



Cottonwood Heights, UT | July 2022 | FREE

# BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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## From conservation to conservative spending

Council member Ellen Birrell



The year 2022 brought three newly-elected representatives onto your five-person city council, including Mayor Weichers. Our diverse backgrounds and views help us make the best decisions. When we focus on shared values

and listening to constituents, our eyes and ears are open.

Conservation, residents first, buying local and fiscal conservatism are not only important to Cottonwood Heights citizens but remain important tenants to guide the decisions I am a part of as your city council representative.

I have enjoyed being raised by a loving family, having great friends, good health, a solid public education, the thrill of business success,

outdoor adventure, and living in safe and walkable communities. These are familiar to me. But, so too, I've known loved ones facing the devastation of untreated mental illness, substance abuse, suicide, financial challenges associated with mobility, housing, elder care and childcare. These challenges are real for many in our city from all walks of life. Land use, code and policy can, in some cases, mitigate these challenges.

Growing up in Newport Beach, California, a focus on preservation and practicality formed what has become a balanced, safe, walkable city with pedestrian and cycling easements, paths and bridges, limited locations of height and density aside open space, and a solid public school system. This may be surprising, but they are using the same elementary, middle and high school buildings today that I attended in the '60s and '70s. They repurpose where possible and invest in higher-paid teachers and robust curriculum.

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## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

#### JULY 5

- COUNCIL POLICY DISCUSSION
- SENSITIVE LANDS EVALUATION & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SLEDs) ORDINANCE UPDATE
- RANKED-CHOICE VOTING ELECTION DISCUSSION
- 3526 E. FORT UNION BLVD. REZONE
- LOBBYIST CONTRACTS
- GEOSTRATA AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

#### JULY 19

- COMCAST FIBER REPORT
- SENSITIVE LANDS EVALUATION & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SLEDs) REPORT
- MID-VALLEY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
- BUTLERVILLE DAYS FESTIVITIES REPORT
- CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
- ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
- COUNCIL COMPENSATION ORDINANCE

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- **JULY 8-9, 11, 14-16:** *WILLY WONKA: THE MUSICAL*
- **JULY 28-30:** BUTLERVILLE DAYS
- **AUG 12:** *SPIDERMAN: NO WAY HOME* IN BUTLER PARK
- **SEPT. 17:** BARK IN THE PARK IN MOUNTVIEW PARK


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Cottonwood Heights Arts Council presents

**Roald Dahl's**

# Willy Wonka

Music and Lyrics by  
Leslie Bricusse &  
Anthony Newley



**Performances: 7 p.m.**  
July 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, & 16  
**Matinees: 2 p.m. - July 9 & 16**  
**Butler Middle School Theatre**  
7530 S. 2700 E.  
**Tickets: CH.SMASHPASS.COM**

Utah Legislature Arts & Museums ZAP Cottonwood Heights Arts Council

## COME AND SING!



**Cottonwood Heights Children's Choir**

FREE TO PARTICIPATE  
GRADES 3-6  
SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

Wednesdays, 4-5pm at City Hall

Registration and information @ [Chcityarts.com](http://Chcityarts.com)



Cottonwood Heights ZAP Cottonwood Heights Arts Council

## Vendors needed for Bark in the Park, held Sept. 17 at Mountview Park

Cottonwood Heights is looking for animal-friendly vendors for this year's Bark in the Park, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, at Mountview Park (1651 E. Fort Union Blvd.).

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



**Bark in the Park**  
Cottonwood Heights

*Preservation and practicality continued from cover*

Keeping public parks and beaches accessible and the community walkable remains a priority even with development pressure and Highway 101 running smack-dab through its center.

My upbringing showed me what smart city planning can look like. A sense of safety and independence derived from walking, cycling and using buses in a safe environment contributed confidence and inclusiveness for my adult life.

Cottonwood Heights has a good foundation. Our General Plan is being updated, and it's our time to define our city and aid in protection from climate-change weather disasters (drought, high winds, fires), ozone and PM2.5 air problems, and vehicular violence. By the way, a Wasatch Blvd. update is coming in the August newsletter.

Like our beautiful city, Newport has a crush of seasonal visitors. Residents accept that their privileged location means they must share it with visitors. Providing trolleys along the peninsula in peak periods to lessen congestion is a concept that Cottonwood Heights can consider along Wasatch

Blvd. and/or Fort Union Blvd. where local businesses benefit from heightened patronage and residents from lighter traffic.

