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## Contributing through Public Involvement in Cottonwood Heights

By City Manager Tim Tingey



One of the impressive aspects of Cottonwood Heights is the involvement of our residents and property owners in public processes and committees that shape our community. Mary Parker Follet, a management theorist who focused on human relations in the early 1900s, conveyed that people benefit from interactions with others and society is advanced by individual contributions. She also emphasized that group processes and individual ideas create a collective will that can better communities. I have seen this regularly occur in Cottonwood Heights.

For example, we have amazing individuals who volunteer their time on multiple committees

established in the city including the Planning Commission, Arts Council, Parks, Trails and Open Space committee, Historic Committee, Architectural Review Commission, Cottonwood Heights Business Association, Butlerville Days Committee and the Youth City Council. These individuals serving on these boards and committees spend considerable time striving to enhance our community, and their efforts make a difference in the lives of our residents, which in turn enhances the quality of life in our city.

Recently, I have been impressed with the involvement of many residents in the process that resulted in the adoption of the Cottonwood Heights Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan (which was completed in late 2019). There were hundreds of residents who provided valuable input and shaped a plan that has allowed our community to provide critical advocacy to enhance the Wasatch Boulevard corridor. We are hopeful that this

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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FEBRUARY 2

- GRAVEL PIT UPDATE
- BUDGET SCHEDULE REVIEW
- SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

**FEBRUARY 10**  
Council Retreat Work Session


#### FEBRUARY 16

- GRAVEL PIT DISCUSSION
- ARTS COUNCIL SCULPTURE PROPOSAL DISCUSSION
- INTRODUCTION OF MODIFICATIONS TO TITLE 14.16 – HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES (EXCAVATION)

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### Recycling Tip #1



**Envelopes with plastic windows are recyclable**



### Recycling Tip #7



Grocery bags cannot go in the blue recycle bins, so what can you do with all of them? Most stores that you get them from will take them back. Instead of getting more when you shop, use a cloth or durable plastic reusable bag.



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"..Public Involvement", continued from cover



input will make a positive difference as decisions are made regarding transportation development proposals and other policies affecting this area.

The Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan is only part of the collective effort from our community. In 2020, city elected officials, city committee members, nonprofit organization staff, public agency representatives and hundreds of residents led an effort to raise funding and acquire land at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon. The involvement of this group of people has preserved valuable open space that will benefit our residents for years to come and is something city officials and staff could not have achieved alone. These are just some examples of the positive outcomes that Follett suggested occur when individuals work to enhance the collective will to the benefit of communities.

As we move forward through this year there will be several important public input processes for our community. The following is a description of some of the issues where public input will be needed:

- **Stormwater fee** — The City Council will consider the possibility of implementing a stormwater fee. Stormwater is run-off from rain, snow and sleet that flows into the city drain system and surface waterways. When Cottonwood Heights was incorporated as a city, we inherited aging storm drain systems from Salt Lake County and there is a critical need to invest in improvements to repair old infrastructure. Most other communities

in the Salt Lake Valley have implemented a stormwater fee to address significant needs in these infrastructure systems. We will have input meetings on this fee proposal in



upcoming months.

- **Cottonwood Heights General Plan Update** — An update to the Cottonwood Heights General Plan will begin this year. A General Plan is a state-mandated document that involves an intensive planning process to establish a long-range vision or blueprint of the city's future regarding land use, transportation, economic development and other topics. The process will involve numerous public input opportunities to shape the future of our community.
- **Sustainability Master Plan** — Cottonwood Heights is leading a tri-city effort with Holladay and Millcreek cities to set goals and establish recommendations

to improve sustainable operations and advocacy in all three communities. Public meetings on this plan will occur in upcoming months.

- **Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) Environmental Impact Statement Transportation alternatives** — UDOT representatives are proposing multiple transportation alternatives along the Wasatch Boulevard corridor and have received thousands of public comments from interested and concerned individuals in the area. They have developed alternatives to be considered, including enhanced bus services, gondola, and cog or steep-grade rail alternatives. There are significant impacts to each of these alternatives, and it will be critical for residents in Cottonwood Heights to provide input on these transportation alternatives as the process continues.

