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BETWEEN THE CANYONS

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Cottonwood Heights is experiencing a wonderful period of new and renewed opportunities.

Council member Shawn Newell



One such opportunity energizing our city is the result of formulation of our Cottonwood Heights town center advisory committee. The committee is composed of residents from all four of our city council districts. This is an interactive community based advisory group designed to engage the residents of Cottonwood Heights with interest in the Hillside Plaza property master plan. The Hillside property project is integral to the continued beautification, development and restoration of the cities aging and changing infrastructure. This committee is also charged with the sharing of considerations and ideas concerning the potential designs of

the project. The committee will be engaging residents to assist in the creation of a city center that embraces connections and interactions of our community members and is welcoming to visitors to our wonderful city

The desire is to have insights from all of our citizens, as this project moves forward. Though the committee will participate in meetings where the consultants and staff will share inputs, progress will be shared publicly. In the short-term, opportunities for the balance of the community to engage will include community wide meetings and continuous dialog between all stakeholders.

Some of the additional projects that are being discussed by your mayor, council and staff, include concerns around public safety, high speed Internet availability and the safety

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

DECEMBER 5

- CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION REPORT
- UTAH HEALTHY COMMUNITY REPORT
- FORM BASED CODE DISCUSSION
- DENMARK DRIVE PROPERTY SURPLUS
- CITY COUNCIL RETREAT POLICIES REVIEW
- BOARD OF CANVASSERS
 - MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION CANVAS
- EVIDENCE DISPOSAL SURPLUS OF POLICE RADIOS
- 2021 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE
- ARTS COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

DECEMBER 19 (THIS COUNCIL MEETING MAY BE CANCELLED)

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- NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 7: HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST
- DECEMBER 7: HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST CLOSES
- DECEMBER 25: CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
- JANUARY 1: CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY
- JANUARY 2: OATH OF OFFICE (TIME UNDETERMINED)

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

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council
Presents



Around the World
Winter Scenery
or winter Celebrations
Art Show

The local artist show is scheduled from November 21st to December 28th. The exhibit is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some items on display may be available for purchase. Contact aatchel@ch.utah.gov with a brief description of the item you have in mind.

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

Light the Heights

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

CONTEST IS OPEN
 NOV. 24 - DEC. 7

Judging Dec. 8-12

- Prizes awarded
- Free to enter

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

Light the Heights

Take a drive through your local neighborhood to see beautiful holiday decorations. Use the map from the Light the Heights decorating contest to find the best spots in Cottonwood Heights.




Scan the QR code to view the map.




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of our roads. These projects are just a few being prioritized. As one of your elected officials, I want to assure you that the members of your governing body are passionate and vigilant in striving to make the best and most informed decisions concerning the betterment of this community.

Moving forward, there is a palpable positive energy around the future of this community and its growth. Let's all be a part of the future of Cottonwood Heights "going forward in community". ■



Update on High-Speed Internet Options for Cottonwood Heights

by City Manager Tim Tingey

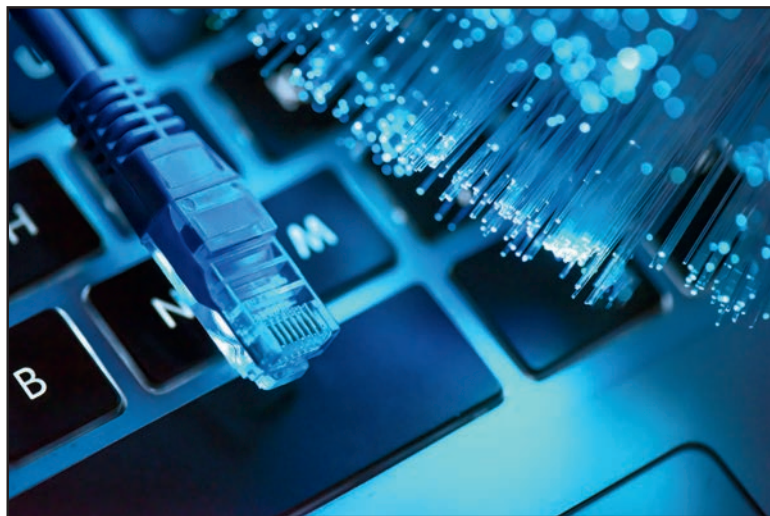
As a follow up to the newsletter article published in the July Cottonwood Heights newsletter, the Cottonwood Heights City Council has continued to evaluate high-speed internet and fiber optic cable options for the city's residents. The Council recognizes the need for increased internet speed and capacity in the city, especially those who work from home and students who must attend class remotely at various times.

