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City Efforts in 2023

City Manager Tim Tingey



The statements in this article are the author's views and not necessarily of the entire city council.

At the end of each year, I work with city staff to prepare a report for the city that highlights efforts and accomplishments from the previous year that I submit

to the city council. As I have communicated in previous newsletter articles, I think it is important to inform residents of some of the important efforts that occurred this past year. The following highlights are some of the items from the year-end report:

City Promotional Video: We updated and finalized a video promoting Cottonwood Heights that features community residents, business leaders and Post Malone (https://youtube/

YLimPvfH7hA?si=lI2PTLBgtHcc34N3). Hillside Plaza Acquisition, Visioning and Future

- **<u>Redevelopment</u>**: The city redevelopment agency purchased the Hillside Plaza shopping center located on the corner of Ft Union Blvd. and 2300 East. An advisory committee has been established to assist in developing a vision for the site and the property will likely be redeveloped as a future town center for the community.
- Sensitive Lands Evaluation and Development Standards (SLEDS) Update: The City Council adopted an updated SLEDS ordinance through an intensive resident and property owner input process.
- Park Developments: Construction of the new Ferguson Park and trailhead parking area was completed and includes an off-leash dog area for the community. The city has also purchased

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

FEBRUARY 6

- SELECTION AND VOTE FOR MAYOR PRO TEMPORE
- SPORT COURT ORDINANCE DISCUSSION
- FORT UNION TRAFFIC STUDY DISCUSSION
- PARKS TRAILS OPEN SPACE NEIGHBORHOOD BYWAY DISCUSSION
- TAVACI ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING
- SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES
- **BUDGET AMENDMENT**
- POLICE QUARTERLY REPORT
- UNIFIED FIRE QUARTERLY REPORT
- **ON STREET PARKING CODE MODIFICATIONS**

FEBRUARY 20

- PARADE START TIME DISCUSSION
- ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS
- CDRA MEETING - HILLSIDE TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE REPORT
 - CANYON CENTER PARK CONTRACT CANYON CENTER AMENDMENT DISCUSSION
- DANISH OAKS REZONE
- TAVACI ANNEXATION DISCUSSION
- SPORTS COURT ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 3 : CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION BY THE ARTS COUNCIL
- FEBRUARY 3 : DISTRICT 4 TOWN HALL MEETING
- FEBRUARY 12 : DEATH BY CHOCOLATE EVENT AT CITY HALL
- FEBRUARY 13 : STATE OF THE CITY
- FEBRUARY 21 : EAST JORDAN CANAL TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY OPEN HOUSE
- FEBRUARY 28 : CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY BEGINS AT CITY HALL
- MARCH 1 : SWEETHEART PAINT NIGHT
- MARCH 30 : EASTER EGG HUNT
- MARCH 15-16 : BEAUTY AND THE BEAST MUSICAL AUDITIONS AT CITY HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT CH.UTAH.GOV AND CLICK COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SWEETHEART PAINT NIGHT Bring a sweetheart (spouse, partner, friend, etc.)! Friday, March 1, 2024 6:30 - 8:30 PM Cottonwood Heights City Hall 2277 E. Bengal Blvd

> Instructor Whitney Horrocks from Smartest Artist



- Attendees must be 16 years of age or older
- Seating is limited; registration is required
 \$12 per person, which includes light refreshments and all painting supplies.

Junded by Utah Legislature

For more information and register: CHCITYARTS.COM



Make sure to save the date for Butlerville Days on Thursday, July 25th, Friday, July 26th, and Saturday, July 27th at Butler Park (7500 S. 2700 E.)!

We are looking for volunteers and sponsors to help make this event a success for the whole family. Specifically, we are seeking committee members for the Parade Co-Chair or Chair positions and a crafts volunteer. In addition, by sponsoring Butlerville Days, you'll enjoy the

following benefits:

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

For more information on how to get involved in volunteering or sponsoring various events, please visit Butlervilledays.com or contact Ann Eatchel at 801-550-8255.

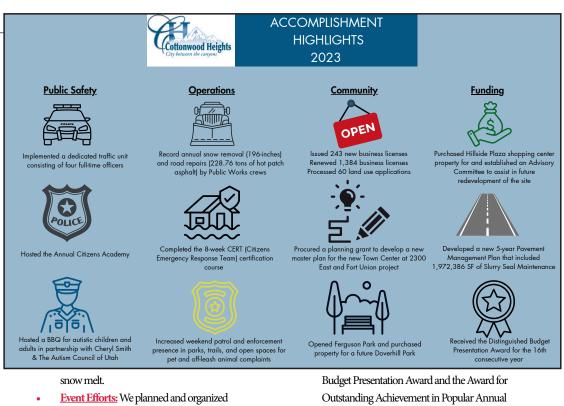


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property for a future park near Doverhill Drive.

