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BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Mayor Mike Peterson



Thank you for allowing me to be your mayor over the last four years. It's truly been an honor and a time of my life I'll always cherish. I've been asked several times in recent weeks what I've enjoyed most and what I'll miss most about my

time in office. My answer is the same to both questions: The people, and the opportunity to interact with so many of you on so many different levels.

Whether it's talking to second-graders, speaking at a D.A.R.E. graduation at a local elementary school, meeting with a small group of constituents at City Hall or leading 2,000 runners at our community's Thanksgiving 5K Turkey Trot, it is still about the people. It's about trying to find the best way to serve residents and protect the quality of life we have all

become accustomed to in our wonderful city. I've enjoyed the interactions, listening to the concerns, and working to find answers during the years I've served on the city council and as mayor.

I believe the city has made tremendous strides over the past four years, despite the many challenges we have faced. Even with the pandemic and the impact it has had on our city programs and services, we have still flourished in many areas.

Being a parks and recreation practitioner by trade and by passion, I was excited once I became mayor to create a Parks, Trails, and Open Space Committee. This committee has participated in and supported the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail extension, Canal Trail creation near Mountview Park, 26-acre open space acquisition near Wasatch Blvd, and the Ferguson Park overflow parking area with a small park and off-leash area. Most recently, the committee has been supportive of and instrumental in efforts to obtain portions of the Doverhill open space to create a neighborhood

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

JANUARY 3

- OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
- DEPARTING ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEPTION

JANUARY 4

- LOBBYISTS' REPORT
- CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
- SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE
- RACQUET CLUB DRIVE PARKING PETITION
- CITY CODE FIRE SPRINKLER AMENDMENTS
- JOHNSON FAMILY RECOGNITION
- POLICE + PUBLIC WORKS QUARTERLY REPORT
- BROWN CARNIVAL CONTRACT

JANUARY 18

- Y2 ANALYTICS SURVEY AGREEMENT
- PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING DISCUSSION
- AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING PROPOSAL
- REVIEW OF BUDGET TIMELINE
- CITY CODE FIRE SPRINKLER AMENDMENTS
- FINANCE & UFA REPORTS
- VEHICLE LEASES

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History question of the month

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Which Fort Union man saved three little girls who were part of the ill-fated Willie handcart company?

Can't catch me: Find out who built the best gingerbread creation in December

Congratulations to the following residents, who won \$250 gift cards for entering their gingerbread buildings in the December Arts Council contest:

- **Grand prize:** Adrienne Day
- **Adult category:** Melissa Perry
- **Adult category:** Heather Dance
- **Group/family category:** Fuller family
- **Youth category:** Dance children ■



Adrienne Day



Fuller family

City hiring in 2022 for Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka*

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is hiring a choreographer, stage manager, set builder, and sound designer for its July 2022 production. Email Caroline at cwhitmore@ch.utah.gov to apply.

See which homeowners won prizes in the holiday decorating contest

We loved seeing the many homes who decorated for the Light the Heights holiday decorating contest! Here are the winners:

- **Grand prize:** Camelback Christmas Cheer (Eric Andrus)
- **Best inflatables use:** Rainbows Light Up the Night (Jade Velazques)
- **Best technology use:** Santa's Fantasy Land (Calvin Gundersen)
- **Best theme:** Tree of Life (Doug Cahoon)
- **Most colorful:** The Lights Aren't Twinkling (Jubal Perez)
- **Most traditional:** Harmer Holy Holiday Lights (Sandy Harmer)
- **Most creative:** Pray for Snow (Nicole Moreno)
- **Honorable mention:** Gingerbread Forest (Russ Duffield)
- **Honorable mention:** For Our Grandkids (Dave Noble) ■



Camelback Christmas Cheer



Santa's Fantasy Land

Thank you continued from cover

park. This group also works collaboratively with the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area, which is one of our valued community partners.

