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It All Begins With A Simple Hello

Council member Matt Holton



As the child of a South Korean immigrant mother and a multi-generational Utahn father, I know that we all possess unique stories to share. Engaging in conversations and learning about each other's narratives is what binds

us, endears us to one another, and forms a meaningful community. It all begins with a simple greeting and the effort to get to know those within our community.

In the 1990s hit TV show "Home Improvement," you would often witness Tim Allen conversing with his neighbor Wilson as he peered over the fence, seeking life advice or sharing updates on each other's families. Whether due to the aftermath of the post-COVID world or the surge in social media, nowadays it's become less

common to see neighbors engaging with one another and being actively involved in each other's lives. It appears that national politics have infiltrated every aspect of our existence. Many people seem to hold unwavering opinions, drawing lines in the sand, and forming judgments about others before ever having the chance to truly know them. This tribal mentality separates neighbors, leading to a fragmented community lacking the fundamental social fabric that binds people together. But why is this connectivity important?

My mother was born during the Korean War and later immigrated to the United States, where she started a family and joined the U.S. Army, enabling her to give back to a country that had given her so much. In her journey to learn a new language and embrace a foreign land as her new home, it was the community that provided her with unwavering support. Whether through her local LDS ward, other Korean Americans in the area, or the

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

OCTOBER 3

- SOUTH VALLEY CHAMBER AGREEMENT DISCUSSION
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- BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY (CDRA):
- HILLSIDE PLAZA ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

OCTOBER 17

- METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT REPORT
- COMMITTEE REPORTS: HISTORIC, PTOS, ARTS, PC, YCC
- TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
- WASATCH BLVD. MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION (CONT.)

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- **OCTOBER 27: MONSTER MASH AT COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS REC CENTER**
- **OCTOBER 31: TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE CITY HALL**
- **GENERAL ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 21**
- **NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 7: HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST**
- **NOVEMBER 27: LIGHT THE HEIGHTS AT CITY HALL**

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

MONSTER MASH
 Friday, October 27, 2023
 5 - 7 P.M.
 CH REC CENTER - 7500 S. 2700 E.

Join us for a free Spooktacular Halloween event!
 Activities are for children 12 and under.
 Enjoy carnival games, ice skating, and much more.
 Special guest appearances by Mirabel, Elsa, and Spider-Man.

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 PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES DEPT.

Join us this Halloween for a community trunk-or-treat in the City Hall parking lot

Bring your family and friends to the Cottonwood Heights Business Association's annual trunk-or-treat on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the City Hall parking lot. Costumes (without masks, please) are encouraged.



Interested in participating in the trunk-or-treat as a local business? Call our new business development specialist Hope Zitting-Goeckeritz at 801-944-7067 or email her at business@ch.utah.gov.

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL
 JOIN THE ARTS COUNCIL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
 The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is seeking new members to join! We are searching for individuals with event planning experience, a love for art, and social media skills. You don't need to be an artist to join our committee, just a desire to support and promote the arts in our community. As a member of the council, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals, plan exciting events, and make a meaningful impact in our community. If this sounds like the opportunity you've been waiting for, we'd love to hear from you!

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MORE INFORMATION: CHCITYARTS.COM

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neighbors who became lifelong friends, it was the social fabric that served as a safety net, empowering her to thrive.

Conversely, I recently spoke with a resident in Cottonwood Heights who feels disconnected and disheartened by the city and their neighbors. They believe that they've been overlooked and that their life story and experiences have been deemed unimportant. As they spend their retirement years devoid of human connection and care from those around them, they find no joy or excitement in the years ahead. As a complete stranger knocking on their door, I extended a warm greeting from the city. It seemed to offer them a glimmer of hope that they haven't been abandoned or forgotten. They were simply yearning for the love and compassion that emanate from a closely connected community.

We never talked about their political persuasion and instead focused on learning about one another, building a genuine friendship. As our conversation progressed, we both began to recognize how important it is that Cottonwood Heights is not just a place of residence; but a place we can all proudly call home.

As I work to fill the shoes of a giant, former Councilman Doug Petersen, I strive to emulate his love and compassion for all within our city. He made it a priority to connect with every resident, a goal I also hope to achieve. I appreciate his example, and I know many within the city miss him dearly.

We live in one of the most beautiful places on earth and are surrounded by some of the most generous people. As life continues to be hectic, let us all remember just how important it is to connect with all around us,



especially that neighbor who may be falling through the cracks and lacks a connection to our community. It all begins with a simple hello. ■

How do the City's Riparian Protection Standards Affect Single-Family Properties?

