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# BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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## Trails and More Trails, Connecting the Dots

By Mayor Mike Peterson



Many years ago, in the 1970s, I began my career as a young parks and recreation practitioner in the northwest area of Salt Lake City. At that time, I had the privilege of working with individuals who initiated the first aspects of the Jordan River Trail system, which is now the Jordan River Parkway.

I must admit I initially thought the task of completing a trail of this magnitude, the full length of the Jordan River, seemed impossible. Today, I sincerely appreciate the vision and efforts of those individuals and jurisdictions who made it all happen. The Jordan River Parkway is now one of the finest trail systems in the Intermountain West, serving thousands

of recreation enthusiasts who love to run, walk or ride in the outdoors. This trail, and many others in our communities, have become more and more important during these tumultuous times as the pandemic has altered many of our recreational pursuits.

I have long recognized and understood the high priority of parks, trails and open space to our residents, and to the residents of the Salt Lake Valley. This has been verified over the years through surveys, studies, public comments and by popular vote. Therefore, one of the first things I proposed to the City Council when I became Mayor was the creation of our Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee. The role of this committee is to advise the city on the appropriate development of these areas.

The committee is made up of 15 residents from all areas of our city and includes people with a variety of outdoor interests. They have

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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

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- BUDGET & REVENUE REVIEW
- BENGAL BLVD. ROUNDABOUT DISCUSSION
- EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY
- CONTRACT WITH ZIONS FINANCIAL FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH STUDY

##### NOVEMBER 17

- UNION PARK REZONE DISCUSSION
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING TEXT AMENDMENT
- FERGUSON CANYON PARKING PERMIT DISCUSSION

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## History Question of the Month

Mining activities in Little Cottonwood Canyon began in the mid-1860s. Soon smelters were constructed at the mouth of the canyon to process the ore. At least four smelters and one stamp mill were built. Two of these smelters were in the present boundaries of our city; which ones were they?

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## Arts Council Seeks Proposals for Tree Sculpture

The City of Cottonwood Heights announces an exciting opportunity to create an outdoor public sculpture. The sculpture is a project of the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council, an advisory committee to the City Council. This is an opportunity for a qualified artist to design and install a unique sculpture for the city's residents and visitors to enjoy. The city will review and may select one respondent, based on submitted proposals. The city reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submittals. For a full copy of the RFP, please visit <https://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/your-government/public-records-notices/requests-for-proposals>

Proposals must be received to the city by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30. Send to: City of Cottonwood Heights, Attn: City Recorder, 2277 E. Bengal Blvd., Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121 ■

Cottonwood Heights  
City between the seasons

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ARTS COUNCIL

# VIRTUAL ART SHOW

November 1 - 30, 2020

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

# Light the Heights

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

CONTEST IS OPEN  
NOV. 30 - DEC. 10.

Judging  
Dec. 11, 12 & 14

- Many categories with prizes
- Free to enter
- First 15 entries receives a \$20 gift card

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## November Road Home Donation Drive

Helping families with their basic needs staying at The Road Home Shelter in Midvale

**Items needed:**  
 Body Wipes  
 Face masks (store bought and homemade)  
 Underwear (NEW, all sizes)  
 Plus-Size Clothing (2X+)  
 In season - Boots & Shoes  
 Socks (all sizes)  
 Coats  
 Sweats & Pajamas (all sizes)  
 Bath Towels  
 Blankets (twin, full & queen - NO THROWS)  
 Educational - Fun Activities (Adults, Teenager, Infants & Toddlers)

Full General Needs List - [www.theroadhome.org/give/in-kind-donations](http://www.theroadhome.org/give/in-kind-donations)

Please call 801-944-7067 before dropping off your items at Cottonwood Heights City Hall, 2277 E Bengal Boulevard, 8 am to 5 pm. Items will be accepted thru November 24, 2020

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been extremely proactive on several fronts in dealing with parks, trails and open space. They have supported the creation of a small trail connection, which will run from Fort Union Boulevard, just above 1300 East, along the canal to Mountview Park.

