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BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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Why "buying local" is an important tool for city finances

Mayor Mike Weichers



One of the most important reasons to support our local businesses, other than wanting all of them to be successful, is contributing to the retail sales tax revenue the city receives. This revenue is crucial to the services we provide. The police department, Unified Fire Authority, road maintenance, snow removal, and many other vital services depend on revenue generated through retail sales tax.

During our previous budget year, sales tax revenue exceeded property tax revenue for the first time in our city's history. This sustained growth in sales tax each year has allowed city leaders to not raise property taxes in more than five years, while more than half of Salt Lake County municipalities raised

property tax rates last year alone.

Retail sales taxes in Cottonwood Heights are assessed at a rate of 7.25 percent. One percent of this rate is assessed by the city, with half of this revenue going back to the state and distributed back statewide, based on population.

Sales tax revenues represented 34 percent of total city governmental revenue during our last fiscal year. The good news for our current fiscal year is continued year-over-year sales tax growth of more than 4 percent.

If you like to shop online, you can still support Cottonwood Heights. As long as your delivery address is in Cottonwood Heights boundaries, the city receives the same amount of revenue from online orders as when you buy goods directly from a Cottonwood Heights business.

We love our local businesses and provide networking opportunities through the Cottonwood Heights Business Association. We conduct ribbon-

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

MARCH 1 (ONE-TIME WEDNESDAY MEETING)

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- CITY FIBER OPTIONS DISCUSSION
- SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT
- DOVERHILL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
- HILLSIDE PLAZA UPDATES
- DESIGN CONTRACT FOR LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON TRAILHEAD

MARCH 21

- LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP
- SENSITIVE LANDS EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SLEDS) ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION (CONTINUED FROM FEB. 7 MEETING)
- SALT LAKE COUNTY ELECTION AGREEMENT DISCUSSION
- HILLSIDE PLAZA ACQUISITION DISCUSSION

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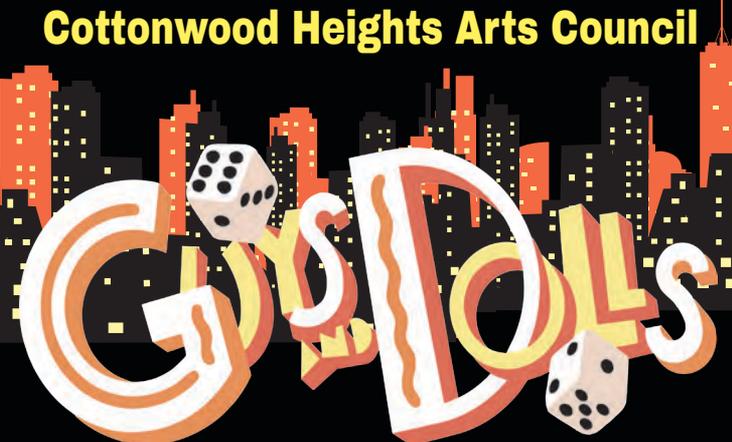
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- **MARCH 1-31:** MUSICAL POSTER EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL
- **MARCH 17-18:** *GUYS AND DOLLS* MUSICAL AUDITIONS AT CITY HALL
- **MARCH 27-30:** BUNNY HOP ON CITY WEBSITE
- **APRIL 8:** EASTER EGG HUNT AT BUTLER PARK
- **APRIL 17:** ASPEN WINDS FAMILY CONCERT AT CITY HALL

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

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council



A Musical Fable of Broadway
 Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon
 Music and Lyrics by: **Frank Loesser** Book by: **Jo Swerling & Abe Burrows**

Open Call Auditions
 18 and older

Friday, March 17, from 6 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cottonwood Heights City Hall
 2277 East Bengal Blvd.

For more information about auditions and roles, visit CHCITYARTS.COM or email events@ch.utah.gov.

