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# BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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Share your ideas for a community space with me!

Mayor Mike Weichers



As we celebrated Butlerville Days together a few weeks ago, I watched with enthusiasm as residents interacted with each other and enjoyed activities together with friends and family.

Whether it was the pickleball tournament, historic walking tour, Painting in the Park, chalk art contests, Bingo, car shows, jump houses, carnival rides, stage entertainment, food trucks, fireworks or parade, thousands of our residents came together to celebrate a sense of community and being together. If you didn't participate this year, we missed you and I encourage you to join us next year.

Speaking of community, I am asked multiple times each week about Hillside Plaza and what will become of this property. The city is currently working

with the property owners to ensure development consistent with city wishes and in accordance with the city's General Plan.

Cottonwood Heights has chosen to get involved to pursue a public purpose within the potential property redevelopment. We envision a commercial/residential mixed-use zone with restaurants, shops, and walkable spaces that can complement a gathering area for our residents, an area in which we can feel proud by further enhancing community opportunities within Cottonwood Heights.

We plan to involve residents to help us determine desired intended uses. Perhaps you'd like a performing arts theater or roller-skating plaza? Maybe you'd like a designated area for food trucks? Would you like to see the city create and organize more events like Butlerville Days, Movies in the Park, Easter egg hunts, and block parties?

Artistic space and shows, stage entertainment, and green spaces will all be on the table as we engage

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## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

#### SEPTEMBER 6

- COMMUNITY SURVEY DISCUSSION
- UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY PRESENTATION
- CITY PROJECTS PRIORITIES DISCUSSION
- ACKNOWLEDGING NEW POLICE OFFICERS
- PROPERTY SURPLUS DETERMINATION
- PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT
- PRESENTATION AWARDED RETIRING POLICE OFFICER HIS BADGE AND FIREARM
- CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN UPDATE
- FACILITATOR AGREEMENT TO MODERATE UPCOMING GENERAL PLAN TOWN HALL MEETINGS

#### SEPTEMBER 20

- CITY COUNCIL REPORTS
- TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION
- SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN PRIORITY DISCUSSION
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN REVIEW

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- **SEPT. 10:** BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON MARATHON
- **SEPT. 17:** BARK IN THE PARK IN MOUNTVIEW PARK
- **OCT. 28:** MONSTER MASH AT COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS REC CENTER
- **NOV. 28:** LIGHT THE HEIGHTS AT CITY HALL

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**Cottonwood Heights**  
**Bark in the Park**  
**Sept. 17, 2022**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Mountview Park - 1651 E. Fort Union Blvd.**

- Free Hot Dogs (while supplies last)
- Fenced Off-Leash Area
- Vendors
- K9 Obstacle Course
- 11:45 a.m. Dog Awards
- 12 p.m. Police K9 Demo

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## Artist spotlight: Brendon Porter

Brendon Porter is a local photographer who loves to create in the digital space. He has been creating digital art and taking digital pictures since the mid '90s and has worked as a freelance graphic designer, video editor, camera man, computer consultant, and computer lab instructor at Bella Vista Elementary. He has also written a children's book, *The Christmas Caterpillar*.

Brendon started his creative journey as a teenager, when home computers were still new and the internet was just barely a thing. In high school, Brendon learned video production and the art of motion and composition. He also spent time at the Apple office in Phoenix during his last two years in high school, learning about virtual reality, 3D rendering, and digital photography. This foundation was the launch pad for many creative endeavors.

Brendon has taught photography workshops here in Utah and in exotic places like the Faroe Islands and currently offers local workshops and online photography tutorials. He loves to help those who want to improve their photography at any skill level by teaching them how to maximize their equipment and make the most out of their images through post-processing.

Brendon currently lives in Cottonwood Heights with his wife and three girls. To learn more about his work, visit [BrendonPorter.com](http://BrendonPorter.com) and follow him on Instagram at [@Brendon.Porter](#).



**Cottonwood Heights Children's Choir**  
 FREE TO PARTICIPATE  
 GRADES 3-6  
 SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER  
 Wednesdays, 4-5pm at City Hall  
 Registration and information @ [Chcityarts.com](mailto:Chcityarts.com)

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residents to determine ways to establish an area that has the ability to bring us together.

We are here to listen and hope you'll share opinions with the city council and staff. Watch for more information about the Hillside Plaza property plans coming soon! ■

### Dover Hill Drive update

City staff are actively working on best solutions on the Dover Hills property real estate. An update will be provided when one is available.



