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# NEWSLETTER

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## Transportation Issues Facing Cottonwood Heights

By Tee Tyler, Council Member



Each January, as the Utah Senate and House of Representatives convene, they consider over 1,000 bills or potential new laws, many of which impact the government of our city. There are changes to water laws, annexation laws, record-keeping and reporting, health care laws and taxation, just to name a few.

This is why Cottonwood Heights is a member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. Every legislative session, all 245 cities in Utah keep a close watch on what transpires on Utah's Capitol Hill and, through the League, give input concerning the bills that will affect local government.

One of the more important results of the 2015 session dealt with a particularly important need--transportation funding. (Transportation is defined here in broad terms, including creation of new roads, road repairs, public transit, more and improved bike lanes, more trails, more public parking for recreation areas, etc.). As our state's population grows at a



rapid rate, our transportation infrastructure needs to anticipate this growth and prepare for our future. Proper maintenance of our existing infrastructure also is crucial. The non-partisan Utah Foundation recently reported that Utah has an \$11.3 billion shortfall over the next 30 years for "priority" highway and mass transit projects.

Assuring a reliable, adequate funding source for constructing and maintaining the local roads within Utah's cities is an equally important issue facing each of us. The 24.5 cent/gallon tax on gas that traditionally has provided funding for city streets has not increased since 1997. During that time, inflation has decreased the buying power of those tax funds, the price of oil

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# Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Events

June 13

The Orchestra In The Heights Summer Concert - 7:30 p.m.  
Butler Middle School

July 25, 27, 30, 31  
Aug. 1&3

Summer Musical - Shrek the Musical  
Butler Middle School

*Auditions for Shrek the Musical were held in April. We are still looking for some help with costumes and set-building. Email [kpedersen@ch.utah.gov](mailto:kpedersen@ch.utah.gov) for more info.*

Sept. 1-30

Art Show – Whitmore Library (Free)

Oct. 1-30

Photography Exhibit – Whitmore Library (Free)

## 2015 Municipal Election Coming Soon

2015 is an election year for citizens of Cottonwood Heights, and here's what you need to know:

The filing window for eligible candidates is **June 1 to 8, 2015**. Candidate eligibility and filing requirements are outlined on our city website at: [http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/public\\_records.election.html](http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/public_records.election.html).

A primary election will be held (if necessary) on **August 11**. The general election will take place on **November 3**.

Cottonwood Heights utilizes voting by mail. Prior to elections, ballots will be sent to voters before **July 14** for a primary (if necessary) and before **October 6** for the general election.

Districts 1 and 2 will have elections for seats on the city council. It is possible that a vote on county-wide issues will also be on the ballot, affecting all residents.

All voter registration is handled by Salt Lake County. For information contact the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office at <http://slco.org/clerk/index.html> ■

## BUTLERVILLE DAYS JULY 23 & 24

Sneak peak at this years event. Watch for the pull out flyer in Julys newsletter. More information at [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov).



MIDWAY RIDES  
JULY 23-24



5K RUN/WALK  
JULY 24, 7AM



MOVIE IN THE PARK  
JULY 23, DUSK



CHARLIE JENKINS  
JULY 24, 8:30PM

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

**SHREK THE MUSICAL**

July 25, 27, 30, 31 Aug 1 & 3  
BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL 7530 S. 2700 E.  
All performances start at 7:30 pm  
\$9.00 adults and \$6.00 for Seniors

[www.arts.ch.utah.gov](http://www.arts.ch.utah.gov)

SHREK THE MUSICAL is presented through special arrangement with MTI International (MTI). All technical performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 425 W 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-512-4664 Fax: 212-512-4686 www.MTIshows.com

## Canyons School District Tennis Courts Open To Public

Court is in session for anyone who enjoys playing tennis. The Canyons School District announced that all tennis courts located on school property are now open to the public, unless being used for school activities or league play. Brighton High and Butler Middle schools are a few of the locations available. To find out more or to schedule a league event, contact the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center at 801-943-3190. ■

(used for asphalt) has increased, and the fuel efficiency of vehicles generally has increased (thereby decreasing the fuel tax generated by each vehicle). The combined result of these and other changes is that traditional funding sources for local

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streets have become inadequate.

