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BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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Looking back on city efforts in 2022

City Manager Tim Tingey



Over the past several years, I have had the opportunity to work with city staff to prepare a year-end report for the city. This report highlights efforts and accomplishments from the previous year, and I submitted the

information to the city council and presented in a public meeting in early January. I think it is important to communicate to our residents some of the important efforts that occurred this past year. The following highlights some of items from the year-end report:

- **Communication and social media:** We continued to publish the city newsletter and posted, through social media, at least every weekday on the city's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts.

- **Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan:** The city adopted, by resolution, the Cottonwood Heights portion of the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan, which is a regional active transportation plan that envisions bike and trail connections across cities in southeastern Salt Lake County. Staff have already begun applying for grants to implement the plan improvements, particularly along Fort Union Boulevard.
- **Waterwise landscaping ordinance:** We drafted and adopted an updated landscaping ordinance that promotes water conservation by limiting the amount of grass that can be installed on new construction projects. The ordinance adoption also ensures the city's ongoing participation in Flip Your Strip programs.
- **Road improvements:** We finished 924,000 square feet of chip seal improvements and

City efforts continued on page 3

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

FEBRUARY 7

- ELECTION DISCUSSION
- DOVERHILL PARK DISCUSSION
- FIVE-YEAR ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN
- SENSITIVE LANDS EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SLEDS) ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION
- PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD-2) TEXT AMENDMENT PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NORTH GRAVEL PIT
- BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
- COUNCIL INTERNAL POLICIES RESOLUTION

FEBRUARY 21

- CRIME PREVENTION TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION
- CITY FIBER OPTION DISCUSSION
- LITTLE COTTONWOOD LAND DESIGN CONCEPT DISCUSSION
- FORM-BASED CODE UPDATE
- BUDGET CALENDAR DISCUSSION
- HILLSIDE PLAZA DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)
- HILLSIDE PLAZA BOND PUBLIC HEARING
- PDD-2 TEXT AMENDMENT FOR NORTH GRAVEL PIT

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- **FEB. 1-28:** COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS LOVE LETTERS AT CITY HALL
- **FEB. 4:** THEY REM HIP HOP PERFORMANCE AT BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- **FEB. 22:** CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY BEGINS AT CITY HALL
- **FEB. 24:** SWEETHEART PAINT NIGHT AT CITY HALL
- **MARCH 17-18:** GUYS AND DOLLS MUSICAL AUDITIONS AT CITY HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT CH.UTAH.GOV AND CLICK **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**



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SAVE THE DATE FOR A CELEBRATION OF
 HIP HOP CULTURE, MUSIC & DANCE

FEB 4, 2023
7:00PM

BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL
 7530 S. 2700 E.
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Cottonwood Heights Arts Council

GUYS AND DOLLS

A Musical Fable of Broadway
 Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon
 Music and Lyrics by: Frank Loesser Book by: Jo Swerling & Abe Burrows

Open Call Auditions
 18 and older

Friday, March 17, from 6 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cottonwood Heights City Hall
 2277 East Bengal Blvd.

For more information about auditions and roles, visit
CHCITYARTS.COM or email events@ch.utah.gov.

2023 Show dates: July 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, & 15

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. WWW.mtishows.com

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Save the date! Butlerville Days held Thursday through Saturday, July 27-29, 2023

Mark your calendars now: Butlerville Days will be held Thursday, July 27, Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29, at Butler Park (7500 S. 2700 E.)!

We are currently looking for Butlerville Days Committee volunteers and sponsors for this family-friendly event. Sponsoring Butlerville Days allows you to:

- Promote your products
- Gain recognition as a community partner
- Increase your visibility in the community
- Offer event deals for patrons

For more information about volunteering and sponsoring various events, visit Butlervilledays.com or call Ann Eatchel at 801-550-8225. ■



BUTLERVILLE DAYS
 July 27-29, 2023

City efforts continued from cover

1.8 million square feet of slurry seal improvements on city roadways.

