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BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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Giving Thanks in a World that has Changed in a Year

By Council Member Scott Bracken



A year ago, we had just completed our municipal elections, and the holiday season for 2019 was being celebrated, with nary a thought of PPE, mask wearing, hospital shortages or Zoom meetings. We were still going to sporting, community and religious events without a second thought; we still had four months or so of 'normal' left.

The drastic changes in our world over the last nine months have touched us all. We miss the social interactions with our friends. Many now know what 'online only school' and 'work from home' entail. We realize that it is possible for our grocery stores to run out of some items when panic purchasing takes place. But most

poignant, we have lost friends, family members and community members. Our new paradigm means even grieving with each other has had to change.

The 2020 holiday season is now upon us. Yes, it must be different until a permanent solution to the pandemic is found, but it is still a time to reflect and find joy where we may. I am grateful to the thousands of Cottonwood Heights citizens who help their neighbors every day. One example (among many) is the 'mysterious' Grandma Pat dropping off gifts of kindness throughout the neighborhood. I do not know who she might be, but I see the expressions of gratitude posted by the recipients.

I see many other acts of community and kindness via social media. A recent call for blankets for a family in need as the nights turned cold was answered within minutes. Lost pets have been found, furniture moved,

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Their mask protects you.



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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

DECEMBER 1

- CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS
- FERGUSON CANYON ON-STREET PARKING AREA PUBLIC HEARING
- STORM WATER CONSULTING AGREEMENT
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING TEXT AMENDMENT

DECEMBER 15

- BUDGET BOOK PRESENTATION
- AUDIT REPORT AND COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION
- COMPENSATION BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
- GRAVEL PIT DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION
- FERGUSON CANYON ON-STREET PARKING DECISION
- NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GOOGLE FIBER LLC
- HISTORIC COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

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Thank You from the Arts Council

Thank you to all the artists who made the Virtual Art Show last month a success. The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council was able to put on its annual fine art show virtually on their Facebook page. With more than 70 entries, there was a plethora of different art forms to view and behold.

It has been proven that art can help improve a person's health and well-being. Several studies have shown that people who participate in cultural activities like viewing art can get a boost in satisfaction with life. The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council invites you to boost your health by hopping onto our Facebook page and interacting with the artists who shared their work virtually last month. A bonus is that this can be done from the comfort of your own home. Until we can meet in person again, we invite you to view our Facebook page for many more events such as the Virtual Art Show. ■



History Question of the Month

What early resident of Cottonwood Heights homesteaded 80 acres of land in the upper Creek Road area of today's city?

Answer on page 6

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

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NOV. 30 - DEC. 10.



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and errands run. These are simple things for some, but critical when you can't do it for yourself. Often just saying 'hi' or holding a door, providing a meal, tutoring or cleaning out a yard are things community members do to make life better. Thanks to so many of you, this last year has been better than it would have been otherwise. It truly reflects a spirit of Thanksgiving and the holiday frame of mind.

It has been nice to witness the increase of people enjoying neighborhood walks and bike rides. We all understand the desire to get out of the house; and doing so while keeping safe distances from members of other households has been great to see. We were able to enjoy a rolling car show this summer, and a virtual Thanksgiving 5K this year.

City operations have continued. Our first responders still respond; our roads are being maintained; our trash and recycling (and green and glass for some) are picked up each week. Services that require personal contact have

been adjusted to make such interactions as safe as possible.

During the upcoming holiday season and winter months, please take a few seconds to thank a police officer, firefighter, plow driver or other municipal employee. They help keep our community safe and strong. Some of our own CH employees, just like many of us, have experienced tragedy and stress in their daily lives and letting them know of your support can lift morale. Thank any others in your life who help you get along, such as teachers, medical professionals, caregivers, delivery drivers or even the neighbor down the street who just makes you laugh.

