



DUI Checkpoints

City Council Article J. Scott Bracken – District #2

The city council has always put public safety at the top of the list of budget goals each year. One of the many ways our police department works to keep our streets safe is by running “administrative checkpoints,” as they did on June 7.

I took the opportunity to spend a couple of hours on Highland Drive that night to watch how the checkpoint was run and get a better idea of who’s on the road on a typical Friday evening. I find it gratifying that when CHPD runs these checkpoints each year, a number of drivers make very positive comments and say “thank you” for doing the screening and conducting such proactive activities in the city.

Not everyone is pleased, of course. This year one driver that was in the bypass lane decided to stop further down the road, get out of his car and walk back to the checkpoint to express displeasure at the whole process. After being asked several times to return to his vehicle so that officers could do their job, the driver refused, wandered into traffic, and inserted himself into the

field sobriety test of another driver which resulted in his own arrest. He was later found to be intoxicated at almost double the legal limit!

Sgt. Scott Peck was the checkpoint coordinator and did a great job supervising 19 CHPD officers and staff, 10 Utah Highway Patrol troopers, and three West Valley City Police Department observers. The BAT-mobile—a mobile Breath/Blood Alcohol Testing Vehicle—was also on scene. A Utah Department of Public Safety/Highway Safety grant pays for the officers’ time and other expenses so the impact on our city budget is minimal. They also supplied pizza and beverages for those working the checkpoint, and I believe I saw the mayor with a plate of homemade cookies for the few lucky officers who got to them before they disappeared.

Sgt. Peck had to operate under some new laws passed during the last legislative session. Previously, drivers were checked for license and registration compliance and if there was a problem or probable cause for DUI or another violation,

they were asked to pull aside for further investigation. This year, each screened driver was informed that the police were conducting an administrative checkpoint and then were asked if they’d had anything to drink that evening. They were not required to show their driver’s license and registration. The result was that the average amount of time a driver was stopped because of the checkpoint was dramatically shorter than at previous checkpoints.

During the first hour of the checkpoint from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., the average screening time was 49 seconds. That’s significantly less than the average wait time for a red light at Fort Union Boulevard and Highland Drive. The second hour’s average screening time was 63 seconds--still less than the Fort Union/Highland stop light. During the third hour, average screening time was 43 seconds and from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. the delay was only 23 seconds. This compares favorably to last year’s screening time average of 87 seconds, all with a similar number of citations and infractions.

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City Will Vote By Mail For Municipal Elections

This year, Cottonwood Heights agreed to be a test case for Salt Lake County by conducting the municipal election primarily through mail-in ballots. Postcards have been sent to all registered voters in the city to inform them of the change in process and to provide information on how to vote by mail.

Beginning July 8, primary election ballots, along with instructions for filling out and returning the ballots, will be mailed to registered voters in District Three who actively participated in the voting process sometime in the last four years. Information was sent to registered voters who have not voted recently with information on how to request a

ballot. To be counted in the primary election, ballots must be postmarked by Aug. 12 or they may be dropped at the Salt Lake County Clerk’s office or at the Cottonwood Heights City Recorder’s office through 8 p.m. on Election Day, Aug. 13.

Residents may also vote at any early voting location or at the Salt Lake County Election Division through Aug. 9. Those who choose to vote at an early voting location must take their unmarked mail-in ballot and surrender it to an election worker.

Those who wish to register to vote can register by mail, in person at the Salt Lake County Clerk’s office, or online. Voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before the

election if registering by mail. Online and in-person voting must be done at least 15 days before the election.

For more information on voting by mail, please contact the Salt Lake County Clerk’s office at 385-GOT-VOTE (385-468-8683) or send an email to votebymail@slco.org

PRIMARY ELECTION
Aug. 13, 2013

GENERAL ELECTION
Nov. 5, 2013

VOTER INFORMATION
www.clerk.slco.org

July 2013

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER



Asst. Chief Mike Watson

FIREWORK SAFETY

Fireworks can be an exciting way to celebrate, but they need to be treated with respect and care. Consider attending a professional fireworks display in place of lighting personal fireworks this year.

In Utah, some fireworks are illegal. Generally, if they are sold in Utah, they are legal to use in Utah. If you cannot purchase a certain firework in Utah, it is not legal to light that firework in Utah at any time.

Here are a few safety tips from the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

- » Use fireworks outdoors only.
- » Obey local laws.
- » If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them!
- » Always have water handy (a hose or buckets of water).
- » Only use fireworks as intended. DO NOT try to alter them or combine them.
- » Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- » Use common sense when using fireworks. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the fireworks. The person lighting the fireworks should wear safety glasses.
- » Alcohol and fireworks do not mix! Have a "designated" person light fireworks.