As stated in the July newsletter, typically, cities do not themselves provide internet service, but instead work with separate entities that apply for license agreements to locate their telecommunication facilities in city-owned right-of-way areas. Some cities have determined to work with specific providers for a full build-out of fiber optics through their city. Entities such as Google Fiber and Utopia have models for full city fiber optic build-out. Other entities such as Century Link and Comcast have fiber optic options but conduct efforts more on a demand basis depending on neighborhoods.

As reported previously, the Council has heard a number of work session presentations by invited representatives from Comcast, Century Link, Google Fiber, and Utopia to understand the city's options and to ask questions. The Council plans to have additional work meeting study sessions on the high-speed internet topic. This due diligence process by the Council is important

to understand the available options, their potential ramifications, and related public cost issues. There have also been ongoing discussions by city officials to negotiate an optimal option for city internet users. At this point, however, no agreements have been made due to some significant considerations that must be carefully weighed before a final solution is identified.

In June, representatives from a company called Senawave presented information to the city council. They have been placing fiber in areas in Big Cottonwood canyon and hope to pursue similar projects in Cottonwood Heights. They use an installation model involving boring channels for the fiber deeper under the street, without cutting the asphalt along with locating infrastructure at various locations on utility lines. They claim to have financial backing to pursue fiber build out in Cottonwood Heights in



upcoming months and years. The City Council was encouraged by this option and plans to take time to evaluate progress prior to making any further determinations.

The Cottonwood Heights City Council continues to recognize that high-speed, fiber optic internet service is a high priority for city residents but wants to make sure that public costs and other considerations of each alternative are fully identified and adequately weighed before making the best decision possible. The Council is still committed to identifying the best solutions for the city's residents. ■

History question of the month

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What Cottonwood Heights resident was one of the original Butlerville settlers and lived in the same house for nearly 65 years?

Tips for a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season

Assistant fire chief Riley Pilgrim



As we approach the winter holiday season, many will be decorating and hosting get-togethers with family and friends. Though this is a fun time of year, there is also an increased risk of home fires due to the addition of decorations,

candles and Christmas trees. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has provided the following facts to raise awareness:

- U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 790 home structure fires per year that began with decorations, excluding Christmas trees. These fires caused an annual average of 4 civilian fire deaths, 33 civilian fire injuries and \$14 million in direct property damage.
- Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in more than two in five home

Christmas tree fires.

- Nearly one in five Christmas tree fires were started by lamps or bulbs. Eight percent were started by candles.
- Roughly two of every five home Christmas tree fires started in the living room.
- Candle fires peak in December and January with 11 percent of candle fires in each of these months.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
- Year round, one-third (33%) of home decoration fires were started by candles. This jumped to almost half in December when candles started 46% of such fires. Cooking started one-fifth (19%) of decoration fires.

In an effort to celebrate the holiday season safely, we have a few tips that we would like to share:

- Avoid placing lit candles near decorations, and make sure they are extinguished before leaving

your home.

- Have furnaces, fireplaces, and chimneys inspected and maintained annually if possible, and replace furnace filters regularly.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly. Remain attentive while cooking, as it's easy to become distracted. When setting up a Christmas tree, remember to water live trees daily, inspect lighting strands and remove them if damaged, keep trees at least three feet away from any heat source, and turn off lights before going to bed or leaving your home. Ensure walkways, paths, and stairs are free from snow and ice. If you have a fire hydrant near your home, try to clear snow within three feet.



