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Mayor Mike Weichers

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Cottonwood Heights has a generational opportunity to create a unique and memorable town center for our city. The proposed town center will provide a place for our residents to come together and enjoy a variety of dining and retail experiences, participate



CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

AUGUST 6

- GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DISCUSSION
- FERGUSON TRAIL PARKING DISCUSSION

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- DEVELOPMENT OF HILLSIDE PLAZA

AUGUST 20

- GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PARAMETERS DISCUSSION

SEPTEMBER 3

- UTAH RECYCLING ALLIANCE REPORT
- SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
- TEXT AMENDMENT REPORT
- FORM BASE CODE REPORT

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- **AUGUST 3:** AUTISM COUNCIL OF UTAH BARBECUE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- **AUGUST 12:** OPEN HOUSE FOR THE HEIGHTS TOWN CENTER AT CITY HALL
- **AUGUST 14:** ARTS COUNCIL: OPEN HOUSE WITH THE ARTIST CAROL WHITTAKER
- **AUGUST 24:** BARK IN THE PARK
- **OCTOBER 25 :** MONSTER MASH

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Cottonwood Heights

Bark in the Park

August 24, 2024
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mountview Park - 1651 E. Fort Union Blvd.

10:30 a.m. Free Hots Dogs **K9 Obstacle Course**
 While supplies last

10:30 a.m. Dog Trick Contest **Fenced off-Leash Area**
 Can your dog do a trick?

10:45 a.m. Police K9 Demo **Vendors**

More Info: 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!

MORE INFORMATION: CHCITYARTS.COM



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS CAROL WHITTAKER

WATERCOLORS INSPIRED BY NATURE AND LOVED ONES.

ON DISPLAY AT COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL
 2277 E BENGAL BLVD.
 WEEKDAYS FROM 8AM TO 5PM, AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 30

OPEN HOUSE WITH THE ARTIST WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 7-8PM

  CHCITYARTS.COM  

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in events and activities – all while enjoying our spectacular mountain views and community features that foster connection and strengthen our city’s identity through intentional development.

So how did we get here?

In 2023, Cottonwood Heights purchased the former Hillside Plaza, a 10-acre parcel of land located at 2300 East and Fort Union Blvd., to pave the way for a new town center. The concept of a town center was first envisioned in the city’s General Plan in 2005, and the idea has appeared in several plans since. With the help of a 12-member Community Advisory Committee, we have worked diligently to understand residents’ vision for this area by conducting public surveys, hosting town hall meetings, and facilitating discussions.

The result of this work is a town center design built around community values. Restaurants, retail and housing will be centered on public spaces that can be used for various events including holiday celebrations, farmer’s markets, movies in the park, senior based activities and exercise classes, small community concerts, and much more. The proposed concepts not only encourage new, exciting revenue-building opportunities for the city, but also focus on green spaces and active areas that encourage residents of all ages to gather, connect, and enjoy our city. The town center will include elements that help further build our city’s distinct

identity, including public art, landscaping, and signage that expresses the Cottonwood Heights way of life.

A public-private partnership that creates new revenue sources.

We are excited to move forward with this project, and after careful thought and evaluation, the city has decided to pursue a public-private approach to funding. To ensure that the town center includes the community-driven elements listed above, we need to provide an upfront investment to help cover the cost of public improvements. This initial city funding will cover the cost of dedicated community green spaces, pedestrian and safety improvements, public parking, and other infrastructure needed to fulfill the community-focused design. To provide this upfront investment, the city is proposing placing a \$25-30 million General Obligation (GO) bond on the 2024 ballot, which, if approved, will result in a \$9-\$10 per month property tax increase for the average homeowner.

If Cottonwood Heights voters approve the bond, the city will work with private investment partners to develop the property. The city will retain ownership of the property and lease the land to partners to provide market-driven elements such as retail, restaurants, and housing. Not only does this give the city more control over issues like density, building heights and aesthetics, but it also creates new revenue sources for the city from the land leases

and increased sales and property taxes generated from the site. These financial benefits assist in deferring a property tax increase that could be needed in 2026-2027 back to 2029-2030 or later while also providing Cottonwood Heights with a spectacular community amenity.