- » Only persons over age 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- » DO NOT ever use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives. They can kill you!
- » Report illegal explosives to the fire or police department in your community.
- » With the extreme drought conditions Utah is experiencing this season, the risk of wildfire is extremely high. Many areas of the state will not be allowed to use fireworks of any kind. All citizens are encouraged to check local restrictions before lighting fireworks.

Please refer to Cottonwood Heights' website at ch.utah.gov for current fireworks and/or fire restrictions in the city.



Map of Firework Restricted Areas

For firework restrictions
visit us online at website
at ch.utah.gov

HISTORICAL QUESTION



How many families
lived in Union in
1849?



What do Fido, Fefe and Fred
have in common? Fabulous
(and functional) neckwear!

Help us make it easier to return
lost pets. License all dogs, cats and
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Thursday, July 11
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

First floor training room,
City Hall
1265 E. Fort Union Blvd.

Light refreshments will be
provided.





www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov

MEET CANDIDATES

This biographical information was submitted by each of the candidates and printed as received. *Please note:* Todd Leeds and Jubal Perez have both chosen to withdraw from the mayoral race. A district map with candidate information is at <http://bit.ly/14xlgwf>

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Kelvyn H. Cullimore Jr.



Kelvyn H. Cullimore Jr. was elected the first Mayor of Cottonwood Heights in November 2004 and re-elected in November 2009. Mayor Cullimore's leadership includes serving on the Unified Fire Authority Board; chair of the SL County Tourist, Recreational, Cultural and Convention Advisory Board; Wasatch Front Regional Council member; Wasatch Summit Executive Committee member; SL County Conference of Mayors and Council of Governments.

Professionally, Mayor Cullimore is President & CEO of Dynatronics Corporation, a \$30M publicly traded manufacturer of physical therapy devices headquartered in Cottonwood Heights.

Mayor Cullimore volunteers with the Boy Scouts of America and serves on the board of the Canyons Education Foundation. He graduated cum laude from BYU in 1980 with a degree in Financial and Estate Planning. He and his wife, Laurie, are the parents of five children and have six grandchildren. They have lived in Cottonwood Heights since 1980.

For more info: www.cullimoreformayor.com.

Peyton H. Robinson



Peyton H. Robinson is a Utah attorney specializing in tax, business, and aviation law. He worked for the IRS in Washington, DC, and moved to Cottonwood Heights in 2004. He attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence, where he earned a B.S. and Juris Doctor, and then completed a LL.M. in Taxation at Georgetown University.

While in Lawrence, KS, Peyton served as a firefighter, and then a Lawrence Police Officer (before law school). He was chairman of the police union, and negotiated employment contracts with the city.

Peyton's law practice has involved working with the largest companies in the world in the structuring of transactions, managing risk, and defending tax audits. He also provides legal services to individuals and small businesses.

Peyton is an avid pilot, bicyclist, and hiker. He and his wife, Chanté, have a son in college and three dogs.

His law firm profile is at: <http://www.lewishansen.com/attorneys/robinson.html>

DISTRICT #4 CANDIDATE

Tee Tyler



Tee Tyler has been a resident of Cottonwood Heights for over 35 years. He is a 1972 graduate of BYU and has worked mostly in the banking business. He and his wife Debbie, have four children and 10 grandchildren. Tee and Debbie completed three years of volunteer work with the Salt Lake Valley Youth Detention Center.

After graduating from BYU, Tee began his career as a banker with United Savings Bank/Western Mortgage. After 21 years with that company, the company was sold and Tee moved to Zions Bank where he continued his banking career for 10 more years. While there he became the Manager of the Residential Mortgage Lending Department. He retired from banking a few years ago. In his professional career, he was President of the Utah Mortgage Lending Association.

Tee has also worked as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

DISTRICT #3 CANDIDATES

Nicole Omer



Nicole has lived in Cottonwood Heights for thirteen years. She believes that land development and zoning, and economic growth are key city issues. Open space is limited, and the Wasatch Front population is expected to grow significantly in the foreseeable future. The city needs to be strategic and mindful about what is developed and where, new business recruitment and local business support.

Nicole is passionate about resident involvement in the city. If elected, she would strive to keep residents updated about city happenings, make city processes more understandable and city services more accessible, and encourage beneficial dialogue between residents and the city.

Nicole's professional background is in healthcare administration. She earned dual Bachelor's degrees at Southern Utah University in Management and Chemistry, and later received a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Utah. She enjoys spending time with her family, baking cupcakes, exercising, and trying to garden.

