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Annual retreat pinpoints many city priorities

City manager Tim Tingey



At the beginning of each year, Cottonwood Heights city officials hold an annual retreat to discuss issues and provide direction on projects, initiatives and budget priorities for the upcoming year. The council retreat, which

is a public meeting, was held on Jan. 25. The retreat also involved city department heads, whose expertise, experience and knowledge prompted important ideas for the city council to consider. The following is a summary of some of the issues and efforts that will occur throughout this year:

Y2 Analytics survey: We've partnered with local market research and data analytics company Y2 Analytics to administer a citywide scientific survey. The survey will include a random selection

of thousands of residents who may participate by providing feedback on city services and future initiatives. Y2 Analytics will administer the survey this spring and present the results to the city council in the early summer months. We look forward to getting valuable resident feedback soon.

City fiberoptic options: We know reliable internet is important and a concern for many residents. We will be inviting multiple entities to discuss possible fiberoptic options for Cottonwood Heights in upcoming months.

Grants: The city council will continue to pursue Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention (TRCC), Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) and Wasatch Front Regional Council grants to fund various city priorities, including safe walking routes, outdoor recreation, open space, land conservation and corridor preservation. We are also focused on understanding and securing federal infrastructure funding opportunities for local governments.

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

MARCH 1

- Y2 ANALYTICS COMMUNITY SURVEY DISCUSSION
- 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
- PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON WASATCH BOULEVARD SPEED
- VAIX INC. DBA SENAWAVE COMMUNICATIONS FIBEROPTIC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
- RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH VODA LANDSCAPE AND PLANNING FOR THE MOUNTVIEW PARK POLLINATOR GARDEN
- CDRA MEETING: INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY AND FUNDING DISCUSSION FROM PREVIOUS SALT LAKE COUNTY PROJECT AREAS


MARCH 22

- UTOPIA FIBER DISCUSSION
- CANYON CENTRE TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY AGREEMENT
- CLIMATE CHANGE PROPOSED RESOLUTION
- ON-STREET PERMIT PARKING CODE DISCUSSION
- WATER CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING STANDARDS


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Get your kids vaccinated.**

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is excited to announce a free Cottonwood Heights Children's Choir. Cottonwood Heights residents in grades 3-6 can participate. No prior singing experience is required.

The CHCC will have a spring (April - July) and a fall (September - November) choir; your child can choose to participate in either or both. Rehearsals will be on Mondays (holidays excluded) from 4-5 p.m. at Cottonwood Heights City Hall. There is only one rehearsal in July, with a performance at Butlerville Days. The second performance will be at Light the Heights in November.


Registration will close on March 25, 2022. For more information about registering, go to chcityarts.com or email Ann Eatchel at aeatchel@ch.utah.gov.





Cottonwood Heights Arts Council presents

**Roald Dahl's
Willy Wonka**

Music and Lyrics by
Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley



Auditions: March 11-12
chcityarts.com | 2277 E. Bengal Blvd.



Don't miss a single update! Visit ch.utah.gov/emails to subscribe to city emails, including:

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

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Road and infrastructure improvements:

We have budgeted for many road improvements throughout the city as part of our five-year plan. We will continue efforts to maintain and rebuild our roads. Watch for slurry seal and chip seal projects beginning this spring in several areas of our community.

Public works building:

The city council will be evaluating the possibility of bonding for a new public works building. This project is critical to provide adequate storage and maintenance facilities to protect valuable equipment that is currently on an uncovered lot. It will also provide better staff facilities and salt and snowplow storage to allow for a more expedited dispatch during snowstorms.

Waterway replacement:

Many of the city's waterways need to be repaired or replaced. Thanks to the stormwater fund approved by the mayor and city council in summer 2021, we are now collecting funds

to dedicate to this infrastructure.

Cybersecurity investments:

With the increasing threat of cyberattacks, the city will consider implementing enhanced measures to protect our IT systems and provide greater city function security.

Traffic and transportation initiatives:

Another priority we identified was evaluating options to reduce speed and mitigate vehicular accidents. Discussion has occurred and will continue to occur to prompt a speed reduction on the state of Utah-controlled Wasatch Boulevard. We will also advocate for enhancing community transportation alternatives.