I rode the OCTD (Orange Co. Transit District) bus to UC Irvine my freshman year. Later, renting an apartment on the peninsula with no garage, alley or street parking, my partner and I shared one car. He walked to his sail loft; I walked, biked or bussed to employment and college classes.

This brings up affordable living. With spiking market prices for owning or renting, public policy needs to change to meet essential needs of housing and mobility. Attainable housing, walkability and first-class transit supports workers. Keeping a gentrifying Cottonwood Heights viable for young families and workers weaves strength, ideas, skill sets and vitality into our city structure.

Getting to know council and committee members, planning commissioners, city staff and residents who are stepping forward to share their observations, insights, and suggestions, I've learned that many of you share my hopes for more conservation, fiscal

conservatism, and walkability through smart city planning. Together, we can make a difference.

Why not put some fun into conservation and building our community together?

- **Buy local**
- **Flip your strip**
- **Water less** by harvesting rainwater, using drip irrigation, and creating regenerative landscaping
- **Turn your key** and be idle-free
- **Carpool, walk, cycle**, and use transit when you can and reduce or combine errands
- **Share ideas** and enthusiasm with neighbors
- **Apply to serve** on city committees by visiting [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov)

You can also join me Thursday, July 21, from 6-9 p.m. at Golden Hills Park for a free "Introduction to e-biking" class (not a city-sponsored event). Magnum Electric Bikes has generously agreed to supply instructional staff and e-bikes. Come have fun as we conserve resources and look for ways to build community in a cost-effective way! ■

## Nominate a neighbor or business for the beautification and landscaping awards

Recognize a business or neighbor for the 2022 Cottonwood Heights beautification and landscaping awards by **5 p.m. on July 22!** The program was established to recognize and reward Cottonwood Heights residents and business owners who improve their properties with beautiful, sustainable landscaping.

You can nominate any property within Cottonwood Heights city limits that has visible aesthetic appeal from the street. City council members will judge properties

based on district location and select a residential winner from each of the four city districts. The mayor will select one commercial winner.

Photos of the properties will be displayed on the city website and social media, and all winners will receive a prize and recognition certificate at an August city council meeting.

Visit [ch.utah.gov/news](http://ch.utah.gov/news) and click the beautification awards story to fill out the nomination form. ■



**David Kim Insurance Agency, 2021 winner**

## Cottonwood Heights joins effort to launch net-100% renewable electricity option

Cottonwood Heights has joined 18 Utah cities and counties to launch a default net-100% renewable electricity option for Rocky Mountain Power customers in their communities.

The Community Renewable Energy Agency (also called the "Utah 100 Communities") formed in response to HB 411, a 2019 bill called the Utah Community Renewable Energy Act, that created a pathway for interested communities served by Rocky Mountain Power to collaborate on creating this first-of-its-kind renewable electricity program.

The Agency is currently negotiating with Rocky Mountain Power on how to design the Community Renewable Energy Program, which aspires to match 100 percent of participating customers' annual electricity consumption with renewable generation supplied to our grid, no later than 2030.

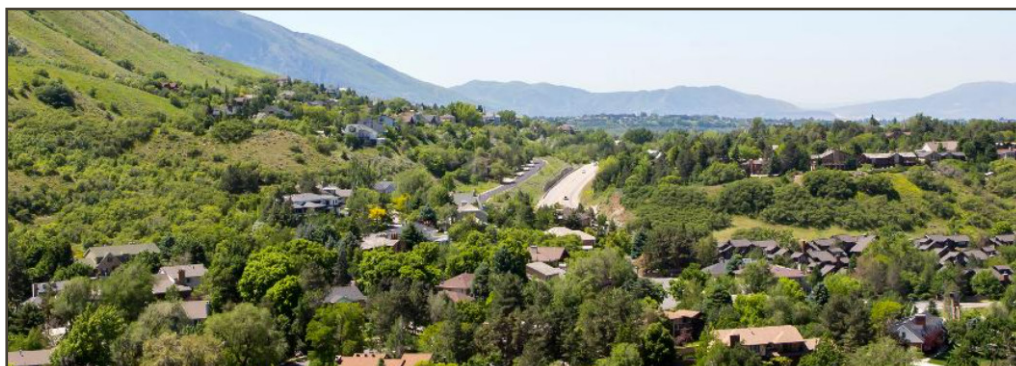
"We are excited to participate in the Community Renewable Energy Agency. This partnership furthers

Cottonwood Heights' sustainable energy use efforts, which we formally documented in 2019 with a renewable energy resolution," says Cottonwood Heights mayor Mike Weichers. "Sustainable energy is critical in preserving our community, with its proximity to world-class outdoor recreation."

