

BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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Protect yourself from potential flooding this spring

Councilmember Doug Petersen



Cottonwood Heights is not only the "City Between the Canyons." It is also the "City Cradled by Big and Little Cottonwood Creeks."

These unique features are part of what makes our city a beautiful place to live. It wasn't just the

powder hounds that were praying for an exceptional snow year this winter. We have all been reminded of the seriousness of this drought. We needed a winter to remember this season, and Mother Nature did not disappoint.

I tried to complain a little less than normal with each shovelload of snow thrown and ignore the sore muscles that had little time to recover before the next storm would arrive.

We have had record-breaking totals of snow pack

and water content that are so important to help our drought situation.

Our mountains are now holding this precious cache of water, and now we need to talk about the withdrawal transaction. This is where our rivers come into play.

Big and Little Cottonwood Creek don't have the buffer of a large reservoir to help regulate or control the flow that many rivers and streams have. We are primarily at the mercy of how Mother Nature decides to bring down this precious commodity. Over the years, crews have done extensive work in and around the creeks to keep them within their banks when the high flows come.

Our city public works department, Salt Lake County, and many other agencies have started earlier than ever before with preparation to help keep our waterways in check.

Even with all of the preparation and planning we are doing, we will be reaching out to you, our

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- TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION PARADE GUIDELINES DISCUSSION

- **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SLEDS) REPORT**

- BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT
- ELECTION METHODS DISCUSSION
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- APRIL 8: EASTER EGG HUNT AT BUTLER PARK
- APRIL 17: ASPEN WINDS FAMILY CONCERT AT CITY HALL
- APRIL 22: COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SHAKEOUT
- APRIL 25: ARTS COUNCIL SCULPTURE RIBBON-CUTTING AT CITY HALL
- JUNE 2: FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING AT CITY HALL

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Visit **ch.utah.gov/ emails** to sign up for the notifications you want today!

BUTLERVILLE DAYS July 27-29, 2023

- Sponsors: Advertise with us and show your community spirit
- Volunteers: Help with various events, including Bingo and the parade
- Vendors: Sell items and services from home and commercial businesses
- Parade participants: Apply to perform or promote your organization
- Entertainers: Share your music with us on the event stage

Get more information at BVDAYS.COM



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residents, to help with this effort.

Some sandbagging events may have already started before this publication arrives to your homes. You can fill and pick up sandbags at the public works yard this month (see page 4 for details), and we'll soon announce other locations for group sandbagging.

Here are some very important safety concerns to keep in mind this spring:

- Stay a safe distance from these soon-to-be raging streams
- Use extra caution with pets and children at

all times

- Report any failures with the river's edge integrity to Salt Lake County Flood Control at 385-468-6600 or online at slco.vueworks. com/CitizenRequestPortal
- Do not throw any debris in the creek

The water was snow only hours before, and needless to say, it is unbearably cold. With the speed of the water and the obstacles within, the creek is currently very dangerous.

This precious resource we have been blessed to

receive this season is a vital resource I hope we will not ever again take for granted.

With the preparations we are making and the volunteer work I know we will receive, I hope we can all look forward to a beautiful spring season and a positive outlook for the future.

Remember to always look for ways to be of service to your neighbors and to all those in need of your help.

Thank you for making Cottonwood Heights a wonderful place to live.



Reminder: Join the Volunteers in Parks (VIP) program to keep our parks clean!

The Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee, along with city council liaison Doug Petersen, is seeking residents to join the Volunteers in Parks (VIP) program and serve as park leaders for the following parks:

- Antczak Park
- Bywater Park
- Butler Park
- Crestwood Park
- Ferguson Park
- Golden Hills Park
- Mountview Park
- Mill Hollow Park

Park leaders would gather volunteers to walk through the park and report any maintenance or graffiti issues, pick up trash, and note other site-specific items.

We've had several people begin volunteering with the VIP program who have expressed concerns about dog waste and unleashed dog waste. Remember: Allowing your pet to defecate in a public space without immediately cleaning up after it is considered a nuisance by Title 9 and Title 8 of city code. Nuisances are subject to code enforcement penalties and fines.

Interested in serving as a park leader or volunteering on a team? Call parks and facilities manager Andrew Davis at 801-943-3190 (ext. 157) or email him anytime at andrew@cottonwoodheights.com.

April Artist of the Month: Durga Ekambaram

Durga's artistic pursuits started at a young age, while she started admiring and learning from her mother, an artist based in India. She derives inspiration from anything and everything around her, and her work includes drawing, painting, sketching, mixed media, and chalk art.

According to Durga, exploring new mediums is a liberating process. She particularly loves creating art with different textures using clay, mirrors, and paper. Having had several dedicated displays about Indian culture and its art forms in the past years, Durga has discovered that she loves expressing her aesthetic tendencies and ethnic background through her art.