Public safety advisory committee:

The city council will discuss the possibility of creating a public safety advisory committee to enhance resident involvement input in matters pertaining to safety issues in our community.

General Plan:

We have been working on an update to the city's General Plan, the document

that guides the city's growth and determines the desired ways in which to grow. Project consultants are holding a General Plan open house on March 8 at City Hall, and we encourage you to attend and provide your feedback.

Legislative policy options:

City staff will be preparing a number of legislative policy options for the city council to consider, including changes to city code sections on highways, sidewalks and public places, permit parking, business licensing, sensitive lands and landscaping. The city council may also consider resolutions on climate change and emphasizing the need for reduced speeds on Wasatch Boulevard.

There are many other issues we'll consider this year, and I greatly appreciate our mayor and city council's service, ideas and efforts. I'm grateful for this retreat each year and am excited to see what we can accomplish in 2022. ■

Reminder: Attend the General Plan open house Tuesday, March 8, at City Hall

Share your feedback about Cottonwood Heights' future at an open house at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) on **Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** The city has been working on an update to its General Plan, the overarching master plan that guides the city's direction in areas such as land use, transportation, and economic development.

Your feedback as residents and business owners is critical for creating a plan that represents our community's identity today and our hopes for it tomorrow. Please join us and provide your input on this important plan!

Prefer to engage virtually? We will also share all open house materials to the project website, cottonwoodheightstomorrow.org. ■


Provide your ideas for improving Cottonwood Heights right now at cottonwoodheightstomorrow.org/take-the-survey.



Join us to build Cottonwood Heights' next park.

A donation to Ferguson Park can honor a loved one, celebrate a milestone, or simply show your support for community open space.

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities at www.ch.utah.gov/parksponsorships




WATERWISE PARK STRIP LANDSCAPING CLASS

Looking to switch out the lawn in your park strip for something more water-efficient? Led by Central Utah Water Conservancy District, this class will give you the guidance you need to get started. Together, we will learn about the types of plants and maintenance techniques best suited to park strips, as well as the park strip conversion rebate incentive known as "Flip Your Strip." Become eligible for a greater rebate just by attending this class!

DATE: MARCH 8, 2022
 TIME: 7:00 P.M.
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Please register in advance at:
www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/sustainability



Cottonwood Heights Citizens Police Academy offers hands-on experience

Chief Robby Russo



The Cottonwood Heights Citizens Police Academy was created to build a bond of mutual trust and respect between the police department and the community by reducing misconceptions and perceived notions

about police work.

During the 10-week program, residents participate in classroom presentations and lectures and receive hands-on experience to better understand day-to-day police department operations. In turn, residents also provide direct feedback for department employees. This two-way communication between police officers and the community furthers efforts to improve our residents' and business communities' quality of life.

Class topics include:

- **Lethal force/firearm simulator:** Participants receive an introduction to the rules governing an officer's use of force, including an overview of weapons systems and how officers use them. Class members also participate in simulated real-life situations where they have to decide if or when to deploy force.
- **Valley Emergency Communications**

Center (VECC) tour: Participants will tour the VECC, which provides police and fire dispatch services for the city.

- **Criminal investigation and evidence collection:** This segment introduces participants to crime investigation.
- **Gangs and narcotics:** Gang and narcotics enforcement investigators will provide insights on local investigations.
- **Domestic violence and K-9s:** Investigators and the department's victim advocate will provide an overview of domestic violence investigations. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the department's K-9 officers and their handlers.
- **Traffic enforcement:** This segment introduces participants to tactics police officers use to enforce traffic laws and investigate violations. Officers will also provide an overview of their roles in the department.
- **Less-lethal force and SWAT teams:** In this class, participants meet the department's SWAT team and learn more about their equipment. They also learn more about less-lethal weapons available to officers.

Citizens Police Academy begins March 23 at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) Participants meet



once a week from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Community Room or at other venues, including VECC, for 10 weeks. At the May 25 graduation, class members will receive a certificate of completion and are welcome to attend the reception that follows.