- **Capital projects:** We finished the Bengal Boulevard roundabout and the Ferguson Canyon Park.
- **Police training in intervention responses:** We developed specialized intervention training for officers responding to those with autism spectrum disorder and other mental illnesses. Our police department also worked closely with the Utah Autism Awareness Foundation and developed a curriculum and policy.
- **K-9 dogs:** We invested in our police canine program, which functions to keep officers safe while arresting violent offenders. In this year's Utah Peace Officers Association statewide competition, the Cottonwood Heights K-9 team took first place in narcotics detection.
- **Event efforts:** We planned and organized Butlerville Days events, including a car cruise, parks, trails and open space seminar, painting class, chalk art contest, scooter demo, bingo,

stage entertainment, vendors and inflatables. Several patrons said it was one of the best Butlerville Days and that it had a fun, community feeling.

- **Financial awards:** We received the Distinguished Budget Presentation award for 15 consecutive years and the award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for nine consecutive years. We also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 10 consecutive years.
- **Cybersecurity:** We implemented a number of trainings and security measures to enhance cybersecurity protections for our city.

I am grateful for the leadership, time and efforts our mayor and city council provide for the city. I am also grateful for all of our employees and their efforts and dedication in striving to provide effective and efficient customer service and bettering the community of Cottonwood Heights. We will always strive for continuous improvement, and I am proud to be part of this great city. ■



Photo courtesy Brittany Davis Photography

Hillside Plaza update: Learn more about the upcoming public hearing about bonds

On Oct. 31, 2022, the city council (acting as governing body of the Community Development and Renewal Agency, or CDRA) signed a purchase agreement to buy the Hillside Plaza shopping center property, which consists of about 10 acres on the southeast corner of Fort Union Blvd. and 2300 E. (excluding, however, the Walgreens parcel). The purchase price is \$14 million.

In association with this purchase agreement, Cottonwood Heights will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.** at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) to receive public input about issuing bonds to finance the Hillside Plaza property.

The CDRA has been conducting a due diligence process, which includes evaluating environmental and property conditions, tenant leases, funding options, and other pertinent acquisition information.

The current Hillside Plaza property owner has been interested in selling the property for several years, and multiple developers proposed mixed-use (housing and commercial) projects with significant housing density on the site.

In response to residents' concerns about the developments private investors proposed, the CDRA provided direction to evaluate the purchase, respond to these concerns, and have more options to implement the Fort Union Boulevard Master Plan goals, which include:

- **Creating a more livable place with a higher quality of life**
- **Providing a balanced mixture of land**



uses in the area

- **Implementing both transportation- and pedestrian-oriented mixed-use development to foster a vibrant and positive "town center" environment, with public spaces to complement both commercial and residential investments**

On Dec. 13, the CDRA board and the city council each enacted legislation establishing a reinvestment area plan for the 2300 E. Fort Union area. Creating this area plan allows the CDRA to use additional financing tools legally available to promote reinvestment, including bonding options for land purchase consideration. ■

Winter fire hydrant maintenance: Help firefighters in case of home emergencies

Assistant fire chief Riley Pilgrim



Maintaining a clear and workable space around fire hydrants during the winter months is critical. In general, this responsibility falls on the residents who own or occupy property nearest

a hydrant.

When responding to structure fires, time is of the essence. If you have a hydrant on or near your property, here are the things you can do to ensure firefighters can connect to the hydrant quickly when needed:

- **Remove snow within three feet** of each side of the fire hydrant (and behind it)
- **Clear a path from the street** to the front of the fire hydrant. These clearings should

go all the way to the ground whenever possible but at least one foot below the hydrant caps.

Some neighborhoods organize an Adopt-A-Hydrant program. This helps residents to be aware that they need to clear snow from and maintain space around hydrants and help each other with those tasks throughout the winter months. You can do this when you are already out shoveling or snow-blowing your driveways and sidewalks.

If you ever notice a hydrant issue that may require maintenance, please notify the city. As always, thank you for your help, and have a safe winter! ■



Reminder: Sign up for the police department's Citizens Academy classes by Feb. 20

The Cottonwood Heights police department is holding its Citizens Academy classes again beginning Feb. 22. Citizens Academy allows Cottonwood Heights residents, business owners and employees access to CHPD officers and department resources.

