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Embracing Change and Building Community

City Manager Jared Gerber



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In June, we said goodbye to a wonderful City Manager, Tim

Tingey, who accepted an opportunity to pursue his goal of educating and influencing the next generation of leaders. We want to express our gratitude for Tim and thank him for the 6 wonderful years of governance he provided to this great community. On July 16, the Cottonwood Heights City Council approved my appointment as the new City

Manager. I have known Tim for several years, and I recognize the large gap I now have the responsibility of filling.

As I reflect on my first two weeks in his chair, my heart is full of thanks to the warm welcome I have received from the City Council, boards and commissions, the staff, and many of the residents I have had the privilege of meeting thus far. What a beautiful and distinct community you have built. I have been working in local government for over twenty years and enjoy the opportunity it provides to interact with and serve the community. Most recently, I was working in Commerce City, Colorado, as the Community Development Director, but prior to that, I spent 16 years in Sandy City in a variety of roles, the last of which was the Deputy Chief

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- **NOVEMBER 5:** GENERAL ELECTION FROM 7 AM - 8 PM

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

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL'S

HAPPY HALLOW-INK

A full month of online Pen and Ink Art, featuring daily inspiration and tutorials.

How to Participate:

1. **Follow Us:** Get daily tutorials and prompts from Smartest Artist on Facebook.com/CHArtsCouncil or Instagram @CHCityArts.
2. **Create:** Use the prompts or tutorials to design your artwork.
3. **Share:** Post your drawings and tag #CHCityArts and #CHCityArtsink.

Daily drawing prompts: October 1st-31st

1. Falling Leaves	11. School backpack	21. Windy day
2. Campfire	12. Sunflower	22. Black cat
3. Cozy Sweater	13. Candy corn	23. Haunted House
4. Pumpkin Patch	14. Owl	24. Magic potion
5. Full Moon	15. Hot apple cider	25. Super Hero
6. Pumpkin Spice	16. Spider Web	26. Silly Skeleton
7. Neighborhood Tree	17. Autumn Apples	27. Magical hat
8. Colony of Bats	18. Scarecrow	28. Friendly ghost
9. Rainy Day Rainbow	19. Enchanted Forest	29. Jack-o'-lantern
10. Squirrel	20. Pumpkin pie	30. Cute monster
		31. Trick or Treat

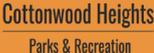
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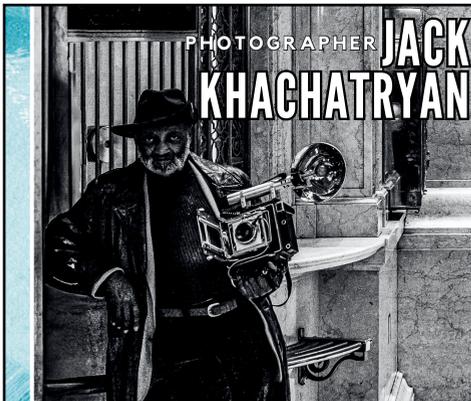
MONSTER MASH

Friday, October 25, 2024
 5 - 7 P.M.
 CH REC CENTER - 7500 S. 2700 E.



Join us for a free Spooktacular Halloween event!
 Free activities for age 12 and under include carnival games and ice skating!
 Scales and Tails is bringing snakes, and lizards, oh MY!



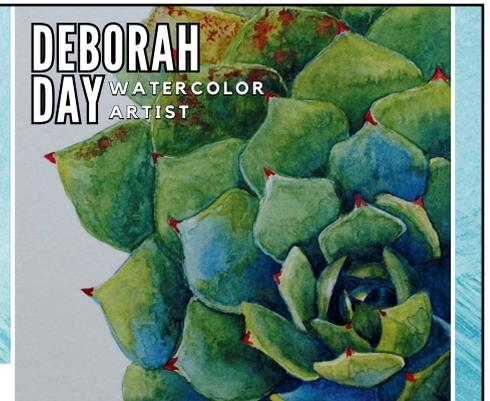
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

Art Exhibit

SEPTEMBER ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL LOBBY
 2277 E BENGAL BLVD.
 WEEKDAYS: 8 AM - 5 PM
 AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 26

  CHCITYARTS.COM  



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Administrative Officer.