Several steps remain on the path to creating the new renewable electricity program. The Agency hopes

Rocky Mountain Power will file a program application with the Utah Public Service Commission later this year. Should that application be approved, interested communities will each need to adopt ordinances to finalize their participation. The new renewable electricity program could launch as soon as 2023 or 2024.

To learn more, visit [utah100communities.org](http://utah100communities.org). ■





## Cottonwood Heights K-9 unit takes first place in narcotics detection at competition

Chief Robby Russo



Cottonwood Heights' police K-9 unit took first place in narcotics detection at the annual statewide Utah Peace Officers Association (UPOA) K-9 competition, held the first week of June at Juan Diego High School

in Draper.

Teams from all over the region joined in narcotics, bombs, area search, building search, obedience, agility, and handler protection competitions with German shepherds, Dutch shepherds, and Belgian malinois. They were judged on many performance aspects, including the handler's tactics.

Cottonwood Heights' K-9 unit, led by nationally recognized police canine training leader Sergeant Ken Eatchel, supports Cottonwood Heights and the metro area. They compete against many large

departments who have the significant advantage of training all the time and not taking routine patrol calls. In addition to the first-place trophy, Cottonwood Heights' individual handlers received personal awards:

- **Officer Blaisdell/K-9 Kai** received a trophy for hardest hitting, narcotics, vehicle search and narcotics area search
- **Officer Brimhall/K-9 Flex** received a trophy for narcotics building search, apprehension, and agility
- **Officer Gainey/K-9 Dave** received a trophy for hardest hitting
- **Sergeant Eatchel/K-9 Odin** received a trophy for closest call-off

Most people have seen a demonstration showing how the patrol dogs chase down suspects or search for drugs, but it's a small glimpse of what they do. The police K-9, like its human counterpart, is professional and highly trained. In these difficult times it is gratifying to have such a well-trained and disciplined



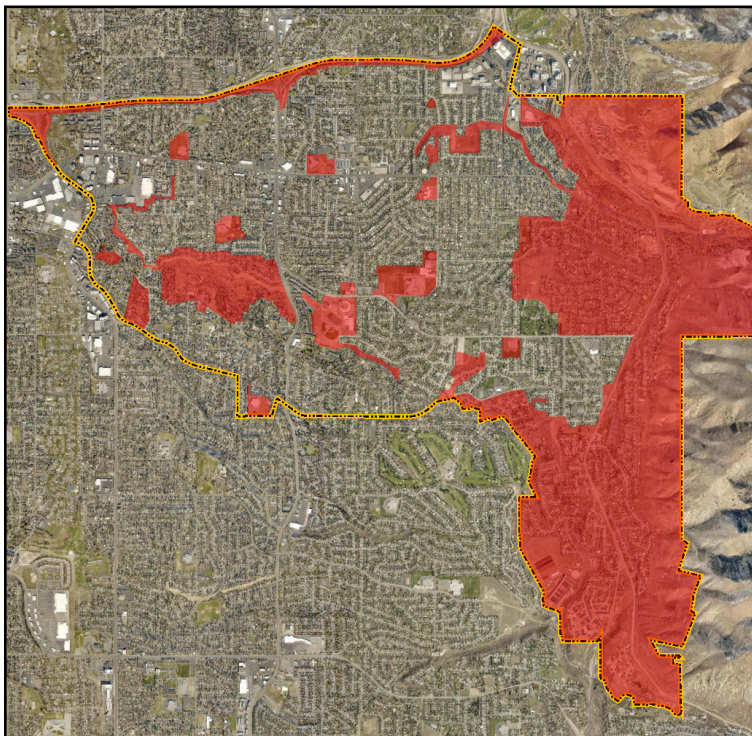
K-9 unit.

The peer recognition demonstrates CHPD's exemplary unit with the best drug dogs and some of the most agile, obedient, and reliable apprehension dogs. We are proud of the accomplishments, professionalism and restraint the event showcased and the everyday product we put forward to the public we serve. ■

## See a map of restricted firework areas in Cottonwood Heights

Fireworks are legal ONLY in areas not designated as restricted and between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on July 2-5 and July 22-25 (the firework discharge time is extended to midnight on July 4 and July 24). See the map to the right for areas (marked in red) where fireworks are prohibited in 2022.

