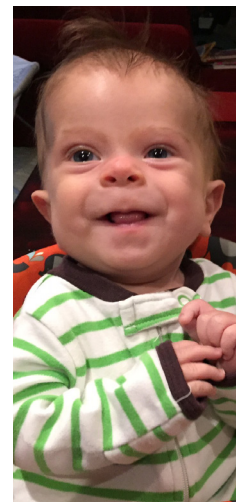
Despite the defect in his heart, Connor fought on for nearly five more months before passing away. His sweet spirit and tender courage inspired Connor's parents to do something in his honor. They started a memorial fund through Intermountain Healing Hearts to help other families who deal with similar situations, and commissioned a special pendent with a local jeweler to help raise money for parents of children with heart defects.

Briana and Josh Sawyer also petitioned their neighbors to allow their street to be renamed in



Connor's honor.

On Nov. 30, a Cottonwood Heights Public Works crew helped his family (including



Connor's brother Caleb) install new signs on 2220 East (between 7110 South and Somerset), renaming the road "Connor David Way." ■

## Second CH Girl Scout Honored

Cottonwood Heights resident Kaatje Fisk was recently recognized by the Girl Scouts of Utah with a Gold Award, one of two Cottonwood Heights teens to receive the award this year, and one of only five girls in the entire state to achieve the honor.

Seventeen-year-old Kaatje is a senior at the Salt Lake Center for Science and Education Charter School in Rose Park, and has lived in Cottonwood Heights with her parents and younger brother since 2006.

Fisk was honored for her science project that helps track and minimize the spread of Quagga Mussels in Utah's lakes and reservoirs.

The Gold Award is given to young women who innovate, take risks and show great leadership in the community. It is the highest and most prestigious award in the Girl Scouts organization. ■



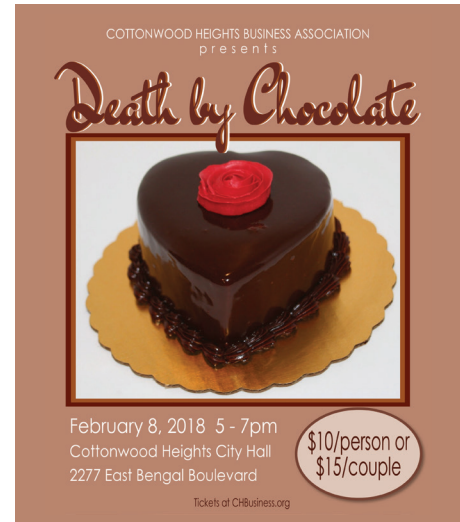


# Death by Chocolate: A Chocolate Tasting Extravaganza

Restaurants, bakeries and catering companies are bringing their best chocolate desserts to the city's second annual Death by Chocolate event.

Held at the Cottonwood Heights City Hall Community Room (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 5-7 p.m., the chocolate tasting extravaganza will feature favorite chocolate desserts for attendees to sample and purchase.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple and can be purchased at [CHBusiness.org](http://CHBusiness.org) or at the door on the night of the event. ■



# 2017 Economic Development at a Glance

It was a great year for the Cottonwood Heights Business Association. The CHBA had several new events including the city's first Death by Chocolate event that featured favorite chocolate desserts from local restaurants. The association also organized the first Zombie Bike ride that attracted dozens of riders, decked out in their best zombie attire.

The CHBA held the city's first business



awards luncheon in October to recognize a few of the amazing businesses and leaders in the community, and the two service projects held this year (the diaper drive and The Road Home donation drive) brought in thousands of donated items from those living and working in Cottonwood Heights.

In 2017, nearly 200 new businesses opened



in Cottonwood Heights including Alpha Coffee, Even Stevens, Carmine's and Café

Zupas. The CHBA organized several ribbon-cuttings to celebrate with these businesses.

Free business boot camps continue to educate local business owners to help them develop new skills in social media, marketing,



leadership and positivity. In 2018, the boot camp series will continue with some great speakers!

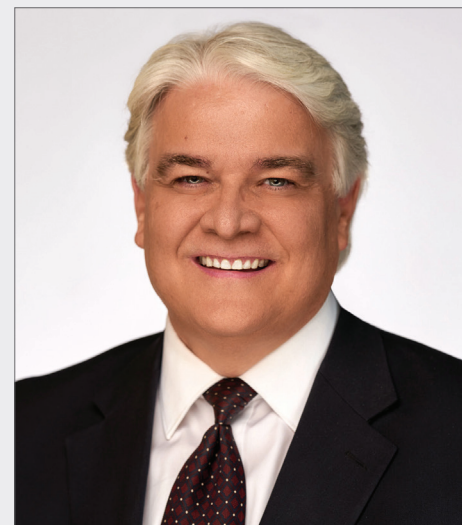
CHBA is excited to work with the proactive business owners in Cottonwood Heights and is grateful to them for creating a fun, interactive business community. ■

# Business Boot Camp— Effective Networking

Thursday, Jan. 18 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Cottonwood Heights City Hall (2277 Bengal Blvd.)

Join business relationship expert Clay Neves as he teaches the 5 Dimensions of Prosperity Networking. This free presentation teaches what networking is and what it is not. Participants will learn the common missteps that shut down networking conversations, or make them ineffectual. Learn how to create instant rapport and trust, and build referral partnerships or explore new client opportunities. RSVP to [pkinder@ch.utah.gov](mailto:pkinder@ch.utah.gov). ■



# Business Spotlight

## *Element Bistro is Open for Business*

Element Bistro, located at 2578 E. Bengal Blvd. celebrated its grand opening on Monday, Dec. 4, with a ribbon cutting that included city leaders, neighbors and business representatives.

Infusing Pangean and New American styles, its food is a fusion of comfort and elegance. Element's concept brings together a combination of unique small plates and worldly wines and spirits (as well as local beers).

With a vast selection of eats and drinks, you will set off on an adventure all your own, traversing the bold flavors and fresh ingredients of the globe without ever having to leave the comfort of your table. ■



## Holiday Collections

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will not collect on Christmas Day nor on New Year's Day. Since these holidays are on Monday this year, it impacts the schedule for all areas for the rest of the week. All collections will be delayed by one day to accommodate these holidays. Cottonwood Heights collections will occur on Thursdays, Dec. 28 and Jan. 4, during those two weeks, instead of Wednesdays. ■

## Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

WFWRD will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. For collection, place your undecorated tree on your curb. The trees will be collected the day after your regular collection day. If your tree is not removed one week, WFWRD will be back the following week. Please call its office for additional information.

- The district cannot accept trees with decorations, lights, tree stands or flocking.

- Do not place the tree in your garbage, recycling or green waste can.

- If the tree is over 8 feet tall, please cut it into smaller sections.

- WFWRD cannot accept artificial trees with this curbside program. ■



## Recycling Reminder



As gifts and presents are exchanged this season, please remember that paper-based wrapping paper is recyclable, but Mylar wrapping and bows/ribbons are not recyclable. ■

## New Fees for 2018

The Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's Administrative Control Board approved an increase to the basic fee for services starting January 2018. The base residential fees will increase \$2.25 to a total of \$17 per month (\$51 per quarter/\$204 per year). This increase will allow WFWRD to continue the current level of services to 83,000 homes throughout the district. This is the first increase to the base rate for services in four years. Please see the district's website for details: [www.wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://www.wasatchfrontwaste.org).

Also, additional waste (black) cans will increase to \$17 per month, and all additional recycling (blue) cans will have a \$3 per month fee. These increased fees will help offset rising disposal costs at the landfills and recycling facilities. ■

