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## Cottonwood Heights Together

Councilmember Shawn Newell



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As humans, we each possess a unique set of abilities, skills, and desires. Being a member of a community

affords us the ability, opportunity and freedom to create engagements with those that share our city, as neighbors. Our busy lives tend to divert our energy to our daily responsibilities, propelling us into "survival mode" which clouds opportunities to engage one another. I want to challenge you, the residents of Cottonwood Heights, to join me in a community engagement exercise that I am calling "Cottonwood Heights Together".

This exercise will hopefully create new engagements with businesses and individuals within our city. The goal is to increase and improve community relationships. The reasoning behind this effort has many potential outcomes. One, it will help develop a greater understanding of what businesses are in Cottonwood Heights, and it will allow you, our residents, to gain a greater awareness of individuals who share our wonderful community.

Thus far, during my term on the city council, I have been engaged in the process of completing projects that were previously started by past councils. One such project is the pending Hawk Signal on Fort Union, which will be installed in a few weeks. This project is a prime example of community members and governance working in a continued and collaborative way to improve

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#### **CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

**UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS** 

#### **JUNE 4**

- SOUTH VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
  REPORT
- BUDGET DISCUSSION
- STATE OF UTAH LEGISLATION ON RESTROOM COMPLIANCE
- PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET
- PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AS PART OF THE 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET

#### JUNE 18

- WASATCH FRONT WASTE & RECYCLING DISTRICT PRESENTATION ON RECYCLING
- SHORT-TERM RENTAL FINE AND FOLLOW-UF DISCUSSION
- CYBER SECURITY PRESENTATION
- 2024-2025 BUDGET CONSIDERATION
- FLEET BOND CONSIDERATION

#### **JULY 2**

- PUBLIC WORKS HEAVY EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION
- VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER
   (VECC) REPORT

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- JUNE 7: FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING AT CITY HALL
- JUNE 8: CHARM RECYCLING EVENT
- JUNE 20: ELDER FRAUD AWARENESS SEMINARS AT CITY HALL
- JUNE 22: COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FIELD DAY
- JULY 12-13, 15, 18-20: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST MUSICAL (TICKETS NOW ON SALE)
- **JULY 27:** BUTLERVILLE DAYS AT BUTLER PARK

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







2277 E. Bengal Blvd. Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 3 - June 30









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safety in our city. Another more recent project is the new public works facility. This project was approved by some current city council, along with the support of past council members and current community members. None of this is possible without the continuous building of relationships among residents.

Now, for the "Cottonwood Heights Together" project, there is a need for a small amount of effort to make this a successful experience. Here's how it goes: when we are in public spaces within Cottonwood Heights City, let's acknowledge one another. These acknowledgments can include a simple wave when walking your dog, a hello or good morning greeting when passing by one another in the grocery store isles, or short conversations at the gas station. There are even more expansive ways to connect. Cottonwood Heights Neighbors Facebook page, attend your city

council meetings, and if you want to increase your civic awareness, the Cottonwood Heights Politics Facebook page. These are just some ways to create a greater connection between our community members.

Why do this? We live in a time when division is the prevailing narrative. Human nature is meant to be nurtured through collective consciousness and togetherness. By nature, we are dependent upon each other for our well-being. I believe that the residents of our city can create an environment that encompasses these attributes. There will be some discomfort in initiating these efforts, but it's worth trying.

You're probably asking yourselves, "So what are the expected outcomes of creating a more connected and engaging community? Number one will be an increase in the overall safety of our neighborhoods. If we know and recognize

each other, we can more quickly decipher when something is suspicious or "out of sorts." In other words, we will increase our vigilance in watching out for our surroundings with minimal effort. Second, new opportunities to close the "degrees of separation" between us will be exposed. I can't tell you how often I meet someone new who knows a friend or acquaintance of mine. Lastly, our community will grow more vital in understanding one another, allowing for a consciousness of communication that envelops dignity at its core.

What do you say, citizens of "The City between the Canyons"? Can we give greater engagement a try? Can we make small efforts to acknowledge each other in simple, non-intrusive ways? And can we offer grace to each other with dignity and connection to solidify our community as one of the most beautiful places to live?