There are many other regular opportunities for public input in Cottonwood Heights, including budget processes, land use applications and other city initiatives that will be considered this year. I encourage you to review the city website, read the community newsletter, and reach out to city staff to learn when these important input opportunities will occur and how you can be involved.

Our Mayor and City Council members value the input of our residents, and we encourage you to share ideas with our city leaders. Our community becomes better when there is involvement of many individuals to develop a collective will. It is a key aspect of making Cottonwood Heights an even greater community. ■



## Consider These Facts When Reporting Crimes on Social Media

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



With sites such as Twitter, Facebook and Ring experiencing an all-time high usage, many in our community are discovering ways to use social networking to report crime.

Using social media to reduce crime and keep communities safe is a great strategy. It is proven to be a particularly effective tool when neighborhoods get involved in helping police locate people who are missing or vulnerable.

However, not all who report crime online are reporting it to the police. We often learn of crimes in neighborhoods anecdotally or days later. It is difficult when people say, "My house got broken into a week ago and we posted it online," and are shocked the police haven't contacted them. Perhaps there is a feeling that there is not much police can do so they alert their neighbors of the event and call their insurance company.

As social media becomes more prevalent in our society, it is a way for people to instantly communicate. We believe it is important for neighbors to connect and become vigilant. We believe social media is a great neighborhood watch program; we just want the information shared on these platforms to be accurate and not third-hand, so that it doesn't cause undue fear.

If a post about crime goes online and is not reported to police, it can make it harder to solve the

crime. In these situations, we learn about the problem after the fact and may lose valuable time/evidence. When we work together and post accurate information, we are more effective at generating leads or identifying suspects. Many of our fraud and property crimes captured on video and posted/reposted on social media have resulted in the apprehension of criminals and recovery of property.

While reporting crime on social media is becoming more popular, there is a risk when someone only has pieces of information and inaccurate data that is put online. When inaccurate information is



## Salt Lake County Sees Jump in Vehicle Burglary

The year 2020 brought a big jump in vehicle burglary across Salt Lake County, and this is true in Cottonwood Heights as well. Here are some tips to keep your vehicle safe in 2021:

- Never leave items of value in your vehicle. If you must, make sure they are hidden and out of sight. Do not just cover items. Covering an item suggests it has value and entices a criminal to act. Park in a lighted area, close to a business or well-traveled area. Park under a streetlight if possible.
- Do not put logo stickers, such as the Apple or firearms logos on your vehicle's windows. Stickers can suggest, to a criminal, you have items worth stealing in your vehicle.
- When parking your car at home and in your garage, do not leave the keys or other valuables in

the car. A garage may not be as secure as you think. Garage doors are frequently left open which gives criminals access. We get numerous calls each year of vehicles being stolen out of residential garages because the owner felt safe leaving keys in the car parked in the garage.

### Online Resources:

The National Insurance Crime Bureau is a great resource for vehicle theft prevention tips.

<https://www.nicb.org/prevent-fraud-theft/prevent-auto-theft>

The University of Oklahoma published a good article on Vehicle Burglary Prevention.

<https://www.ou.edu/police/psafe/vehicle-safety/auto-burglary-prevention> ■

disseminated it has unintended consequences. It is also important to understand that there are privacy lines, and details associated with crime victims ought not be shared online as they may be inaccurate and hurtful. What we would ask is not to post crime reports on social media before it is validated, and the police have come out to investigate it.

In law enforcement, time is of the essence. We would ask you to call CHPD immediately (801-743-7000 or 911) on any suspicious behavior. We are very proactive in Cottonwood Heights, and it's not uncommon to encounter criminals who have stolen property, yet we have no idea where it came from. Imagine our surprise when we see a post days later describing stolen property online that was not reported to the police but seen on KSL.com. We do monitor many social media websites (but not 24 hours a day).

By calling us about a crime first, it helps my supervisors direct resources in problem areas. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@chpolice) for current information on crime trends and people we need help identifying. Together, we will keep Cottonwood Heights one of the safest cities in the nation. ■





## A Year in Review: Historic Committee Preserves the Past for the Future

Why does the name “Butler” pop up so frequently in our community? Was there really a Danish Town? Before there were shopping centers or a high school or even paved roads, what did Cottonwood Heights look like? And who were the people who lived on the land?

