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What to expect in the 2021-2022 budget

By city manager Tim Tingey



As you may be aware, the process and adoption of the annual city budget is a critical city function to ensure funding for many of the important programs and services Cottonwood Heights provides. The budget allocations provide

important funding for road and infrastructure improvements, public safety, expanded parks and open space, and operational functions to administer projects, services, and programs to enhance our residents' quality of life.

In January 2021, the city began the budget process with multiple steps, including the city council setting priorities, finance staff preparing a five-year plan, and department directors submitting budget proposals for review.

The Benefits and Compensation and Budget committees, consisting of city council members, then evaluated the draft budget proposals. After review, input and committee recommendations, the full city council held multiple work session meetings and deliberated on the proposed budget. Two public budget hearings allowed public comment for 42 days prior to adoption.

On June 15, our mayor and city council voted to adopt the 2021-2022 budget. Here are some highlights to review:

More funds for road improvements:

The 2021-2022 capital improvements fund includes more than \$2.3 million dedicated to public works road projects, including:

- City striping
- Road overlay projects
- Prep work for 2022-2023 projects
- Roadway surface treatments
- Speed mitigation projects

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

AUGUST 3

- COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION SERVICE AREA REPORT
- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL RECOVERY FUND DISCUSSION
- CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE
- GRAVEL PIT DEVELOPMENT DECISION
- CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

AUGUST 17

- BROOKSEE PRESENTATION OF BIG COTTONWOOD MARATHON
- GENERAL PLAN INTRODUCTION
- PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE PROJECT PRIORITY DISCUSSION
- JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 1700 E SIDEWALK
- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL RECOVERY FUND DECISION

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History question
of the month**Answer on page 6**

What Butler resident, when chided by family and friends for settling on a gravelly, arid piece of property in Butler, said, "You just wait and see. This country is going to blossom like a rose?"

Support local food trucks at Mountview Park on Tuesdays throughout August

Get dinner or dessert from a different food truck each Tuesday evening in August at Mountview Park (1651 E Fort Union Blvd) from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.!

The following businesses are participating in Food Truck League Night:

- **Aug. 3:** Utah Killer Dogs, Dakine Grindz, and CC Pops
- **Aug. 10:** Ay Chato and Falafel Tree
- **Aug. 17:** Fatty Tuna, Jamaica's Kitchen, and CC Pops

- **Aug. 24:** South of the Border and Kia Ora Kiwi
- **Aug. 31:** Utah Killer Dogs and Abiyaki Hibachi Grill

This schedule is subject to change. Check the community calendar at ch.utah.gov or follow us on social media for the most up-to-date schedule:

- **Facebook:** /CHCity
- **Instagram:** @cottonwoodheights
- **Twitter:** @CHCity ■

Vendors needed for Bark in the Park
Sept. 18 at Mountview Park

Cottonwood Heights is looking for animal-friendly vendors for this year's Bark in the Park, held Saturday, Sept. 18, at Mountview Park.

To reserve your spot or get more information, contact Ann Eatchel, culture manager, at aeatchel@ch.utah.gov or 801-550-8225. ■

Volunteer with Cottonwood Heights
on the National Day of Service

Participate in the National Day of Service on Sept. 11 by cleaning up Cottonwood Heights parks and hiking trails.

The city is also seeking service opportunities within neighborhoods. If you are aware of areas that need attention or would like to help, call, text, or email Adam Romney at 801-699-4391 or adamwromneyut@gmail.com. ■



What to expect continued from cover

- Walkway and intersection improvements
- Multiple sidewalk projects
- Bike lane improvements

New stormwater fund: A stormwater fund and fee was established to cover significant stormwater maintenance and capital expenses identified in a firm's study. Residents will pay \$7.50 per equivalent residential unit (ERU) monthly, which will generate about \$1.4 million for stormwater expenses, including:

- Repairing and replacing aging stormwater lines and infrastructure
- Flushing stormwater manholes and inlets
- Raising buried storm drain manholes
- Replacing waterways
- Meeting federal regulation requirements
- Reserving funding for emergency repairs

Increased funding for police and public safety: We allocated additional funding to buy updated equipment for our police department.

There was also an increase in overtime work for heavy snow days, enhanced funding for diversity and de-escalation officer training, additional emergency management funds, and a minor fire services contract increase.

Funding to complete the Ferguson Canyon Park project: The budget dedicates \$61,000 to complete the new park at the Ferguson Canyon trailhead, which will include a pavilion, asphalt loop path, natural path, restroom, and fenced off-leash dog area. A \$150,000 Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant will offset some of the Ferguson Canyon Park project costs.