As we work together through societal change that none of us could have predicted, let's take the opportunity to look at how we have changed, appreciate the good parts and integrate them with us as create our new normal. ■



What's the difference between a cold, the flu, seasonal allergies and coronavirus?

Fever, chills, body aches, and cough. All the symptoms seem the same for a cold, the flu, seasonal allergies, and coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

How do you know the difference? Here's information to help you better understand the signs, symptoms, and treatments.



Coronavirus vs Flu: Symptoms are similar				
Symptoms	Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms range from mild to severe	Influenza (FLU) Abrupt onset of symptoms	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms	Seasonal Allergies Symptoms improve or worsen depending on environment
Fever	Often	Often	Rare	Sometimes
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Often
Cough	Often (usually dry)	Often (usually dry)	Mild	Often
Sneezing	No	No	Often	Often
Aches & Pains	Sometimes	Often	Often	No
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Rare	Sometimes	Often	Often
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Often	No
Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes in Children	No	No
Headaches	Sometimes	Often	Rare	Sometimes
Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing	Often	Rare	Rare	Rare
Loss of taste and smell	Often	Rare	Rare	Rare

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Practice Caution When Using Pedestrian Crossings

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



The Police Department recently investigated an auto vs. pedestrian accident on Highland Drive at the I-215 onramp. This intersection has a designated crosswalk and overhead lights. When pedestrians approach and push the button, it activates the (amber not red) flashing lights, called Hawk Signals, and a “walk” sign appears leaving the pedestrian with the impression they can proceed.

Although the law requires drivers to stop when the light is flashing and a pedestrian is crossing, they are getting up to speed to enter the freeway. This was the case when a young boy was struck and seriously injured. Seeing the walk indicator, he assumed the

approach was safe; it was not. The approach also is angled, which contributes to the hazard.

Many Hawk Signals will begin flashing amber lights to warn motorists, then turn red before displaying a “walk” indicator. It’s important to have a discussion with your children, explaining that although cars should stop, they often do not.

Take a defensive approach and scan the road to make sure vehicles are yielding before stepping into the roadway. Always make eye contact with the motorist before crossing.

Drivers, you don’t have to stay stopped the entire time the light is flashing — only when someone is crossing. That’s why the signals use an amber light, signaling caution, as opposed to a red light, which would indicate a complete stop. Once the person or bike clears through your side of traffic and is on the other side of the median, you can go. ■



We Did It!

Twenty-six acres of land at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon is now preserved into perpetuity.

By Melissa Fields, Cottonwood Heights Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee

Late last month, Utah Open Lands’ (UOL) effort to preserve 26 acres of land on the north side of the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon came to a triumphant end. The 30-year-old land trust successfully raised \$2,800,000 to purchase the land, which it then deeded to the City of Cottonwood Heights. UOL has, however, retained a conservation easement to protect this land from

development into perpetuity, but that allows for continued public access.

“I’m so excited and appreciative of the efforts by so many to preserve this unique and important piece of open space within our community,” said Cottonwood Heights Mayor Mike Peterson. “The chance to acquire the 26 acres, and therefore preserve it for generations to come, was an opportunity we could not refuse.”

Despite being in the midst of the worldwide pandemic, more than 500 private citizens and ten public entities came together to keep this iconic piece of open space from being developed. Contributors include the City of Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, LeRay McAllister Critical Lands Conservation Fund, Salt Lake Public Utilities, Central Wasatch Commission, the cities of Sandy and Draper, Granite Construction, Miller Paving, Friends of Alta, Wasatch Mountain Club and the previous landowners, who generously accepted a final sale price \$1 million less the land’s appraised value. Notably, the AHE/CI Trust pledged a \$200,000 challenge grant to the effort, which when met, trust managers then contributed an additional \$25,000.

“Twenty-twenty challenged us all, but amid the frightening headlines there was this constant ray of hope that we would preserve a piece of what provided normalcy to people’s lives—the land

at the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon,” said Wendy Fisher, Executive Director, Utah Open Lands. “After thirty years of land preservation, overcoming the hurdles of saving land amid a pandemic will be one we remember.”