A vote for the bond is an investment in our city’s future. We know that desirable communities, the places we want to live and visit, have unique spaces where people gather, celebrate, and connect. We want to bring that to Cottonwood Heights with this new town center.

In the end, we hope our residents will appreciate the opportunity to participate with their vote, to take ownership together as a community, and approve a short-term financial commitment to enhancing the community we all love. We are asking for your support because we believe it is the right balance between sound fiscal management and appropriate city development in helping to shape the future of Cottonwood Heights. I encourage everyone to learn more about this exciting project by attending an upcoming informational event and visiting chtowncenter.com. ■

The HEIGHTS

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE HEIGHTS TOWN CENTER

Join us at City Hall (2277 East Bengal Blvd.) on August 12th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to learn more about the Town Center project and the proposed bond funding option.

Back to School Safety: Creating a Family Emergency Plan

Assistant Fire Chief Riley Pilgrim



As summer comes to an end, it's time to prepare the kids to go back to school. This is a good opportunity to review or create a family emergency plan. Even though this is an exciting time of year, it's crucial

to have a clear plan in case of an emergency at home or school. With parents working and children in school, it's important for everyone to know what to do if something happens while they are apart. These times can be frightening for children and stressful for parents, so discussing these events before something happens will hopefully reduce some of those feelings. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1. **Develop a communication plan so kids know who to contact if parents are not available.**

2. **Have a list of trusted individuals your children can reach out to, such as family members, neighbors, or family friends.**
3. **Ensure they have a safe primary and secondary route to and from school.**
4. **Discuss concerns with school staff during Back to School nights or Parent/Teacher Conferences. Understand their procedures and expectations in the event of an emergency at school.**
5. **Sign up for school notifications for each of your children.**
6. **Discuss the types of emergencies that may occur and how you and your kids will respond.**
7. **Make sure children are sent to school with appropriate clothing in case they need to be evacuated or spend an extended time outdoors.**

Our schools and public safety officials place the safety and well-being of our children as a



top priority, but it is critical that parents also participate in this process. Whether a natural disaster or human-caused, it is important children understand what to do in the event parents are not close by.

We hope you and your kids have a great school year! ■

Meet and greet for autistic individuals and their families

The Cottonwood Heights Police Department is hosting a community event for families affected by autism on **Saturday, August 3rd, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.)**. You'll have the chance to meet police officers and first responders. ■

Prevent e-bike theft and recover stolen bicycles with these five tips

Follow these tips to prevent your electronic bicycle from being stolen and to help recover it if someone takes it:

- **Take a photo of your bicycle** so you can accurately describe it to an officer if it's stolen
- **Write down or take a photo of your bicycle's serial number.** The officer can enter the serial number into a national database and be alerted if someone tries to resell the bike elsewhere
- **Close your garage doors** and take your bike inside at night
- **Use an alarm lock** so you or passersby will be alerted if someone tries to take your bike
- **Install a tracking device in your handlebars** so you can track the bike on your phone if it's stolen ■



Stormwater Tip of the Month

Pet waste can make going back to school crappy. Pick up after your pet and dispose of all waste in the trash. This will help reduce E. coli levels in Big and Little Cottonwood Creek and keep our walkways clean. ■

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

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's offers both bulk and green waste trailers you can rent to help with summer cleaning this season. These trailers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early to

Construction Materials

With summer in full swing, many residents find themselves tackling those construction and remodeling tasks they have contemplated all winter. It is essential to keep these construction materials out of your recycle can.

While some materials, such as copper pipe, may be recyclable, they are not accepted in the recycling can.

Summer Events

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District

Summer months offer valuable opportunities to engage with our residents and communities. We take pride in our efforts to educate the public on the best recycling practices and greatly value the feedback we receive from the residents we serve. Each year, we strive to be present at events with an information booth where we provide education and games.

Additionally, we offer side-load truck demonstrations for educational purposes and

ensure you get the date you need.

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



These items cannot be processed at the single-stream recycling plant and must be recycled separately.

Please consider taking high-value items like copper pipe and wire to a nearby metal re-cycler for a refund. Construction materials must be placed in the garbage can. ■



enjoyment for people of all ages. While our industry is often observed from a distance, these events provide a firsthand experience for anyone interested in the process. Keep an eye on our social media channels to stay updated on when we'll be visiting an event near you.