Durga's art 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 April.

Find Durga on Instagram: @strokes_durga

CHCITYARTS.COM











Follow these seven tips to stay safe this spring near moving water in Utah

Assistant fire chief Riley Pilgrim



The spring runoff can be an impressive site in Utah, particularly in streams that have a tendency to run at a slower pace during the summer and winter months. Even with slight warming

in higher elevations, the runoff can drastically change the speed and volume of water in our rivers and streams. This increased flow naturally draws attention, which can quickly turn into an emergency if we are not careful.

If you are headed to spend some time in the outdoors and will be near moving water, please

consider the following:

- Remember that the water will be extremely cold, which reduces the body's ability to move and makes it far more difficult to get out of the water if you fall in. Hypothermia also poses a significant risk.
- Fast-moving water only a few inches deep can knock a grown adult off-balance, and this risk increases when water rises and carries debris from upstream
- Water that appears calm on the surface can have rapid and varied currents immediately below
- River and stream banks can become compromised as water flow increases, so be cautious when approaching moving water

- Only cross water in areas with a bridge or other reliable crossing when hiking
- Keep a close eye on children and pets when playing near moving water
- Immediately call 911 if you see someone
 fall into moving water. Tell the responder
 where they fell in and what they were
 wearing, and do not enter the water to help
 them, as you may also be in danger.

City leadership, staff and local emergency managers are also closely monitoring the potential runoff and are preparing for a variety of weatherand flood-related scenarios. They are watching weather patterns and their impact on snow melt regularly and preparing resources if flooding does occur.

Volunteer to help fill sandbags at the public works yard April 1, 3-7, 8, 10-15!

Prepare now for spring runoff and potential flooding by filling sandbags at the public works yard:

- April 1: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- April 3-7: 3-8 p.m.
- April 8: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- April 10-14: 3-8 p.m.
- April 15: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Public works staff will provide sand, bags, and shovels and will also be available to help residents load bags into vehicles, if needed.

We encourage families, church, scout and neighborhood groups to fill bags for those who can't fill their own and will also have a limited number of prefilled bags available. You must show identification with a Cottonwood Heights address

to pick up sandbags.

The public works team will also be delivering sand and bags to specific locations for group sandbagging. They will select these locations on a historic basis and announce the locations later.

Note: Polypropylene sandbags provide a strong material for flood control and last almost indefinitely with minimum care when protected from ultraviolet exposure. They can photodegrade quickly when exposed to direct UV sunlight (in about 8 months to a year). Salt Lake County Flood Control and most cities use polypropylene sandbags for these reasons. Burlap sandbags will eventually rot if not protected from weather, and nylon sandbags are expensive and do not degrade quickly.



Keep storm drains clear to relieve street flooding and get other preparation tips

The city's storm drain system is vital to help relieve potential street flooding. Please check stormwater inlet grates in front of your home and remove any debris that collects there.

If you need help or to report a blocked inlet, call the public works team at 801-944-7000 or fill out the form at **ch.utah.gov/public-works**.

Follow these guidelines to stay safe as well:

Call police dispatch at 801-743-7000 to

report flooded rivers and streams

- Call Salt Lake County Flood Control to report debris in a river, creek, stream or canal
- Monitor water sources for potential flooding during rain and heavy runoff times
- Turn around if a street is flooded instead of driving through it
- Listen to news and weather alerts
- Be aware of the potential for debris flow

due to flooding

- Consider renting a green waste trailer from Wasatch Front Waste to clean up debris
- Visit the city news page (ch.utah.gov/news),
 Salt Lake County Flood Control website (slco.org/flood-control), or Salt Lake County Emergency Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram pages (/SLCOEM) for more information

Save the date: Join Cottonwood Heights' annual city shakeout Saturday, April 22

Participate in Cottonwood Heights' annual city shakeout on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon! This drill helps the community prepare for an emergency situation.

Put a green, yellow, red or black ribbon (or an object in that color) in a visible place outside your home before 9 a.m.:

Green: No medical situations

- Yellow: Non-life-threatening medical issue
- Red: Life-threatening situation
- Black: A death in your home

Block captains will collect information from the street beginning at 9 a.m. The Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club, a volunteer group that handles the city's radio disaster communications, then transfers the data to the emergency operations center at City Hall.

As part of the drill, residents should also create and review a personal or family emergency plan. Visit the Utah Shakeout website (shakeout.org/utah) for more tips.

As recycling fees increase, follow these tips to keep costs lower

Recycling fees have increased and at times have been higher than taking materials to the landfill. However, putting recyclable materials in the landfill will not reduce these costs because it will still need to be collected and hauled.