Various alternatives were discussed at the legislature this year regarding how to pay for transportation needs and how best to distribute any new funding. The result was two principal bills. The first bill was Senate Bill #160 sponsored by Senator Kevin Van Tassell of Vernal, Utah. The bill called for a 10 cent/gallon increase in the state gasoline tax. After much debate and negotiation, the tax increase amount was reduced to 5 cents/gallon and passed by both houses of the legislature.

While this legislation was a step towards addressing our state's infrastructure and transportation needs, some feel that it won't fund the amount cities and counties need to maintain their roads and keep their budgets in line.

The other bill, House Bill #362, was sponsored by Rep. Johnny Anderson of Taylorsville, Utah. It was written to also help fund our transportation needs. This bill proposes a ¼ cent local option sales tax, with the resulting revenue to be shared by cities, counties and public transit. This bill also passed both houses of our legislature, but requires a public vote before it becomes law. That vote could be scheduled for as early as this November, but may be delayed until November 2016. House Bill #362 goes much further than Senate Bill #160 in funding Utah's transportation

needs. Ultimately, Senate Bill 160 was made part of House Bill 362 so that the one bill provided a combined approach (gas tax and sales tax) to transportation funding.

Our state Senators and Representatives have worked out a two-part approach to address future funding of broad-based transportation needs in our state. As the state's population continues to grow, further transportation funding ideas and legislation may be needed. Watch for more information to be published as we approach elections this fall. It will be up to the citizenry to decide if now is the time to implement the proposed sales tax component of transportation funding. We appreciate the vision of our legislators in provided these tools for addressing the future transportation needs. It is my hope that the citizens of Cottonwood Heights will become well educated on the issue and exercise their voting rights to address our transportation needs. ■

## It's Simple: Neighborhood Watch Works!

By Martha Cardon

Practicing the Neighborhood Watch Program's motto, "We See, We Hear, We Call," doesn't take much extra time – it simply means being aware and alert to our surroundings – all the time!

Recently, Cottonwood Heights Police Officers Davies and Garcia responded to a suspicious person call. A citizen was at home recovering from an injury when he saw someone leave his neighbor's yard, carrying a ladder, which was put into a waiting Mustang. The alert neighbor took a picture of the vehicle, called 911, and gave the officers a good description of the two suspects and vehicle. Officer Davies realized the ladder would likely be pawned for cash so he started to investigate using the state-wide pawn database. The database showed a ladder matching the one stolen had just been pawned at a

pawnshop in West Jordan. Officers Davies and Garcia were able to locate the suspects and vehicle near the West Jordan pawn shop. They arrested two brothers as they were driving away. The older brother was on parole and had apparently pulled his younger brother into crime. This was the second incident within a week in the same neighborhood. The culprits escaped the first time, because there was no vigilant neighbor on watch who saw and then called the CHPD immediately.

Officers Davies and Garcia caution that crimes of opportunity are avoidable: that ladders or other equipment left outside make for easy pickups by thieves; and that Cottonwood Heights residents should not succumb to a false sense of security. More than 80% of thefts are drug-related. The officers urge us to be alert, be aware, and

to immediately report suspicious activity. Remember, if something doesn't look right, it probably isn't! Don't be afraid to call – you are NOT wasting the CHPD's time! ■

## History Question of the Month

What do you know about  
Colebrook's/Brown's Hill?

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## Ground Broken For New Butler Elementary School

Local dignitaries and several children took part in a special groundbreaking ceremony for the new Butler Elementary School, slated for construction over the summer. Mayor Cullimore donned a hard hat during the ceremony at 7000 S. 2700 East where the current school stands. The old school will be demolished to make room for the new building, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016. ■



## Answer

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Colebrook's/Brown's Hill is the hill on 2300 East between Fort Union Boulevard and Bengal Boulevard. Sometime after 1885, Amasa David Brown and his wife Kate built a home about half way up on the west side of the hill on today's 2300 East between Bengal Boulevard and Fort Union. Since no one else lived on that hill at the time, it became known as Brown's Hill. Amasa David Brown was the Brown of the Brown and Sanford Ditch Company.