We look forward to an opportunity to get to know each of you and provide some information about our work. ■



Open Space Spotlight: Skate Park at 2415 Bengal Blvd.

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

Ben Pellegrino is the Volunteer in the Parks Captain at the Richard L. Guthrie Skate Park, 2415 Bengal Blvd. "It is an awesome skatepark with bowls and rails for skateboards, scooters, and BMX bikes," Ben explains. "I take great pride in volunteering my time at the park. I normally visit the park early in the morning with other early bird pre-work adults getting in a quick rip before they clock in at their jobs." With recent upgrades and new lights, the Park continues to be enjoyed by all ages and abilities.

The skate park is located on land originally homesteaded by William Sanford in 1872-73. Water came from a ditch that provided both culinary and irrigation to most of Butler and the Poverty Flats areas. Incorporating in 1900, the ditch with its two branches became known as the Brown

and Sanford Ditch Co.

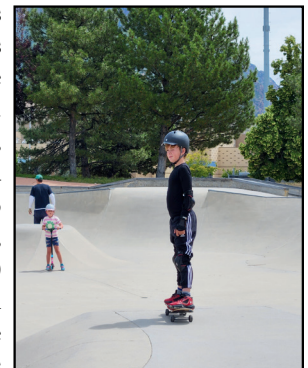
Across the street is the Cannon Mortuary, originally built in 1947 by Ivy Jean Bowthrope and her husband Albert Meyer. He designed and built the house which he referred to as "the most unusual house in the world." The house and garage were built around a central courtyard with a swimming pool in the middle. The



interior walls and ceilings of the house were of tile. Once a year, Meyer opened the house to the public, charging 50 cents a person to tour the house. This

structure continues to be one of the most unique buildings in our city.

Interested in being a Volunteer in the Park? To be a Volunteer at the Skate Park or any Cottonwood Heights Park, contact Andrew Davis at andrew@cottonwoodheights.com. ■



History question of the month

From the early 1900's through the 1950's, there was a ranch located at approximately 6700 South and 2400 East where you would rent a horse and go for a leisure ride in the open space which is now called Hillside Plaza. What was the name of the ranch? ■

Answer on page 6

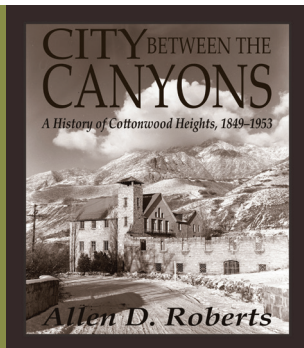
Answer

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The Lazy Bar Ranch, located at approximately 6700 South and 2400 East, was originally used for farming. The property included a barn, animal sheds, and a small adobe farm house. However, farming became problematic because of the poor soils, arid climate, and tough economic times. In the late 1950's it became a ranch where horses could be rented by locals for a leisurely riding experience. The Lazy Bar Ranch was the birthplace of one of our original city council members, Don Antczak. ■

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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. ■

20TH ANNUAL COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
2024

8 AM
SHOTGUN
START



FOUR-
PERSON
SCRAMBLE

STONEBRIDGE
GOLF COURSE

4415 LINKS DRIVE
WEST VALLEY CITY, UT
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THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION, A 501C3 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT PROVIDE NEEDED PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES, PROGRAMS, AND SPONSORSHIPS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CHPR FOUNDATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AS A GOLFER, SPONSOR, OR THROUGH PRIZE DONATION.



Cottonwood Heights
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Learn more at cottonwoodheights.com

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City council meetings

- **August 6:** Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **August 20 :** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **September 3:** 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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Be Ready for Success: Your Back-to-School Checklist

Sharpen those pencils! Whether you're new to Canyons School District, or returning for another year of adventure, here are a few important dates and pieces of information to help you start and finish the school year strong:

- **CHECK BELL SCHEDULES:** Be sure to check your school's bell schedule so you know when school starts and ends: <https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/schools/>.
- **VOLUNTEER:** Join the thousands of parents and patrons who volunteer in CSD classrooms by completing a volunteer application at volunteer.canyonsdistrict.org.
- **GET INVOLVED:** Meet new people and have a voice in decisions that impact students by joining your school's PTA or PTSA at



<https://www.utahpta.org/join>.

