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Appreciation

City Manager Tim Tingey



When spring arrived this year city officials became very concerned about the potential of flooding in Cottonwood Heights due to last winter's record snowfall in the nearby Wasatch mountains. To assure the best possible outcome,

city staff and elected officials tracked the daily spring runoff figures provided by Salt Lake County and the city's public works and police/emergency management staff continually updated city officials on the risk of flooding and the status of efforts to mitigate risks.

Now that the threat of flooding is past, I have had a feeling of appreciation for the exceptional city personnel who spent so much time and effort striving and strategizing to mitigate risk. I also truly appreciate

the many residents who volunteered time to fill sandbags and assist in preparations to avoid adverse circumstances. Observing this again reminded me that Cottonwood Heights is a great community and of my privilege to be a part of this city.

With that in mind, I wanted to use this article to share my appreciation for three aspects of the city: its residents, its public officials/staff, and its beauty and amenities.

Residents: I am impressed by and appreciate the community-mindedness of Cottonwood Heights' residents. As I stated previously, this was recently demonstrated by the hundreds of hours residents donated to fill sandbags to protect the properties in our community. Beyond that, I am inspired by the many residents who strive to enhance the quality of life of Cottonwood Heights by serving on committees and giving of their time and expertise to better the community. I truly appreciate how engaged residents are in city processes and issues, as demonstrated

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

AUGUST 1

- WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT
- HISTORIC COMMITTEE VETERANS MEMORIAL UPDATE
- GENERAL PLAN OUTREACH DISCUSSION
- WASATCH BLVD. MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION
- CITY INITIATED RE-ZONE ON FORT UNION AND WASATCH BLVD. DISCUSSION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY (CDRA):
 - HILLSIDE PLAZA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONTINUED DISCUSSION

AUGUST 15

- COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION/SOUTH VALLEY CHAMBER DISCUSSION
- DESIGN OPTIONS FOR HIGHLAND/BENGAL BLVD.
- BONNEVILLE SHORELINE UPDATE
- SENSITIVE LANDS EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SLEDS) ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY (CDRA):
 - HILLSIDE PLAZA CONSULTANT VISIONING DISCUSSION

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- **AUGUST 9:** DISTRICT 4 TOWNHALL MEETING WITH COUNCIL MEMBER ELLEN BIRRELL
- **AUGUST 12:** AUTISM COUNCIL OF UTAH "LUNCH WITH THE COPS"
- **AUGUST 14:** MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT
- **AUGUST 26:** BARK IN THE PARK
- **AUGUST 31:** COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY
- **OCTOBER 27:** MONSTER MASH

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New municipal election dates

Important Election dates to know

August 14: Meet the Candidates Night (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Cottonwood Heights City Hall)

August 15: District 2 Primary Election Vote-by-mail ballots mailed

August 25: District 2 Primary Election Voter Registration Deadline

September 5: District 2 Primary Election Day

November 21: General Election Day

Vote by Mail: Elections in Salt Lake County are conducted mainly by mail. Ballots are mailed to active, registered voters 21 days prior to an election, according to Utah State law. ■

MEET THE CANDIDATES
AUGUST 14, 2023

6 PM - 8PM
Cullimore Community Room
City Hall (2277 Bengal Blvd.)



MATT HOLTON
District 1 Candidate



JENNIFER COTTAM
District 1 Candidate



SHARON DAURELLE
District 2 Candidate



SUZANNE HYLAND
District 2 Candidate



SCOTT BRACKEN
District 2 Candidate

Appreciation *continued from cover*

by attendance at the various city meetings and the numerous emails and calls from residents asking questions and giving input. This engagement in the community demonstrates the pride our residents have in calling Cottonwood Heights home.

City Elected Officials and Staff: I feel privileged to work with such service-minded elected officials and a great city staff. I truly appreciate our elected officials. Mayor Mike Weichers and Councilmembers Matt Holton, Scott Bracken, Shawn Newell and Ellen Birrell love our community and it shows. They care about the future and are dedicated to serving even when there are difficult decisions to be made. I appreciate their leadership and dedication.