In 1874, the residents of the Butler Bench diverted water from Big

Cottonwood Creek to provide irrigation and culinary water for those living on the Butler Bench. After Amasa David Brown bought his farm, he was instrumental creating a branch off of the main canal on the Butler Bench that cut southwesterly across the Bench to about 7400 South and 2300 East, bringing water to his farm. Eventually the ditches extended further west to include Poverty Flats.

In the early 1900's, Lewis Colebrook, son of Charles Colebrook, built a house at the top of the hill on the east side of the road. Residents in the area then called the hill Colebrook's Hill. Both names were used interchangeably after that.

Winter brought challenges for those

traveling the hill to reach their homes on the benches above. While the hill's steepness was more gradual than Butler Hill, cars still had difficulty climbing the hill. This was because of the stop signs at 7000 South or the fact that they couldn't get a running start if they turned off 7000 South to make it up the hill without needing to change gears. ■



# Safe Meeting Places for Internet Transactions

By Robby Russo

Cottonwood Heights Police Chief



Buying and selling items on the Internet is a common and growing practice. Unfortunately, so are people who fall victim to someone they agreed to meet on a network site such as Craigslist, EBay or KSL.com.

I remember a local case where a man selling a car met a couple at his home where he was subsequently murdered and robbed. The pair was later arrested driving the victims' vehicle. Another example is a woman who was selling a diamond ring met the buyer in a parking lot; he pulled next to the woman's car and then just

drove away with the ring. You guessed it, the car was also stolen.

Internet sites allow criminals to "target-shop" on the Internet. What makes it so dangerous is when you have to meet the buyer or seller in person. Savvy criminals can determine the time and place that they will commit the crime, the victim that they're going to pursue and what property and amount of money they're likely to get. Although locally, murder and robbery are rare, many people are uncomfortable (as they should be) with allowing a stranger into their home. With larger furniture items it's unavoidable, but it's the more common transactions such as smart phones, tablets, jewelry and computers that we see the most misdeeds.

Although there are never any guarantees with criminals, it is best to meet in public places, preferably where there are a lot of people and surveillance cameras can capture a potential crime. In Cottonwood Heights, citizens are welcome to use the public spaces and parking areas at the police department. We won't assign officers to monitor or facilitate a private transaction, but there is usually a cop nearby - which usually deters would-be thieves. Finally, if the buyer/seller only uses email and won't give you a phone number or you've agreed to meet somewhere public, be aware of any last minute change in venue. Those are red flags, and you should walk away. ■

## Watch Out For Wildlife

By Stephanie Jochum-Natt,  
Wild Aware Utah



Spring has arrived in Utah and the wildlife is busy raising young and seeking out food sources. Although most of Cottonwood Heights is urban, there is a surprising amount of wildlife that lives among us. Bats, bobcat, cougar, coyote, foxes, hawks, moose, mule deer, rabbits, raccoon, skunks, snakes, songbirds and weasels may be your neighbors.

Due to our fairly dry winter this year, wildlife may have a hard time finding wild food. So how does one avoid conflicts with urban wildlife? There are many things a resident can do to discourage some wildlife from calling your yard "home." Installing fencing or bird netting around gardens and compost piles is an easy solution. Some other changes may take a little more

effort. Fencing can be particularly helpful in keeping rabbits, raccoons and deer out of gardens. Native shrubs and flowers planted in yards can also withstand grazing by wild animals better than fruit trees and ornamentals, such as tulips. To keep animals out of trash, keep the cans indoors until the morning of pick up or install a simple, inexpensive locking device that can be purchased online.

Bobcats, coyotes and foxes can confuse pets, like housecats, small dogs or chickens as a prey for their young. Motion sensor lights can deter some wildlife, but it's also a good idea to keep pets indoors at night, or in pens or coops equipped with a locked door. It's also a good idea to avoid leaving pet food bowls outside.