<https://www.facebook.com/nicoleomerdistrict3>

Ben Derrick



As residents of Cottonwood Heights for nine years, my wife, four children and I have seen great things happen here.

Through my education and career in law enforcement, I've had the unique opportunity to see how people live every day and have learned the importance of individual need. Strong families create strong communities, and my passion to strengthen community led me to create an educational video and service advertisements teaching families and youth to build healthy, safe relationships.

I was instrumental in a program focusing on children and families most at risk in their communities which I presented to the National Association of Attorneys General. With the Department of Justice, I developed a program used by agencies statewide.

As councilman representing Cottonwood Heights, I would provide fresh insight, and contribute to the honest and meaningful dialogue, ensuring the continued greatness of our city.

<http://benderrick.blogspot.com/>

Mike Peterson



Mike Peterson is our current City Councilman for District 3. He has lived in Cottonwood Heights for over 40 years where he and his wife Charlene have raised their five children. Mike graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. degree in Urban Recreation and Parks Administration.

His extensive professional experience includes positions as Associate Director of County Aging Services, Associate Director of County Parks and Recreation, and Director of Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services. He has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Service Area, President of the Utah Recreation and Parks Association, and as a member of the Cottonwood Heights Community Council prior to incorporation. Mike currently serves as the Director of the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area. Both Mike and Charlene are committed to Cottonwood Heights and are heavily involved in community and church service.

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During the entire checkpoint, 1,156 total cars traversed the southbound lanes. Of those, 785 were screened and 372 were “bypassed.” The law does not allow police to stop and question every driver. Therefore, when all 12 screening spots were full, other drivers were allowed to continue through the checkpoint until the screening spots became available. Last year, 1,314 cars went through the checkpoint with 553 screened and 761 bypassed. Of the 785 drivers screened this year, 40 were detained for further investigation.

Overall, 20 citations were issued: 15 for DUI, 3 for other drug-related issues, and two felony arrests were made.

Twenty impaired drivers were taken off the road on that Friday night and everyone else on Highland Drive got a reminder that we take driving under the influence very seriously in Cottonwood Heights. Here’s a shout-out to the Utah Department of Public Safety and all the hard-working officers from CHPD and UHP who make proactive policing in Cottonwood Heights productive!



Big Cottonwood Trail Grand Opening Rescheduled

Due to construction delays, last month’s planned ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the final phase of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail was postponed. The ceremony has been rescheduled for July 16 at 5 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.



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Wasatch Front Waste Offers Green Waste Collection



Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District announced they will begin collecting green waste as a subscription service beginning in March 2014. Customers will be able to put yard and lawn trimmings, fruit and vegetable scraps and leaves in a specially designed green waste cart for collection on their normal garbage and recycling day.

“Green waste collections are being requested by an increasing number of our customers,” said Wasatch Front Waste Executive Director Pam Roberts. “We are excited to offer this additional service.”

Customers are invited to pre-subscribe by sending an email to green@wasatchfrontwaste.org with their name, address and phone number, or by calling 385-468-6325. The green waste program is optional and by subscription only for an annual fee of \$115 and a one-time \$60 startup fee to be paid by Oct. 31, 2013.

“This service is just one more way that Wasatch Front Waste is staying green, innovative, and cutting edge,” said Herriman City Councilmember and Wasatch Front Waste Board Chair Coralee Moser. “My community and the others using Wasatch Front Waste continue to be very well served.”

- Green waste includes all UNBAGGED lawn and yard trimmings (grass clippings, branches, leaves, garden waste), fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, coffee grounds and tea bags. NO food, oils, fats, grease, paper or plastic bags.
- Curbside green waste collection will begin in mid-March and end in mid-December (a firm start and end date will be announced).
- Collection is the same day as customers’ regular refuse and recycling day.
- Customers will receive a special green waste cart with vents to release moisture.

- Carts will be delivered to homes beginning December 2013.
- The \$60 startup fee allows Wasatch Front Waste to purchase and deliver the carts.

Additional information can be found at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org





COMMUNITY CULTURE



Get to know your favorite instruments at The Music Man!

During intermission at The Music Man, the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council will sponsor a musical instrument “petting zoo.” This will be a fun time for kids and adults to try out different instruments and learn about the instruments from musical experts.

Also, The Music Man’s production team is still looking for volunteers to help with the show. If you are interested, please email Candice Waddell at candicewaddell@hotmail.com.