2023 Show dates: July 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, & 15

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. WWW.MTISHOWS.COM



Cottonwood Heights

Easter
 EGG HUNT

SAT., APRIL 8, 2023

10:00 AM

BUTLER PARK
 7500 S 2700 E

- 9:00 a.m. Food Truck
- 9:30 a.m. Free Balloon Artist
- 9:45 a.m. Easter Bunny
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Come early to find your children's age group. All groups start right at 10 a.m. Age groups: 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15.




Reminder: Butlerville Days will be held Thursday through Saturday, July 27-29, 2023

Mark your calendars now: Butlerville Days will be held Thursday, July 27, Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29, at Butler Park (7500 S. 2700 E.)!

We are currently looking for Butlerville Days Committee volunteers and sponsors for this family-friendly event. Sponsoring Butlerville Days allows you to:

- **Promote your products**
- **Gain recognition as a community partner**
- **Increase your visibility in the community**
- **Offer event deals for patrons**

For more information about volunteering and sponsoring various events, visit Butlervilledays.com or call Ann Eatchel at 801-550-8225. ■



Butlerville Days
 July 27-29, 2023

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cutting ceremonies for new businesses, schedule quarterly lunch meetings, and use social media to help residents learn more about these new businesses.

You'll also see business spotlights and companies offering deals through our Love Your Locals campaign on the back page of this newsletter each month.

Keeping our taxes (which currently rank the sixth-lowest of 17 Salt Lake County municipalities) low is one of the main drivers for us all to continue supporting all businesses within Cottonwood Heights.

Happy shopping. ■



City staff welcomed Nouvelle Aesthetics and Wellness with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 23.



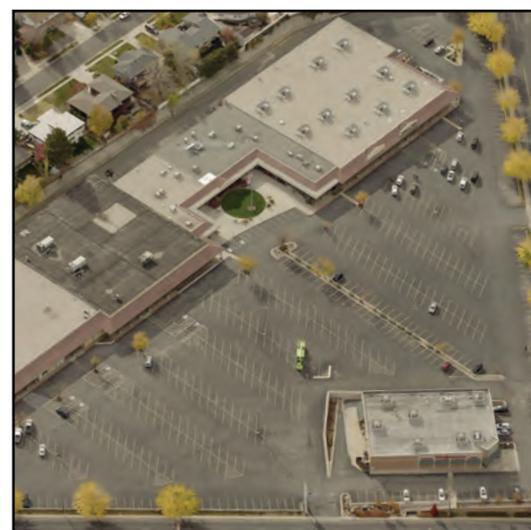
Hillside Plaza update: City continues to complete due diligence process

The city council held a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 21, to receive public input about issuing bonds to finance the Hillside Plaza shopping center property, which consists of about 10 acres on the southeast corner of Fort Union Blvd. and 2300 E. (excluding, however, the Walgreens parcel). The purchase price is \$14 million.

The city council (acting as the governing body of the Community Development and Renewal Agency, or CDRA) is continuing to conduct a due diligence process, which includes evaluating environmental and property conditions, tenant leases, funding options, and other pertinent acquisition information. This is in conjunction with the purchase agreement the CDRA signed on Oct. 31, 2022.

As a reminder, the current Hillside Plaza property owner has been interested in selling the property for several years, and multiple developers proposed mixed-use (housing and commercial) projects with significant housing density on the site.

The CDRA provided direction to evaluate the purchase to implement the Fort Union Boulevard Master Plan goals, which include creating a more livable place with a higher quality of life, providing a balanced mixture of land uses in the area, and implementing both transportation and pedestrian-oriented mixed-use development to foster a vibrant and positive "town center" environment, with public spaces to complement both commercial and residential investments. ■



BUNNY HOP!



We are hiding the bunny image on a different city webpage daily to celebrate Easter! To participate:

-  Visit ch.utah.gov each day after 9 a.m. March 27 - 30, 2023.
-  When you find the bunny, email events@ch.utah.gov with a page description or screenshot.
-  Two winners per day will receive a prize. One win per household.



Artist of the Month: Revisit past Cottonwood Heights musicals!