Utah is home to many species of snakes; many of them venomous. It's important to learn how to tell the difference. Squirting a snake with a hose from a distance will usually move it along. If you think a snake is venomous, do not try to remove it on



your own. A local animal removal agency can do so instead. It's important to note that all species of snakes are protected in Utah. Eliminating potential prey, food and a water source on the property will encourage animals like snakes to move on to find wild food. People can help protect themselves and the help wildlife stay wild. For more information on how to coexist with urban wildlife safely please visit [wildawareutah.org](http://wildawareutah.org). ■





# UFA Offers Free CPR Classes to CH Residents



The Unified Fire Authority will hold free Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes for Cottonwood

Heights residents, beginning June 1, 2015.

The classes, called "Push To Survive," will instruct on use of the "push only" CPR technique, in which rapid chest compressions are performed on heart attack victims.

Each minute a non-beating heart goes without proper chest compressions, the chance of survival is diminished by 10%. Average response times in Salt Lake County, regardless of what city, township, or region you live, is 5-8 minutes from when you

call 9-1-1 to EMS arrival at your scene.

The classes will be held at the Cottonwood Heights Unified Fire Authority Station 110 at 1790 E. Ft. Union Blvd., from 6 to 7 p.m.

All families, religious groups or individuals are invited to attend.

For more information on the program, go to [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov).



Mark your calendars for:

Monday, June 1

Sunday, June 7

Saturday, June 13

Friday, June 19

Thursday, June 25



## Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center 7500 South 2700 East • (801) 943-3190

### What's happening in Aquatics

#### Swimming Lessons

##### Mornings

Session 1: June 8-17

Registration ends June 10

Session 2: June 22-July 2

Registration ends June 24

##### Afternoons

Session 1: June 8-June 17

Registration ends June 10

Session 2: June 22-July 1

Registration ends June 24

##### Evenings

Session 1: June 9-June 25

Registration ends June 11

Session 2: June 30-July 16

Registration ends July 2

##### Saturdays

Session 1: June 6-July 18

Registration ends June 13

#### Pre-Comp Swimming

Session 1: June 8-July 2

Tryouts: Friday, June 5 at 4:00 pm

### What's happening in Programs

#### Youth Super Sport Program

1st - 6th Graders

10:45 am-2:30 pm, daily

June 8-12

June 15-19

June 22-26

June 20-July 3

#### Youth Tennis Lessons

2 Week Summer Sessions

Session 1: June 8-18

Session 2: June 22-July 2

Register at [activityreg.com](http://activityreg.com)

\*Adult Lessons Also Available\*

#### Boy Scout Classes

Swimming Merit Badge

June 6, 9 am-12 pm

First Aid Merit Badge

June 10, 5:30 pm-7 pm

Lifesaving Merit Badge

June 13, 9 am-12 pm



Cottonwood Heights  
Parks and Recreation



### What's New in the Ice Arena

#### Learn to Skate

June Session-Afternoon

June 15-July 1

M,W, 1:15 pm-1:45 pm

June Session-Wednesday Evenings

June 17-August 5

W, 6:15 pm-6:45 pm

#### Cutting Edge

June 17-August 5

W, 5:15 pm-6:15 pm

#### CHRC News



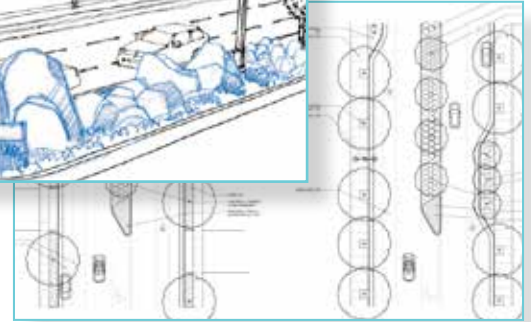
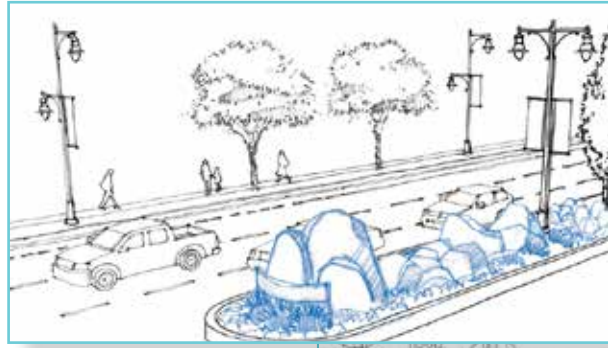
We have a new Director!