- **THINK SAFE:** Learn about CSD's school safety protocols at canyonsdistrict.org/safe-schools/.
- **COMMUNICATE:** Download the free ParentSquare app for iOS or Android to communicate with your school and teachers. ■

Important Canyons School District dates to know

Aug. 5: Back-to-school registration
Aug. 19: First day of school
Sept. 2: Labor Day recess
Oct. 17-18: Fall Recess

SUSTAINABILITY

City Sustainability Resources and Events

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

Cottonwood Heights is committed to offering residents a wealth of resources to help further the city's sustainability goals. As summer slowly turns to fall, it's a good time to remember what these resources are, and keep up to date with what the city will be doing in the future.

Helpful Information

The city's official website features a comprehensive **Sustainability** webpage. Here, residents can access up-to-date information on local environmental conditions, including air quality, water conservation, and waste management. The site also provides information on what the city is currently doing to reduce its own impact on the environment, like utilizing rooftop solar. The site also provides valuable tips on how to live more sustainability, from energy-saving measures to eco-friendly transportation practices.

Programs and Incentives

The city's Sustainability Resources webpage also has information on incentives and programs residents can take advantage of. These include incentives for water-saving landscaping, and programs you can participate

in to save energy. These can help to offset the cost of green upgrades to homes and businesses.

Upcoming Events and Seminars

City Hall will soon host **regular seminars and events** focused on Sustainability topics. These gatherings provide an excellent opportunity for residents to learn from experts, engage in discussions, and network with like-minded individuals. Upcoming events will cover topics such as renewable energy, waste reduction, and sustainable transportation. Keep an eye on the city's event calendar and social media channels for the latest updates on seminars and other sustainability events. ■



Business spotlight

WINGWOMAN WEDDINGS | www.wingwomanweddings.com | lucy@wingwomanweddings.com

Introducing Wingwoman Weddings! Lucy is your dedicated Wingwoman, specializing in month-of coordination to create seamless and spectacular wedding celebrations. With a passion for perfection and a flair for a well-executed event, she ensures every detail is expertly managed, allowing you to fully enjoy your special day. From your first meeting until the final dance, she will be there, offering personalized support and guidance throughout the planning process. Choose Wingwoman Weddings

to transform your dream wedding into a stress-free celebration surrounded by your loved ones. ■



YOGA SUNNE | 2242 E. Fort Union Blvd. | www.yogasunne.com | info@yogasunne.com

Curious about yoga but not sure where to start? Welcome to the Yoga Sunné studio where you belong! Yoga Sunné will guide and support you from wherever you are to wherever you want to go. You will find inspiration from the staff, instructors, and fellow practitioners. We are on this journey together and Yoga Sunné provides a safe haven to create vibrant health and healing.

There are many beautiful benefits to yoga; more than can fit into this space. Below is a brief introduction to the three main types of yoga Yoga Sunné offers and their benefits. Try them all to discover for yourself.

Vinyasa Yoga (heated and non-heated, gentle flow and power) focuses on the alignment of movement with breath.

Benefits:

- Improve balance
- Strengthen muscles and improve bone density
- Improved memory, enhanced cognition
- Better sleep
- Relief from chronic pain

Hot Yoga (26/2) is a sequence of 26 postures & 2 breathing exercises. The

heated room makes the yoga safe and enhances detoxification. **BONUS:** Yoga Sunné is the only studio in the valley with infrared heating panels. These have been proven to strengthen the immune system, facilitate better heart health, improve circulation and more.

Benefits:

- Improve glucose tolerance, bone mineral density, blood lipid profile, arterial stiffness, mindfulness, and reduces stress
- Reduce or eliminate depression
- Detoxifies and purifies the body and mind & nourishes the skin

Yin Yoga is a slow-paced style of yoga incorporating principles of traditional Chinese medicine and postures that are held for longer periods of time. The sequences of postures are meant to stimulate the channels of the subtle body - known as meridians in Chinese medicine and as nadis in Hatha yoga.

Benefits:



- Calms and balances the mind and body
- Releases fascia and improves joint mobility
- Balances the internal organs and improves the flow of energy

Our mission:

Yoga Sunné provides yoga to create healing, strength and vibrant health in body, mind, heart and spirit for all who practice. ■

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