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council
presents

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The Music Man

July 26, 27, 29 & Aug. 1, 2, 3
7 p.m. & 2 p.m. matinee on Aug. 3
Brighton High School

Tickets:
\$8/individual
\$30 family (5 people)
for ticket locations,
go to our website



www.ch.utah.gov/get_involved.arts.html

Write For The Heights Winners Announced

The Write for the Heights Literary Fair and Writing Contest, jointly sponsored by the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council and the Salt Lake County Library System, held its closing event on June 27. The literary fair featured 8 writing workshops covering topics focused on writing, editing and marketing manuscripts. The writing contest featured competition in fiction, journalism and poetry for youth and adults. The contest received a total of 64 entries in six categories, and prizes of \$50 were awarded for first place and \$25 for an honorable mention.

At the closing event, noted Utah author Lu Ann Staheli delivered an inspiring keynote address and the writing contest winners were announced. The winners are:

Adult Fiction

First Place: Alan Bradbury

Honorable Mention: Skyler Calton

Honorable Mention: Gerald Snow

Adult Journalism

First Place: Mark Jackson

Honorable Mention: Janelle Evans

Honorable Mention: Diana McKay

Adult Poetry

First Place: Diana McKay

Honorable Mention: Skyler Calton

Honorable Mention: Mark Jackson

Youth Fiction

First Place: Bridger Kendall

Honorable Mention: Maya Johnson

Honorable Mention: Mariah Norton

Youth Journalism

First Place: Avery Dall

Youth Poetry

First Place: Hannah Adair

Honorable Mention: Avery Dall

Honorable Mention: Katie Kantaris

Honorable Mention: LeeAnne Neilson



CH Resident To Perform With Utah Opera



Cottonwood Heights resident and arts council member Christi Jones is not shy, but there is one lifelong dream she kept under wraps.

“Being onstage in an opera is something I always wanted to do, I was just afraid to tell anybody,” she said.

So only a few trusted loved ones knew that Jones auditioned to perform with the Utah Opera in mid-April. Seven long weeks later, she finally received the good news: Utah Opera wanted her to participate in two operas during the 2013-14 season. She will perform as part of the opera chorus in Puccini’s Turandot in March and Mozart’s The Abduction from the Seraglio in May.

Jones, who is originally from Seattle, Washington, majored in vocal music at Brigham Young University-Idaho and participated in

operas and choirs at the university. After graduation, she moved to Utah and has been active in the Cottonwood Heights community as a member of the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council. She also served as chair of the committee that organized the city’s recent Bark in the Park event.

Though she says it may sound strange, Jones credits a higher power with the success she has found on the stage. “God helped me make decisions in my life that led me to what I really wanted to do,” she said.

Jones works full time for a design company, but hopes to be able to continue performing in her spare time.

Congratulations, Christi!

Celebrate with Cottonwood Heights



Wednesday, July 24th, 3-10 p.m. – Butler Park, 7500 S. 2700 E.
Behind Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

Children's Events

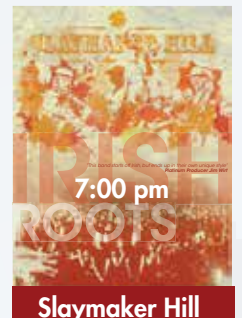
- 4:30 - 9:00 pm**..... Children's Inflatables and
Children's Mining Activity
Home Depot Kids Workshop
- 4:30 - 8:30 pm**..... FREE Face Painting
Cutters Kids' Fire Course by UFA
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm**..... FREE Balloon Animals
FREE Old Fashioned Games
(new game every half hour)

Family Events

- 1:30 pm**..... Parade Staging Begins
- 2:30 pm**..... Kids' Bike Parade Staging Begins
- 3:00 pm**..... Parade
Food Booths OPEN
- 3:00 - 7:00 pm**..... Classic & Antique Car Show
(by Rockin' Hotrod Productions)
- 4:00 pm**..... Ticket Sales Begin
- 4:00 - 8:30 pm**..... CH City Historical Display
- 4:30 - 6:00 pm**..... Registration for Pie Eating
(at Information Booth)
- 4:30 - 9:30 pm**..... Mechanical Bull Ride
(\$5, same rider receives 2 consecutive rides)
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm**..... Juggling Show and a Strolling
Magician *(they will be walking around
the park)*
- 6:00 pm**..... **FREE** Watermelon until gone
(provided by Dan's)
- 7:00 pm**..... Announcement of Car Show Winners

On-Stage Entertainment

- 4:30 pm** Brian Thurber
- 5:15 pm** Riverhouse Band
- 6:15 pm**..... Pie Eating Contest
- 7:00 pm**..... Slaymaker Hill
- 8:00 pm**..... Music Man Preview
- 8:30 pm**..... Mayor's Announcements
- 8:30 pm** The Salamanders
- 9:45 pm**..... FIREWORKS



Ticket Sales ^{NEW}

Wristbands: \$13.00 each
4 or more \$10.00 each
(Unlimited Inflatables and rock wall)

Individual tickets: \$.50 each
Inflatables - 1 ticket

Rock Wall: 6 tickets (\$ 3.00)

Mechanical Bull: \$ 5.00
(For 2 consecutive rides)



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Rules & Regulations:
For safety reasons we will not allow pop up tents, barbecues, fire works or alcoholic beverages in the park. No unauthorized vendors will be allowed to sell in the park.