Ready Set Go!

## Cottonwood Heights City Manager Tim Tingey Departing to Pursue Opportunities in Higher Education and Non-Profit Organization Management.



Tim Tingey, who has served as the City Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Cottonwood Heights since his appointment by the City Council in 2018, will be departing at the end of June to pursue new opportunities

in higher education and non-profit organization management. Tingey will become a full-time faculty member of the Division of Public Affairs at The University of Utah and will also take on the role of Chief Administrative Officer at Neighbor-Works Salt Lake, a nonprofit dedicated to neighborhood revitalization through housing, resident leadership, and economic development initiatives.

During his nearly six years of service, Tingey has been instrumental in guiding Cottonwood Heights through a period of challenges and transitions. His leadership has focused on a commitment to enhancing community services and ensuring effective governance. Tingey has expressed deep gratitude to city staff and elected officials for their support and collaboration throughout his

time as City Manager. "Serving as City Manager of Cottonwood Heights has been a tremendous honor," Tingey stated. "I am grateful to have worked alongside such dedicated staff members and community partners that truly care and make Cottonwood Heights such a great place to live and work."

As the city embarks on the search for a new City Manager, the City Council is committed to finding a candidate who can maintain and enhance the city's current progress, ensuring a smooth leadership transition. The ideal candidate will have





extensive experience in municipal management and demonstrate a strong proficiency in leadership and executive skills. Tingey will assist in the transition process over the next month to ensure a smooth and effective handover of responsibilities. The Cottonwood Heights community looks forward to welcoming new leadership while extending heartfelt thanks to Tim Tingey for his dedicated service and wishing him success in his future endeavors.

## Be prepared to evacuate if wildfires threaten your neighborhood this summer

Assistant Fire Chief Riley Pilgrim



Though Cottonwood Heights is an urban community, its location along the Wasatch Front places several of its residential areas along the wildland-urban interface. These are areas that are adjacent to undeveloped

land such as the Forest Service, parks and other areas that have vegetation and potential wildfire risks. These risks vary in severity depending on the neighboring fuel, lay of the land and any type of management done in the area. It is important to remember that each of us as residents are responsible for our own properties in regards to wildfire mitigation. With spring approaching, there are several things that homeowners can consider to be better prepared for the upcoming summer.

The Unified Fire Authority suggests residents visit the Ready, Set, Go! (wildlandfirersg.org) website for

easy-to-follow recommendations that homeowners can take to become better prepared. Some of the suggestions include:

- Be Ready. Create and maintain defensible space around your home and property. This includes removing flammable vegetation within 30 feet of your home and extending outward with other protective measures. If your home is adjacent to public land, we suggest working with the city and fire department to find a way to address your concerns.
- Get Set. Ensure your family is prepared to evacuate on short notice. This includes having important valuables, documentation, medication, and other essential or difficult-toreplace items prepared for a quick retreat.
- Be ready to go. When wildfire strikes and you
  have concerns for your safety, leave the area
  before you are told to do so. Sometimes, this
  decision is one you will need to make based on

your own impressions. Public safety authorities will do their best to evacuate areas on an asneeded basis, but we also rely on citizens to take this action on their own without direction if they feel threatened by fire.

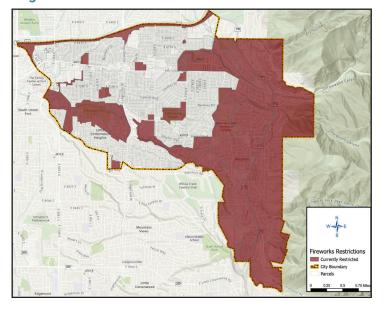
Now is a great time to begin assessing your readiness for the wildfire season. Whether evaluating your preparedness to evacuate or preparing to do a wildfire assessment of your property, it is never too early to prepare for the wildfire season. There are several resources available to you for reference and education. Please refer to the following websites for additional information on wildfire preparation:

- Unified Fire Authority: unifiedfire.org
- State of Utah Wildfire Community
   Preparedness: ffsl.utah.gov/fire/wildfire
- Utah Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal: utahwildfirerisk.utah.gov
- Fire Adapted Communities: fireadapted.
   org

## See a map of restricted firework areas in Cottonwood Heights

Fireworks are legal ONLY in areas not designated as restricted and between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on July 2-5 and July 22-25 (the firework discharge time is extended to midnight on July 4 and July 24). See the map to the right for areas (marked in red) where fireworks are prohibited in 2024.