As many of you are aware, there are a few exciting projects in the works here in Cottonwood Heights, and the announcement of the Olympics in 2034 only adds to the urgency to work towards their completion and a determination to ensure our community is recognized and well-represented to the rest of the world. One of the unique opportunities that excites me is The Heights, the conceptual plan for the new town center project that the city has been working on. This conceptual design would provide the residents of Cottonwood Heights with a bustling hub of retail, restaurants, services, open space, and gathering places intended to reflect the community's values and desires.

Having purchased the Hillside Plaza shopping center in 2023, the city has a chance to better direct the type of development in ways that the city hopes will be beneficial. This has been and will continue to be a collaborative process with the city's elected and appointed officials and staff seeking input from residents. One of my first community meetings was the recent open house to discuss not only the conceptual designs developed by the citizen advisory committee, but also the possibility of a bond to help fund some of the infrastructure to meet community desires at

this site. I was amazed and impressed by the turnout and enjoyed several conversations on both sides of the issue, all of which were civil and collaborative. Various community meetings will continue to be held in the coming months to provide information and help in answering any questions you may have regarding the project and the bond as we approach the November vote.

Should the bond pass, Cottonwood Heights will work with private partners to leverage the funding authorized and ensure that The Heights will become a premier destination for the community. Bond proceeds will be used to fund amenities that the city hopes will help develop a sense of community and improve on an already great quality of life that our residents enjoy, including dedicated open space, pedestrian-friendly connections, public parking, and other infrastructure that might not be feasible if the project were simply market driven.

We recognize the importance of being good stewards with public money and hope that you will see this as a positive enhancement for the community. The city's ability to retain ownership and influence over the site not only provides more control over density, heights, and other design elements, but is anticipated to also offer up a chance to increase revenues

through the lease of land and increased sales and property taxes on the site. In my opinion, this type of project could greatly benefit the economic stability of the city. Please take the time to discover the vision for this distinct opportunity that Cottonwood Heights has before it by visiting chtowncenter.com.

Regardless of your current stance on the project, the city wants to hear from you. I hope that you will take the opportunity to meet with us, learn more about the proposal, and provide your feedback. On this, and any project or issue in Cottonwood Heights, community involvement is essential to ensure that we are serving the public interest.

I'm honored to have the opportunity to be your current City Manager and to work with each of you in continuing to add to the great foundation which was laid nearly two decades ago. Next year will be the 20th year since incorporation for Cottonwood Heights and I hope that we can all celebrate together, and I look forward to another 20 years of building community pride with you. Thank you for everything you contribute to this beautiful city "between the canyons". ■




 OUR COTTONWOOD
 HEIGHTS TOWN CENTER



**Got questions about the
 new town center project
 and the GO Bond
 proposed to help fund it?
 Check out our project
 FAQ at
chtowncenter.com/FAQ.**

**Still have questions,
 email us at
towncenter@ch.utah.gov**

Police Autism BBQ



On Saturday, August 3, 2024, the police department proudly hosted our third annual Autism Awareness BBQ at City Hall. Officers stepped up to the grills, serving burgers and hotdogs accompanied by salads, fruit, a charcuterie tray, and chips. This event, organized in collaboration with the Autism Council of Utah, aims to raise awareness and foster trust and understanding within the community. We were joined by service providers, members of the Unified Fire Authority, parents, and caregivers in support of this important cause.

The Utah Legislature mandates that police officers receive training on interacting with individuals on the autism spectrum, and we wholeheartedly agree with this necessity. Autism awareness training is crucial as it provides officers with the knowledge and skills to engage effectively and compassionately with individuals on the spectrum. Those with autism may exhibit behaviors

or communication styles that can be easily misunderstood, potentially escalating situations unnecessarily. By understanding these unique behaviors and employing appropriate strategies, officers can de-escalate encounters, build trust, and ensure everyone's safety. This training not only enhances the effectiveness of law enforcement but also demonstrates a commitment to fostering a more inclusive community.