The following is a helpful list of frequently asked questions and answers explaining the city's riparian protection standards and how they affect single-family residential zones in the city. This list is not intended to be inclusive of all standards proposed, and the full proposed ordinance is available on the city's website (<https://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/city-services/community-development/adopted-and-special-plans>) or by calling the city's Community & Economic Development Department at 801-944-7000.

Separate standards have been proposed for new development in commercial areas of the city. This guide is only meant to provide clarity regarding single-family areas.

What is a Riparian Area? A riparian area refers to a stream channel or open waterway and the land around it. Examples of riparian areas in Cottonwood Heights are Big Cottonwood Creek, Little Cottonwood Creek, Deaf Smith Creek, etc.

What is the Purpose of the Ordinance? Riparian areas have been deemed by city ordinance a type of sensitive land in the city for a number of years but provided with no specific regulations. The city has proposed new regulations focused on protecting riparian areas during new development activity, while acknowledging and being respectful of private property rights and imposing restrictions in a reasonable manner.

Do Any Regulations Already Apply to Riparian Areas? Yes. For many years, Salt Lake County Flood Control and other regulatory agencies have regulated development in riparian areas. Flood control permits, stream alteration permits, etc. have been a requirement of these agencies. For example, Salt Lake County Flood Control does not allow building and

development within 20' feet of the top of the bank of waterways, and further requires flood control permits when landscaping, maintaining and otherwise working in these areas.

What Regulations is the City Proposing in Single-Family Areas? The riparian protection standards do not impose any restrictions not already regulated in some way by outside regulatory agencies like Salt Lake County Flood Control and others. In fact, the proposed riparian standards have little impact on the maintenance and ongoing use of single-family properties, and even for building new homes in riparian areas. The ordinance contains non-binding recommendations when landscaping, grading, and using single-family properties, but does not include any binding restrictions. During new construction, the city's ordinance reflects the same requirements as Salt Lake County Flood Control, prohibiting new structures within 20' of the top of the bank. Further, animal waste composting, livestock enclosures, and debris storage is not allowed close to the top of bank areas. Activities such as tree removal, landscaping, grading, installation of erosion control devices, and other typical yard activities are allowed. The city is simply requiring property owners to provide it with a copy of any permits already required by outside regulatory agencies.

Can Existing Structures in Riparian Areas be Rebuilt? Yes. If a home currently exists more than 20' away from the top of the bank of waterways, it can be rebuilt upon obtaining a building permit. If a home exists closer than 20' from the top of the bank, there are additional options for reconstruction or additions, including: 1. Voluntarily demolition and reconstruction require full compliance with the

ordinance (i.e. 20' from top of bank) 2. An addition to a non-conforming structure is allowed upon getting approval from a city hearing officer, so long as the structure does not get even closer to the top of the bank area. This is the same process used for any structure in the city that is considered legal non-conforming. 3. A home that is damaged or destroyed involuntarily may be rebuilt in the same location it had previously existed. Each of these scenarios listed above will still require applicable permits and applications through other regulatory agencies that are not the city (Salt Lake County Flood Control, Army Corps of Engineers, etc.)

Addressing Other Misconceptions: The following facts about the ordinance address some other misconceptions about the current ordinance as it applies to single-family residential zones:

1. Removal and planting of trees is allowed and does not require any city permit.
2. Use of heavy machinery to do yard work is allowed, with recommendations to take necessary precautions while working near riparian areas.
3. Use of fertilizer is allowed, with recommendations to apply it responsibly in riparian areas.
4. The city is not proposing a public trail along Little Cottonwood Creek. During adoption of the city's Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan, a Creekside trail alignment was removed and is not in the final plan.
5. The ordinance emphasizes regulations during new development and redevelopment. Anything on existing single-family properties in riparian areas that legally existed prior to the ordinance will be allowed to exist and be maintained in perpetuity. ■

Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace them if needed

Assistant fire chief Riley Pilgrim



In August, I encouraged homeowners to implement and practice their home escape plans in the event there was a fire or other emergency in their homes. For October, Unified Fire Authority is reminding you to check

your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are functioning properly.

With the end of Daylight Savings time coming in November, this is a great time to check and replace batteries in each of your detectors and ensure they are dust-free. Most detectors have an operational life of seven to 10 years, so many manufacturers encourage replacing devices that are 10 years old or older.

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, especially at night. You should install them in each bedroom, in areas outside sleeping areas (like hallways), and on each level of your home, including the basement. They are not necessary in kitchens or bathrooms.