Visit [ch.utah.gov/maps](http://ch.utah.gov/maps) and click **Firework-restricted areas** for an interactive map. To view the county firework restrictions map, visit [ufa.maps.arcgis.com](http://ufa.maps.arcgis.com). ■



## Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club holds competition June 25-26

The Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club (CHARC) participated in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) field day competition June 25-26 in the Community Room at City Hall. The field day measures an amateur radio station's ability to communicate quickly and effectively in an emergency.

CHARC will receive the results of the competition in late November or early December. They placed first in 2021, 2019, and 2016. ■





## Download the Wasatch Front Waste app for container reservation notifications

Cottonwood Heights' seasonal container reservation program (SCRP) is available in August, and spots fill up fast! Download the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District app on your phone from the app store (iPhone) or Google Play store (Android) to get a notification when reservations open for your zone.

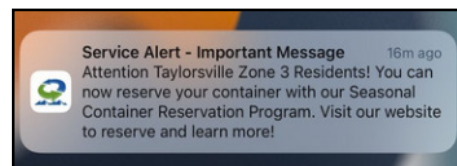
You'll also receive a postcard allowing you to reserve a container four weeks before the scheduled Cottonwood Heights SCRPs dates:

- **Zone 1:** Aug. 26 - Sept. 1

- **Zone 2:** Sept. 2-12
- **Zone 3:** Sept. 13-19

WFWRD staff will drop off the container between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the scheduled day and try to ensure you have it up to 24 hours. Staff will only deliver the container if:

- You've cleared your driveway (including any cars)
- You have enough room (about 10 by 20 feet) to be clear of the street and sidewalk



Visit the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District website, [wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org), for more information about the seasonal container reservation program and the WFWRD app. ■

## Recycle your old mattress with Spring Back Utah in Salt Lake City

Need to get rid of an old mattress and not sure where to take it? Recycle your mattress with Spring Back Utah! This company deconstructs mattresses and box springs for recycling and diverts 90-95 percent of all materials (foam, metal, cotton, plastic, cardboard and wood) from the landfill.

Spring Back Utah will pick up your mattress for \$20, or you can drop it off at their warehouse at 1929 S. 4130 W., Suite D, in Salt Lake City. For more information, visit [springbackutah.com](http://springbackutah.com).

For help recycling other items, read Wasatch Front Waste's hard-to-recycle materials guide at [wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org) or call (385) 468-6337. ■

## Police host community event for families affected by autism July 16

The Cottonwood Heights police department is hosting a community event for families affected by autism on Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.).

Bring your family and a family member who has autism to play games, have lunch, and see police and fire trucks up close. You'll also have the chance to meet police officers and firefighters, promoting positive interactions with them in the future. ■

### Food, Family, and Fun with First Responders

Bring the family and meet our officers

Saturday July 16, 2022  
Cottonwood Heights City Hall  
2277 E Bengal Blvd., Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, cookies, and games with Cottonwood Heights officers & first responders



## Safely dispose of fireworks and barbecue ashes this summer

Remember: Fireworks and fire pit or barbecue ashes must be completely cooled before you put them in the garbage can. Smoldering fireworks or embers will melt the can and create a larger fire hazard on WFWRD trucks. ■



## Big Blue Swim School welcomed to the city with a ribbon-cutting

City staff and members of the Cottonwood Heights Business Association welcomed Big Blue Swim School, located at 1340 E. Park Centre Drive, to Cottonwood Heights with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 20. ■





## Visit the Union Cemetery on Creek Road for more than 170 years of history

Curious about the small Union Cemetery at 1485 E. Creek Road? It is more than 170 years old and was originally a family plot.