We hope you and your family have a happy holiday season! ■

"Christmas Tree Safety Tip Sheet," 2020, <https://www.nfpa.org/downloadable-resources/safety-tip-sheets/christmas-tree-safety-tip-sheet>

Prepare for winter weather: Review these five reminders about snow policies

Cottonwood Heights' snowplow drivers work hard whenever there is snow, plowing even on holidays and weekends to ensure residents can safely drive throughout the city. Below are five ways you can make it easier for crews to clear snow in your neighborhood:

- **Blow snow onto your lawn, not into the street.** If you blow snow from your sidewalk or driveway into the street, it creates dangerous ice patches.
- **Clear all snow or ice from your sidewalk and driveway within 24 hours after a storm ends.** You can review code section 14-32-060 for more information.
- **Help neighbors who have mobility issues to clear their driveways and**

sidewalks after a storm. The city doesn't have the resources to clear private sidewalks and driveways.

- **Don't park on the street after any snowfall and not until 24 hours after the end of a snowstorm.** If plows are unable to get around your vehicle to clear the road, a towing company may tow your car.
- **Remove trash and recycling cans from the street within 12 hours of Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District collection.** Note: WFWRD generally delays collection on snow days to allow snowplows time to clear neighborhoods.

Our snowplow drivers follow assigned routes,

prioritizing the main streets to maintain safe travel for the largest volume of traffic. The city strives to plow every city road within 24 hours after a storm ends.

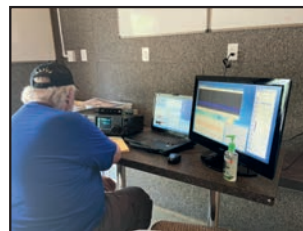


Follow Cottonwood Heights on Facebook ([/CHCity](#)), Twitter ([@CHCity](#)), Instagram ([@cottonwoodheights](#)) and NextDoor or subscribe to city emails (ch.utah.gov/emails) for plowing updates.

You can also call the city at 801-944-7000 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to report a snowplowing issue. ■

Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club (CHARC) Achieves Second Place in ARRL Field Day Competition

CHARC has recently received news of their impressive second-place win in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) field day competition held last June. Operating within the Established Emergency Operators Center (EOC) 1F category, the team members ranged from ages 10 to 80+ and communicated with operators across the United States and Canada. The competition was run out of the Incident Command Center, where City Officials and youth operators came by to witness the contest in action. It's worth noting that CHARC has won first place in this competition in 2016, 2019, 2021, and 2022. ■



Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District board approves 2023 budget

WFWRD's board of trustees held a public hearing on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at 6 p.m. to allow public comment for the tentative 2024 budget. After few comments from the public, the board approved the budget and fee schedule for 2024.

WFWRD will not be implementing a fee increase for base services in 2024. However, there are some changes that will be implemented for the Town of Brighton and Big Cottonwood Canyon residents. Below is a fee increase outline for Town of Brighton and Big Cottonwood Canyon Residents:

- **Garbage and recycling collection base fees (full-time residents)** will increase \$2.00 per month, \$6.00 per quarter, and \$24.00 per year, with a total rate of \$18.00

per month, \$54.00 per quarter, and \$216 per year

- **Garbage and recycling collection base fees (seasonal residents)** will increase \$2.00 per month, \$6.00 per quarter, and \$24.00 per year, with a total rate of \$11.75 per month, \$35.25 per quarter, and \$141.00 per year

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling will apply a 10% increase for garbage and an 18% increase for recycling on all front-load container/dumpster collections; and various fee increases associated with non-residential services and special events. For more information on these changes, please visit <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/fees-logistics>. ■



Fill out a form now for Wasatch Front Waste to collect your Christmas tree

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will be collecting live Christmas trees during January. Fill out a curbside tree pickup request form at wasatchfrontwaste.org or call 385-468-6325.