When working appropriately, smoke alarms will alert you to danger. If possible, we strongly encourage you to install dual carbon monoxide/smoke detectors in your home.

This is also a great time to check for fire extinguishers in your kitchens, garages and each level of your home. These are intended to stop small fires or provide enough protection to escape a dangerous situation. We still encourage you to call **911** any time you use an extinguisher so the fire

department can ensure the fire is out.

Similar to smoke detectors, extinguishers also have a lifespan of 10 to 12 years. Since most home extinguishers cannot be tested, it is best to replace them if you believe they have reached that age.

October is a great time to review your escape plan and to check your home for fire preparedness. Please be sure that each member of your family knows what to do in the event of an emergency in your home. ■

Smoke Alarm
One on every level and in every bedroom

CO Carbon Monoxide Alarm
One on every level and in every bedroom

Fire Extinguisher
One on every level, plus kitchen and garage

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

November 21: General Election Day

Vote-by-mail ballots mailed: **October 31**

In-office early voting (weekdays only): **November 7 - 17**

Voter registration deadline: **November 13**

Early voting (3pm to 7pm): **November 14 - 17**

To view Vote Center Locations, ballot drop box locations, and additional information, please visit Salt Lake County Election site at <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/>. If you have any questions, please call (385) 468-7400.



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Introducing the New Quick Response (QR) Landfill Voucher Code

If you're a resident within our service area and haul your own truck or trailer loads to the landfill, you may be eligible for a landfill fee waiver voucher from Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District.

Exciting news - you can now request a QR Landfill voucher! The process is simple - fill out a form and receive a QR Landfill Voucher code on your mobile device, which you can then present at the landfill.

Please be advised that all landfill regulations must still be followed, and vouchers are only suitable for loads 4 ft. x 8 ft. load (approximately the size of a pickup truck or pickup truck-sized trailer). We'll continue to honor any leftover paper vouchers. For more information and to request a voucher, please visit: <https://live-wasatch.pantheonsite.io/services-requests/basic-services/landfill-voucher>. ■



Reporting broken and damaged cans

Did you know Wasatch Front Waste repairs or replaces broken cans at no additional cost? To report a broken can, visit wasatchfrontwaste.org, click the **Services & Requests** tab, and click **Report Broken Cans**.

Once you fill out the form with information about what's broken,

include your address and phone number, WFWRD's cart team will come within one to 14 business days where they are visible and accessible from the street, and continue using them until WFWRD arrives. ■



Remote recycling tips for schools

In the 2022-2023 school year, Wasatch Front Waste's sustainability team provided education to 40 classes at 11 different elementary schools remotely throughout the district. The team currently has a lot of availability and would love to present the benefits of sustainable waste management to a classroom.

If you are a teacher, or know

of a teacher, who is interested in this opportunity, contact Wasatch Front Waste's sustainability coordinator, McKenna Tupa'i at mtupai@wasatchfrontwaste.org or 385-468-6337. ■



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

Don't miss any Cottonwood Heights news! Visit 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)).

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE EXHIBIT

THE HISTORY OF THE OLD MILL
1883 - 2023

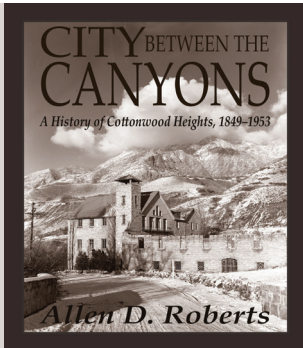


OCTOBER 3 - NOVEMBER 15

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL - 2277 E. BENGAL BLVD.

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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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. ■

Fall

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Cottonwood Heights
Parks & Recreation

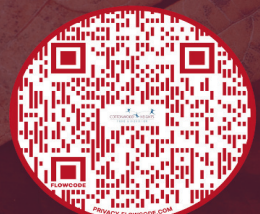
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Public works..... 944-7000

Recorder 944-7021

Finance director 944-7012

Code enforcement.....840-4000

Police administration.....944-7100

City council meetings

- **Oct 3:** Work session at 4 p.m., CDRA meeting at 6 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **Oct 17:** 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.

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Apply Now for Canyons District's Popular Dual Language Immersion Program

Did you know that in Canyons District, it's possible to learn two languages at the same time and to graduate from high school fluent in both? Ten elementary schools offer dual immersion programs (<https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/dual-language-immersion/>) in Spanish, French, or Chinese and it's nearly time for entering first graders (current kindergartners) to apply to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year.