- Utah Chiefs of Police Accreditation: The Cottonwood Heights Police Department policies, practices, and customs were submitted to be evaluated by the Utah Chiefs of Police Association for accreditation after three years of preparation.
- Traffic Safety: The city council budgeted funding for the Cottonwood Heights Police department to establish a dedicated traffic unit consisting of four full-time officers focusing on enforcement to decrease traffic-related incidents and citizen complaints. This initiative aims to enhance the safety of all modes of transportation.
- <u>Street and Management Plan</u>: This past year the Public Works department implemented year five of the pavement management plan and applied 1,972,386 square feet of slurry seal improvements and finished enhancements on Danish Road, 3000 East, and Hollow Mill Drive.
- Spring Flood Mitigation: Due to an unprecedented amount of snowfall along the Wasatch Front that created a heightened risk of flooding along Big and Little Cottonwood Creeks, Cottonwood Heights Emergency Management and Public Works staff collaborated closely with residents to fill and deploy sandbags. Daily inspections of streams occurred to remove debris in waterways in addition to hauling away materials cleaned by residents. Although stream flows remained manageable, the city remained prepared to address any potential issues arising from the



Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annu Financial Reporting. We also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

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 grateful to be part of this great city.

State of the City Address by Mayor Mike Weichers

On Tuesday, February 13th at 6 p.m., Mayor Mike Weichers will deliver the State of the City address at City Hall. The speech will cover a review of the past year's accomplishments, along with a message of gratitude to all the residents.

Monster Mash events.

Butlerville Days events, including a car show,

stage entertainment, vendors, and inflatables.

painting class, chalk art contest, bingo, drone show,

Patrons said it was one of the best Butlerville Days

and had a fun, community feeling. Also, we had

a very successful and well-attended Community

Block Party, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, and

Financial awards: We obtained national

recognition by receiving the Distinguished



Winter fire hydrant

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.

Snow accumulation can quickly obstruct fire hydrants and block access from fire department vehicles. We all think about shoveling our driveways and front steps, and making sure there is a clear means of escape during and after a snowstorm is very important, too! However, we can't neglect our responsibility to ensure the fire department has the necessary access to water supply should they need to respond to a fire.

When responding to structure fires, time is of the essence. This short clip demonstrates the

difference snow near a hydrant can have on time. 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 when needed:

- Shovel or snow blow three feet of space on each side and in the back of fire hydrants.
- Maintain an open corridor from the street to the front of fire hydrants.
- These clearings should go all the way to the ground whenever possible, but not less than one foot below the hydrant caps at a minimum.

Some neighborhoods organize an Adopt-A-Hydrant program. This creates the awareness for residents to take note of clearing snow from hydrants and maintaining space around them and to help each other with those tasks throughout the winter months. These things can be done when you are already out shoveling or snow blowing



your driveways and sidewalks. Also, if you ever notice any issue that may require maintenance, please notify the city.

As always, thank you and have a safe winter!

Reminder: Sign up for the police department's Citizens Academy classes by Feb. 23

The Cottonwood Heights police department is holding its Citizens Academy classes again beginning Feb. 28. 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. 28 and continue each consecutive Wednesday evening until May 1st. 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 or email Emma Lalaian at **elalaian@ ch.utah.gov.**

Let your voice be heard! Take a moment to fill out the Cottonwood Heights Town Center Community Survey.

Cottonwood Heights residents have the opportunity to shape our future with the creation of a town center that enhances our community and adds a strong sense of place for our city. In 2023, the City of Cottonwood Heights purchased a 10-acre parcel of land at 2300 East and Fort Union Boulevard formerly known as Hillside Plaza with the idea of creating a town center that:

- Serves as a focal point for community gatherings and celebrations.
- Imagines new ways for residents to live, work and play in our community.
- Integrates retail, dining, entertainment and housing.
- Highlights our connections to some of the best outdoor recreation in Utah.

We want your input, ideas and passion to design a town center that will serve residents for generations to come. Share your ideas by taking this survey at **www.chtowncenter.com**. For any questions or additional input, email **towncenter@ch.utah.gov.**

Winter waste pickup reminders

Help Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District drivers by moving waste and recycling cans from behind the snowbanks on collection day and clearing the snow off the lids.