Citizens Police Academy participants must be at least 18 years old and of good community standing and live or work in Cottonwood Heights. They must also pass a background investigation.

To apply for the class, email Jasmina Ljubijankic at jljubijankic@ch.utah.gov or call 801-944-7100. The deadline is March 17, and the class is limited to 32 participants. ■

Some Utah Department of Health-sponsored COVID-19 testing sites now closed

With demand at COVID-19 testing sites declining across the state, and as the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) prepares to transition to a more long-term, sustainable response to the pandemic, the UDOH announced closed several COVID-19 testing locations across the state and in Salt Lake County, including:

- University of Utah tailgate lot
- Maverik Center
- Bluffdale City Park

These closures are the first of several that will occur over the next month as the UDOH transitions COVID-19 testing away from mass community sites to a model where most testing is conducted by health care providers, private testing providers, or home testing.

"We've closely monitored testing demand throughout the pandemic, and especially over the past several weeks. Many locations that used to test thousands of people a day are now testing fewer than 100," says Nate Checketts, executive director

of the Utah Department of Health. "We have worked to ensure other testing options are available in the vicinity of each site we are closing. Additionally, contracts with testing partners will remain in place, which provides us with the ability to re-open sites if the situation warrants."

If you need a COVID-19 test:

- Visit coronavirus.utah.gov to find a testing

location near you, including doctors' offices and other healthcare facilities

- Buy at-home test kits at local pharmacies or online. Most private health insurance covers at-home test kits.
- Order four free test kits for your household at covidtests.gov. These kits usually ship within 7 to 12 days. ■



Weekly green waste collection program resumes March 16

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District's weekly green waste collection program will resume Wednesday, March 16, for Cottonwood Heights residents (currently 1,315 out of the 9,478 district-wide subscribers).

You can sign up and help divert green waste from the landfill to be processed into mulch at the Salt Lake Valley and Trans-Jordan landfills. This program costs \$126 annually with a one-time \$60 start-up fee.

An extra black garbage can is \$204 annually, which makes the green waste collection program less expensive.

For more information on this program, visit wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste. ■

See WFWRD's 2021 customer satisfaction survey results

The results of WFWRD's 2021 customer satisfaction survey are in! Y2 Analytics sent WFWRD customers emails, postcards or social media and website invitations to complete the online survey, and 3,169 residents responded.

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District thanks all residents who took the time to complete this survey and is proud to provide these services. ■

Satisfaction	Cottonwood Heights	District-wide
Responses	421 (13.3%)	3,169
Garbage collection:	96%	95%
Recycling collection:	93%	93%
Curbside green waste:	98%	94%
Curbside glass recycling:	92%	91%
Area cleanup:	79%	87%
Green waste trailer reservations:	83%	91%
Bulk waste trailer rental:	75%	89%
Overall satisfaction:	93%	94%

Maintain landscaping and trees to help Wasatch Front Waste truck drivers

Spring is a great time to trim your trees. As a reminder, municipal ordinance requires trees and landscaping hanging over the street be trimmed to a minimum of 13.5 feet above the pavement.

Following these guidelines will help Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District trucks navigate through your neighborhood and empty your cans without potential damage to your trees, other property and the trucks. ■



We're hiring a culture coordinator!

Apply now for our culture coordinator position! This person will support the culture manager position, and experience with play production and grant-writing is preferred. Job duties may include:

- Helping the culture manager produce the yearly play
- Developing a budget for the play and ensuring production is completed within budget
- Securing the rights to present a play, helping with development and hiring a production team
- Scheduling rehearsals and performances
- Providing options for vendors and suppliers
- Ensuring grant applications are submitted appropriately

The culture coordinator is a full-time, benefitted position. Working hours will be a mixture of city business hours with nights and weekends as needed for volunteer meetings, play productions (practice and productions), open houses, events, and other event and arts production activities.