Cottonwood Heights may be one of Utah’s youngest cities, but the unique historical heritage of this place is one of our city’s most important assets. To maintain and promote this history, early in its young life, the City of Cottonwood Heights established a committee to capture and share history. Its mission is to preserve the very special stories of people and place, to secure and make available historic records and materials donated to the city, and to take the lead on historic preservation efforts in our community.

The Historic Committee is made up of volunteers with diverse backgrounds who share a love of preserving lessons from the past to enrich our lives today. You may be familiar with past efforts that have included gathering recorded interviews, photographs, and information about historical sites and buildings, operating a history exhibit at Butlerville Days, and overseeing the creation of historic trail markers around the city. If you have ever taken the walk along the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail, you have likely seen the historical markers that highlight some of the early settlement that took place near the mouth of the canyon. When you drive or walk through Cottonwood Heights, it’s easy to notice signs documenting the earliest settled areas, as well as landmarks in our city.

A centerpiece of chronicling the history of the area is the committee’s effort to publish *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953* by Allen D. Roberts. This fascinating, illustrated book is available for purchase online ([cottonwood-heights-city.square.site](http://cottonwood-heights-city.square.site)) or at City Hall.

Before the pandemic limited access to City Hall, the Historic Committee made progress in conducting an inventory of records, photographs and other files that have been gathering since the city’s incorporation in 2005. Committee members were also able to begin preparatory work to advance recognition and preservation of several buildings through the National Historic register. In 2020, social media was added to efforts to share city history with the creation of a Facebook page, which shares fun stories and photographs from our past.

In 2021, the committee will continue to share

our community’s rich history with citizens. This includes exploring digitization projects that would provide citizens with 24/7 access to the historical materials that tell the story of our community. An Oral History project will launch, capturing the remembrances and actions of longtime area residents and city leaders. The discovery, preservation and sharing of a unique community’s stories of people and place will remain at the heart of committee planning.

This is an exciting time for capturing the history of Cottonwood Heights, and there are several opportunities for interested and energetic residents to be part of the effort. If you have a background or passion for history and would like to join your neighbors in serving as a member of the City’s Historic Committee, please consider applying by contacting Ann Eatchel ([AEatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:AEatchel@ch.utah.gov)). ■

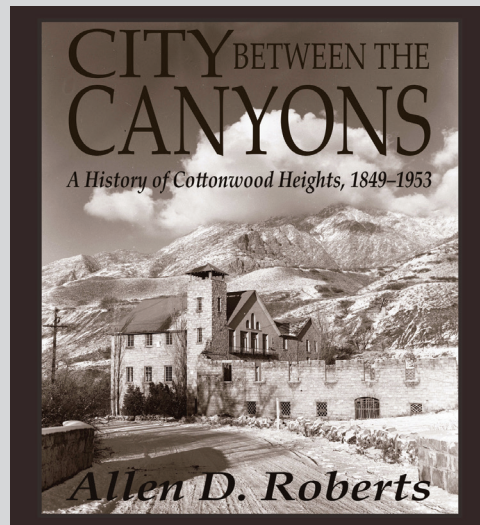


### Buy the Book!

*Learn the rich history of Cottonwood Heights with our book "City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights 1849-1953." The Book can be purchased in person at City Hall or online at [CH.Utah.Gov/community/history/historybook](http://CH.Utah.Gov/community/history/historybook) or email Culture Manager Ann Eatchel at [aeatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:aeatchel@ch.utah.gov) Books are \$20 in person or 3 for \$50. Online, books are \$25 or 3 for \$59. Online purchases are shipped to your home.*



The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee is now on Facebook



## Updates from the District

### Recycling

As the recycling industry continues to stabilize, many organizations are creating new and innovative ways to recycle the materials we use daily. From paper to plastic to cardboard, WFWRD is working hard to find new opportunities to accept more materials and make sure they are being recycled in the most environmentally friendly way possible. Make

sure to take the time to familiarize yourself with items that are currently recyclable by using the district's recycling guides, found on their website. By reducing contamination, WFWRD can continue to keep costs low for all residents. Remember, when in doubt, throw it out! ■

### 2021 Collection Rates

The Wasatch Front Waste fees for 2021 will remain at \$17 per month/\$51 per quarter/per year (\$204 per year) for one garbage can and one recycle can. The fee also includes an annual Area Cleanup, Leaf Bag Collection, Curbside Christmas Tree Collection, and can repair/replacement.