As the winter months continue, bad weather can affect WFWRD's ability to provide timely service to your neighborhood. Follow Wasatch Front Waste on Facebook (/wasatchfrontwaste), Instagram (@WFWRD) and Twitter (@WFWRD1) to learn about service delays due to weather or traffic and get recycling tips and updates.



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** on Instagram for alternative recycling options and tips.



Recycling Made Easy: Download the Guide and Mobile App

To streamline your waste disposal process, download the Recycling Guide today. This guide is designed to help you identify items that can be placed in your blue recycle bin. Did you know that pizza boxes are recyclable, as long as they are clean and free of grease? The guide also includes a list of common contaminants that should be avoided. For added convenience, download the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District mobile app. Receive service-related notifications, view collection dates, and set reminders. The app also includes a "Recycle Right" tool to ensure proper disposal. Plus, you can even download a fun coloring sheet!



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Cottonwood Heights City is conducting a feasibility study for possible extensions to the existing East Jordan Canal Trail (EJCT). The trail currently starts on Fort Union Blvd. and wraps around the northern side of Mountview Park.

The city welcomes public input as it considers future options for trail extensions and connections, and identifies associated constraints and opportunities.



East Jordan Canal Trail Feasibility Study **OPEN HOUSE**

FEBRUARY 21st, 2024

🕒 Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Location: Cottonwood Heights City Hall Community Room (2277 E Bengal Blvd)

We want to hear from you!

Please join us for a public open house to learn more about the East Jordan Canal Trail (EJCT) extension feasibility study.

All members of the public are welcome!

Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee Receives Outstanding Achievement Award

The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee proudly accepted the Outstanding Achievement Award for their work on the digital archive from the Utah Historical Society on January 8th at the Governor's Mansion, with Governor Cox in attendance. Jennifer Ortice, Director of the Utah Historic Society, and Vice Chair of the Board of State History Spencer Hall presented the award to the Historic Committee.

The countless hours that the Historic Committee has devoted to persevering the history of Cottonwood Heights merits recognition. Thanks to their hard work and unwavering commitment, both current and future residents will be able to access vital information about the community's rich past.

The committee started working on the digital archive project in 2021, they now have seven categories of historical information for public viewing.

- Community Reminiscences Collection:
 residents' reminiscences since 1872
- Historical Map Collection: maps dating back to 1865
- Historic Preservation Collection:

records of historic homes and buildings

- H istorical Photography: images of people and places
- Oral History with Community Members and Local Leaders
- Places in
 Cottonwood Heights: community
 histories from the late 1800s
- School History and Collection: documents and photos of schools

The Historic Committee has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to preserving the area's collective past. Their outstanding work has already inspired other cities to undertake similar projects. The Mayor, City Council, and City Manager extend their heartfelt gratitude to the committee for their dedication.



(Left to right) Jennifer Ortice, Ann Eatchel, Gayle Conger, Jim Kichas, Tim Tingey, Mayor Mike Weichers and Spencer Hall



Our Historic Archive webpage is the perfect destination for anyone who loves history and wants to learn more about our organization. Head over to our website now and start exploring our incredible archive! Visit **ch.utah.gov/ historyarchive** to start exploring.



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Call direct

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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

- **Feb 6:** Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- Feb 13: State of the City at 6 p.m.
- Feb 20: Work session at 4 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 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: Beatriz Mayorga, Communication Manager

Canyon School District Adopts Free Full-Day Kindergarten District wide

In response to growing demand for full-day kindergarten, Canyons District has expanded its kindergarten offerings to give parents more choice. CSD now offers free full-day kindergarten at each of its 28 elementary schools. Participation in the full-day schedule is not required. Parents who would prefer a half-day schedule can arrange with their school to have their child do half-day instruction in a full-day kindergarten classroom. Families may choose to enroll in their neighborhood school or another convenient location by submitting a School Choice Application at canyonsdistrict. org. Full day kindergarten is a great way to give your student a head start with their learning. If there is such a thing as the Goldilocks zone of fun and learning, you'll find it Canyons District's kindergarten programs where the conditions are "just right" to get children ready for their future. Email **communications@canyonsdistrict.org** for enrollment information or contact your school of choice for kindergarten orientation dates.