They have also recently supported the completion of the final portion of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail, which runs from Knudsen Park in Holladay, along the Big Cottonwood Creek, to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Along the upper portions of this trail you can read the historic markers that explain various aspects of the history of our city. This, along with other trails and walkways, provide a great opportunity for a morning run or evening stroll during these times of uncertainty.

The committee is also involved in many other important projects affecting our city which include the development of an open

space master plan, a possible dog park, planting trees in our community and much more. Something I am personally very excited about is the committee's support of the development of our city's portion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). Their support of this popular project helped Cottonwood Heights obtain a major grant to study potential BST trail alignments, acquire land or easements and to identify appropriate trail access points. This approximately 4-mile portion of the trail will make up part of the larger 280-mile trail system that will eventually run from Logan to Lehi.

As the Jordan River Parkway was envisioned many years before its eventual completion, I believe the BST trail will have the same positive impact on our communities. This trail, as it would flow through Cottonwood Heights, would include several appropriate access points to allow residents access to the foothills, mountains and

eventually the entire BST system. Melissa Fields, a member of our Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee, stated the following regarding our unique focus on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, "When completed, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail will help preserve and protect the hillside east of our city by consolidating the social trails that have developed over the years, provide the critical access to fire mitigation efforts along the urban-wildland interface and, of course, provide a close byway for residents to get out and immerse themselves in nature."

These types of projects will not diminish our other responsibilities as a city but will augment and preserve the quality of life we continue to enjoy. My personal thanks to our Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee, and to the many other committees in our city for their ongoing and valuable service. ■

## City Considers Renewable Energy Options Following Survey

By Associate Planner Samantha DeSeelhorst

Perhaps you remember completing a citywide survey sometime last year with questions about city services, elected officials and leadership directions. The results of this survey tell a compelling story about

such as citywide renewable energy. With this broad community support, city staff and elected officials have been busy prioritizing and planning various sustainability projects.

Consistent with this widespread support for renewable energy, Cottonwood Heights is continually exploring participation in the Community Renewable Energy Program. Backed by more than 20 Utah municipalities, this program aims to offer renewable energy for interested community members, without penalizing those who prefer to stay on standard-offer energy production. As the program continues to be defined in its early stages of development, there will be opportunities for community members to provide their valuable input on this potential renewable energy opportunity.

In addition to investigating renewable energy opportunities, we are currently planning a project that will determine the emission impact of city operations. The data collected through this project will be important in developing future policies

on our path to a lower ecological footprint. If you find yourself interested in reducing your own environmental impact, we encourage you to join us in analyzing your lifestyle for areas of improvement. As we approach the winter season, here are several easy steps you can take toward sustainability at home or in the workplace.

1. Instead of blasting the heat in your car, prepare for your commute by wearing an extra layer.
2. Reduce drive-thru idling and use of disposable cups by preparing your favorite warm beverages at home.
3. As temperatures drop and daylight decreases, adjust your watering schedule and turn off your hoses.
4. Consider investing in a "smart-thermostat" that automatically adjusts the indoor temperature based on when you are at home and when you are away.
5. Reduce unnecessary trips on icy roads by trip-chaining your errands into a single route. ■



life in Cottonwood Heights. On average, participants reported a high quality of life, a high level of service for their tax dollars, and a high likelihood to recommend Cottonwood Heights to friends and family members. This survey also revealed that between 67% and 99% of respondents support city sustainability initiatives

## Sustainability Volunteer Opportunity is Available

If you are interested in stewardship of your local watersheds and public lands, you may want to consider participating in "Pack it Out Utah," a statewide waterway cleanup opportunity. Coordinated by Utah

State University's Water Quality Extension, this event is a call to action for community members to remove garbage from their local parks, trails

and waterways. By collecting trash, participants will help improve water quality and the health of the surrounding ecosystems.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this event will not be a formal gathering, but will instead be an opportunity for participants to visit public lands between Oct. 31 and Nov. 8 with their own household groups to remove litter in a socially distanced way. As there is no formal gathering and no supervision of volunteers, participants are responsible for their

own safety, including compliance with all local COVID-19 protocols. Remember to wear your masks, keep at least 6 feet of distance from others, and stay home if you are feeling ill or have been exposed to the virus. Visit the event website at [extension.usu.edu/waterquality/annual-events/utahcleanupevent/index](http://extension.usu.edu/waterquality/annual-events/utahcleanupevent/index) to learn more about safety protocols, suggested clean-up sites and opportunities to win prizes for your stewardship efforts. ■