EMPLOYEES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Kory Solorio



Kory Solorio is Cottonwood Heights' Deputy City Recorder. On June 25, she was presented with the Certified Municipal Clerk designation by Tracy Norr and Joy Johnson from the Utah Municipal Clerks Association. They noted that the certification requires extensive training, and Kory excelled at meeting the certification requirements.

Kory started work with the city right after incorporation in February 2005 as the business license administrator. In fact, on her first day of employment, the city was so new that she only had a copy of the code book, a pen and notepad to begin the task of setting up business licensing!

As Deputy City Recorder, her responsibilities include special events permits, legal noticing, administration of the GRAMA process, counter signing all city contracts, certifying ordinances and resolutions, maintaining all official city records, conducting oaths of office, and overseeing Requests for Proposals. She also attends and takes minutes during city council, planning commission, board of adjustment and architectural review commission meetings.

When she's not busy at work, Kory likes to spend time with her two grown children and go to the movies.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The July meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, July 2nd**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 9th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
(reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 16th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 23rd**
NO MEETING
- **Tuesday, July 30th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
(reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting



July 2013

Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center



TENNIS: GET IN THE GAME

Adults/youth, all levels register online or in-person now for our summer tennis lessons & tournaments.

SESSION BEGINS JULY 15

LEARN TO SWIM



All ages & levels learn to swim in our heated indoor or outdoor pools with our qualified instructors.

Sessions 3 & 4



Sessions 2 & 3

Mornings or Afternoons
Begin July 8 & 22

Session 2

Saturdays
Begins July 20

Evenings
Begins July 9 & 30

LEARN TO SKATE

Learn to ice skate at CHRC. Each lesson has 35 min. of instruction, 10 min. of FREE time, skate rental, & a FREE public session. All ages & abilities.

July & Aug. Sessions

1-1:45pm or 6-6:45pm Mon. & Wed.

SESSIONS BEGIN JULY 1 & 29



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July 4

Facility Open 12noon-5pm

Outdoor Pools Open 12noon-5pm

Skating Closed

July 24

Facility Open 9am-2pm

Outdoor Pools Open 10am-2pm

Skating Closed

FREE MOVIE IN THE PARK

Activities start at 7pm, the movie at dusk---ALL FREE!!

July 12

Mill Hollow Park

2900 E. (6800 S.)
Mill Hollow Dr.

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Indoor Track
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3-Tier Diving Board
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Cottonwood Heights Recreation

Be Wild Aware! By Ellen Gallagher

Those of us that live in Utah are lucky to be right in the middle of some spectacular natural beauty. But what if that nature finds its way into your garbage cans, or starts to nibble at your tomato plants? Many people think of wildlife as something you see on a hike or at a state park, but it's in our neighborhoods, too.

When a wild animal finds its way into your back yard, it is simply satisfying a need. A mule deer could be looking for food, or a raccoon may be searching for a place to den. Most people don't want to harm these animals but can't allow them to set up housekeeping. So what do you do?

Wild Aware Utah is a collaborative education program that works to educate the public about living alongside wildlife. Their website, wildawareutah.org, has information about living with wildlife; from tips on how to keep bears from eating your trash to what to do when you find a baby bird. The website also contains



contact information on who to call if a wildlife issue needs to be handled by the pros.

Here are a few general tips for making your home less hospitable to wildlife:

- » Fence off attractants such as gardens and ponds.
- » Clean up fallen fruit and seeds from bird feeders regularly.
- » Keep trash in a container with a locking lid, or put it out the morning of pick up.
- » Trim vegetation to reduce hiding places.
- » Supervise pets when they are outside.
- » Install chimney caps and close up crawl spaces.



HISTORICAL ANSWER



Answer To July Historical Committee Question:

Eight families lived in Union in 1849, and that number almost doubled by the fall of 1850. By 1853, there were 273 individuals living in the area. Today, the area that was Union overlaps parts of Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, and Midvale.