Visit **ch.utah.gov/maps** and click **Firework-restricted areas** for an interactive map. To view the county firework restrictions map, visit **ufa.maps. arcgis.com**.



## Cottonwood Height Amateur Radio "Field Day" June 22-23

The Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club (CHARC) will participate in the national Amateur Radio Field Day Exercise. They will operate at the Cottonwood Heights City Hall, 2277 E. Bengal Blvd. in Cottonwood Heights. The public is welcome to visit between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22nd, to observe and participate in activities.

There will be demonstrations of shortwave radio communications using voice, Morse code, and digital modes. People can also learn about solar-powered radios, microcomputer applications, and even interstate communication via satellites.

Clubs like CHARC make it easy for anyone in the community to get involved in amateur radio. If you are interested in this field, don't miss this great opportunity to witness it in action! For more information about CHARC or its participation in Field Day, e-mail CH.AmateurRadioClub@Gmail.com.





## Stormwater Tip of the Month

Don't waste the summer by putting yard waste in stormwater. Organic matter such as lawn clippings and leaves or chemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides can deplete stormwater of oxygen. Sweep up yard waste back into your yard or collect and place in the trash.

## National Waste and Recycling Workers' Day

On June 20th, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will celebrate National Waste and Recycling Workers' Day.

Each year, during the week of June 17th, waste and recycling workers are honored and appreciated.

During this special week of celebration, we come together to express our gratitude to the individuals who work tirelessly to keep our Utah communities clean. If you know a waste and recycling worker, take a moment to offer them a special thank you for their dedication and hard work.

## Celebrate International Plastic Bag-Free Day on July 3

On July 3, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will join other organizations around the world in support of International Plastic Bag Free Day. To celebrate, choose paper bags over plastic or, even better, bring your own bags to stores to shop. Some merchants even offer discounts or other perks for customers who bring their own bags. Visit plasticbagfreeday.org for more ideas.

### Residential Fence Installation Guidelines and Regulations

Maverick Yeh, Planner

Many families plan to work on their yards during the spring and summer months, including installing or updating fences. Before you begin your project, it's recommended that you ensure that your fence plan complies with city codes.

In residential areas, fences, walls, and/or hedges can be up to **four (4) feet** in height in the front yard and **six (6) feet** in height in the side and rear yards, and can be constructed without additional permits. Fences, walls, and hedges up to **eight (8) feet** in height may be permitted in side and rear yards (not front yards) with a conditional use permit from the city, and up to **twelve (12) feet** with a conditional use permit from the city and neighbors' written approval.

If you are building a fence on a corner lot or near an intersection, also make sure to comply with intersection clear view requirements. No obstruction to view exceeding **three (3) feet** in height is allowed on any corner lot within a triangular area formed by street property lines and a line connecting them at points 30 feet from the intersection of the street lines. This area is known as the 'clear view triangle,' and obstructions must be kept low so as not to interfere with intersection visibility.

City planning staff is always happy to assist. Contact city hall at 801-944-7000, and a planner will be available to help.



## **Bywater Park**

Ronna Cohen, member of Parks, Trails, and Open Space Committee, Gail Gonger, member of the Historic Committee

Julie Weirsum, Captain of the Bywater Volunteer in the Parks Team, says, "This is the best park. The city does an incredible job keeping the park manicured and safe, and the community is awesome at cleaning up after itself. A wonderful sledding hill, new playground for all ages and abilities, and cornholes recently replaced horseshoes." The park also has soon-to-be resurfaced tennis courts, a pavilion, and baseball fields.