The city has continued to be sensitive to the environment, too. We have created legislation to address vehicle idling, put a glass recycling bin adjacent to our public works yard on 3000 E, passed a sustainability resolution in 2019, and created legislation to reduce light pollution using dark-sky outdoor lighting criteria. Most recently we received a \$400,000 grant to fund solar panel installation at City Hall. I'm proud we have staff sensitive to these issues who work collaboratively with neighboring cities to find practical solutions.

I've also enjoyed the opportunity to work with many of our boards and committees, including the Historic Committee, who published a book detailing our city's history, and the Arts Council, with its wonderful theatrical productions and public art displays. I also applaud our Emergency Management Committee and its ongoing public safety efforts, Planning Commission for their guidance of appropriate development within our city, Butlerville Days Committee for the wonderful community event they put on each year with its amazing fireworks display, and the many other groups and citizens I've not mentioned who make our city such a wonderful place to live.

When I ran for mayor, I pledged to have a strong public safety presence in our city, including both fire and police. It's been a hot topic of discussion over the past four years, but I believe we have outstanding fire and police services with some of the best-trained professionals available. Our public safety response times are outstanding, and our public safety departments continue to look for ways to improve their services.



We also have strong city leadership guiding our various departments. One of those is our public works department, which has come a long way since the days of contracted snow removal. We now have a strong team of dedicated individuals handling our road maintenance and snow removal services, and I believe they have continued to get better and better each year. I'm especially pleased with the five-year road maintenance plan and the many other services they provide.

We have a very bright, talented planning and economic development department. I'm very pleased with their efforts in creating our Wasatch Blvd Master Plan and its potential for protecting the integrity of this area of our city. I'm also pleased with other long-term and short-term planning efforts throughout our city, and our city's support and sensitivity to our business community through our Cottonwood Heights Business Association.

One of the most important responsibilities of any elected official is appropriate public fund planning and



use. When I became mayor, I created two committees to allow city council members to be directly involved in budget preparation. Two city council members sit on a committee reviewing employee benefits and compensation, and two others sit on a committee reviewing the various other city budget components. This is in addition to the city manager's internal review and analysis in his department-level budget reviews. I'm pleased to leave office with what I believe is a very healthy city operational budget and strong fund balance.

It is with gratitude to our current city council, a talented city manager, a professional and dedicated staff, and involved community members that I can say the city is poised to move forward under some new leadership to successfully navigate the challenges ahead. Through these efforts, and many others, I hope the hard work of so many will ensure the Cottonwood Heights continues to be a place where people love to work, play, and live for generations to come. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your mayor. ■

Meet with the new and outgoing mayor and city council members January 3 at 5 p.m. at City Hall

Welcome new mayor Mike Weichers and city council members Shawn Newell and Ellen Birrell, who will be sworn in that evening. This is also your chance to thank outgoing Mayor Mike Peterson and council members Christine Mikell and Tali Bruce for their years of service in the city.

Cottonwood Heights holds groundbreaking ceremony at new Ferguson Park site

City officials and community partners participated in a groundbreaking ceremony Monday, Dec. 20, at the site of the future Ferguson Park and off-leash dog area on Prospector Drive.

We recognize the many organizations and teams who worked together to make this park a possibility, including the city council, public works and community & economic development teams, Parks, Trails, and Open Space Committee, Salt Lake County, Utah Outdoor Recreation, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, contractor Stratton and Bratt, and engineer Blu Line Design & Civil Science. The city expects to open the park to the public in 2022. ■



Police de-escalation and wellness: Ongoing training for CHPD employees

Chief Robby Russo



The Utah Legislature recently passed HB 162, which now requires officers' annual training hours to include a focus on "mental health and other crisis intervention responses, arrest control, and de-escalation training." This includes skills focused on slowing situations down to avoid confrontation.

Our police department already included these skills as part of the training curriculum before the bill was passed. To examine the impact of de-escalation training, we review each use of force and first responders have become more knowledgeable. However, it became evident that a piece of the equation was missing. While the police department can initiate officer training, officers are less effective in applying strategies in crowd or arrest situations if they haven't mastered their internal de-escalation.