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District is committed to providing residents avenues to recycle because it is still worth it to protect the environment and avoid the future costs



of not recycling. Here are a few tips to keep costs as low as possible:

- Keep it clean. Empty all items before putting them in your bin.
 You don't need to wash your recyclables, but rinse them quickly if needed.
- When in doubt, throw it out.
- Don't put any plastic bags in the blue bin. Even bagging your recycling in this curbside container increases costs.

Benefits of compressed natural gas (CNG) at Wasatch Front Waste

WFWRD is proud to have a complete compressed natural gas (CNG) fleet of trucks for curbside collections. Not only is CNG better for the environment by putting fewer pollutants into the air, it is also less expensive than diesel fuel. These savings help offset the truck purchase.

Reserve a trailer now to clean up your home or yard this spring

WFWRD offers both bulk and green waste trailers you can rent to help with spring cleaning this season. These trailers are available on a firstcome, first-served basis, so sign up early to ensure you get the date you need.

Visit wasatchfrontwaste.org to see rental fees and reserve your trailer, or call 385-468-6325 for more information.



Celebrate Earth Day April 22 and review WFWRD's recycling guides

Earth Day is April 22! Celebrate by reducing the use of disposable plastics and recycling. For more information on Earth Day events and sustainable practices, visit earthday.org.

Review WFWRD's recycling guides at wasatchfrontwaste.org/how-recycle, and use the QR code to follow WFWRD on Instagram (@wasatchfrontwaste) for more.



The leaders of tomorrow meet the leaders of today: Youth City Council

Youth City Council public relations specialist Mary Ann Jensen

A cumulative event of the year for the Cottonwood Heights Youth City Council (YCC) is meeting with today's leaders. Over dinner on March 2, the YCC shared their experiences serving the city, and conversations flooded the room.

Topics included everything from Butlerville Days and the Thanksgiving 5K to service opportunities planting trees and beautifying the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail. Through all these experiences, the youth of Cottonwood Heights are learning to lead.

Soon after, YCC mayor Michael Ernest began a question-and-answer session to learn about the guests' experiences.

District 4 councilwoman Ellen Birrell shared that she ran for office "in order to stand up against a bill." Now, 18 months later, she realized that being a councilwoman is much more than standing up for what she believes in. Her role is to speak on behalf of those in her district.

Similarly, District 3 councilman Shawn Newell loves "representing the individuals in the community." He especially loves chatting



with the youth, as does Scott Bracken, District 2 councilman and head of YCC. He's constantly "impressed by the knowledge and opinions" the YCC members have on pressing issues.

Mayor Mike Weichers ended the night by speaking to the youth.

"I love seeing all of you here," he began. "You're here because you care about your city and

you want to be involved. But what's even cooler is that you are our future leaders."

Interested in becoming a future leader? Apply for the YCC now at **ch.utah.gov/ycc**. Students must be in grades 9-12 during the 2023-2024 school year, live within the city boundaries, or attend high school in the city.

Applications are due April 11, 2023.

Visit our YouTube channel to see the new video featuring Mayor Weichers!

City staff recently partnered with Levitate Media to create a new video that celebrates Cottonwood Heights' history and recognizes leaders who make it great, including former Historic Committee member Jerri Harwell, Arts Council chair Laura Garcia, school board member Amber Shill, and Breeze Airways CEO David Neeleman!

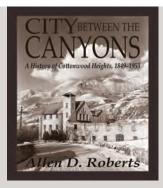
Mayor Weichers narrates this four-minute video that also features footage of local businesses and landmarks and touches on Cottonwood Heights' pioneer history.

Visit ch.utah.gov/news or our YouTube channel, youtube.com/c/cottonwoodheights, to watch the video. You can also find the video on the Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee's Facebook page (facebook.com/ CottonwoodHeightsHistoricCommittee) and follow the page for more committee updates.



Apply to be part of the Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee at **ch.utah.gov/board-application**. Members meet

- 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.

Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Whistle while you work!

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- Swimming burns 650 cal/hr which is more than walking 8

HOW BEING A LIFEGUARD WILL BENEFIT YOUR CHILDS FUTURE!

- for teenagers, and there are many different ways in which they can contribute to the profession.
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 Teenagers who are lifeguards can be proud of the fact that they help keep people safe when they are swimming or enjoying other activities at the beach or pool.

 They can also act as role models for younger children, teaching them how to swim and stay safe around water.
- teaching them how to swim and stay safe around water. In addition, many teenage lifeguards work as instructors or trainers, helping others learn water safety. This is a great way for young people to give back to their community and help others stay safe.

 Lifeguarding can be an excellent way for teenagers to gain experience in the healthcare and first responder professions. It provides them with the opportunity to develop skills in communication, decision making, and teaching. These skills can be invaluable later on when they decide to pursue a career in one of these fields.
- Overall, lifeguarding is a great opportunity for teenagers to get involved in their community, learn new skills, and make a difference in other people's lives

City council members

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DIST# 2: J. Scott Bracken

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DIST# 3: Shawn E. Newell

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385-910-5942 | district4@ch.utah.gov

CITY MANAGER: Tim Tingey 801-944-7010 | CM@ch.utah.gov

City office

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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

- April 4: Work session at 4 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **April 18:** Work session at 4 p.m., 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 at **ch.utah.gov/agendas**.