Classes 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 and includes hands-on experience.
- **Gangs and narcotics:** Gang and narcotics enforcement investigators will provide insights on local investigations.
- **Domestic violence and K9s:** 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 K9 officers and their handlers.
- **Traffic enforcement:** This segment

introduces participants to tactics police officers use to enforce traffic laws and investigate violations. Officers 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.

Classes begin Feb. 22 and continue each consecutive Wednesday evening until April 5. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions but can miss one or two sessions and still graduate from Citizens Academy.

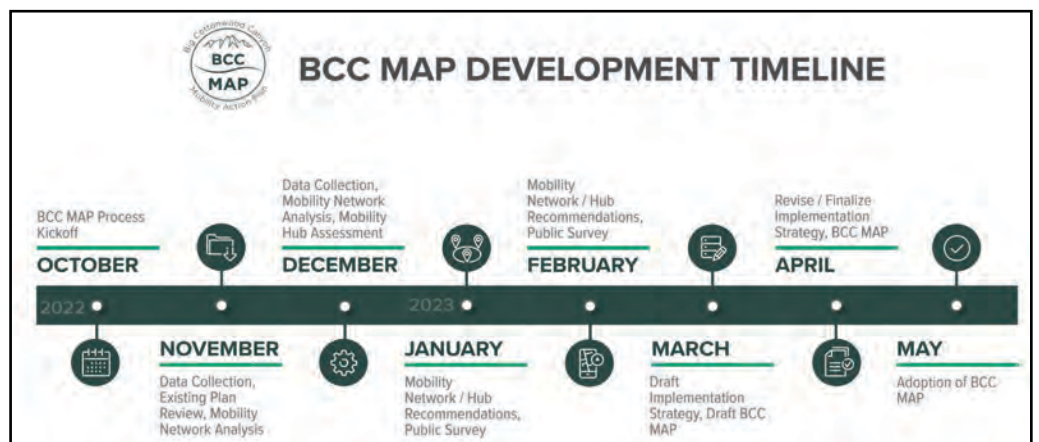
To sign up for the Citizens Academy classes, call 801-944-7100. ■

Take the Big Cottonwood Canyon mobility action plan survey before Feb. 10

The Central Wasatch Commission's Big Cottonwood Canyon mobility action plan (BCC MAP), introduced in 2022, will prioritize near- and long-term solutions to improve mobility in Big Cottonwood Canyon throughout the year. The BCC MAP will lay out an implementation plan for various options, including funding and timeline.

As part of the public engagement facet of the BCC MAP, the Central Wasatch Commission is seeking public feedback on a transportation and transit survey.

To take the survey before it closes Feb. 10, visit cwc.utah.gov/transportation/big-cottonwood-canyon-mobility-action-plan. ■



Subscription green waste program to resume Wednesday, March 15

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's weekly green waste collection program will resume Wednesday, March 15.

Residents can sign up and help divert green waste, which will then be processed into mulch they can buy from the Salt Lake Valley and Trans-Jordan landfills.

A one-time \$70 start-up fee to pay for the can is required. The annual cost is \$126, which is less expensive than buying an additional black garbage can (a \$234 annual cost).

To get more information on the green waste program and subscribe, visit wasatchfrontwaste.org/services-requests/additional-subscription/green-waste. ■



Plastic-based packaging: Find out what can and can't be recycled

Bubble wrap, cellophane, Styrofoam, and other plastic shipping materials are NOT recyclable. If it's plastic and you can crumple it, it belongs in the black garbage can.

Please throw these items in the garbage or visit wasatchfrontwaste.org or [@wasatchfrontwaste](https://www.instagram.com/wasatchfrontwaste) on Instagram for alternative recycling options and tips. ■



Place your waste cans sideways on windy days to avoid littering

When the wind is blowing, turn your waste and recycling cans facing sideways to the street. This will help ensure that lightweight items, like plastic bags and loose paper, do not fly out and litter your neighborhood.