Visit the City Hall lobby during March to see the posters from various musicals the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council has produced since 2010! Posters will celebrate the following musicals:

- *Willy Wonka: The Musical* (2022)
- *Matilda: The Musical* (2021)
- *The Little Mermaid* (2019)
- *Big: The Musical* (2018)
- *Annie* (2017)
- *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (2016)
- *Shrek: The Musical* (2015)
- *Fiddler On the Roof* (2014)
- *The Music Man* (2013)
- *Cinderella Enchanted* (2012)
- *The Wizard of Oz* (2011)
- *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (2010)

City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Got a suggestion for a great artist to feature in a future exhibit at City Hall? Send an email to artscouncil@ch.utah.gov or call culture manager Ann Eatchel at 801-944-7040. ■

The cost of crime: How those committing crimes affect many other residents

Police chief Robby Russo



Crime harm refers to the negative impacts of crime on individuals and society. While crime is often seen as a harm in its own right, the negative impacts related to any one incident will differ by the type of crime as well

as the victim's perspective.

These harms include a wide range of outcomes for both individuals, such as financial loss and physical harm, and for communities and wider society, such as fear of crime and increased use of health and victim services.

I want to highlight one local case to provide perspective. A man and woman with substance abuse problems living in our city went on a crime spree. The chain of events began with the abuse of a vulnerable adult, resulting in charges and an arrest warrant.

While police were looking for this twosome, they committed numerous other crimes in the city, including significant thefts from city retailers.

Before officers could arrive, the couple escaped in a vehicle they stole in Cottonwood Heights. The following day, officers observed the stolen car and

attempted a traffic stop. The woman was driving and fled from the officers, then crashed into another motorist trying to get to work.

Not only did the collision result in substantial property damage, but the car caught fire and was totaled, further victimizing the owner. The pair was arrested at the scene and taken to jail, but the saga continued. The woman claimed to have swallowed heroin (she had not) and was transported by ambulance to Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, where valuable emergency room staff and physicians assessed her. This process took several hours.

Eventually, officers had other business and had to leave. I'm pleased that Representative Ivory has introduced HB 254, which makes it a crime if "at the time of the actor's arrest for an offense, the actor states to a law enforcement officer that the actor ingested drugs before the actor's arrest."

If we count the number of people impacted by these two criminals and total the property loss in two days, it's overwhelming. To properly address crime and the issues it causes, we need to understand the cost and remedies. With few exceptions, crime is going to have a decidedly negative effect on a community.

The reality is that jail space is limited and the



sheriff needs funding for inmates, renovations and staff. Incarceration isn't always the answer and, in my opinion, solves nothing unless it works in combination with mental health providers, substance abuse programs and appropriate prosecution.

Crime's only positive quality is bringing people together in acting against it, but it's expensive. We can argue that we're already paying for it: People worry about their safety, and money isn't the only approach. Every community is going to be different, and it's not just a police problem. It's a community problem rooted in prevention. ■

Wasatch Backcountry Alliance shuttle and Cottonwood Connect ski bus available

Skiers and snowboarders have access to several options for traveling to local resorts this season.

Wasatch Backcountry Alliance shuttle

Wasatch Backcountry Alliance has partnered with Utah Mountain Shuttle to provide free shuttles to Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon each Saturday during ski season. You must make reservations before 5 p.m. the Friday before riding at wasatchbackcountryalliance.org/shuttle.

- **Parking and pickup:** Butler Elementary School (7000 S. 2700 E.)
- **Dropoff:** Solitude and Brighton ski resorts and Grizzly Gulch

When riding the shuttle, arrive 10 minutes early for pickup and to the trailhead 15 minutes before the designated return time.

The shuttle picks up passengers at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Return shuttles arrive at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. The schedule and parking locations may change as the season continues.

Cottonwood Connect ski bus service

Cottonwood Connect, a new ski shuttle service, is now available, with pick-ups and drop-offs at several hotels and public park and ride locations.

The shuttle will run Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from Jan. 26 through April 16.