Photo courtesy Brittany Davis Photography

## Sensitive lands ordinance update: Proposed waterway standards explained

In prioritizing natural preservation and public safety, Cottonwood Heights uses an ordinance that requires expert research, analysis, and engineering during development and substantial maintenance of properties considered “sensitive lands.”

Known as the Sensitive Lands Evaluation and Development Standards (SLEDS) ordinance, this city code establishes technical regulations for properties that contain one or more of the following natural hazards:

- **Steep natural slopes**
- **Fault lines**
- **Rockfall and debris flow**
- **Liquefaction**
- **High groundwater**
- **Groundwater source protection**
- **Riparian corridor and watershed protection areas\***

The SLEDS ordinance and its scope have been in place for many years. The current update seeks to implement best practices in hazard study and analysis and clarify various procedures and requirements.

### \*Proposed natural waterway standards (riparian corridors)

One type of natural hazard identified in the current ordinance as a sensitive natural feature is riparian corridors and watershed protection areas.

These are areas and properties near any open water course in the city (e.g., Big Cottonwood Creek, Little Cottonwood Creek, East Jordan Canal, Deaf Smith Creek).

The current city ordinance says waterway regulations should be included to minimize erosion and flood risks, protect stream habitats, improve water quality, and preserve aesthetic qualities associated with waterways. Although included as a sensitive lands category, there are not currently standards or regulations included to ensure these city waterways are properly managed.

To address this, a detailed set of proposed standards has been drafted for consideration. The standards focus on providing “buffer areas” from a waterway’s top bank to direct structures and various land disturbance a reasonable distance away from the water’s edge. The concept of a buffer area is a standard component in riparian regulations nationwide, especially those within the Mountain West, and is considered critical for protecting natural features and human safety.

The city holds high regard for private property rights and, as such, proposes that legally existing, non-conforming structures on waterway-adjacent properties be allowed to continue without disruption. The draft ordinance proposes that adding to these structures and/or property



redevelopment will require conforming to the riparian standards.

The proposed standards also require city review and approval for other activities that could have a detrimental impact on waterways (substantial grading, removal of healthy trees, modification of erosion control structures).

See the full draft ordinance, as well as previous staff reports, on the Planning Commission page ([ch.utah.gov/planning-commission](http://ch.utah.gov/planning-commission)). You can review the draft and share feedback with the city council. The ordinance update will be introduced to the city council in October 2022, with opportunities for public input to follow.

Visit [ch.utah.gov/agendas](http://ch.utah.gov/agendas) to see meeting agendas, and contact city planning staff at 801-944-7000 with any questions. ■

### Get the latest news from Cottonwood Heights through email and social media

Don't miss any Cottonwood Heights news! Visit [ch.utah.gov/emails](http://ch.utah.gov/emails) to get notifications about city council agendas, committee, council and board meetings, events, jobs, road projects, and volunteer opportunities. You can also follow Cottonwood Heights on Facebook ([/CHCity](https://www.facebook.com/CHCity)), Instagram ([@cottonwoodheights](https://www.instagram.com/cottonwoodheights)), Twitter ([@CHCity](https://twitter.com/CHCity)), and NextDoor ([@CottonwoodHeights](https://www.nextdoor.com/CottonwoodHeights)).

## Police department holds barbecue for families affected by autism July 16

Chief Robby Russo



Sergeant JD Tazoi led the police department, in conjunction with the Autism Council of Utah, in hosting a community barbecue for those affected by autism on Saturday, July 16, at City Hall.

The Utah state legislature recently passed a new law requiring police officers to complete mandatory training on autism awareness. Our police department complies with the training mandate, which includes formal instruction on the complexities and responses officers can expect when dealing with those who have autism. They also experience training scenarios with a virtual

simulator that can be adjusted depending on an officer's response.

The Cottonwood Heights police department works closely with the Autism Council of Utah and wanted to show support for families who have loved ones with autism. Officers believe social interactions with those families, care providers and physicians would offer the greatest potential for understanding and success.

More than 100 people attended the barbecue and enjoyed side dishes and desserts from La Sage and hot dogs grilled by the command staff. They also enjoyed priceless interactions with Unified Fire Authority firefighters and CHPD officers.