There is an increase to the subscription Green Waste collection fees, from \$9.50 to \$10.50 per month, for the first can. Additionally, the Bulk Trailer Rental fees will increase from \$145 to \$175, for up to two tons. Over two tons will increase from \$35 per ton to \$45 per ton. Please refer to the 2021 fee schedule on WFWRD's

website (<https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/rates-fees/>) for more details on all district fees.

WFWRD continues to find ways to be more efficient and keep costs as low as possible for residents. However, they have been absorbing increased costs for labor, maintenance shop rates and recycling processing for the past four years. Therefore, the district is anticipating a fee increase at the beginning of 2022 to sustain current services. More details will be provided in the coming months. You may also contact Pam Roberts, General Manager, for more information. She can be reached by phone at 385-468-6342, or email, [PRoberts@wasatchfrontwaste.org](mailto:PRoberts@wasatchfrontwaste.org). ■

## Recycling Guide

All Items must be EMPTY and DRY

Fridge  
Friendly Guide

### Plastic Bottles, Tubs, Jugs, & Jars (no lids)



### Metal, Aluminum, & Empty Aerosol Cans



### Cardboard, Mixed Paper (Office/Junk), Paperboard & Paper Bags



Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District  
604 West 6960 South, Midvale, Utah 84047  
Phone: (385) 468-6325 • Fax: (385) 468-6330  
Info@wasatchfrontwaste.org • [www.wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://www.wasatchfrontwaste.org)



### Broken/Damaged Cans

If your garbage or recycle can is broken or damaged, please call the WFWRD office at 385-468-6325. They will come and repair your cans as part of your fees for services. You can also complete an online service order request on their website (<https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/report-a-problem-or-request-service/>). ■



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## City Council Members

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**DIST# 3** - Tali C. Bruce

**DIST# 4** - Christine Watson Mikell

**CITY MANAGER** - Tim Tingey

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## Numbers to Know

Emergency ..... 911

Dispatch ..... 743-7000

Fire Authority ..... 743-7100

Animal Control ..... 743-7000

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 ..... 944-7095

Police Administration ..... 944-7100

## City Council Meetings

**Feb. 2** - Work Session 5 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7 p.m.

**Feb. 16** - Work Session 5 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7 p.m.

*(Work session may reconvene 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)*

## Planning Commission

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

## Editors

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## Five Brighton Bengals Picked for 5A All-State Football Teams



It was a breakout year for the Brighton Bengals who made it as far as the quarterfinals of the 5A State Football Championships. Several players earned additional recognition as picks for the Deseret News' 5A All-State Football team. Senior Cole Casto and junior Lander Barton were chosen for the First Team. On the Second Team were seniors Mason Young and Gabe Curtis,

with an Honorable Mention extended to junior Jake Reece. A handful of Bengals also earned all-region status, with Barton headlining as MVP: Casto, Curtis, Young, Collin Edwards, Nick Hagman, Orlando Martinez, Kabe Merhish, Grant Raddon and Jake Reece. ■

## Butler Middle Student Invents 'Real Soda' for Sale in Utah Stores

Last year, after reading Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Emery Gallegos was assigned to invent a soda — Willy Wonka-style. She and her sixth-grade peers at Butler Middle School were told there would be a competition to choose one effervescent concoction to represent their school, and that the winning flavor would be made into a real soda to be produced and bottled in California and made available in the school's "student incentive" store.

Gallegos didn't expect to win, and she certainly didn't expect her soda — a tangy berry-flavored twist on lemonade dubbed Sunset Blend — would be a commercial hit. The pandemic delayed production of the soda by several months. But cases of the bright-red bottles arrived at select Utah and California retailers this fall, and the small-batch soda maker Real Soda in Real Bottles reports they're flying off the shelves. "My friends are super excited," says the



now 13-year-old Gallegos who got her first taste of Sunset Blend at an unveiling celebration held on Dec. 16 at her school.