Round-trip reservations are required, and the cost is \$10 per rider. Passengers can choose their departure and return pickup times from the

resorts. They must keep their reserved schedules; switching bus routes or return times will not be allowed. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To make a reservation and see route schedules, go to visitsaltlake.com/cottonwoodconnect. ■



Subscription green waste program to resume Wednesday, March 15

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's weekly green waste collection program will resume Wednesday, March 15.

Residents can sign up and help divert green waste, which will then be processed into mulch they can buy from the Salt Lake Valley and Trans-Jordan landfills.

A one-time \$70 start-up fee to pay for the can is required. The annual cost is \$126, which is less expensive than buying an additional black garbage can (a \$234 annual cost).

To get more information on the green waste program and subscribe, visit wasatchfrontwaste.org/services-requests/additional-subscription/green-waste. ■



Reminder: Do not bag recyclables or they could end up in the landfill

Do not put recyclable items in plastic bags before putting them in your blue recycling can. The recycling processing facilities do not accept these bags, and the recycling could end up in the landfill.

Contact Wasatch Front Waste sustainability coordinator McKenna Tupa'i at 385-468-6337 or mtupai@wasatchfrontwaste.org if you have specific recycling questions. ■



Trim your trees and landscaping this spring per county code

Spring is the perfect time of year to trim your trees!

Salt Lake County ordinance 14.12.050 and Cottonwood Heights municipal code 14.12.050 require residents to trim trees and landscaping that hang over the street pavement to a minimum height of 13.5 feet above the pavement. Following these guidelines helps Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District trucks navigate through your neighborhood and empty your cans without potential damage to your trees and their trucks.

To review Cottonwood Heights' code about landscaping overhanging street pavement, visit cottonwoodheights.municipalcodeonline.com. ■



Got a question about culinary water, electricity, gas, trash and recycling, or sewers? Visit ch.utah.gov/utilities for a list of all the utility companies that provide services to Cottonwood Heights residents, along with websites and phone numbers.

You can also follow Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District on Facebook ([/WasatchFrontWaste](https://www.facebook.com/WasatchFrontWaste)), Instagram ([@wasatchfrontwaste](https://www.instagram.com/wasatchfrontwaste)), and Twitter ([@WFWRD1](https://twitter.com/WFWRD1)) to get the latest updates.

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents
Aspen Winds
 Family Concert
 performing
Barnyard Shenanigans
Monday, April 17, 2023
6:30 p.m.
Free concert for all ages
 Cottonwood Heights City Hall
 2277 E. Bengal Blvd.
 Join the Aspen Winds Quintet for a program full of characters and music from the barnyard! This concert will keep listeners of all ages excited and entertained.
 Narrated by Katy Mitarai

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Join the Volunteers in Parks (VIP) program to keep our city parks clean!

City councilmember Doug Petersen recalls that when his parents moved to Butlerville (now Cottonwood Heights) nearly 70 years ago, there were miles of orchards, sagebrush-covered hills, and chicken and mink ranches.

"The closest thing to a park was the playground at Butler Elementary School," he says.

Today, as Cottonwood Heights has grown, parks and open spaces are more valuable than ever, and the city needs help maintaining them.

The Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee, along with city council liaison Doug Petersen, is seeking residents to join the Volunteers in Parks (VIP) program and serve as park leaders for the following parks:

- Antczak Park
- Bywater Park
- Butler Park
- Crestwood Park
- Ferguson Park
- Golden Hills Park
- Mountview Park
- Mill Hollow Park

Park leaders would gather volunteers to walk through the park and report any maintenance or graffiti issues, pick up trash, and note other site-specific items.

These leaders would determine the schedule that works best. For example, a crew of volunteers might walk through the park one day a month, or a smaller group might visit the park weekly.