Remember not to place your cans with the lid hinges facing toward the street. This makes it harder for Wasatch Front Waste collection trucks to successfully empty your cans.

See the photos below for correct can placement. ■



Share your canyons feedback in upcoming public meetings!

The U.S. Forest Service and Salt Lake County are partnering to develop a Tri-Canyon Trails Master Plan. Their goal? Identify opportunities to protect watershed and ecosystem health while providing diverse, year-round recreation opportunities for Little Cottonwood, Big Cottonwood, and Millcreek Canyons.

Share your feedback online at tricanyontrails.org or at a public meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, at the Millcreek Library (2266 E. Evergreen Ave.). Doors open at 6 p.m., and the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. ■



Join local representative Gay Lynn Bennion for online town halls this month

Representative Gay Lynn Bennion



and phone calls, I have been impressed with your knowledge, experience, civility, and compassion.

I have met a mother dealing with great personal loss who turned her focus outward to begin a nonprofit to benefit communities in Africa, a retired physician who dedicates much time to teach about the effects of adverse childhood experiences, and devoted

parents focused on providing support for their children and teachers.

As I serve as your representative in the Utah legislature, your needs and values are foremost in my mind. I am focused on ways to restore the Great Salt Lake, improve housing policy and opportunities, and support public education. My work is reflected in the bills that I will present this session.

I take my responsibility to represent you seriously. I will host Zoom town halls on two Thursdays — Feb. 2 and 23 — at 7 p.m. at zoom.us/j/4933747531. I hope you can meet with me from the comfort of your homes. This link is also available on my website, gaylynnbennion.com.

Senator Kathleen Riebe and I also invite you to join us at Butler Middle School (7530

S. 2700 E.) in the media center on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 7-8:30 pm. Finally, I invite you to sign up on my website, gaylynnbennion.com, to receive weekly updates during the legislative session and occasionally throughout the year.

My goal is to be your voice at the state capitol. In 2022, I passed two bills that came from you, my constituents. My current work on short-term rental policy is due to input from one of our planning commissioners. I encourage you to connect with me through email (gibennion@le.utah.gov) or call or text me at 385-224-9197.

In the upcoming legislative session, I look forward to working with you, my constituents, to address the important issues facing our neighborhoods, cities, and state. ■

See historic photos anytime through the Historic Committee's digital archives

Have you visited Cottonwood Heights' digital archives yet? Our Historic Committee has been hard at work uploading historic photos of people and places throughout Cottonwood Heights so you can access them at any time.

Visit the digital archives to read memories from Cottonwood Heights residents, see historic maps, check out records about surveying and preserving historic city homes and buildings, and listen to oral histories from community members and local leaders, including former mayors Mike Peterson and Kelvyn Cullimore.

You can also see a collection of photos and documents from various schools in Cottonwood Heights and read more about the history of the Danish Town and Chris Lane areas of the city.

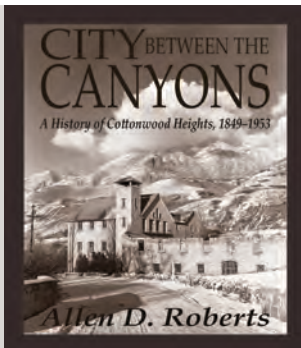
Ready to check out the collections for yourself? Visit ch.utah.gov/archive now to explore everything available. ■



Alvin Green, Francis Green, and Lydia Hunt, early settlers of Cottonwood Heights

Apply to be part of the Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee at ch.utah.gov/board-application! Members meet monthly to plan initiatives celebrating city history. Current efforts include:

- Discussing a veterans' monument at City Hall
- Continuing to contribute to the digital archives
- Staffing a rotating exhibit at Butlerville Days



Buy the book!

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



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CITY MANAGER: Tim Tingey
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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.....840-4000
Police administration..... 944-7100

City council meetings

- **Feb. 7:** Work session at 4 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 21:** Work session at 4 p.m., CDRA meeting at 5:30 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.