To help officers, we recently implemented a wellness program for police department employees and engaged mental health expert Miriah Ikemiyashiro to lead it. CHPD officers and staff, including the chief, are required to meet with Miriah at least twice a year and after any traumatic incident. I reached out to Ms. Ikemiyashiro for her comments on the program. She said:

We have reached a point in our evolution as a society and in our understanding of human psychology that we have no good reason to not be implementing best practices for our first responders' mental health. For decades we have known the impact this type of work has on the human mind over time — and we've also known the solution. The missing piece was cultural competence. Now that the psychology community is becoming better versed in the cultural nuances of first responder treatment, it's simply the right thing to do.

One piece of a sustainable and up-to-date mental health program for first responders I hope



Miriah Ikemiyashiro, CSW

community leaders, and those who have the power to fund these programs, understand is that healthy brains create healthy solutions. We talk about de-escalation training all the time, but that training is incomplete if it doesn't include the health, wellbeing, perspective and needs of the officer responsible for deescalating hostile circumstances.

We consider ourselves fortunate that Ms. Ikemiyashiro is helping us be better. I sincerely believe this program will help with career sustainability and translate into healthier staff. ■

Booster shots now available for all Salt Lake County residents 16 and older

Booster doses are available for anyone 16 or older who:

- **Got their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least 6 months ago**
- **Received their first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 2 months ago**

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you can only receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine booster currently. However, adults 18+ can get a different type of booster vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) than

the vaccine they originally received.

To get your booster, visit your local pharmacy or make an appointment with your healthcare provider. Walk-ins are also available at one of Salt Lake County Health Department's five immunization clinics. Visit coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine to find the nearest location.

Not sure which vaccine you initially received? Check your vaccination record card. If you've lost this, visit slco.org/health/immunizations and click **Records** to request a new one. ■

COVID-19 vaccine reminders

- Salt Lake County can't guarantee which brand of vaccine adults will receive at their appointment
- You can't currently be vaccinated if you have had passive antibody therapy to treat COVID within 90 days or are currently in isolation for COVID-19
- Children 5+ can now receive both doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

Storms ahead: Check social media accounts for snowplowing updates

The public works team's policy is plowing every city road within 24 hours after a storm ends. Snowplow drivers follow assigned routes, prioritizing the main streets.

To address a plowing issue, email snowevent@ch.utah.gov. Check our Facebook ([/chcity](https://www.facebook.com/chcity)), Twitter ([@chcity](https://twitter.com/chcity)) and Instagram ([@cottonwoodheights](https://www.instagram.com/cottonwoodheights)) accounts for plowing updates during and after a storm. You can also follow these tips to make winter storms easier:

- **Blow snow onto your lawn, not into the street.**
- **Clear all snow or ice from your sidewalk and driveway within 24 hours of the end of a storm.**
- **Contact neighbors who have mobility issues to help clear their sidewalks and driveways after a storm.**
- **Don't park on the street after any snowfall and not until 24 hours after the end of snowstorm.**
- **Remove trash and recycling cans from the street within 12 hours of collection.** ■

The city will begin collecting a monthly stormwater fee in early 2022

Rocky Mountain Power will collect the city's monthly stormwater fee starting in January, and you will see it on your utility bill each month going forward.

The Cottonwood Heights city council voted in June 2021 to implement a stormwater fee to cover the cost of repairing, maintaining, and replacing the city's stormwater infrastructure, which needs significant upgrades.

Most Cottonwood Heights homes will pay \$7.50 a month. Area businesses, including schools and churches that don't normally pay municipal taxes, will also pay a monthly fee based on the amount of impervious area (surfaces that don't allow stormwater to pass through, including concrete, parking lots, and roofs) they have.