# STAY SAFE WITH THESE FALL & WINTER SAFETY TIPS

By UFA Assistant Chief Riley Pilgrim



As we make the transition from long, warm summer days to fall and winter temperatures with less daylight, we will all be spending more time indoors. As such, here are some seasonal safety tips to promote a safer environment in your homes and safer holidays:

The end of Daylight Saving Time is our reminder to replace the batteries on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. While you are doing so, please check the expiration dates on the back of your detectors. It is also a good idea to vacuum the fronts of the detectors, to clear them of dust, cobwebs or bugs. Engage the "test" button to make sure they are working properly. You can visit websites such as [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov) for detailed information, such as where a smoke alarm should be installed in your homes.



The holidays present hazards that come with the use of candles, extension cords and dried out Christmas trees. Don't overload electrical circuits



and keep lit candles out of the reach of children and out of the pathways of pets. If you choose to have a live tree, keep it in fresh water, as the dry needles ignite easily and the whole tree can go up in flames faster than you can imagine.

With the cold temperatures of the winter months, many of us will employ the use of space heaters; either to supplement furnaces or to provide heat to specific areas or rooms. Inspect electrical heaters for the UL listing labels and to ensure the power supply cords and plugs are in good condition. Change your furnace filters regularly and have

your furnaces inspected by a certified maintenance company. Do not use your furnace or water heater room for storage, as combustible materials can catch fire from the flames on the burners.

These are just a few of the most important safety tips that are related to colder temperatures, shorter days and some of the holidays that are headed our way. More information can be found by doing web searches, and I highly encourage parents to talk to your kids and family members, so they know what their roles are when it comes to safety issues.

Enjoy the holidays and as always, stay safe! ■

## Bengal Boulevard Roundabout presentation and webinar Planned for Nov. 12

Final design of the Bengal Boulevard roundabout is now complete and construction will begin in 2021.

In April 2019, the city held an open house to present the preliminary design of a roundabout at the intersection of Bengal Boulevard and 2300

East to 2325 East. The city listened and enhanced the roundabout to vastly improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, circulation through the roundabout and access to the new Brighton High School.

Join us on **Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.** in City Hall to learn about the updated design

and safety features. We will also have materials on hand highlighting proper navigation through the roundabout. You will find the links to the webinar

on our city website at [www.CH.utah.gov](http://www.CH.utah.gov) ■

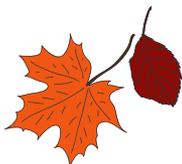
## Updates from the District

### Fall Leaf Collection

The annual Fall Leaf Collection Program runs through Nov. 30.

During this time, Cottonwood Heights residents can pick up leaf bags at:

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



Leaf bags can be dropped off at:  
**Bywater Park:** 3149 Banbury Rd. (7420 South)



WFWRD leaf bags are limited to 10 bags per household, and available while supplies last. Residents can also use and drop off their own purchased leaf bags or lawn bags, as long as they only contain leaves. Please see the WFWRD website at [wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org) for districtwide drop-off locations. ■

### Sharps Containers

There are many medical conditions which require the use of lancets or needles. Due to the extreme health and safety hazards these items pose, it is important to remember that these items should never be placed loosely in your garbage can, but should be disposed of in a properly identified sharps container. Also, these items, including sharps containers, are not recyclable and should never be placed in your blue recycle can. For more information, contact the Salt Lake County Health Department (385-468-4100 / [slco.org/health](http://slco.org/health)) on proper disposal of these and other hazardous materials. ■



### Cart Placements

Please remember to keep your garbage/recycle/green carts at least 3 feet away from each other and from other objects, such as cars, trees or mailboxes. This space is needed for the automated collection arms on trucks to safely grab and empty the carts. ■



## Cottonwood Heights Committees Organize Walking Tours

By Senior Planner Andy Hulka

With much of our work and learning happening from home, and with events like concerts and movie screenings largely canceled, many of us are indulging in one of the few relatively safe things we can do during the COVID-19 pandemic: getting outside. In fact, research by UDOT, UTA and the Wasatch Front Regional Council indicates there has been a 40% increase in bicycle trips and a 160% increase in trips to open space in the state of Utah since the beginning of the pandemic.