If you'd like to serve as a park leader or volunteer on a team, call parks and facilities manager Andrew Davis at 801-943-3190 (ext. 157) or email him anytime at andrew@cottonwoodheights.com. ■

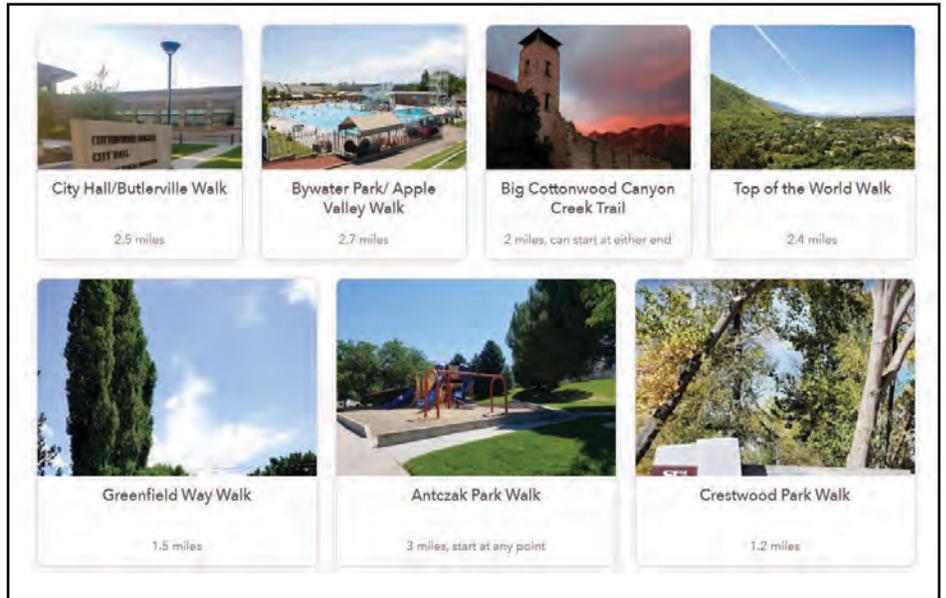
Stretch your legs this spring and explore the city through our walking tours!

The Historic Committee partnered with our Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee and geographic information systems specialist a few years ago to create walking tours for different areas of Cottonwood Heights. Spring is a great time to explore the city on foot and discover a new favorite place!

Online walking tours are available for the following areas:

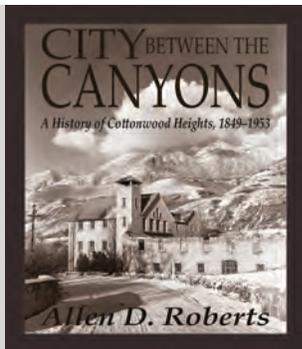
- **City Hall/Butlerville**
- **Bywater Park/Apple Valley**
- **Big Cottonwood Canyon Creek Trail**
- **Top of the World**
- **Greenfield Way**
- **Antczak Park**
- **Crestwood Park**

Visit ch.utah.gov/maps to view all of the online tours or download printable PDFs of each tour to carry while you walk. ■



Apply to be part of the Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee at ch.utah.gov/board-application. Members meet monthly to plan initiatives celebrating city history. Current efforts include:

- Discussing a veterans' monument at City Hall
- Continuing to contribute to the digital archives
- Staffing a rotating exhibit at Butlerville Days



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 \$20 (3 for \$50) or online at ch.utah.gov/history-book for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■

City council members

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DIST# 4: Ellen Birrell
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City office

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Numbers to know

Emergency..... 911
Dispatch..... 840-4000
Fire authority 743-7200
Animal control..... 944-7100
Justice court 273-9731

Call direct

City manager..... 944-7010
City planning..... 944-7065
Public works..... 944-7000
Recorder 944-7021
Finance director..... 944-7012
Code enforcement.....840-4000
Police administration.....944-7100

City council meetings

- **March 1 (ONE-TIME WEDNESDAY MEETING)**: Work session at 4 p.m., CDRA meeting at 5:45 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **March 21**: Work session at 4 p.m., CDRA meeting at 5:30 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.

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.

Editor: Lindsay Wilcox

Learn with Canyons School District: Apply now for preschool and kindergarten programs

Parents in search of a preschool or kindergarten program to help jumpstart their child's development have many options in Canyons School District.