Planning Commission

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

Editor: Lindsay Wilcox

Canyons School District adopts free full-day kindergarten at all 28 elementary schools

Thanks to funding approved by the Utah Legislature, Canyons District is excited to announce that they are offering free full-day kindergarten at each of the 28 elementary schools in the district.

Participation in the full-day kindergarten schedule is not required. Parents who would prefer a half-day option can make arrangements with their child's school.

"Our efforts to expand full-day kindergarten have always been about choice," said CSD's

instructional supports director Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward. "Demand for full-day kindergarten is growing, and we're excited about what the expansion of full-day classes means for our students and families. We also know there are families who prefer the half-day option, and we'll honor that choice."

Canyons School District also continues to take applications for preschool in the 2023-2024 year. Check out the programs at **canyonsdistrict.org** and enroll today!

Register for the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands' wildfire webinar series this month

Structure Vulnerability April 5, 2023 - 7:00 PM MT

Hardening your home and managing vegetation to reduce your wildfire risk can be MORE SIMPLE and LESS EXPENSIVE than expected. This webinar will offer science-based tips for actions you can take now that will significantly increase the survivability of your home before next fire season.

Safe, Effective Wildfire Response April 19, 2023 - 7:00 PM MT

Participants will learn the importance of the structure triage process and assessing the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), and leave with an understanding of a homeowners impact, whether positive or negative, on fire suppression.

Fire Adapted Communities May 3, 2023 - 7:00 PM MT

Participants will learn about the various roles and responsibilities involved in fire adaptation, and leave with an understanding of the critical role that they play in helping their communities become safer and more prepared for wildfire.





Contact taylormoosman@utah.gov with any questions.

Attend the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council's sculpture ribbon-cutting Tuesday, April 25

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is excited to announce the ribbon-cutting for their first art installation on Tuesday, April 25, at 5 p.m. at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.).

A crew installed the sculpture, called "Cottonwood Leaf: Nature, Art, History," in front of City Hall and across the street from Brighton High School in fall 2022.

In line with Cottonwood Heights' commitment to the natural environment and bringing history to the forefront in our community, this eight-foot metal sculpture by sculptor Malen Pierson features antique tools embedded within the leaf, symbolizing our residents' hard work, resourcefulness,

and productivity.

The leaf itself represents the city's roots, connection, and strength and will change and weather over time, just as our city changes and grows through the years.



Better Home Handyman | betterhomehandyman.wordpress.com

Owner Thomas Russell has 10 years of experience as an engineer and has learned how to communicate clearly and promptly, with attention to detail. He is a trustworthy professional and strives for precision and accuracy in his work.

Thomas is licensed and insured and will

stand behind his work. He specializes in jobs like assembling furniture, installing light fixtures, hanging TVs, pictures, and curtains, and completing "honey-do" lists.

For more information about services, visit **betterhomehandyman.wordpress.com** or call Thomas at 801-410-2903.



Buttons 'N' Bows Preschool and Childcare | 3015 E. Creek Rd. | 385-376-3015

Buttons 'N' Bows Preschool and Childcare is a locally owned company dedicated to young children's education for more than 40 years. Current owner Ali Dedman bought the school in 2019.

Educational play is key to learning, and research supports Buttons 'N' Bows' stance that play is how young children learn best. The curriculum is based in playful interactions, hands-on learning, childdirected discovery, experiments, projects, developmentally appropriate practice, and letting children make mistakes.

They accept students from six weeks to 10 years old and have several attendance options to cater each family's unique scheduling needs. Call 385-376-3015 for information about enrollment availability or to schedule a tour.





Visit local businesses for their April specials. To feature your business, visit ch.utah.gov/business-association.

Better Home Handyman | 801-410-2903

Cottonwood Heights neighbors: Thomas with Better Home Handyman is offering \$35 off his services for first-time customers. Call 801-410-2903 to set up an appointment.



Reach more than 13,000 Cottonwood Heights households each month by promoting your business in *Between the Canyons*! Our business spotlights and Love Your Locals campaign help you get the word out about the unique foods, products, and services you offer – and it's FREE.

To learn more or share your company with us, visit **ch.utah.gov/business-association.**



Seven H Art Productions ribbon-cutting on Thursday, Feb. 16



Nouvelle Aesthetics and Wellness ribbon-cutting on Feb. 23



Keller Williams Utah Realtors ribbon-cutting on Tuesday, Feb. 28



CHBA lunch at Eight Settlers Restaurant and Distillery on March 2