The Park on Banbury Road is located on the southwest corner of a 160-acre homestead granted to Leander Butler in 1872. Leander was the second oldest son of Samuel Butler, a widower with six sons and one daughter who came to Utah about 1857 and settled in South Cottonwood.

At one time, four of Leander's brothers built homes on his homestead, establishing the community named "Butlerville. Officially given the name of Butler in 1877 with the establishment of the Butler Precinct, it was still referred to as Butlerville and is still fondly called Butlerville by the descendants of the original settlers today.

When the Butlers lived on the property, the area was primarily dry farms. They had little to no irrigation and utilized the moisture stored in the soil from the rainy seasons. During the 1930s, the dry farms were replaced with fruit and nut orchards. The orchards were replaced with homes during the 1950-60s housing boom. What remains now of the orchards are the nearby street names: Macintosh, Winesap, Jonathan, and Pippin, plus Walnut, Nutree, and Chestnut.

"Volunteering at the park is the easiest job in the world," says Julie. "Come, check us out, and sign up." If you are interested in Bywater or any Cottonwood Heights park, contact Andrew Davis andrew@cottonwoodheights.gov.



JUNE 8TH 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
CITY HALL PARKING LOT
2277 EAST BENGAL BLVD

Join the URA in partnership with The City of Cottonwood Heights for our pop-up Collection of Hard to Recycle Materials event!

#### **ACCEPTED ITEMS**

RECYCLING EVENT

CARPET PADDING
E-WASTE - NO TV AND
MONITORS
MATTRESSES \$10 FEE
ORAL CARE
PLASTIC FUM

PLASTIC FILM
PLASTIC CLAM SHELLS
SKI & SNOWBOARD
EQUIPMENT

CARPET OR RUGS

CONTACTS

STYROFOAM/EPS (EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE) TIRES- LIMIT 4 PER VEHICLE \$4 PER TIRE

LIGHTBULBS

EYE GLASSES

SCRAP METAL

SOCKS

#### **NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS**

CLOTHING AND TEXTILE
GLASS
STYROFOAM: CUPS, PLATES, PACKING PEANUTS, ETC.
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
PRESCRIPTIONS
BATTERIES
INK CARTRIDGES

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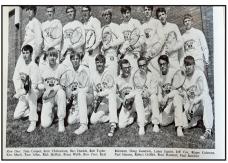
VISIT WWW.UTAHRECYCLINGALLIANCE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

#### Answer

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Hillcrest provided the local high school service from 1962-1970 (replacing Jordan) and First graduating class of Brighton was 1970. ■

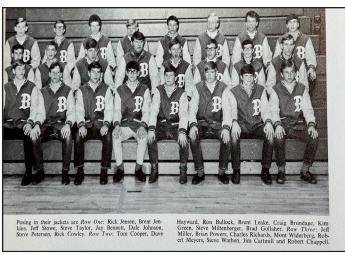




he first tennis team - preceding 14 tennis tate titles.



The look of 1970 - Brighton's first student body officers. Mike Hathaway, Kirk Astroth, Debi Lowder, Kris Iker



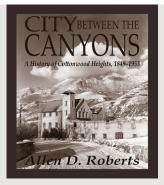
Photos courtesy Jerry Christensen, Chair Brighton Legacy Committee



#### Other first year shots (photo above)

(Right Photo) Miss Tolman reviews geography for the Model U.N. with Scott Hess, Claudia Wintch, Harold Dupaix, Melany Moore, Kevin Barnhust, Mike Hansen, Joy Savag, Kirk Astroth, Karen Iker, Don West, Suzanne Hilmar and Elizabeth Ernst.