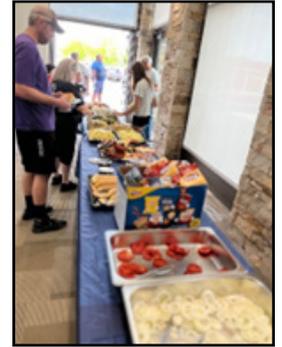
However, we believe classroom training is just one piece of the puzzle for Cottonwood Heights. Hosting events like this BBQ, where



all stakeholders can interact and engage, provides an educational experience that cannot be replicated in a classroom.

Our officers encounter mental health issues and members of the autism community daily. By offering practical experiences, we aim to achieve better outcomes during these interactions. Police departments in the valley can accept information to flag a person or address as having special needs, helping officers interpret behaviors correctly. Given that police are often called when situations reach a critical point, having the right tools and experiences to handle crises is essential.

We have received accolades from various community groups and inquiries from other municipalities about our event, which we proudly present. ■



Important Safety Update! HAWK (HIGH INTENSITY ACTIVATED CROSSWALK)

We are delighted to announce that the **HAWK (High Intensity Activated CrossWalk)** Signal is now operational at the Nye Drive and Fort Union Blvd intersection. This signal enhances safety by allowing pedestrians to cross securely while managing traffic flow.

To ensure everyone's safety, it is essential to understand how to use the HAWK Signal.

The High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) beacon signal aids in safely crossing Fort Union Boulevard. Unlike traditional signals, the HAWK signal remains inactive until prompted by a pedestrian. Once activated, it will display a sequence of YELLOW-RED-FLASHING RED lights, signaling motorists to yield to pedestrians. Treat YELLOW and SOLID RED lights like regular traffic signals.

- **Yellow Light** : Drivers should slow down and prepare to STOP at the indicated STOP BAR.
- **Solid Red Light** : Drivers are required to come to a complete stop. During this time, pedestrians have a clear and safe

opportunity to cross the street.

- **Flashing Red Light** : After a certain amount of time, the signal will start flashing red. Motorists must come to a complete stop and are allowed to proceed with caution if the intersection is clear of pedestrians.

Please refer to the flyer for vital guidelines on correctly using the signal.

As the new school year approaches, here are some reminders for drivers:

- **Observe speed limits**
- **Be cautious around school zones and pedestrian crossings**
- **Follow school zone regulations when lights are flashing yellow**
- **Stay vigilant for pedestrians**

Together, we can collaborate to ensure the safety of our children and community! ■

PEDESTRIANS		DRIVERS	
SEE THIS	DO THIS	SEE THIS	DO THIS
	 PUSH THE BUTTON		DRIVE ALWAYS LOOK FOR PEOPLE WHO PLAN TO CROSS.
	STOP & WAIT FOR THE WALK SIGNAL.		SLOW DOWN A PERSON HAS ACTIVATED THE PUSH BUTTON.
	START CROSSING ALWAYS WATCH FOR CARS.		PREPARE TO STOP
	FINISH CROSSING		STOP FOR PEDESTRIAN. (As with any signal RED means STOP)
			STOP FIRST PROCEED WITH CAUTION IF NO PEOPLE ARE PRESENT.