Visit ch.utah.gov/stormwater for more information about the stormwater fund, the way the fee is calculated, and a breakdown of anticipated infrastructure expenses. You can also email publicworks@ch.utah.gov with questions. ■

Wasatch Front Waste approves five new fee changes to begin in 2022

WFWRD's administrative control board recently approved the 2022 budget and fee schedule. The residential base fee remains \$17 monthly (\$204 annually), and the following changes are now in effect:

- Increasing the new-can fee from \$50 to \$60 while discontinuing the \$10 stand-alone delivery fee
- Increasing the new home start-up fees to \$130 to cover the costs for two new garbage and recycling can orders (\$60 per can + \$10 delivery = \$130)
- Discontinuing the \$70 damaged can fee for customer-caused damage and combining all replacement can fees to \$70 (except normal wear and tear)
- Increasing the refurbished can fees from \$20 to \$35
- Adding a \$120 fee for a 14-yard roll-off container for municipality cleanup events, including container delivery and two tons of disposal per container (extra fees apply for loads exceeding two tons)

These fee increases result from rising disposal and operating costs. See the full list of rates and fees, along with the budget presentation, at wasatchfrontwaste.org/rates-fees. ■

Get WFWRD service updates on Facebook and Twitter

As weather worsens, the fastest way to know about recycling and garbage service changes is checking social media. Follow Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District on Facebook (facebook.com/wasatchfrontwaste) and Twitter (twitter.com/WFWRD1) to find out about service delays due to weather or traffic. ■

Curbside live Christmas tree collection available in January

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will collect undecorated live Christmas trees from curbs the day after your regular collection day during January. If your tree isn't collected, WFWRD will return for it the following week. Remember to:

- Place the tree ONLY on the curb, not in your garbage, recycling or green waste can
- Remove all snow from the tree
- Cut trees taller than eight feet into smaller sections
- Take off all decorations, lights, and tree stands
- Dispose of artificial trees or flocked trees elsewhere (WFWRD cannot accept them)

Visit wasatchfrontwaste.org to fill out a pick-up request. ■



Remember to recycle only wrapping paper from holiday gifts (not plastic)

As you exchange gifts this holiday season, remember that paper-based wrapping paper (once you've removed the tape) is recyclable. Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District cannot recycle:

- Plastic or Mylar wrapping
- Bows and ribbons
- Cards with foil elements or glitter ■



Public works, community & economic development teams deliver donations

Thank you for your generous contributions to the November Road Home drive! Our business development specialist coordinated efforts and received the largest amount of donations ever in 2021.

With help from the public works team and their equipment, the community & economic development team delivered three full truckloads full of clothing, shoes, blankets and strollers to the Midvale Road Home on Nov. 30. ■



Answer

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John Saline settled in Fort Union in the 1850s to work as an ox team driver. Born John Savilaakso in Oulu, Finland, in 1831, John changed his name to Saline when he was sent to school in Sweden. After running away from home at 14 and working on a ship with his brother, a ship captain, he learned to speak five languages fluently.

At 19, John decided to emigrate to America and met two missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on the ship. He was baptized in 1853 and followed his new friends to Utah.

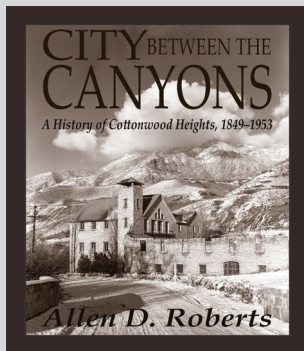
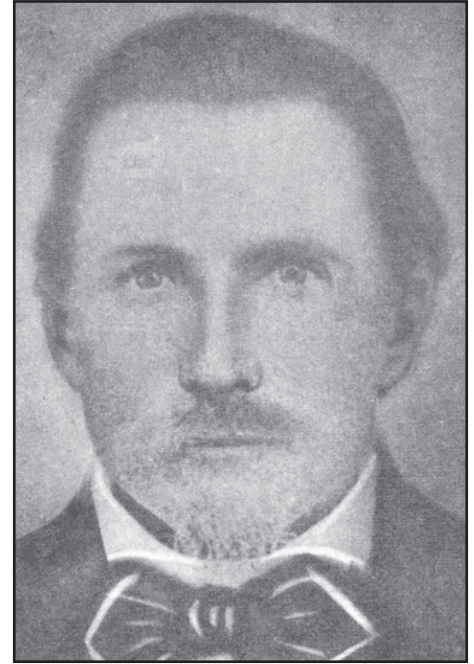
In 1856, John drove one of the five wagons from Union to rescue the Martin and Willie handcart companies stranded in Wyoming by an early snowstorm. After returning to the valley, he felt he needed to return.