Stop by CHRC and welcome

Ben Hill to the

Cottonwood Heights Community!

[www.cottonwoodheights.com](http://www.cottonwoodheights.com)



## Future of Ft. Union Blvd. Examined

On April 30, an open house was held to discuss and present ideas for improving Ft. Union Blvd. Residents were able to see a few ideas for expansion, improvement and beautification of the busy street. Another open house will be held on Thursday, June 18 from 6 – 8 p.m. at City Hall (1265 E. Ft. Union Blvd.) in the training room on the first floor. Plan on attending and share your thoughts. ■

## Corporate Center Opens



Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore and other city officials attended a grand opening celebration at the Cottonwood Corporate Center, Cornerstone I building. The upscale office building features LEED Gold certification, immediate freeway access, walking/bike paths and elegant amenities. ■



## CH Youth City Council Participates in USU Conference

The Cottonwood Heights Youth City Council made a trek to Logan for the annual USU Youth Leadership Institute conference in March. The conference is sponsored by the Association of Youth Councils.

The youth participated in workshops, listened to speakers and joined in the fun of several group-building activities during the three-day event.

To find out more about the Cottonwood Heights YCC, go to <http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/ycc>. ■

## Cottonwood Café Moves To New Location



The Cottonwood Café, a popular city landmark, has been operating at the corner of Bengal Blvd. and 2700 East for years. The owners moved the café to its new home at Highland Drive in May. Head on over and sample some of the awesome food in a new, comfortable setting. ■



## City Council Members

**MAYOR** - Kelyvn H. Cullimore, Jr.

**DIST# 1** - Michael L. Shelton

**DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken

**DIST# 3** - Michael J. Peterson

**DIST# 4** - Tee W. Tyler

**CITY MANAGER** - John Park

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Public Works ..... 944-7090

Recorder ..... 944-7020

Finance Director..... 944-7012

Code Enforcement... 944-7095

Police Administration. 944-7100

## City Council Meetings.

**June 2** - Work Session 6 p.m.

**June 9** - Work Session 6 p.m.,  
Business Meeting 7 p.m.

*(Work session reconvenes after  
business meeting.)*

**June 16** - Work Session 6 p.m.

**June 23** - Work Session 6 p.m.,  
Business Meeting 7 p.m.

*(Work session reconvenes after  
business meeting.)*

**June 30** - (No meeting on 5th  
Tues.)

**Agendas** are posted 24 hours  
in advance of public meetings.  
For details about the agendas,  
check our website:  
[www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov)

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# CHPD Welcomes New Officers



Two new officers were sworn in during a City Council Business Meeting on April 28. Please welcome Officer Ricardo Franco and Officer Vickie Bagshaw to the CHPD Force. ■

# CH Planner Named "Best"



Congratulations to Cottonwood Heights Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt, who was named 2015 "Best of State" in the city planning category. ■

# CH Resident Honored At U. Dentistry Bldg. Dedication

The University of Utah held a dedication ceremony for its new Ray and Tye Noorda Oral Health Sciences building in April. The building houses the University of Utah School of Dentistry. The school also honored G. Lynn Powell, who was the founding dean of the school in 2012. Powell is a resident of Cottonwood Heights. ■



*Photo by August Miller*

# New SL County GOP Chair



Cottonwood Heights resident Suzanne Mulet was recently elected Salt Lake County Republican Party Chair. Congratulations, Suzanne! ■

# New Rec. Center Director

The Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center has a new director. His name is Ben Hill, and he took over for Mike Peterson (current Cottonwood Heights city councilman), who retired in May. Welcome, Ben! ■