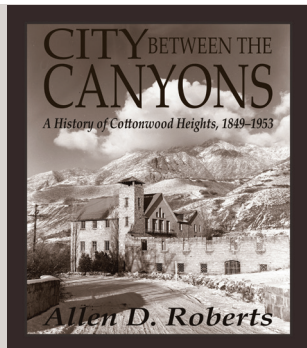
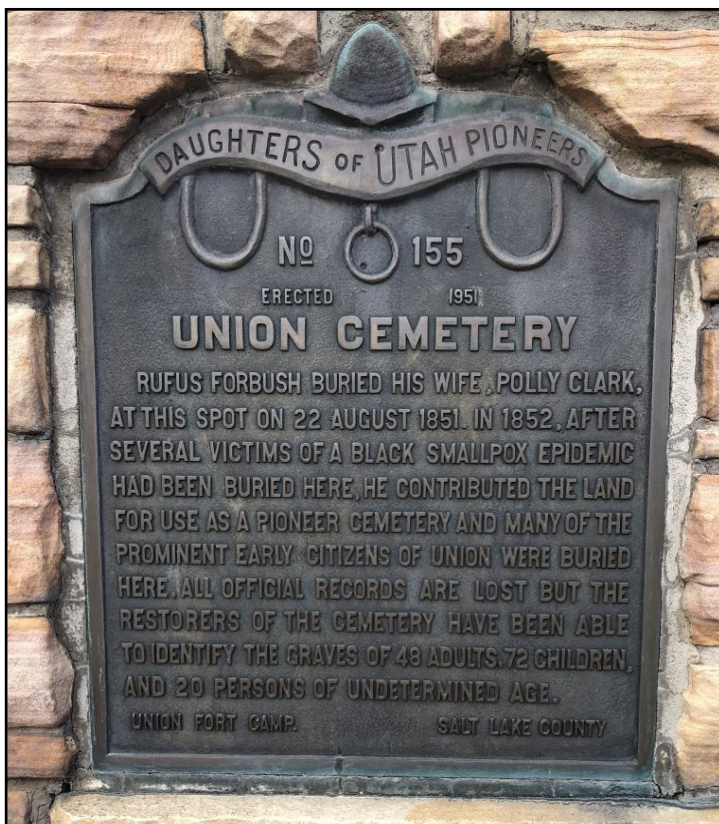
Rufus Forbush buried his first wife, Polly Clark, on his farm upstream from Union Fort on Aug. 22, 1851. That winter, a smallpox epidemic struck the Sandy district, and the survivors buried their dead near Polly's grave.

When Rufus visited her grave the next spring and discovered the other burial plots, he set aside that parcel of land, which came to be known as the Paradise Cemetery. Many area settlers are buried there, including African-American pioneers Green Flake and Hark Wales. Other notable residents buried there include:

- Martha Ann Morris Flake (African-American pioneer)
- Silas Richards (Union Fort builder and first Union precinct justice of the peace)
- Jake Galbraith (confederate soldier wounded in the Civil War who served as grave digger and cemetery sexton)

Sarah Ann Griffiths Forbush, born in 1852, died in 1939 and was the last adult buried in the cemetery. Karen Van Valkenburg was the last child to be buried there, back in 1942.

The plaque pictured at the right was installed by Salt Lake County in 1951 and notes that cemetery restorers identified the graves of 48 adults, 72 children, and 20 "persons of undetermined age." All official cemetery records have been lost. ■



### Buy the book!

Find more community stories in *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](http://ch.utah.gov/history-book) for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■

# CHRC

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PROGRAM

<h2 style="margin: 0;">MAYOR'S CUP PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS YOUTH SOCCER</h2>
<p><b>JULY 20 - 30</b></p> <p><b>THE 7TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S CUP PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT</b></p>	<p><b>STARTING FALL 2022</b></p> <p><b>"REC" LEVEL YOUTH SOCCER FOR PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE!</b></p>
<p><b>SIGN UP NOW!</b></p> <p><b>REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 15TH</b></p>	<p><b>SIGN UP NOW!</b></p> <p><b>REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 16TH</b></p>

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Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

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## Numbers to know

Emergency ..... 911

Dispatch ..... 840-4000

Fire authority ..... 743-7200

Animal control ..... 944-7100

Justice court ..... 273-9731

## Call direct

City manager ..... 944-7010

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

- **July 5:** Work session at 4 p.m., business meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **July 19:** Work session at 4 p.m., business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings on [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov).

## Planning Commission

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

## Editor

Lindsay Wilcox

## Review the Central Wasatch Commission's new environmental dashboard tool for unique data

The environmental dashboard is a tool for the public, land managers, policy makers and technical users to learn about the Central Wasatch's historic and current environmental conditions. It contains five elements:

- **Air quality and climate**
- **Geology and soil**
- **Vegetation communities**
- **Water**
- **Wildlife**

"It is the goal of the Central Wasatch Commission that the Environmental Dashboard is an educational tool that is

utilized by everyone, ranging from school-aged children to policymakers and scientific researchers," said Central Wasatch Commission chair Christopher F. Robinson in a press release. "The dashboard provides a centralized location for decades of data for water, air, soil, wildlife, and vegetation in the Central Wasatch. We have worked to make that data accessible and are proud to release it to the public for use. It is the culmination of nearly seven years of work on the project."