This year also marks the Wasatch Mountain Club’s (WMC) 100th anniversary, a seminal event that group chose to mark by supporting preservation of this open space. “The WMC was delighted to dedicate this year’s conservation dollars to this acquisition,” said Julie Kilgore, WMC president. “This land provides important future access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, climbing areas and Def Smith Canyon.”

Moving forward, Cottonwood Heights city staff will explore opportunities to provide appropriate public access to trails and open space from the land, as envisioned in multiple city master plans. “The purchase of this parcel fits well within the Cottonwood Heights’ goal of preserving undeveloped open space as referenced in the Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan, Bonneville Shoreline Trail Master Plan and General Plan,” said Mike Johnson, the Community and Economic Development Director.

For now and into the future, the land will remain open for the public to enjoy as they have for years: as a place to walk, cycle or to simply sit and watch the sunset over the Salt Lake Valley. ■



Cottonwood Heights Mayor Mike Peterson, Councilmembers Doug Petersen and Christine Mikell, Wasatch Mountain Club President Julie Kilgore, Executive Director, Utah Open Lands Wendy Fisher and others gather to celebrate preservation of 26 acres of open space at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Photo courtesy of Tali Bruce, Council Woman, District 3.

Updates from the District

Area Cleanup Evaluation Results

Due primarily to staffing issues, which were compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, WFWRD delayed the start and operated a modified version of the Area Cleanup Program (ACUP) in 2020. Residents were given the option to reserve a container and have it parked in their driveways. It was initially met with opposition and complaints, but WFWRD received many compliments from those who participated, after receiving the service.

WFWRD conducted a survey for this service and received 2,735 survey responses. The districtwide overall satisfaction was 83.1%. There were 424 surveys completed by Cottonwood Heights residents with a 77.3% satisfaction rate for this year's program. Many of the concerns expressed by residents related to scheduling

a container. WFWRD is working to improve the scheduling system for the 2021 season.

Other information: There were a total of 9,548 containers delivered to district residents this year with 861 to Cottonwood Heights residents.

Download and view the entire survey report at: <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/area-clean-up>. ■



Green Waste Collection

The last pickup date for Green Waste Collection in 2020 for Cottonwood Heights will be Wednesday, Dec. 9. WFWRD reminds residents to not place the green cans out on the curb after that date. They will not be picked up nor emptied. Collections for green waste, in Cottonwood Heights, will resume Wednesday, March 17, 2021. ■



Cottonwood Heights City Hall & Police Department Requires



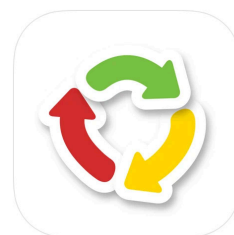
Slow the spread of COVID-19



Tools for Successful Recycling

Over the last year, WFWRD has taken steps to make its recycling education more accessible. For residents, the district has two exciting ways and one new tool to access education.

The new tool is called Recycle Right, which allows residents to look up any item and find out how to properly dispose of it. You can lookup items like plastic bottles, baking trays, air conditioners and dog food bags. One of the great features of this tool is if you look up an item and don't find it, you can "suggest it." This means the WFWRD team will look into it, find how to dispose of it and add it to their Recycle Right tool.



To access this tool, go to: <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/recycling>.

To download the app, visit Google Play or the Apple Store, and search for "WFWRD" ■

Answer

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Christen Johnson was from Denmark. He immigrated to Utah where he married Johanna Marie Eugenia Hultqvist, of Sweden, on Aug. 10, 1874. Johnson became a United States citizen on Sept. 28, 1876. He and his wife settled in Big Cottonwood (what is now Holladay). In December 1880, he applied for a 160-acre homestead grant. This included 80 acres located between 2300 East and 2700 East and 7800 South to 8000 South, in what is the now the upper Creek Road area, and 80 acres in the northwest corner of Danish Town.