Put your undecorated trees on the curb, and WFWRD workers will collect them the day after your regular collection day. If they don't pick up your tree that day, they will return the following week. Remember to:

- **Remove all snow, decorations, lights, or flocking** from the tree
- **Cut trees taller than eight feet** into smaller sections
- **Put your tree stand away** (WFWRD can't accept trees in tree stands)

Do not put trees in your garbage, recycling, or green waste cans. As a reminder, Wasatch Front Waste cannot accept artificial trees. ■



Green Waste Collection Schedule

The Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District has announced that the last pickup date for Green Waste Collections in Cottonwood Heights will be on Wednesday, December 6th. Please note

that residents should refrain from placing their green cans out on the curb after this date, as they will not be collected or emptied. Green waste collections will resume on the week of March 11, 2024. We

appreciate the continued support of our loyal patrons! ■



Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District Releases Service Results for 2023 SCRP in Cottonwood Heights and the District

The Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District has recently completed the evaluation of the 2023 Seasonal Container Reservation

Program (SCRP) on September 29th. We are grateful that we have been able to continue providing this program's services to the

communities. Here are the service results for Cottonwood Heights and the District: ■

Municipality/Area	# of Households	# of Containers Delivered	Tons Collected	Mattresses	Refrigerators	Tires
District-Wide	83,842	7,421	5,814	920	100	122
Cottonwood Heights	9,964	1,007	536	148	12	34

Answer

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Mary J. Moody was born Marie Sorensen Jensen in Denmark on May 11, 1860, and emigrated to Utah at 16 years old.

In 1877, she married Silas Samuel Jones, a Civil War veteran, and moved to the area known as Butlerville. Their farm was on the east side of Alva Butler's farm on the Butler Bench Road.

Mary and Silas were married 30 years and had 14 children. Silas died in 1907 at 66 of carbolic acid poisoning, leaving Mary with nine children still at home.

On Jan. 28, 1909, Mary then married Lindley Elmer Moody, who worked as a cook at Howl Mining Co. They were married 15 years, until Lindley died of diabetes in 1924.

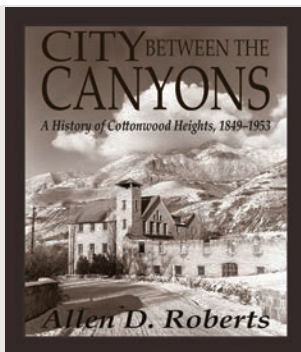
Mary lived in her home until she fractured her hip in late 1943. She was admitted to Bingham Canyon Hospital, near the present-day Kennecott Copper Mine, for 12 days before dying on Dec. 15, 1943, at age 83. ■



Curious about the Historic Committee? Members meet monthly to plan initiatives that highlight Cottonwood Heights' history. Past efforts include:

- Gathering information about historic sites and creating historic markers
- Guiding the publication of *City Between the Canyons*
- Staffing a rotating exhibit at Butlerville Days

Interested in joining? Demonstrate your interest in and knowledge of history and historic preservation, and fill out an application now at ch.utah.gov/history.



Buy the book!

Looking for a great personalized gift for the family member or friend who has everything? The hardbound history book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953* is a great option! 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. ■

CHRC

Holiday

EVENTS

Cottonwood Heights

Parks & Recreation

FREE

SWIM WITH THE GRINCH!

SATURDAY DEC. 16TH

11AM-12PM

Ages 2 - 12

pre-registration required!

register at cottonwoodheights.com

FREE

SKATE WITH SANTA!

SATURDAY, DEC. 23RD

2PM-4PM

All Ages

You do NOT need to register for this event!

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

[check cottonwoodheights.com](http://cottonwoodheights.com)

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Fire authority 743-7200
Animal control..... 944-7100
Justice court 273-9731

Call direct

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City planning 944-7060
Public works..... 944-7000
Recorder 944-7021
Finance director 944-7012
Code enforcement.....840-4000
Police administration.....944-7100

City council meetings

- **Dec 5:** Work session at 4 p.m., CDRA meeting at 6 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m.
- **Dec 6:** Planning Commission will be taking comments on Sport Court Ordinance
- **Dec 19:** Meeting may be cancelled.