To check out the environmental dashboard tool, visit [cwcedb.utah.edu](http://cwcedb.utah.edu). ■



## Centers for Disease Control authorizes COVID-19 vaccines for children 5 years old and younger

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued recommendations for vaccinating children 5 years old and younger against COVID-19.

Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized both the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines for use with all ages (6 months and older) eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations. Previously, only the Pfizer vaccine was available for children younger than 18.

Vaccines for this youngest age group are on the way. According to the Utah Department of Health and Human Services, providers have already ordered 32,300 doses of the vaccines.

Vaccine dosage is based on the vaccine brand of the vaccine and child's age, not weight. Depending on the vaccine type, children younger than 5 may need two or three doses.

- **Pfizer vaccine:** Children six months to 4 years old will need three doses
- **Moderna vaccine:** Children six months to 5 years old will need two doses

Local health departments, select pharmacies, and doctor's offices are offering vaccinations to the youngest Utahns over the next several days to weeks.

For more information, visit [coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine](http://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine) or call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-456-7707. ■

**COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE**

**Who should get vaccinated against COVID-19?**

**Everyone ages 6 months and older**

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



## Business spotlight

## Moxie Mindset Therapy | 2825 E. Cottonwood Pkwy #500 | moxiemindsettherapy.com

Mental health therapist and Moxie Mindset Therapy owner Lindsey Painter says she chose the name Moxie Mindset because therapy, like moxie, is an opportunity to develop more courage, determination, and character to work through what's holding you back in life.

Painter specializes in treating obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety, and trauma as well as other issues and diagnoses. She works with individuals 14 and older and is currently accepting new clients. To schedule a free 15-minute consultation and determine whether Painter is a good fit for you, email [admin@moxiemindsettherapy.com](mailto:admin@moxiemindsettherapy.com) or call 801-382-9857. ■



## Network Funding | 2890 E. Cottonwood Pkwy #450 | cottonwoodheights.nflp.com

Local mortgage lender Miriam Aiazzi is dedicated to helping Utahns finance their dream homes or refinance to make home improvements. She also helps seniors make the most of their retirement using reverse mortgages.

To contact Miriam, email her at [miriam.aiazzi@nflp.com](mailto:miriam.aiazzi@nflp.com), call 801-703-3748, or visit [cottonwoodheights.nflp.com](http://cottonwoodheights.nflp.com). ■



Visit our local businesses for their July specials. To participate in Love Your Locals, email Sherrie at [smartell@ch.utah.gov](mailto:smartell@ch.utah.gov).

## Big Blue Swim School | 1340 E. Park Centre Dr. | bigblueswimschool.com/locations/utah

Big Blue sets itself apart from other swim schools with 90-degree, ultra-clean water, a comfortable viewing area to keep an eye on swimmers; plenty of private changing rooms, fall-proof anti-microbial carpet, free WiFi and ample parking. Additionally, Big Blue's mobile app lets parents coordinate classes for multiple kids and track their swimming progress. Sign up for a FREE trial swim lesson at [bigblueswimschool.com](http://bigblueswimschool.com) or call 801-905-8092. Offer valid for new swimmers only. ■

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Miriam Aiazzi is offering a free lunch at Porcupine Grill to discuss how a reverse mortgage might help you retire well. Call 801-703-3748. ■

## Reset Your Nest | [resetyournest.com](http://resetyournest.com)

Turn the chaos into calm with a premier home organization service from Reset Your Nest. Book your free consultation at [resetyournest.com](http://resetyournest.com) and mention Cottonwood Heights to receive \$200 off your final invoice until August 31, 2022. ■



## Shaklee | [us.shaklee.com](http://us.shaklee.com)

Get 15% off a Shaklee product of your choice before Aug. 31, 2022, when you mention Love Your Locals!

Email Jackie Sciotto at [jesciotto@gmail.com](mailto:jesciotto@gmail.com) or call 614-309-7280.

This offer is not redeemable for cash. ■