The two teachers behind the project, Rachel Sollis and Mark Sanderson, say more than 250 sixth-graders participated in the assignment and submitted flavor- and color-combinations, slogans and label designs, which were put to a popular vote. Students were graded on the clarity of their writing, their grammar and the strength of their product pitch. ■

## Thank a Teacher: CSD Now Taking Nominations for 2021 Teacher of the Year

Now through March 5, Canyons District schools are accepting nominations for the 2021 Teacher of the Year. The nomination form can be found at [canyonsdistrict.org](http://canyonsdistrict.org). Simply download, print and submit the form to the PTA leaders at your child's school. From the nominations, one teacher will be honored per school. From that field, the district then selects one teacher to represent Canyons in the state's top-teacher competition. ■



## Business Spotlights

### Reset Your Nest

Reset Your Nest transforms the way people live, work and play inside their busy Utah homes. The Reset Your Nest team brings design and beauty into the world of organization. Their goal is to design, style and organize your most used spaces. No matter how old or new or how large or small your space is, Reset Your Nest promises to deliver beautiful yet functional systems that allow you to focus on the most important things in life.

Jen Martin, the owner of Reset Your Nest, grew up in Cottonwood Heights. In one year, her business has gone from a one-person venture to a team of organizers who can tackle any space and create calm out of the chaos. Martin loves to share her best tips and tricks on Instagram @reset\_your\_nest. Reset Your Nest also offers free initial consultations. You can find more information or schedule your free initial consultation at [www.resetyournest.com](http://www.resetyournest.com). ■



### Love your Locals

Visit our local businesses and enjoy their February specials. Please post on their social media pages about supporting their featured specials. If you are interested in participating in the Love Your Locals campaign, please email Sherrie Martell [smartell@ch.utah.gov](mailto:smartell@ch.utah.gov) or call 801-944-7067.

### Alpha Coffee | 7260 Racquet Club Dr.

Featuring White Mocha Lavender Latte for February. Purchase two White Mocha Lavender Lattes and get a free Valentine Linzer Raspberry Cookie to share. ■



### Handel's Ice Cream | 6933 S. 1300 East

Please stop by and sample their February specials:

Chocolate Covered Strawberry – strawberry ice cream with a fudge ripple.

Cherry Cordial – cherry flavored ice cream with crushed cherry pieces, amaretto flavoring and chocolate chips. ■



### Twisted Sugar | 1936 E. Fort Union Blvd.

They are showcasing two amazing cookies for February: Red Velvet Cookie and Sprinkle Sugar Cookie. Buy one cookie and get a free 16-ounce drink. Customers can pick up the cookie in the lobby or drive through, or they have socially-distanced tables newly placed in the store for the new year. ■



### Eight Settlers | 7321 S. Canyon Centre Parkway



Eight Settlers dessert is "Hearts on Fire." It's a decadent dark chocolate mousse, raspberry Linzer cookie, orange fig cake topped with Riesling black current jam and white creme anglaise. Created by Eight Settlers Executive Pastry Chef, Marcela Ferrinha. ■

### Healthy Pets Mountain West has moved | 2242 E. Fort Union Blvd.

They have worked very hard to make their new spacious store bright and welcoming, and hope you will love it as much as they do! ■



### Spa and Fitness | 6936 Promenade Dr. Suites #101 and #102

Don't let February pass you by without booking a Self-Care Sampler:

**Que Sera Sera Skin Spa** – 40-minute facial for \$45 and 20% off your next full-price service. Contact Jodie, 801-633-3074.

**Note Massage** – 30-minute massage for \$40 and free half-hour upgrade on your next full-price massage. Contact Leilia, 702-305-0251.

**S/A Aesthetics and Skin Care** – J-Lo Facial Glow for \$45 and 20% off your next full-price service. Contact Sandy, 385-887-1746.

**Intro to Micro Needling** – \$140 and 20% off your next full-price service. Contact Abbey, 801-369-4048.

**Under Pressure Massage and Fitness** – 30-minute stretch session for \$35 or a 60-minute workout session in private gym for \$7 (coaching not included). Contact Brooks, 801-903-0187 (text please). ■