Applications are being accepted on-line (<https://dual.canyonsdistrict.org/#/ElementaryDLI>) anytime from Monday, Oct. 2 through Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2022. A lottery will be held to determine entrance into the programs if the number of applicants exceeds the seats available, but any kindergarten-aged student in Utah may apply.

Immersion programs are a great way to challenge students while preparing them to compete in today's global marketplace. Elementary students spend half the day learning core subjects in English and the other half learning in a target language. The program extends through high school where students can work to pass an Advanced Placement exam and take college-level courses for early college credit. Not only is this an efficient and effective path to learning another



Build Your Future
A Bilingual Education Sets Up Students for Success
Apply by Nov. 21, 2023 to enroll your first grade student in one of Canyons District's popular Dual Language Immersion Programs.

language, but being multilingual has been shown to improve students' academic performance. The cognitive skills and cultural knowledge immersion students acquire are in high demand by colleges and employers. Families interested in learning about these programs are invited to attend a parent informational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Canyons Center at the Canyons District Office, 9361 S. 300 East in Sandy. Please note, students with siblings who are currently enrolled in a Dual-Language Immersion school must still submit applications by the Monday, Nov. 21 deadline. More information can be found at canyonsdistrict.org. ■

SUSTAINABILITY

3 Sustainable Tips for Preparing Your Yard for Fall

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

Ready or not, fall is drawing near. Soon, many weekends will be spent doing yard work in preparation for the inaugural freeze. But before you break out the rake and leaf blower, why not try some sustainable maintenance tricks?

Here are three ideas to get you started: **Leave the Leaves** - Raking leaves is a common practice, but research shows that leaving them can actually benefit your yard by providing nutrient-rich mulch. To try this out, remove your mower's grass catcher and mow your leaf-covered lawn using several passes until the leaves are reduced to ½ inch pieces and the lawn is slightly visible. If you don't like the look of a leafy lawn, you can always compost your leaves or drop them off at designated

locations for pickup and disposal. Full leaf bags can be taken to Bywater Park and placed in WFWRD-marked trailers. Contact Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling for more information.

Choose Electric - A 2020 study by the California Air Resources Board found that gas-powered engines from small landscaping equipment (such as leaf blowers and lawnmowers) contribute more pollutants to local smog than cars do. While reducing driving is still a sustainability win, give some attention to the surprising culprits found in your garden shed too. Look into replacing gas-powered models with electric ones and enjoy the added benefit of lighter and quieter machines.

Plant Trees and Shrubs - Trees and shrub species provide animal habitat, reduce the heating effects of pavement, and replace harmful carbon dioxide with oxygen. Spring might be the default season for gardening, but fall weather is an ideal time for planting trees and shrubs. Its cooler temperatures are conducive to stronger root development and less need for irrigation, and its precipitation will benefit woody plantings by providing a gently damp environment. Happy planting! ■



Business spotlight

Masters Utah Real Estate | 7070 S 2300 E #210 | www.mastersutah.com

Masters Utah Real Estate is a modern independent real estate company built on traditional values of service, integrity, market expertise & neighborhood fluency.

Susie Martindale, a real estate industry leader with 39 years of experience, owns and operates the company. Masters Utah stands out as an award-winning

brokerage that specializes in residential, commercial, new construction, land, and condominiums.

Their team of ethical and hardworking real estate professionals at Masters Utah Real Estate, located in Cottonwood Heights, provides unparalleled service. Visit www.MastersUtah.com to learn more. ■



Community Block Party a Hit with Local Businesses and Families

On August 31st, the Community Block Party was held in the City Hall parking lot. More than 40 local businesses, three food trucks, balloon twisting, face painting, a chalk art contest, and a bike safety rodeo sponsored by the Department of Public Safety were featured. We thank everyone who attended! ■



Arts

Cottonwood Heights

Light^{the} Heights

Monday, Nov. 27
Visit Santa, Tree Lighting & Sing-A-Long

Friday, Nov. 24 - Dec. 7
Holiday Decorating Contest

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Cottonwood Heights Arts Council
Presents

Around the World
Winter Scenery
or winter
Celebrations
Art Show

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is hosting the "Around the World Winter Scenery or Winter Celebration Art Show" in December. If you have a piece of art that represents winter or a winter celebration, the council would be delighted to exhibit it in the show. To submit your wall artwork, please email Mallory Blue-Fearing at mblue-fearing@ch.utah.gov and provide photographs of your work. Due to limited space, not all art pieces will be selected. The show is not a contest, but rather an opportunity to showcase your talent and creativity.

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