The Cottonwood Heights staff members are hardworking, service-minded, knowledgeable, and dedicated to improving the safety and quality of life of the city's residents. We have great leaders in our departments who strive to improve and make the community better. I appreciate working daily with our department heads Chief Robby Russo (Police), Paula Melgar (Records, Culture and Human Resources), Matt Shipp (Public Works), Mike Johnson (Community and Economic Development), Scott Jurges (Finance and Administrative Services), Shane Topham (City Attorney) and Assistant Chief Riley Pilgrim (Unified Fire Authority). I appreciate the efforts of these great leaders, and it is a privilege to work with them and all the rest of the city's administrative staff.

Beauty and Amenities of the City: I am amazed at how many times I hear people comment on the scenic



beauty of our "City Between the Canyons." Being located at the doorstep of Big and Little Cottonwood canyons, our natural backdrop is breathtaking. Our community has direct access to trails, quality parks, recreation facilities, shopping, and easy access to transportation corridors which makes life easier and more convenient. I appreciate working in such a stunningly scenic area with exceptional amenities.

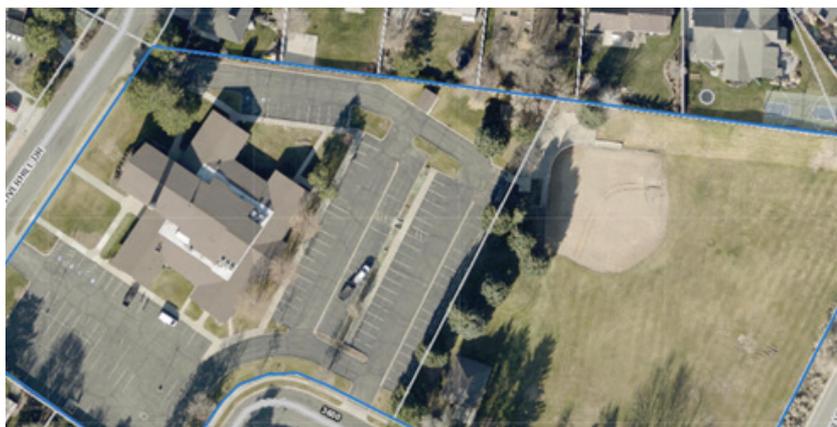
And there are many other features and aspects of the city that make it a wonderful place to live and work, including our excellent partnerships with the

Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area and Canyons School district that enhance our community.

I am grateful for and truly appreciate Cottonwood Heights. ■

Doverhill Drive public park

For several years, the city has been actively pursuing the purchase of a portion of the land at 3625 East Doverhill Drive to build a new public park. After finalizing the sales transaction, a portion of the six-acre parcel of land, previously owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and home to a meetinghouse building, has been secured for public use. The city worked closely with church officials to ensure that two acres of the property were retained for the park, while the remaining four acres will be developed by Ivory Homes as a single-family residential subdivision. To maintain the park's greenery, the developer has been asked to provide water resources for on-site trees. The city anticipates that the park will be completed within the next two years. ■



History Question of the Month

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Alva Tanner, a South Cottonwood resident, made a terrible discovery on his way from Union to Sandy on Feb. 18, 1874. What was it?

Tips for preparing your family and staying safe if a fire starts in you home

Assistant Fire Chief Riley Pilgrim



As August begins, Unified Fire Authority advises Cottonwood Heights residents to prepare and practice their home escape plans in case of a fire. It's crucial to plan ahead, as there may be only a few seconds to respond and exit

the building when a fire occurs. Everyone living in the residence needs to know what to do and where to go if a fire occurs. The tips below may help you in creating your escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home, including all doors and windows
- Plan two exit options out of each room, if possible, and make sure all doors and windows can be opened
- Ensure all windows and doors in each room can be opened
- Put ladders in window wells outside basement rooms and ensure grates or covers on the

window wells can be opened

- Designate an outdoor meeting place a safe distance away from your home to gather safely and ensure everyone got out
- Teach children how to escape on their own if an adult isn't home or can't help
- Discuss and share the plan with everyone in your home and practice it at least twice a year, both day and night
- Get low and stay low to escape if there is smoke in your home, and always call 911 from outside
- Do not re-enter your home for pets or possessions; the fire department can address this when they arrive