The budget process was very comprehensive and involved hundreds of hours of review and work by city staff and the city council. We appreciate the input from the public on the budget, which serves as a critical policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communication device.

Our 2020-2021 fiscal budget was recently

awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award is based on an assessment of a panel of independent reviewers and is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

This demonstrates our city staff and elected officials' great commitment in overseeing and managing the budget, and I am grateful our city was recognized with this award.

In my work in local government over the past 23 years in three separate cities, I have not been involved in a more collaborative and transparent process than the work in this past budget year. It is a privilege to work at Cottonwood Heights with staff from all departments and elected officials who dedicate their time and expertise to make our city a great place.

To view the full 2021-2022 adopted budget outline, visit ch.utah.gov/your-government/finance/budget-financial-reporting. ■

Cottonwood Heights residents eligible for water conservation programs

Beginning in August 2021, Cottonwood Heights residents can apply for the Flip Your Strip and Localscapes rewards programs, which include rebates for waterwise landscaping, park strip conversion and landscape consultations. These programs previously weren't available to Cottonwood Heights residents.

We are excited about this timely opportunity for city residents seeking more water-efficient property improvements. Visit utahwatersavers.com to learn more and apply, and contact the city at sustainability@ch.utah.gov to learn more about this and other programs. ■



Mayoral and city council candidates: Declare candidacy Aug. 10-17

Candidates must file a declaration of candidacy in person with the city recorder at city hall beginning Tuesday, Aug. 10, through Tuesday, Aug. 17.

The following seats are open in 2021:

- Mayor
- District 3 council member
- District 4 council member

Email the city recorder at recorder@ch.utah.gov for more information. You can find a district map at ch.utah.gov/community/maps.

To run for office, candidates must:

- Be a Cottonwood Heights resident for at least one year
- Be a resident of the council district for which they are running
- Be a current Cottonwood Heights registered voter

The Cottonwood Heights mayor and city council members voted to implement ranked-choice voting in the general election, held Tuesday, Nov. 2. Visit ch.utah.gov/your-government/public-records-notices/ranked-choice-voting to learn more about the benefits of this type of ballot and how it works. ■

What to know about accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in Cottonwood Heights

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are separate home areas rented and occupied by another family on the same property. Cottonwood Heights city code does not allow them in single-family zoning districts. The city council considered an ordinance allowing ADUs in 2019 but ultimately didn't adopt it after public input, hearings, and open houses.

However, the Utah State Legislature recently passed House Bill 82, which mandates that every city allow ADUs in single-family residential areas

effective Oct. 1, 2021. The legislation allows all cities limited local authority to manage and regulate ADUs. Here are examples of things cities can require:

- **Owner occupancy:** The property owner must live there permanently if running an ADU
- **Long-term rentals only:** Cities can restrict ADUs for rentals fewer than 30 days
- **Parking:** Properties with ADUs must have one extra parking stall
- **Licensing:** Owners must get an ADU

license or permit and may need to upgrade spaces to comply with building, fire, and health codes

Without an ordinance, ADUs will be permitted with no regulation Oct. 1, 2021. The city's Planning Commission reviewed a draft ordinance, and the city council will discuss it, take public comment, and vote on it in August and September. Email Mike Johnson, community & economic development director, at mjohnson@ch.utah.gov if you have questions. ■

Officer John Lovato retires: Sharing memories of 20 years of service

Chief Robby Russo



After spending 20 years with the military and another distinguished 20 years serving as our animal control officer, John Lovato recently retired from public service. His supervisor and coworker, Sergeant

John is to the animal business as Google is to the knowledge business. He will always stand out in my mind as a man who is truly dedicated to his craft. In fact, he ensured Cottonwood Heights was a no-kill shelter and found new forever homes for countless animals. He developed an extraordinary relationship with the veterinary community, and although the city had a limited budget, John ensured every injured animal in his custody received treatment.

JD Tazoi, recently gave the greatest tribute to John. He wrote:

I have many memories of John and his hard work. Some of my favorites include the time when he and his partner wrangled a deer, the occasion when he played Santa for a Fraternal Order of Police Christmas party, and the instance when he climbed through a window in a burning home to save the occupants from certain death.

I also remember him climbing into storm drains to save ducks, chasing rabbits through backyards and up hills, leading chickens back to their owners, and returning lost pets to distraught owners. These sum up an easy day for John.

John would bring lost dogs into the station for safekeeping for the owners to avoid placing them in the shelter, and we were all privileged to share the daycare and playtime responsibilities until the owners returned home from work.