John headed up East Canyon, passing several handcarts making their way into the valley. As he started up Echo Canyon, he

found three young girls, aged 11, 4 and 2, huddled around their dying mother under a handcart. Soon after, their mother died and was buried in a snowy grave in East Canyon. Her husband and a son had died on the plains of Wyoming and were buried there.

John loaded the girls — Susannah Rebecca, Sarah Ann, and Martha Ann Osborne — in his wagon and brought them into Salt Lake City. Silas Richards, bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints ward in Union, took the girls, who were so weak from the cold and lack of food they could hardly walk across the room. Four-year-old Sarah Ann died the following year.

In 1862, John married Susannah Osborne. They later moved to Sanpete County, helping to settle the Fairview area, and had eight children before moving again to Pima, Arizona. John died in Long Beach, California, in 1896 at 64. ■



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 for \$25 (3 for \$59) with shipping. ■



Text NEWSLETTER to 801-943-3190 for the latest Parks & Rec digital newsletter!

City council members

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Public works..... 944-7000

Recorder 944-7021

Finance director 944-7012

Code enforcement..... 944-7095

Police administration..... 944-7100

City council meetings

- **Jan. 3:** Oath of office administration at 5 p.m., departing elected officials reception at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 4:** Work session at 5 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **Jan. 18:** Work session at 5 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.

Work sessions may reconvene after business meetings.

Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings.

For agenda details, visit ch.utah.gov.

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

Planning Commission

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

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Lindsay Wilcox, Kim Horiuchi

CSD now accepting preschool and supplemental kindergarten applications

Is your child (between 3 and 5) ready for school? Now is the time to start thinking about where to enroll your child in preschool or kindergarten, and Canyons District has several programs to meet individual family needs.

Starting Jan. 12, CSD will start taking applications for preschool, and starting on

Jan. 25, the window opens to apply to enroll in supplemental kindergarten.

Space is limited in these tuition-based programs, and financial-need scholarships also are available for qualifying students.

Visit canyonsdistrict.org for lists of the schools where these programs are available and more details about eligibility. ■



Count Down to Preschool & Kindergarten

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Set Your Course

The start of the 2022-2023 school year might seem light-years away, but the time to start planning for preschool and Supplemental Kindergarten is now. Enroll soon to set up your students for a successful school launch.



- Opt-in, tuition-based programs
- Space is limited
- Preschool: Child must be 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2022
- Kindergarten: Child must be 5 by Sept. 1 2022

canyonsdistrict.org

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- Event notifications
- City council meeting agendas and reminders
- Employment opportunities
- Digital city newsletters
- Road projects
- Committee meeting reminders (Arts Council, Historic Committee, Architectural Review Commission, and Planning Commission)
- Public notices
- Volunteer opportunities

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies

We welcomed several new businesses to Cottonwood Heights in November and December with ribbon-cutting ceremonies! ■

Elevation Wellness | 6800 S. Highland Dr. #200 | Facebook.com/elevationwellness



Wild Sage Acupuncture | 2258 Fort Union Blvd #B6 | wildsageacupuncture.com

Louks Greek Baby Doughnuts | 6949 S 1300 E | babylouks.com



Thank you for your Sub for Santa contributions in November and December!

The Cottonwood Heights Business Association had a successful Sub for Santa program in November and filled needs for six different families.

Thank you to corporate sponsors Insurance Concepts, Network Funding, and Pat Saltzman's Neighborhood Community for large contributions. The remainder of the donations came from Cottonwood Heights residents and other businesses. We appreciate your generosity and support.

Many volunteers also attended the wrapping social on Friday, Dec. 10, and helped the Cottonwood Heights Business Association prepare gifts for delivery. The CHBA appreciated everyone who braved the snowy morning to come to City Hall. ■