Along with creating a home evacuation plan, this is also a great time to do a quick assessment of your home to ensure you are prepared for an emergency. In June, we shared information on preparing you to be more resilient to wildfire. Along with those tips, there are other things you can do to prepare your home for other emergencies. We suggest that you place fire extinguishers in your garage and kitchen

in the event there is a small fire in your home. This will allow you to possibly extinguish and safely exit your home until help can arrive to assist. We also suggest you check each smoke detector in your home and test them monthly to ensure they are operating correctly. Though it is common to do this every six months with daylight savings, it should occur more frequently. It is also important to educate your children on the dangers of fire and keep fire-starting materials in a safe place. The summer months are often exciting with bar-b-ques, campfires and fireworks and children often take a direct interest in these activities. Teach them to participate in them safely and help them understand the dangers as well as how to avoid them.

There are also several websites you can refer to for additional information. Beready.utah.gov and Redcross.org are both reliable sites with tips and suggestions for ways you can prepare for potential emergencies, especially those common to Utah.

We hope you have had an enjoyable and safe summer! ■

Meet and greet for autistic individuals and their families

The Cottonwood Heights Police Department is hosting a community event for families affected by autism on Saturday, August 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.). You'll have the chance to meet police officers and first responders. ■

FOOD, FAMILY & FUN WITH FIRST RESPONDERS

2nd Annual Autism BBQ

Meet and Greet for autistic individuals and their families!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL
2277 EAST BENGAL BLVD.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, cookies, & games with Cottonwood Heights Officers & First Responders

[Autism Resources](#)







August 31, 2023
CITY HALL, 5-8 P.M.

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Come join us for an evening of family fun at the City Hall Parking Lot!

- Bike Safety Rodeo with the Utah Department of Public Safety
- Helmet and Bike Safety Check
- Face Painting and Balloon Twisters
- Chalk Art Contest (children and adults)
- Meet Local Businesses
- Sustainability Tips for Your Home from Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling and Central Utah Water Conservancy District
- Food Trucks



Sponsored by Cottonwood Heights City and Cottonwood Heights Business Association

Celebrate End of Summer

Fun Family Activities

Bike Safety Rodeo with Helmet and Bicycle Checks

Sustainability Tips for Your Home

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL PARKING LOT

2277 E Bengal Blvd
Thursday, August 31
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

www.ch.utah.gov
More information
Call 801-944-7067

Glass Recycling

There has been a noticeable increase in contamination in our community glass drop-off containers. Cardboard, plastic, and paper bags are NOT ACCEPTED in WFWRD's community glass containers. Please place the glass bottles and jars directly into the container. Abusing community glass sites may result in the removal of the containers. Cardboard and paper bags

are recyclable in your blue curbside recycle can. Plastic bags and garbage must be placed in your black curbside garbage can.

Glass is 100% recyclable! If you recycle one glass bottle, it saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours, power a computer for 30 minutes, or a television for 20 minutes. Glass collected from community drop-off containers is taken to Momentum Recycling, where it is

locally processed. Find out where to drop off your glass bottles and jars by visiting the "Glass Recycling 101" page on our website www.wasatchfrontwaste.org. ■



Recycling Myths ... Busted!

There are many misconceptions surrounding recycling legitimacy. A common misconception is that the material in your blue bins doesn't get recycled and is just taken to the landfill. In fact, the materials we pick up are taken to our Materials Recovery Facilities and around 80% are recycled here. Recycling happens daily here in the Valley and throughout North America. Your

plastic recyclables are often turned into awesome new things like carpet, food containers, or even agricultural piping.

Another recycling myth is that cardboard doesn't have any monetary value. This is also false! Although cardboard has seen a slight decrease in value, it is still very valuable and is the most common commodity found in your curbside bins.