The district is accepting applications now for research-backed, tuition-based early childhood programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Children who will be 3 or 4 by Sept.

1, 2023, are eligible to apply for preschool. Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2023, to participate in kindergarten.

Space is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for these popular programs.

For more information and to enroll in these programs, visit canyonsdistrict.org.



Four Brighton High School athletes earn Academic All-State status in winter sports

For achieving high scores in both athletics and academics, four Brighton High School Bengals are among the 37 Canyons District students to earn Academic All-State awards in winter sports.

Among them are the first cheerleaders to be honored now that cheer is a Utah High School Activities Association-sanctioned sport.

Academic All-State award winners have

a 4.0 cumulative GPA or meet an index score that takes into account a student's grades and college-entrance exam scores. A student with a 3.9 GPA, for example, would also need to score a 30 or higher on the ACT in order to qualify.

- **Competitive cheer**: Brinley Newitt
- **Girls' swimming**: Mercedes Cole
- **Girls' wrestling**: Lillian Watson
- **Boys' wrestling**: Noah Martinez

Brighton High School swimmer makes history by earning first Unified Sports trophy

Unified Sports, a Special Olympics initiative to cultivate inclusive communities, is experiencing serious growth in Utah, and students like Brighton High School's Dylan Etherington are reaping the benefits.

Dylan earned a first-place finish in the mixed 50 free at the state's first unified 5A state swim championship.

And Dylan wasn't the only Etherington to earn recognition. His father, Brighton swim Coach Todd Etherington, was once again named the 5A men's swim Coach of the Year.

Propelled by two first-place relay teams — Drake Doyle, Austin Partridge, Gavin Smith, and Bridger Nielson who won the 200 and 400 freestyle relays — the Bengal boys came



in second place behind Skyline High. The girls performed admirably as well, with an individual title going to Hanna Sasivarevic in the 200 freestyle event.

Seven H Art Production | 7938 S. 3500 E., Suite B150 | 435-666-0965

Owner Curt Condrat has been an artist and sign-maker for 35 years. He grew up in Cottonwood Heights and lived in Phoenix, Arizona for the past 20 years before recently moving back to Utah. Curt studied sculpture at the University of Utah and also holds an art degree, specializing in traditional printmaking, from the University of Utah.

With clients as diverse as the Phoenix Suns, Southwest Airlines, the City of Phoenix, and

Walmart, along with numerous small businesses, Curt can help you with any art needs, including art production and reproduction, custom picture frames, graphic design, signs, and vehicle graphics and wraps.

To make an appointment to discuss your business needs with Curt, text him at 435-666-0965. ■



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- Cash flow
- Debt management
- Emergency fund
- Proper protection
- Building wealth
- Preserving wealth

For more information about your financial options, call 425-345-5430 or email kingdomwealth.ch@gmail.com. ■



KW Utah Realtors Keller Williams | 1265 E. Ft. Union Blvd. Ste. 300 | kwutah.com

KW Utah Realtors Keller Williams has moved its mid-valley real estate group to Cottonwood Heights. The largest real estate franchise in the world, Keller Williams was founded in 1983 by Gary Keller and Joe Williams and built on one premise: How high we go as a company will be determined by how high we lift our people.

The new Cottonwood Heights location helps Keller Williams better live this mission, with 18,000 square feet of state-of-the-art office space designed to help agents provide clients with the very best real estate experience. Visit kwutah.com for more information. ■



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Visit local businesses for their March specials. To feature your business, visit ch.utah.gov/business-association. ■

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Stonebriar Financial is offering new customers a free retirement tax assessment! Call 385-314-3300 today to make an appointment. ■



Reach more than 13,000 Cottonwood Heights households each month by promoting your business in *Between the Canyons*! Our business spotlights and Love Your Locals campaign help you get the word out about the unique foods, products, and services you offer – and it's FREE.

You can also become part of the Cottonwood Heights Business Association and network with other business leaders. To learn more or share your company, visit ch.utah.gov/business-association.