The barbecue was a fun and memorable afternoon, and we hope to integrate this into our yearly training and awareness program. ■



## Prepare for road closures during Big Cottonwood Canyon Marathon on Sept. 10

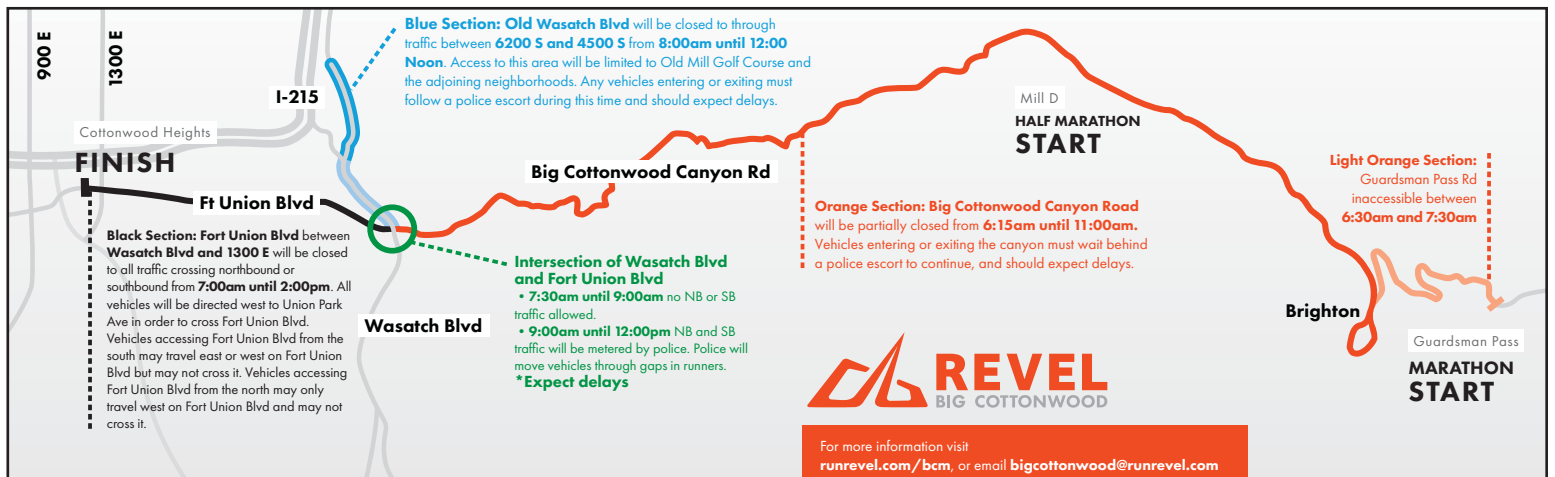
The Revel Big Cottonwood Canyon Marathon and Half Marathon will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. There will be adjusted traffic patterns and partial road closures from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the surrounding area. We appreciate your cooperation and invite you to cheer the runners on along Fort Union Blvd. or at the

finish line (1300 E. and Fort Union Blvd.).

Only one westbound lane will be open on the north side of Fort Union Blvd. Use I-215 WB to Union Park Ave. to bypass the closure across Fort Union. No vehicles can cross Fort Union Blvd. between Wasatch Blvd. and Union Park Ave during the race.

The south side of Fort Union Blvd will still be open for west- and eastbound traffic with limited lanes. Use Fort Union Blvd. or westbound Creek Road to Union Park Ave. to cross Fort Union Blvd.

Visit [ch.utah.gov/news](http://ch.utah.gov/news) for flyers with Fort Union Blvd. and Big Cottonwood Canyon maps. ■



## Bengal Blvd. roundabout: Landscaping, fencing, signage and paving soon complete

Crews have now ensured the Bengal Blvd. roundabout is functional for pedestrians and will be completing landscaping, fencing, signage, paving, and miscellaneous concrete work during the next few weeks.

They are planning to do a construction walk-through the first or second week of September and then complete any remaining checklist items after that time.

For more updates, call 385-557-7090 or email [bengalblvdroundabout@gmail.com](mailto:bengalblvdroundabout@gmail.com). ■



## Download recycling game and coloring sheets from the new WFWRD website

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District launched a new website in July. Visit [wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org) to see the updated features.

Interested in a fun way to get your family and friends involved in recycling? Head to

the **Recycling 101 page** ([wasatchfrontwaste.org/how-recycle](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org/how-recycle)) and scroll to the bottom to download the recycle sorting game or coloring sheet. You can also access the Recycle Right tool on this page to find out how to recycle certain items close to home. ■



## Common recycling myths debunked

There are many misconceptions about recycling, and Wasatch Front Waste staff want to set the record straight.

**Myth: Recyclables in your blue bins don't get recycled and go to the landfill instead**

**Fact: Around 80 percent of the materials Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District picks up are recycled domestically in the United States.** The other materials are shipped to international markets. Your plastic recyclables are often turned into new products like carpet, food containers, or even agricultural piping.