We expect to see an increase in value for cardboard as the holiday season approaches. Let's work together to keep our communities clean by reducing, re-using, and recycling! ■



Electronic Waste Recycling

Looking for a place to recycle your old computer, appliances, or even wires or cables? Take it to your local Best Buy! Best Buy will recycle up to three items of e-waste per household per day. Electronic waste contains a rich source of metals that can be recycled and brought back into the production cycle. By recycling e-waste, we reduce the pollution that would be generated while manufacturing a new product and we can limit the extraction of virgin materials. ■



Answer

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Alva Tanner found his father-in-law, Peter Van Valkenburg, lying dead in the road. Silas Richards, the justice of the peace and coroner in Union, had Van Valkenburg's body taken to his home for an inquest.

Richards learned that Van Valkenburg was coming home from Sandy with a wagonload of manure when he experienced a problem with the wagon. While Van Valkenburg was repairing it, someone fired almost a dozen shotgun balls, killing him.

During the inquest, Salt Lake County Deputy Sheriff Martin Florida pursued those who had shot Van Valkenburg, arresting seven men. Florida eventually charged two with murder — stepson-in-law William Kelly and Philip Shafer, a blacksmith living with the Kelly family.

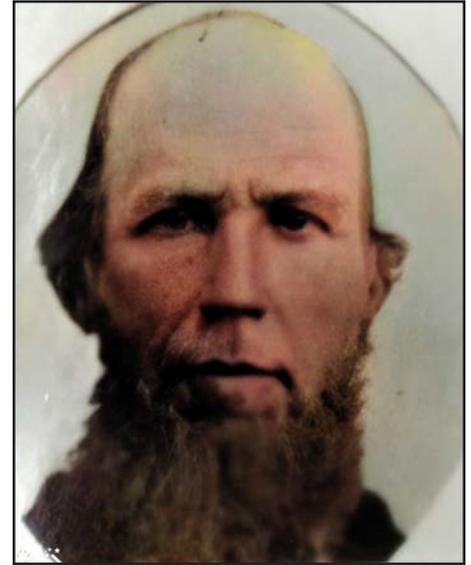
Three others were charged with complicity, but the charges were dismissed due to lack of evidence. The other two, a Sandy saloon keeper and ex-stepson-in-law Thomas Fox, became the main witnesses

for the prosecution in the trials of Kelly and Shafer.

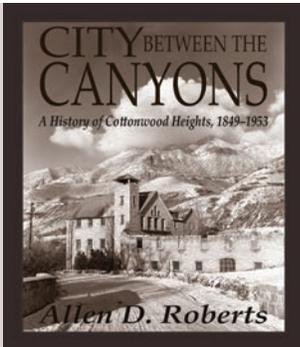
Shafer was tried in the Salt Lake Third District Court, found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. He appealed and was later convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Kelly was convicted of second-degree murder in Provo's First District Court and also sentenced to 10 years in prison. A jury determined the motive for the murder was a longstanding dispute over property.

Van Valkenburg was buried in the Union Pioneer Cemetery on Creek Road. ■



Peter Van Valkenburg



Buy the book!

Get your very own copy of the hardbound history book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*! Buy yours at City Hall for \$20 (3 for \$50) or online at ch.utah.gov/history-book for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■



2023

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION

19TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND
8AM SHOTGUN START
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CANYON COURSE

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WHAT DOES THE FOUNDATION DO?

The Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Foundation provided financial contributions and volunteer services to enhance community-wide events and helps community residents participate in Parks & Recreation facilities, programs, lessons and services.

INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THIS FUN EVENT?

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LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL THINGS GOLF TOURNAMENT! →



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Fire authority 743-7200
Animal control 944-7100
Justice court 273-9731

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City manager 944-7010
City planning 944-7065
Public works 944-7000
Recorder 944-7021
Finance director 944-7012
Code enforcement 840-4000
Police administration 944-7100

City council meetings

- **Aug. 1:** Work session at 4 p.m., CDRA meeting at 6 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **Aug 15:** Work session at 4 p.m., CDRA meeting at 6 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday each month at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. unless otherwise noticed. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings at ch.utah.gov/agendas.