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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Communication Manager

Certification and Notice of Certification of Annexation Petition ("Tavaci" Annexation)

As part of the statutory (state law) review process for the "Tavaci" annexation proposal, notices were mailed on November 16th informing the public and applicable property owners and taxing jurisdictions that the city has determined that the annexation petition meets statutory requirements. A complete copy of these documents can be found on the city's website: <https://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/your-government/public-records-notices/>

Under state law, certain limited parties have 30 days after certification of the petition to file a protest of the proposed annexation with the Salt Lake County Boundary Commission. (See Utah Code Ann. 10-2-407[1]). Here, protests must be filed on or before December 18th, which is the first business day after expiration of the 30-day protest period. Although the state statute does not allow for all residents to file a protest with the boundary commission, residents certainly may provide their input to the city council in writing or at public meetings. Formal consideration of the proposed annexation by the city council will occur at a later date, following the boundary commission's resolution of any formal protest timely filed by a party entitled by state law to file a protest. ■



SUSTAINABILITY

Busting Idling Myths!

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

While we can all agree that the proximity of the Wasatch Mountains is one of the best parts about living in Cottonwood Heights, the shape of our valley, combined with weather patterns and local emissions can lead to some nasty winter inversions. Unfortunately, we are headed into that time of year again when inversions and smoggy, soupy air becomes more common.

Fortunately, there are many things you can do this winter (and year-round), to reduce auto emissions.

There are many myths out there regarding idling. Here are a few common ones (from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality):

- **Myth #1:** Idling doesn't waste much fuel **Truth:** Idling for two minutes is about the same as driving your car for a mile.
- **Myth #2:** Restarting the engine is less efficient and can harm my car. **Truth:** After an engine is warmed (which takes a few minutes after the initial start), turning on and off the engine instead of idling is almost always more efficient. Studies show

that restarting your engine does not harm it. In fact, manufacturers advise against idling due to wear and tear it can cause.

- **Myth #3:** Stop-Start systems waste time and fuel. **Truth:** Automatic engine stop-start systems are commonly installed in newer gas-powered cars because they can save up to 12% of your gas, depending on how long you normally idle. Most systems activate when your engine is warmed, and the engine turns back on as soon as your foot lifts off the brake, giving you power as soon as your foot is back on the pedal.

Being idle-free this winter can help us keep our air clean and can save you a bit of extra money. So please, do your part! ■



Business spotlight

Refined By Divorce | refinedbydivorce.com | traci@refine-her.com

Traci Simkins is dedicated to helping women who have gone through a divorce and are looking to start their own small businesses. Many women have had to sacrifice their education and careers to support their spouses and take care of their families, leaving them financially vulnerable after a divorce. Traci aims to break this cycle of poverty by providing one-on-one consulting to help these women launch their own businesses. She also

offers an 8-week Online course that provides a focused 'business school' experience, equipping women with the skills they need to be financially independent and secure through entrepreneurship. Additionally, Traci regularly posts insightful business tips and entrepreneurial advice on YouTube under the username **@therefinedbusinessblueprint**. For more details, please visit the "Services" and "Is Entrepreneurship" for You? pages. ■



Refined By Divorce
SMALL BUSINESS CONSULTING

Rocky Mountain Mixers | 1869 E. Fort Union | www.rockymixers.com | 385.296.1220

Rocky Mountain Mixers is proudly celebrating four years of serving the Cottonwood Heights community. As a locally-owned "mixers and more store," they offer everything you need for cocktail mixing and bartending. With the holiday season upon us, they have an impressive variety of unique and exciting gift ideas

that are sure to make your loved ones feel extra special. From customized gift boxes to fun and distinctive gifts for those hard-to-shop-for folks, they've got you covered. Help support this small, locally-owned business and spread joy and cheer this holiday season. Cheers! ■



Welcoming New Businesses to Cottonwood Heights

City officials and staff recently hosted a special luncheon for new businesses at the Eight Settlers Restaurant and Distillery on Thursday, October 26th. ■



See photos of October's trunk-or-treat in the City Hall parking lot!

Cottonwood Heights Business Association Hosts Annual Trunk or Treat On Halloween, the City Hall parking lot was transformed into a festive gathering place for the community. The Cottonwood Heights Business Association hosted its annual Trunk or Treat event, and we want to extend our gratitude to all the businesses and residents who took part in making it a success. ■