**Myth: Cardboard doesn't have any monetary value**

**Fact: Although cardboard has seen a slight decrease in value, it is still very valuable and is the most common commodity found in curbside bins.** WFWRD expects to see an increase in value for cardboard as the holiday season approaches.

Let's work together to keep Utah communities clean by reducing, reusing, and recycling. ■

## Best Buy offers free e-waste recycling

Looking for a place to recycle your old computer, appliances, or even wires or cables? Take it to your local Best Buy! Stores across the country will recycle up to three items of e-waste free 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, you reduce pollution generated while manufacturing a new product and limit the amount of new metals that need to be extracted.

Visit [bestbuy.com/recycling](http://bestbuy.com/recycling) to see which items the store accepts. ■



## Check out photos of the 2022 landscaping/beautification award winners!

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2022 landscape/beautification awards, which recognize homes and businesses with beautiful, sustainable landscaping.

The city council judged properties based on

district location and selected a residential winner from each of the four city districts. The mayor selected one commercial winner. All winners received prizes and were recognized at an August city council meeting.

- **District 1:** Misty Hobbs
- **District 2:** Michelle and Matthew Parker
- **District 3:** Caitlin and Colin Cassidy
- **District 4:** Jules and Julee Weaver
- **Business:** Rudolph Insurance Agency ■



District 1: Misty Hobbs' home



District 2: Michelle and Matthew Parker's home



District 3: Caitlin and Colin Cassidy's home



District 4: Jules and Julee Weaver's home

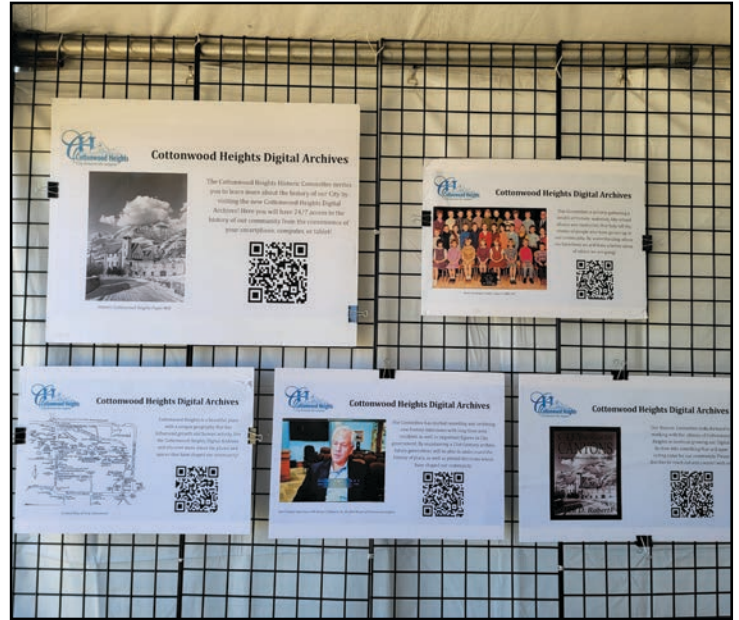
## Explore Cottonwood Heights' history online through the digital archives

The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee invites you to learn more about our city's history by visiting the new Cottonwood Heights digital archives! You'll have 24/7 access to community history from the convenience of your smartphone, computer, or tablet.

The Historic Committee is actively gathering a wealth of historic materials, like photos and building information, to tell the stories of places and people who've grown up here. By understanding where we've been, we have a better sense of where we're going.

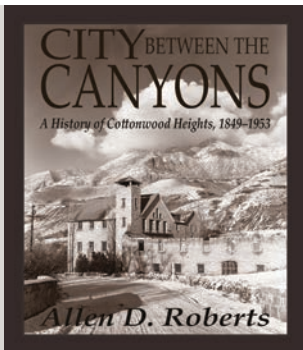
The digital archives is also a space where we can capture and record history as it is happening. We are building a resource that provides you with online access to oral history interviews with long-time area residents as well as important figures in city government. By maintaining a 21st-century archive, future generations will be able to understand the history of this place as well as the pivotal decisions that have shaped our community.

We look forward to working with Cottonwood Heights residents to continue growing our digital archive into something that will have lasting value for our community. Visit the new digital archives online at [ch.utah.gov/archive](http://ch.utah.gov/archive). You can also enjoy our exhibit that will be on display in City Hall during American Archives Month in October! ■



The Historic Committee meets monthly to plan initiatives highlighting Cottonwood Heights' history. Past efforts include creating historic trail markers, guiding a history book's publication, and staffing and creating a rotating exhibit at Butlerville Days each year.