Planning Commission

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

Editor: Beatriz Mayorga,
Communication Manager

Back-to-school: Register Now for the 2023-2024 School Year

It's back-to-school season, and Canyons District schools are gearing up to welcome students with familiar faces and enthusiastic high-five's. Registration for the coming school year starts Monday, Aug. 7. Have vacation plans for that week? Still, weighing your back-to-school options? Not to worry. You can complete the registration process when it's convenient for your family. Because registration is not first-come, first-served, you won't need to worry about being the first to log in and register your child. Also, the time you register will not impact the teacher or course selection for your child. This year, we've streamlined the process to make it easier for families. Detailed instructions can be found at canyonsdistrict.org. ■



Important Canyons School District dates to know

- Aug. 7: Back-to-school registration
- Aug. 21: First Day of School (grades 1-12)
- Aug. 24: First Day of School (Kindergarten)
- Sept. 4: Labor Day recess

SUSTAINABILITY

Xeriscaping saves major money in hot months

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

As the summer season heats up, many residents are experiencing high water bills due to outdoor irrigation. The city has been promoting new landscaping practices to encourage water conservation

Many residents have xeriscaping, which is landscaping that requires little or no irrigation. One resident, Kevin found that maintaining his underutilized lawn was a waste of time, money, and resources. So, he took it upon himself to change that.

This spring, Kevin removed his entire front lawn and much of his rear yard lawn, then xeriscaped both areas with various drought-tolerant plants and a thick layer of mulch (as shown in the picture below).

The result: a unique and beautiful yard that serves as a



great addition and example to his neighborhood. He's found the following things have helped him conserve water:

- Drought-tolerant plants
- A heavy-duty weed underlayment, mulch, and landscape rock;
- Keeping remaining grass areas shaded;
- Filing stand-up containers with snow during the winter, which melts during the spring and provides water to his garden.

Kevin's project has resulted in eye-popping savings in his water bill – for the entire month of June, his bill amounted to only \$25.06, including in-home water usage!

When done right, xeriscaping keeps our water usage down while maintaining a lush environment, as Kevin's yard demonstrates. While it's too late in the season for most homeowners to redo a yard, keep in mind that the city provides landscaping resources year-round and we are always happy to assist residents with more information.

As a reminder, in the transition process to xeriscaping, it is important to continue to provide a watering source for trees in yard areas. ■

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Cottonwood Heights

Bark in the Park



August 26, 2023
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mountview Park - 1651 E. Fort Union Blvd.

- 10:30 a.m. Free Hot Dogs**
(while supplies last)
- Fenced Off-Leash Area**
- Vendors**
- K9 Obstacle Course**
- 11 a.m. Dog Awards**
Find out if your dog has won an award!
- 11 a.m. Police K9 Demo**

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August Artist of the Month: Lance Everill

Lance Everill, a local artist, was born and raised in Salt Lake County. He has been creating art all his life and has been working professionally for the past 10 years. Lance showcases his art locally, sells it nationally, and has been published in multiple art books. Additionally, he has collaborated with various clothing and art companies in Nebraska and Nevada. Lance is passionate about creating art to support local charities and has also done design work for local schools and businesses. His preferred mediums are acrylic and watercolor paint on wood.



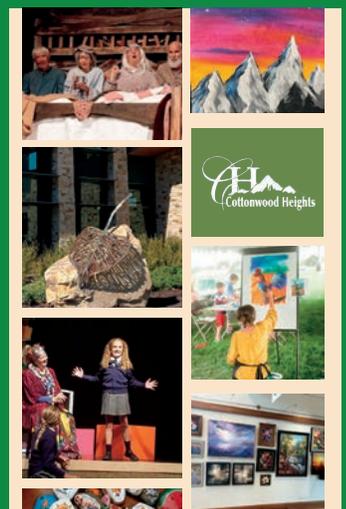
Follow Lance's artistic journey on Instagram @lanceeverill. Email inquires to beingdesign@hotmail.com

Lance's art will be displayed in the lobby at City Hall
(2277 E. Bengal Blvd.)
Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
through the month of August.

Join the Arts Council! Members meet monthly to plan and deliver arts projects in the city, which include:

- Summer musicals
- Art displays
- Concerts
- Activities at Butlerville Days

Interested in joining? Fill out an application now at **chcityarts.com**.



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