John was the epitome of an ideal employee. He was early to work, put in 100% every day, and was knowledgeable, passionate, and always willing to help. His work product was always immaculate, no cutting corners or half-measures. He would go above and beyond and try to find the best way to do things that were fair, but he also solved problems for our citizens who had his number on speed-dial. He was a villain in some eyes, but a savior to countless others.



I am truly unable to express the level of thanks and gratitude I have for John — for all he is and will forever be, for everything he has done for Cottonwood Heights residents but also for the department, past, present and future. ■

Free COVID-19 testing Wednesday and Friday mornings at city hall

Positive COVID-19 cases are rising again in Utah. The Utah Department of Health will continue parking its mobile testing van in the Cottonwood Heights city hall parking lot (2277 E Bengal Blvd) to offer free rapid antigen and both nasal and saliva PCR tests throughout August.

Preregister at redcap.link/utah.gov-CTNWD.HGTS and come Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon. UDOH can test anyone older than 3 years old. ■

COVID-19 vaccines available at community and county clinics

Visit SaltLakeHealth.org to find free COVID-19 vaccine clinics through the Salt Lake County Health Department or community. Walk-ins are welcome, and no appointment is necessary. You can also visit VaccineFinder.com and enter your zip code to find a private provider near you and schedule an appointment.

Reminders:

- A parent or guardian must accompany those under 18
- Clinics cannot guarantee which vaccine brand you will receive
- You can't be vaccinated if you've had passive antibody therapy to treat COVID-19 within 90 days or currently have COVID-19
- Clinics will schedule your second dose when you get your first dose (you can log into your account to change the appointment)
- You can now receive a second dose from SLCHD if you received a first dose (Pfizer or Moderna) from a different provider ■

COVID-19 VACCINE GET THE FACTS...

The COVID vaccine is based on almost 20 years of scientific research, and it was developed using unlimited funds, tens of thousands of volunteers—and without the typical government red tape. That's why we can say it's safe and effective, even though it happened quickly. But if you don't trust that, trust the 45 percent of America that is now fully vaccinated; they're protecting themselves and the loved ones around them.

151 million people in the U.S. are fully vaccinated, with fewer than one-in-a-million serious side effects.

600,000 Americans are dead because of COVID-19 and 11 million survivors continue to suffer from long-term side effects of the disease.

The vaccine is effective against the potentially more contagious and severe Delta variant as well as all other types of COVID viruses.

The vaccines don't interact in any way with a person's DNA and there is no evidence the vaccine affects people's ability to have children.

People who aren't vaccinated now make up almost all COVID deaths.

...then GET THE SHOT ➔
Visit SaltLakeHealth.org for vaccine locations.

Michael J. Peterson Pickleball Courts dedicated July 19

The Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication for the newly named Michael J. Peterson Pickleball Courts, just west of the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center.

Prior to beginning his term as mayor in 2018, Mayor Peterson served as CHPRSA's director from 2000 - 2015. He is passionate about outdoor recreation and is often playing pickleball with friends or enjoying one of the city's parks and trails.

"It is an honor to be able to name the courts after him," shares Ben Hill, executive director for the Cottonwood Heights Parks & Service Area. "Thank you, Mayor Peterson, for everything you have done to help bring people together in such a positive way." ■



Photos courtesy Allie Brown, CHPRSA

WFWRD driver recognized nationally

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) recently announced that 13-year veteran Ryan Jones won the prestigious 2021 Driver of the Year award from the National Waste and Recycling Association for the public sector.

Ryan is the fifth Driver of the Year recipient from WFWRD. His example represents the organization's commitment to safe and effective service for customers. ■



Three Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District services you might not know about

In addition to standard curbside waste and recycling collection, WFWRD offers subscription curbside green waste.

You can also rent bulk waste and green waste trailers and pick up landfill vouchers for

residential truck or trailer loads at city hall.

As Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District residents, you have access to these and all other services. Visit wasatchfrontwaste.org for more information. ■



Don't put plastic bags in blue recycling cans

WFWRD is still seeing many plastic bags in the curbside recycle cans. Never put these or thin-film plastic materials in your blue can. These bags create a lot of problems at the recycling processing facility.

Most grocery stores have collection bins for plastic bags. Drop your bags off at these stores while you're shopping to ensure plastic bags can be properly recycled and stay out of our landfills. ■

Answer

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Charles Robert Wootton was born July 4, 1847, in Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, England. His mother died when he was 10 years old. In 1860, he, his father and brother, Fredrick, left their home in England, arriving in Boston sometime during 1861. They had only enough money to make it to Florence, Neb. At 14, Charles was sent ahead to Utah with a man who was ill and unable to drive his wagon.