In April 1885, he applied for a patent (deed) on his property. He had managed to cultivate about 20 acres of his land, build two stables, two corrals, a stockyard and a granary. He also planted an orchard. Besides farming, he also worked for a short time on the railroad.

About 1890, he sold about 40 acres of his property in Danish Town to Joseph Newman. During 1891, he sold the property located on upper Creek Road to Edward Kollicker, Chris Hemmert and Joseph Bissenger. Sometime prior to 1892, he moved his family to Salt Lake City. Around 1895, he sold the rest of his farm in Danish Town to August Hauptfleisch.

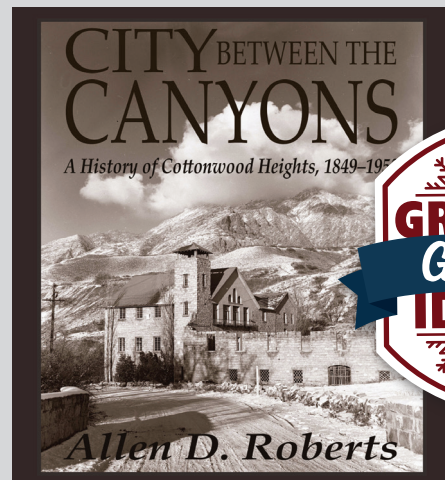
Johnson then left the area and obtained work as a coal miner in Winter Quarters, Utah, where he was killed on May 1, 1900, along with 200 other miners in what for many years was the most deadly mining accident in the states. He left a wife and seven children. Winter Quarters, Utah, was a bustling mining town until the mine closed in 1922 and the company moved operations to Castle Gate. By 1930, the town was deserted. It is now a ghost town located west of Scofield. ■



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 or email Culture Manager Ann Eatchel at 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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City Council Meetings

Dec. 1 - Work Session 5 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7 p.m.

Dec. 15 - 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

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. The Dec. 2 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

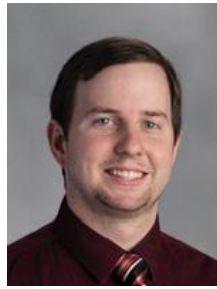
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Brighton Teacher Honored for Bringing Magic of Science to Life



If you were to stop by Austin Gillespie's chemistry classroom at Brighton High School, you might see some intriguing flashes of green fire or a contact explosive erupt into a plume of purple smoke. It's part of a magic show he normally does to show his students the wonder of science. "I try to make chemistry fun," Gillespie says. "It's one of those things that a bad teacher can really just ruin the subject for you. Whenever I get a student who says, 'I hate chemistry,' it makes my heart sink because chemistry should be a fun and exciting subject."

His talent and passion were among the reasons Gillespie was selected to win the Ronald and Eileen Ragsdale Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher Award from the chemistry department at the University of Utah. Each year, the award is given to a chemistry teacher from Utah who has demonstrated excellence in the teaching of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate chemistry classes.

Gillespie's love of chemistry is what compelled him to become a teacher in the first place. After finishing school, he started teaching at Brighton eight years ago. "I originally had aspirations of being a doctor when I went to college but I loved chemistry and I enjoyed teaching, and I ended up in high school," Gillespie said. "I've loved every day." ■

Make a Difference, Sign up to Substitute Teach

Members of the community looking for ways to support teachers and students have a unique opportunity this year to pitch in where it counts: the classroom. Canyons School District's raft of certified substitute teachers is larger this year than ever before, but the demand for substitutes is higher, too.

While in-school trainings — which previously required substitutes to fill in at school so teachers could attend during class time — have been suspended this year, teachers still require substitutes for medical reasons, such as maternity leave or surgery. With COVID-related health and safety precautions, many teachers, out of abundance of caution, also are having to stay home with a sore throat, a cough or the sniffles. "We are maxing out every day," said Sally Sansom, Canyons District Human Resources Administrator. "We are having over 100 requests per day for substitutes." This year, despite having nearly 400 substitutes in its pool, Canyons is looking for members in the community

who would consider working as an emergency substitute to step in and fill in the gaps.