In an effort to help residents explore their neighborhoods and learn more about the local history and natural beauty of our city, members of the Cottonwood Heights Parks, Trails and Open Space (PTOS) Committee, in partnership with the Historic Committee and with help from city staff, have prepared

a series of walking tours throughout the city. The walks range from 1 to 3 miles long with points of natural and historic interest along each route. There are seven walking tours: City Hall & Butlerville, Bywater Park & Apple Valley, Big Cottonwood Canyon Creek Trail, Top of the World, Greenfield Way, Antczak Park and Crestwood Park. You may be surprised to learn something new about the rich history and natural environment near your home.

Digital and printable maps are available online at <https://cottonwood-heights-walking-tours-chcity.hub.arcgis.com/> or by clicking on the “Maps” link on the homepage of the Cottonwood Heights website. A limited number of printed maps will be available at the Cottonwood Heights Rec Center, Whitmore Library and at City Hall in the rack located in the foyer, with more available in the near future.



Next time you need to take a break from online learning and virtual meetings, or if you're looking for a fun outdoor activity, go on a walking tour to learn something new about your neighborhood. We appreciate the volunteers on the PTOS and Historic committees for all the hard work that went into preparing these walking tours. This project exemplifies the great benefit our volunteer groups provide to Cottonwood Heights. ■

# Answer

**Question,** continued from page 2

The Flagstaff Silver Mining Company Ltd. was incorporated in London. It not only operated the Flagstaff Mine in Little Cottonwood Canyon, it also built a smelter at the mouth of the canyon to process the ore from that mine and the Emma Mine. The smelter was built by Buel and Batemen in 1870. It consisted of three furnaces, two of which went into service the first year and the third soon after. The smelter operated between 1870 and 1873. It appears that financial problems were its downfall.

The second was the Jones and Pardee Smelter. It was built about the same time as the Flagstaff and consisted of one furnace that could process eight tons of ore a day. It was sold in 1872 to The Wellington Mining and Smelting Co., which incorporated in San Francisco in 1872. It was also known as the Little Cottonwood Smelter.

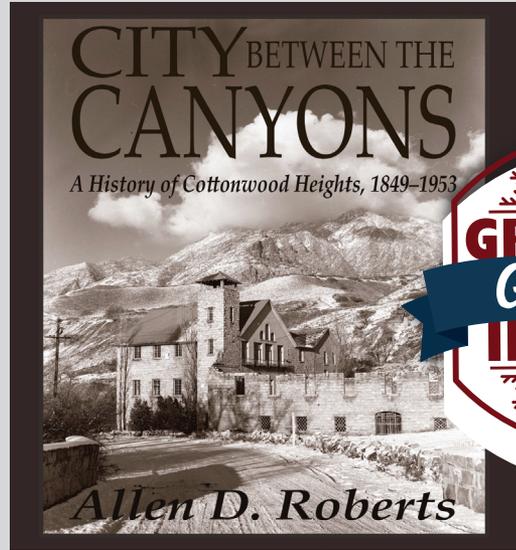
In 1991, mine tailings located in Little Cottonwood Creek resulted in an investigation by the EPA. Contaminated areas where the two smelters had been located, plus two additional sites to the south were identified and tested, and remediation of the areas took place. ■



The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee is now on Facebook

## Buy the Book!

Learn the rich history of Cottonwood Heights with our book "City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights 1849-1953." It's a great gift idea! The Book can be purchased in person at City Hall or online at [CH.Utah.Gov/community/history/history-book](http://CH.Utah.Gov/community/history/history-book) 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.