Charles stayed in the Salt Lake Valley for several years working as a farm hand in the summer and hauling granite and ore. In the winters he hauled logs from Millcreek Canyon. During this time, he served in the Utah Calvary and also discovered Maxfield Mine in Big Cottonwood Canyon with other explorers.

In December of 1878, he married Esther Ballard, and their first son, William C. Wootton, was born the next November. Five months later, in April 1880, they moved to the top of Butler Hill on the north side of today's Ft. Union Blvd. He built a house for his family and began clearing the gravelly soil of boulders

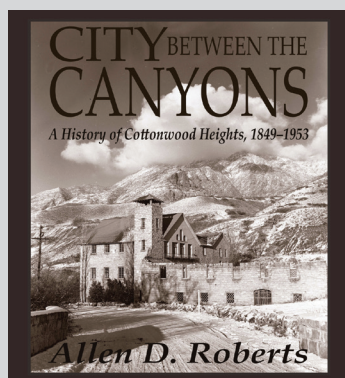


so he could plant crops.

Charles turned his gravelly land into a place of beauty. In the mid 1890s he built a large new home that became the showplace of the community. He was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was active in civic affairs. He served as a trustee for the school district and several terms as road commissioner. He served as

a convention representative for the People's Party and in 1887 was elected poundkeeper of the Butlerville Estray Pound, a place where stray livestock stayed until the owner arrived (or was auctioned if no one claimed it).

When the Brown and Sanford Irrigation Company was incorporated in 1900, he was one of the directors and served in that capacity for many years. ■



Buy the book!

Find more community stories in the book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*. Buy yours at city hall for \$20 (3 for \$50) or order it online at ch.utah.gov/community/history/history-book for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■




COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
PARKS & RECREATION SERVICE AREA

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City council members

MAYOR - Michael J. Peterson

DIST# 1: Douglas Petersen

DIST# 2: J. Scott Bracken

DIST# 3: Tali C. Bruce

DIST# 4: Christine Watson Mikell

CITY MANAGER: Tim Tingey

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City planning 944-7065

Public works..... 944-7000

Recorder 944-7021

Finance director 944-7012

Code enforcement..... 944-7095

Police administration..... 944-7100

City council meetings

Aug. 3: Work session 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

Aug. 17: Work session 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

(Work session may reconvene after business meeting.)

Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings.

For agenda details, visit ch.utah.gov.

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

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Back to school: Register now for the 2021-2022 school year

Canyons District schools are gearing up to welcome students with familiar faces and enthusiastic high-fives. Online registration for the coming school year starts **Monday, Aug. 2**, at canyonsdistrict.org, but you can complete the registration process when it's convenient for your family. Registering after Aug. 2 will not impact your child's teacher or course selection.

When classes resume, Canyons will follow all applicable state laws and health orders while continuing to prioritize in-classroom instruction and offering online learning

options. Schools will carry forward with sophisticated cleaning routines and air filtration improvements and resume their usual schedules, field trips, and assemblies. ■

For your calendar

> Online registration: **Mon., Aug. 2**

> First day of school: **Mon., Aug. 16**

> First day of kindergarten: **Thurs., Aug. 19**



Registration continues for Canyons Online

Canyons Online will provide high-quality online classes to CSD students. Licensed teachers with advanced training in the best digital teaching and learning practices will lead classes in core subjects.

The application will remain open until enrollment reaches capacity, and then district officials will add applicants to a wait list. Families can apply now for fall 2021 at canyonsonline.canyonsdistrict.org. ■

Bus drivers, lunch workers, aides needed

Canyons District needs bus drivers, lunch workers, and classroom aides for the coming school year. Full-time bus drivers are now earning \$21 an hour with free commercial driver license training. The school district recently approved salary increases for lunch workers and aides, great jobs for parents who want flexible work schedules.

#TeamCSD is a great way to get involved in your child's school while earning extra money, and Canyons offers competitive benefits and provides room for professional advancement. Join us in serving up smiles and making sure students make it to school each day safe and ready to learn! Go to canyonsdistrict.org to submit your application. ■



Business spotlight

Emissary of Light Massage & Harmony Massage | 6715 S 1300 E #105

Emissary of Light Massage (Kimberly) and Harmony Massage (Kathryn) are excited to join the Cottonwood Heights community.

Kimberly and Kathryn both have more than 16 years of massage experience and previously worked in Sugarhouse for more than 10 years. They recently lost everything in a fire.

Kim specializes in ashiatsu massage, cupping, and deep tissue massage. Call or text her at 801-604-2502 to learn more or visit emissaryoflightmassage.com.

Kathryn works in the Intuitive Center and specializes in injury, medical, and relaxation massage techniques. Call or text her at 801-834-4068 to learn more or visit harmonymassage-utah.com. ■



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