Even non-teacher employees in the District have stepped up to cover classrooms in a pinch. More information about how to lend a helping hand can be found at canyonsdistrict.org. ■

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Business Spotlights

Betsy Couture

Betsy Couture specializes in creating custom wedding gowns inspired by you. Whether it's a turn-of-the-century ballgown, a Hollywood glamor gown, a fun, flirty '50s dress or a Boho rustic look all your own, Betsy Couture will create your vision into a stunning piece of wearable art that reflects your taste and personality. "I specialize in vintage gown redesigns, where I use your family heirloom gown, and either refit it to you or completely redesign it into an all new design of your liking," said owner Betsy Barker. "Each and every gown that comes out of my shop is completely handcrafted and made to measure. You will own a dress that is beautiful, unique and original."

Barker has more than 40 years of experience working as a fashion designer, including designing for bridal boutiques in Los Angeles and for brides in both the United States and abroad. She has won multiple awards in the wedding gown industry, including "The Knot Best of Weddings" five times, the Wedding Wire "Couples Choice Award" six times and "Best Wedding Gowns Utah" continually since 2012. Betsy Couture has been a featured designer on the top-five international wedding blogs, including Green Wedding Shoes, Wedding Chicks, Ruffled, 100-Layer Cake and Style Me Pretty. You can also find Betsy Couture locally on Utah Valley Bride and Utah Bride & Groom.



Contact Barker at www.betsycouture.com or betsycouturevintage@gmail.com. ■

Carmine's Italian Cuisine | 2477 Fort Union Blvd.

You'll want to check out Carmine's Italian Cuisine's pentola gigante. The "giant pan" is a handmade pan made from Carmine's family in Italy. The restaurant notes that Italians are all about families and they cannot cook for only two to four people. They get together with family and friends, and so for that reason Chef Carmine came up with the idea of bringing the giant pan to the United States. Carmine's Italian Restaurant is the first in Utah to feature this beautiful pentola gigante. The pan is 5 feet in diameter and in about 90 minutes, the restaurant can cook 50 pounds of pasta of all varieties for up to 200 people. When we can

get together in large groups again, make your reservations by calling 801-948-4468 for a wonderful experience.



Until then, when you order takeout from Carmine's, they will give you 10% off your order.

Chef Carmine and his manager, Florida, have been working very hard for three years and appreciate all the support from our neighborhood and community, especially

during this time of COVID-19. Follow them on FB and Instagram. ■



Stretch Zone | 1844 E. Fort Union Blvd., #7



Thanks to the modern sedentary lifestyle, starting in your 30s, most people start losing flexibility at an average rate of 1% a year. Strains and micro-stresses on your muscles compounded over time can glue them together. This "glue," or scar tissue, tightens the surrounding tissue and restrains how you're able to move. Over time, the snowballing loss of flexibility ages you.

Stretch Zone's isolation of individual

muscles within a muscle group breaks up the glue, unwrapping the stranglehold on your posture and valuable energy. Proper stretching slows down the aging process. You can even feel younger by improving posture, circulation and pain-free full range of motion. Stretch Zone has patented equipment to maximize the benefits of stretch. Stop by and visit them. They just opened in Cottonwood Heights. ■

CHBA Thanks You for Successful Community Projects

Cottonwood Heights Business Association (CHBA) gives a big "THANK YOU" to our Cottonwood Heights residents and businesses. Thank you for stepping up to help families at The Road Home in Midvale with your generous donations.

The Toy and Food Gift Card Drive and the Sub for Santa programs were a huge success once again this year. In partnering with several schools in our community, we were able to help many families in need with their Christmas. We appreciate your generosity and support this holiday season. ■

Thank
You