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**DIST# 4** - Christine Watson Mikell  
**CITY MANAGER** - Tim Tingey

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 Fire Authority ..... 743-7100  
 Animal Control ..... 743-7000  
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 Public Works ..... 944-7000  
 Recorder ..... 944-7021  
 Finance Director..... 944-7012  
 Code Enforcement.....944-7095  
 Police Administration.....944-7100

## City Council Meetings

**Nov. 3** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.  
**Nov. 17** - 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 Nov. 4 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

## Editors

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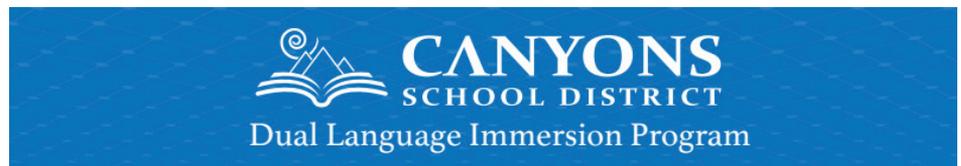
## Graphic Designer

Megan Pace

# Want Your Child to Be Bilingual? Sign Up for Language Immersion Programs

Did you know that at Canyons District, it's possible to learn two languages at the same time and to graduate from high school fluent in both? The start of October signals the opening of the window to apply for Canyons District's Dual Language Immersion Programs for the 2021-2022 school year. Through Nov. 25, parents and guardians can apply online to have their entering first-grader learn Spanish, French or Mandarin Chinese. On the application, parents will be asked to list their

top three preferred languages and schools. A lottery will be held to determine entrance into the programs if the number of applicants exceeds the seats available per entering class. Cottonwood Heights-area elementary schools offering immersion programs are Ridgecrest (Chinese) and Butler (French). But students may apply for any of CSD's immersion programs. More information about the immersion model and the application process can be found at [canyonsdistrict.org](http://canyonsdistrict.org). ■



Spanish



Mandarin Chinese



French



# Brighton High to Postpone Annual Musical

Even during a pandemic, the show must still go on. All five of Canyons traditional high schools are planning to stage Broadway favorites for song-and-dance lovers — but will push back the annual splashy productions until late winter or early spring. Brighton High theater arts teacher Tiffany Garner says she has moved the Bengals' fall musical, "Beauty and the Beast," to the spring, with plans to perform the show in-person with whatever physical distancing restrictions remain in place at that time. ■



## Business Spotlights

### The Home Depot | 1310 E. Park Centre Dr.

The Home Depot has been serving the community for more than 25 years by providing essential products and services. Store Manager Travis Morgan was born and raised in Salt Lake City and is committed to offering the highest level of customer service in the industry.



Home Depot is a values-based organization focused on diversity and inclusion. The company is built on a respect for all people and an understanding that people are its strength. The Home Depot's core values are based on doing the right thing for its customers and associates — a commitment that extends beyond its stores to communities and the environment. In particular, the Home Depot supports Brighton, Hillcrest and Cottonwood High schools, as well as Butler Elementary and Butler Middle schools.

In light of COVID-19, the Home Depot is taking additional precautions. The company is closing stores early to staff appropriately and provide additional time to restock shelves and perform cleaning. Home Depot also is promoting social distancing in its stores and distribution centers. The store's beloved kids club has been canceled due to the current

pandemic, however, it is still handing out kits for parents to take home every first Saturday of the month.

In addition to Home Depot's work, the Home Depot Foundation is focused on improving the lives of veterans and supporting communities impacted by natural disasters. Since 2011, the foundation has invested more than \$350 million in veteran causes and improved more than 48,000 veteran homes and facilities. For instance, at the local level this past year, the Home Depot Foundation worked over two days to construct a ramp for a veteran who was paralyzed. ■



### CHBA Seeks Donations for Holiday Drive and Sub for Santa Program



CHBA will be sponsoring a Toy and Food Gift Card Drive and Sub for Santa program for families within Cottonwood Heights City. We would love to have your help and participation.

Information and sign-up for items are posted on the city's website [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov), or call Sherrie Martell 801-944-7067. Bring your unwrapped toys and gift cards to City Hall, anytime in November through Dec. 3. The toy drive is for children between ages 5 and 10, and food gift cards are for \$25 each. We appreciate your generosity and support in helping our local families in need this holiday season. ■