The salary ranges from \$15.44 to \$19.75 an hour depending on experience. To apply, visit cottonwoodheightsut.applicantpro.com/jobs. If you have more questions about the position, email human resources director Paula Melgar at pmelgar@ch.utah.gov. ■

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

Easter

EGG HUNT

SAT. APRIL 16, 2022

10:00 AM

BUTLER PARK
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- 9:30 am Free Balloon Artist
- 9:45 am Easter Bunny
- 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Come early to find your children's age group. All groups start right at 10 am. Age groups 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

Bunny Hop!

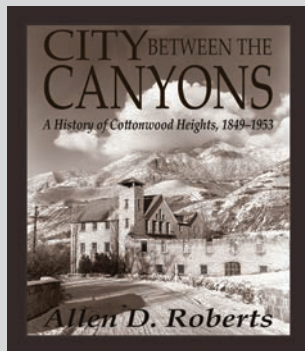
Time for a bunny hop! We're hiding this bunny image on a different city website page each day to celebrate Easter. To participate:

1. Visit the city's website (ch.utah.gov) each day after 9 a.m. April 11 - April 15, 2022.
2. Email Ann Eatchel (aeatchel@ch.utah.gov) each day with the bunny location (the bunny image above does not count)

The first 2 people who email with the bunny location each day win a Cottonwood Heights mug full of candy. Only one win per household.

Good luck finding the bunny!

Visit chcityarts.com for more information about the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council and how you can get involved with upcoming events!



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

MAYOR: Michael Weichers
DIST# 1: Douglas Petersen
DIST# 2: J. Scott Bracken
DIST# 3: Shawn E. Newell
DIST# 4: Ellen Birrell
CITY MANAGER: Tim Tingey

City office

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 Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121
 Phone 801-944-7000
 Fax..... 801-944-7005

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

- **March 1:** Work session at 4 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **March 22:** Work session at 4 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 4 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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Butler Middle School 'Willy Wonka' project results in new candy bar creation at Utah State

Six students from Butler Middle School recently got a taste of what it's like to be Willy Wonka and Charlie Bucket. Overall winner Isaac Ison and his Campfire Crunch bar and finalists Victoria Jardine, Matthew Jensen, Marin Fail, Isla Croft, and June Merrell enjoyed a hands-on tour in a chocolate factory.

It was all part of an annual English class project for Butler Middle sixth-graders. First, students read Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at the beginning

of the school year. The new middle school students were then assigned to channel their inner-Willy Wonkas by creating a chocolate-based candy bar, slogan, tagline, and marketing label.

After that, students voted to select five finalists and an overall winner. They received golden tickets to visit Utah State's Aggie Chocolate Factory and help make the winning candy bar. See a short video documentary of the project at canyonsdistrict.org. ■



Utah PTA sponsors 'Digital Citizenship' film festival for students in grades 6-12

How do you encourage your kids to take advantage of all that technology affords while protecting them from the documented dangers of too much screen time? Canyons District schools promote digital citizenship every day in classrooms. Teachers empower students to appropriately use digital media to explore the world, gain knowledge and connect with new ideas and people — and the district is partnering this year with the Utah PTA to support students in continuing to blaze a positive digital trail.

Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate in the PTA's inaugural "Don't Be Mean Behind the Screen" video competition. This is a great opportunity for those competing in Canyons' annual Film Festival — and a chance to earn double the recognition and prizes! Entries are accepted Feb. 15 – March 31.

For more information, visit utahpta.org/video-contest. ■

VIDEO CONTEST!

don't be mean behind the screen

Entries Accepted
Feb. 15 - Mar. 31
 open for grades 6-12

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Silcox Orthodontics, which opened its doors in 2008, focuses on improving patients' lives one smile at a time.

Dr. Jon Silcox says the most rewarding part of his job is watching patients, ranging from ages 8 to 80, see their smile for the first time after braces are removed.

Silcox Orthodontics offers traditional, clear or ceramic braces, Invisalign, and Incognito for children, teens and adults. Consultations are always free. ■



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With more than a decade of sales experience, founder Jessica Brooks has used and coached many sales techniques to triple sales teams' year-over-year growth. Visit StridesCoachingLLC.com to schedule a free consultation or call 858-882-7417. ■



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New and existing clients will get a free wireless streaming Sonos Port with any new system, audio or theater purchase in March. ■



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