Members must demonstrate interest or knowledge of history and historic preservation. To apply for a position on the Historic Committee, fill out an application at [ch.utah.gov/history](http://ch.utah.gov/history).



### 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. ■

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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

- **Sept. 6:** Work session at 4 p.m., business meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 20:** 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

## Youth City Council members show up to serve

YCC PR coordinator Mary Ann Jensen

Armed with garbage bags and gloves, members of the Cottonwood Heights Youth City Council (CHYCC) picked up trash along the Big Cottonwood Trail to begin their summer of service for the newly appointed members.

Saerichai Baker Rajsavong was elected service officer for the 2022-2023 year.

“To me, community service is about giving back to, and positively influencing, the community that helped raise us,” they explain.

As well as collecting trash on Big Cottonwood Trail, the CHYCC helped around Butlerville Days and carried signs during the Butlerville Days parade.

“For the majority of my life I have attended the Butlerville Days parade, and getting to be a part of this beloved tradition brings me a vast amount of joy,” said social officer Alec Roberts.

Michael Ernest, the CHYCC mayor, also explained that the work is very rewarding. In past years he has received messages from people who attended the celebration, saying that they were very appreciative of the CHYCC for keeping the park so clean.

When asked about community service, member Valerie Springer said, “Community service is incredibly important to me because it’s a phenomenal outlet to use the power and resources I have at my disposal in order to better the lives of local people, animals, and environments.”

Though the summer may be coming to a close, the CHYCC will continue to aid the community through the rest of the 2022-2023 year. They will be helping with Bark in the Park in September, the Thanksgiving 5K in November, and the Easter egg hunt next April. ■



## Welcome Dynamic Chiropractic to the city Sept. 15

Join us Thursday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m. at Dynamic Chiropractic (7186 S. Highland Drive #150) for a ribbon-cutting ceremony welcoming the business to Cottonwood Heights. ■



City staff welcomed Deseret Book to Cottonwood Heights with a ribbon-cutting Aug. 12

Business spotlight

**Dynamic Chiropractic | 7186 S. Highland Dr #150 | [utahdynamic.com](http://utahdynamic.com)**

Dynamic Chiropractic offers a unique approach in helping patients with various health concerns and is one of few chiropractic offices in the country that focus exclusively on neurostructural correction. They encourage patients to think of the spine like you would a foundation of a house. When there's a weakness in the foundation, it can change the structure of the entire house, resulting in secondary damages.

Using advanced diagnostics to objectively measure the spine structure and evaluate your nervous system functions, Dynamic Chiropractic offers a detailed neurostructural examination that allows them to accurately diagnose your condition and provide precise corrections to help your body get back to normal structure and performance.

For a complimentary consultation, call 801-233-0033 or visit [utahdynamic.com](http://utahdynamic.com).



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Willow Bend Medical offers a healthier kind of healing and a better kind of beautiful. They want you to look and feel your best without chemicals or cutting and offer a natural, organic, and holistic approach, helping you feel and look your best without invasive, potentially risky procedures and treatments.

Treatment packages currently include Emsculpt Neo, Emsella, PRP, and massage therapy, and Willow Bend Medical will be adding new services as they expand into their new building in the coming months.

Visit [willowbendwell.com](http://willowbendwell.com) for events and updates or call 385-448-4040 to make an appointment.



Visit our local businesses for their September specials.

**Dynamic Chiropractic | [utahdynamic.com](http://utahdynamic.com)**

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*Dr. Daniel Hansen*  
Authorized Signature

October 31, 2022  
Expiration Date

**Intuitive Center | 6715 S. 1300 E. #150 | [linktr.ee/IntuitiveCenter](http://linktr.ee/IntuitiveCenter)**

The Intuitive Center is a shared office of alternative health and wellness professionals offering \$10 off any service scheduled in September (new clients only). Mention this ad when scheduling (open by appointment only).

**Marvin Deus** offers spinal touch, nutritional testing and counseling, emotional and mental health releasing. Call 801-860-9688.

**Back in Balance Massage Therapy** offers Thai yoga massage, Lomi Lomi, Swedish and deep-tissue massage. Call 801-953-5549.

**Emissary of Light Massage** offers cupping, Ashiatsu, deep-tissue and sports massage. Call 801-604-2502.

**Healing Pointe Therapy** offers massages, emotion/body code, Reiki, breathwork, and shamanic healing. Call 801-663-6410.

**Harmony Massage** offers medical, sports, injury and relaxation massages. Call 801-834-4068.