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

Parents: Apply now for preschool programs offered at Bella Vista and Oakdale Elementary

Bella Vista and Oakdale Elementary offer tuition-based preschools for the 2023-2024 school year. Children who will be age 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2023, are eligible to apply.

Canyons School District's preschools provide 2.5 hours of instruction to students enrolled for two or four days a week. Each classroom is taught by a teacher who is certified in both general and special education.

The cost is \$100 per month for students attending two days a week and \$200 a month

for students attending four days. A one-time \$20 registration fee is also required. However, children in special education may be able to attend free of cost.

Morning sessions are held from 8:20 - 10:50 a.m., and afternoon sessions run from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Families can also choose to apply for any of Canyons' 12 preschools (filled on a first-come, first-served basis).

Visit canyonsdistrict.org/depts/early-childhood/tuition to apply. ■



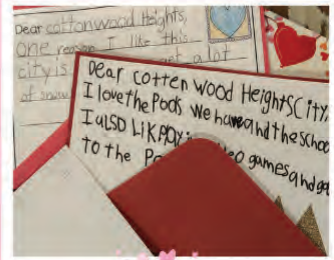
CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT

There's Power in Playtime
Apply Now for Preschool

February Artist of the Month: Dear Cottonwood Heights


The February Artists of the Month are students from Ridgecrest Elementary. These students have composed original love letters to Cottonwood Heights that will decorate the lobby of City Hall the month of February!

Thank you to Principal Sara Allen and the teachers for supporting this fun literary project. The students put their HEARTS into these letters, and we can't wait to share their LOVE of our city with everyone.



The students' letters will be displayed in the lobby at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the month of February.

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Nouvelle Aesthetics and Wellness's team of medical professionals is committed and trained to serve, inspire, and nurture. They are passionate about bringing confidence to every client by enhancing, not changing, their natural beauty.

In addition to typical medical procedures and aesthetic services like injectables and facials, Nouvelle also offers infusion therapy, medical weight loss, platelet-rich plasma (PRP) injections, and polydioxanone (PDO) threads.

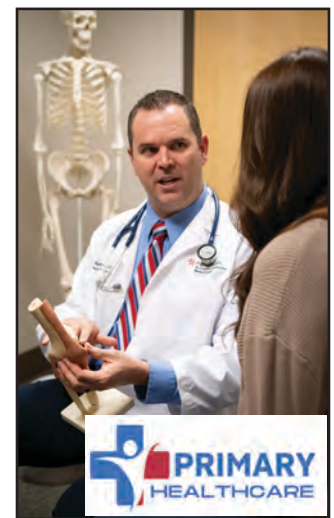
Join them for their grand-opening event on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 5:30 - 9 p.m., and enjoy food, drinks, and giveaways. ■



Primary Healthcare | 6360 S. 3000 E. #210 | phcmed.com

Primary Healthcare is excited to provide the Cottonwood Heights community with primary healthcare services, including family medicine and sports medicine for all ages. They have partnered with Heiden Orthopedics to provide full and comprehensive sports performance and orthopedic care so that you and your family can remain active and healthy.

Whatever your vision of a fulfilling life is, Primary Healthcare wants to help you get there. Let them be your primary care provider and first call for any health issues or needs. Call 801-758-8735 to schedule an appointment. ■



COME AND SING!

Cottonwood Heights Children's Choir

FREE TO PARTICIPATE
GRADES 3-6
FEBRUARY - MAY

Wednesdays, 4-5 pm at City Hall

Registration and information @ Chcityarts.com

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Save \$10 on your first service when you book online and then use code **NEIGHBOR** at in-person checkout. ■



See Sub for Santa and Light the Heights business winners on our social media!

Follow the Cottonwood Heights Business Association on Facebook ([/CHBusinessAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/CHBusinessAssociation)), Twitter and Instagram (both [@chbabiz](https://www.instagram.com/chbabiz)) to see photos of our Sub for Santa event and the business winner of the Light the Heights contest last December! You can also support local businesses when we share ribbon-cutting events there. ■