DOUBLE THE LEARNING, DOUBLE THE FUN Free Full-Day Kindergarten at all CSD K-5 Schools

Canyons Schools Dominate U.S. World & Report Rankings

Twenty-seven Canyons District elementary and middle schools topped the charts in the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings. Eight of Canyon School District's elementary schools are in Utah's top 25, according to the 2024 rankings, and three middle schools rank among Utah's top five. An earlier release of high school rankings by the magazine, showed CSD's high schools (including Brighton High) claiming five of the top dozen spots in the Salt Lake valley. The U.S. News and World Report rankings come after Niche.com, for the second consecutive year, ranked Canyons No. 1 for Best School Districts in Salt Lake County and Public School Review rated Canyons the No. 1 school district in Utah.

SUSTAINABILITY

Winter Weather Sustainability

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

As winter weather kicks in and snow and ice accumulate, it's a good idea to assess our impact on the environment. Until the snow fully melts in the spring, it becomes increasingly contaminated with salt, litter, dirt, and other pollutants. Additionally, emissions from automobiles, wood-burning fires, and other fossil fuel-based equipment can more negatively impact air and water quality in the winter than other times of year. Here are some things we can all do to play a part in protecting health and the environment this winter:

- Remove snow before it compacts and turns to ice. Shovel snow onto lawns, planters, and other permeable areas so that snow melt can soak into the ground.
- Choose your deicer wisely. Most common deicers, such as rock salt, are useful, but can be abrasive and dangerous for kids, pets, and the environment. Don't over-apply. Read the packaging for directions on how much to spill. Although pricey, eco-friendly and pet-safe alternatives are better options for

the environment for home decks and yards.

- When purchasing equipment, look for electric. Corded and battery-powered snow blowers are now standardly available and may fit your needs. For shorter stretches, shovel or sweep the ground clear instead.
- Minimize other emissions. Avoid idling your car and minimize how many woodburning fires you make this winter, or switch to electric automobile and heating options instead. Keep air quality in mind by checking your weather app or air.utah.gov.
- Consider winter weather in new construction. Porous asphalt and other permeable paving options help prevent ice by absorbing rainwater and snow melt. Consider snow and cold temperatures in all aspects of building design, like roofing, windows, insulation, etc. Please consult City Staff at (801) 944-7000 if you have questions on planning or building code topics. We're always happy to help! ■

Business spotlight

801WASH | CM801WASH@YAHOO.COM | 801-410-6771

801Wash is a company that provides high-quality onsite mobile services to Cottonwood Heights and its surrounding areas. Their mission is to make the world a better place by providing topnotch service and cleanliness to the neighborhood.

Their services include a variety of cleaning options such as auto detail, carpet cleaning, steam cleaning. upholstery, power washing, buffing, polishing, waxing, and more. They are dedicated to delivering exceptional results and making your home or vehicle

shine like never before. Call 801-410-6771 for more details.



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their state-of-the-art sprinter van brings the sharpening experience right to your doorstep. They specialize in a wide range of items, from kitchen knives and gardening tools to personal grooming blades, ensuring that each edge is honed to perfection. Whether it's ensuring your kitchen knives and scissors slice with ease or your gardening



shears and lawn mower blades cut crisply, their service offers convenience, quality, and a touch of class, making every sharpening encounter a memorable one.

Wasatch Mountain Guides | www. wasatchmountainguides.com

Looking for a local mountain guide service that offers backcountry skiing, rock climbing, alpine climbing, and hiking guides and instruction? Look no further than Wasatch Mountain Guides! This

winter, join them for a guided day of backcountry skiing or ice climbing. They also offer avalanche courses, mentor ship programs, intro courses, and more. Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience the mountains with knowledgeable and experienced guides.





Monday, February 12, 2024 **Community Room, City Hall 2277 E Bengal Boulevard**

The Death by Chocolate Tasting Extravaganza is a community event that brings local restaurants, bakerles, and catering services together to offer samples of their favorite chocolate desserts to attendees from around the valley.

> \$10 for one or \$15 for two (bring a friend!) Buy your tickets now at ch.utah.gov

Tickets sales are limited to 200 - Buyonline until noon, Feb. 12th

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

Follow the Cottonwood Heights Business Association on Facebook (/CHBusinessAssociation), Twitter and Instagram (both @chbabiz) to see photos of our Sub for Santa . You can also support local businesses when we share ribbon-cutting events there.



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

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801Wash is offering amazing deals for the month of February! If you are a business located in Cottonwood Heights, you can save 20% on any of our services. And if you are a local resident, you can get one room in your house or apartment cleaned for just \$45. They also provide special discounts to senior citizens and military personnel. Don't miss out on these fantastic offers!



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During the month of February, receive 10% off our "10 Blade Bundle" sharpening service with code 'Stay Sharp' at the time of booking. Visit www.bladebutlers.com to book now!