## **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.



### City council members

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

### City council meetings

- June 4: Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- June 18: Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- July 2: Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)

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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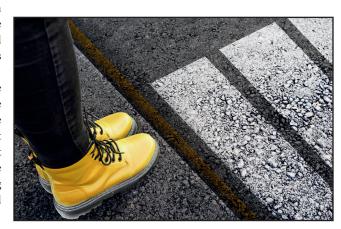
## Updates: Improved Pedestrian Safety - HAWK Signal to Be Installed at Busy Intersection of Ft. Union

The city has secured funding to install a HAWK (High-intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon) signal at the busy intersection of Ft. Union and 2115 East (Nye Drive) in response to the need for improved pedestrian safety. A HAWK signal is a type of pedestrian crossing that acts as a signalized intersection. When a pedestrian activates the signal to control traffic, a flashing yellow light will alert drivers to prepare to stop, followed by a solid yellow light and then a solid red light, indicating drivers to stop.

The primary goal of this project is to enhance safety at the intersection for students attending Bella Vista Elementary School and other pedestrians who also frequently navigate this

intersection. Construction is scheduled to begin June 15th, 2024 and is planned to be completed later this summer.

This crucial infrastructure upgrade aims to enhance pedestrian safety and streamline the crossing experience at the Ft. Union and 2115 East intersection, benefiting the local community and ensuring a safer environment for all road users.



### SUSTAINABILITY

## **Sustainable Spring Cleaning Tips**

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

- 1. Donate what you don't want. Before throwing anything away, consider if it can be reused or recycled. Donate items in good condition to thrift stores or local charities, like Deseret Industries or Catholic Community Services.
- 2. For hard-to-recycle items like electronics, mattresses, and even old ski gear, Utah Recycling Alliance is hosting a "CHaRM" Event (Collection of Hard-to-recycle Materials) in the parking lot of City Hall on Saturday, June 8th. See our flyer on page 5 for more information, including what items will and won't be accepted at the event.
- 3. When purchasing new cleaning products, choose sustainable or eco-friendly options. Opt for reusable cloths, scrub brushes, and refillable sprays instead of cleaning wipes and paper towels. Product review websites like Wirecutter and Good Housekeeping often highlight sustainable alternatives that are still proven to perform well compared to

traditional, less sustainable products.

4. Start

composting.
Spring is a great time to

try composting, which can reduce food waste and serve as an excellent natural fertilizer for gardens. Even something as simple as a terracotta pot or paint bucket can be an excellent starting point for a compost container.

#### 5. Start other sustainable cleaning habits:

- Switch to cold water washing when doing laundry – most detergents are now formulated to be just as effective in cold water.
- Air dry clothes when recommended or when you have the time – air drying preserves fabrics better and saves on electricity and gas consumption of dryers.
- Consider the packaging format of your products – many cleaning products also come in cardboard boxes or refillable packaging that is more sustainable and easier to recycle than plastic, single-use alternatives.
- <u>Clean well and often</u>—this will prolong the lifespan of items and surfaces in your household. If something needs to be replaced or upgraded, consider its water and energy consumption and impact on the environment before purchasing.

## Business spotlight

## Brighton Bank | 7101 S Highland Dr. | www.brightonbank.com | 801-943-6500

At Brighton Bank, they pride themselves on being a community-focused financial institution serving Cottonwood Heights and beyond. With a rich history dating back to 1977, they have provided personalized banking solutions and exceptional customer service to their customers. Their team of experienced professionals is committed to helping individuals, families, and businesses achieve their

financial goals. There, you are not just an account number; you're a valued member of their community. Brighton Bank is proud to be a preferred lender with the SBA and also offers a suite of conventional business lending options to support the small business in their community.





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

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Brighton Bank is excited to announce the launch of their Brighton Bank Cash Rewards Extravaganza. This promotion rewards customers with up to \$2000, as long as they meet specific deposit and product criteria. For the months of June and July 2024, Brighton Bank is pleased to offer an exclusive deal for new and existing customers. As part of their Brighton Bank Cash Rewards Extravaganza, new account holders who make a deposit with new money, maintain an average balance

of \$500 or more for 90 days and meet a simple set of criteria will receive a cash reward. The additional criteria include setting up a reoccurring direct deposit, signing up for online banking and e-statements, and applying for a Brighton Bank Debit Card.

Additional terms and conditions may apply. Visit Brighton Bank at 7101 S Highland Drive or any of their five Salt Lake County locations for more details and to open an account.



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