Stormwater Tip of the Month

Don't "fall" into the habit of blowing or raking leaves into the street. Keep leaves and debris out of the gutter. This will reduce the chance a storm drain will get clogged and will reduce the amount of bacteria getting into our creeks. ■

Pick up leaf bags and drop off bagged leaves beginning October 16

As the temperatures cool down and we head into fall, Wasatch Front Waste Recycling District (WFWRD) will begin their seasonal fall leaf pickup service. Starting Wednesday, October 16, residents can pick up leaf bags at the following locations:

- **City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.)**
- **Whitmore Library (2197 E. Fort Union Blvd.)**
- **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center (7500 S. 2700 E.)**

Due to limited supplies, WFWRD requests you take only one roll of leaf bags per household and not pick up bags for your neighbors. Once you fill your bags with leaves, you can take them to Bywater Park (3149 Bandbury Rd.) and put them in the designated trailers. We do not collect leaf bags sitting at your curb. Please do not dump garbage or other items at these or other locations, and do not put leaves and other yard waste in your recycle cans.

You are welcome to take leaf bags from any site for your own compost. ■



Sustainable School Options

Did You Know...if each student in the United States used one less pencil in a school year, we could save over 265 mature trees!

As back-to-school time approaches, we're all investing in new supplies. Here are some tips for saving money and protecting the environment while restocking your student's supplies:

Take Inventory: Start by checking what items you have from last year that can be used again this year.

Choose Sustainable Options: Consider eco-friendly and sustainable choices when purchasing new items, such as:

- **Recycled Mechanical Pencils**
- **Recycled Paper Notebooks**
- **Reusable Water Bottles**
- **Lunch Boxes**
- **Silicon Sandwich Bags**
- **Other sustainability produced, reusable items for daily use**

By following these tips, you can save money and conserve valuable resources. Small changes can lead to significant results! ■



What Types of Plastic Go in Our Single-Stream Recycling Containers/Dumpsters?

Recycling plastics can be confusing, but this guide will help you become a recycling pro!

PET (#1) and HDPE (#2): Containers of this resin type are widely accepted and include beverage, condiment, and detergent bottles, food tubs, milk jugs, and similar containers. Small to medium containers labeled #1 or #2 are generally recyclable.

PP (#5): This includes yogurt and cottage cheese containers, pill bottles, and some food-grade jars. NOTE: It must match the shape of the items listed above. If an item does match those shapes, it likely isn't accepted in single-stream recycling.

OTHER PLASTICS: Generally, these are not accepted in single-stream recycling. Use our "Recycle Right" tool at <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/how-recycle> for specific recycling options and to confirm what items are accepted.

Together, we can make recycling easier and more effective! ■

Good	Some Okay	Bad
<p>PET HDPE</p>	<p>PP</p>	<p>PVC LDPE PS OTHER</p>
<p>Detergent's, Cleaner's, Milk, Shampoo's and Conditioner's are often bottled in HDPE.</p> <p>Beverage Bottles, Condiment Bottles and some Dispensers are made of PET.</p>	<p>Only certain grades of PP are accepted in the single stream recycling.</p> <p>Food containers like deli cups, yogurt containers, and food tubs are accepted PP.</p>	<p>If the plastic material does not fall into the Good or specifics of the Some Okay category, THROW IT AWAY!</p> <p>We are limited to accepting items that are accepted by the MRF.</p>

History question of the month

When and where was the first school built in our city?

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Answer

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Education is a high priority for Utahns. The same was true of the early settlers of our city. By 1850, those settlers had build a log school house, located along the Little Cottonwood Creek bottom lands (east of today's 1300 East). Silas Richards, one of the first settlers

and a farmer taught school with first settlers and a farmer taught school with between 30-35 students in attendance. He did this during the school years from 1850-1852.

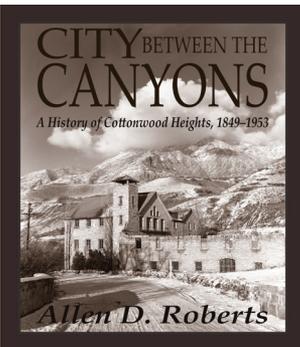
In 1852, the Salt Lake County Court created schools in Utah professed to be public, they were

mostly parochial in nature.

In 1854, a new two-story school meeting house was erected within the Union Fort. The old school was used as a house by the Forbush family. ■

Subscribe to emails and get the latest news about city events, Arts Council efforts, and volunteer opportunities! You can also get agendas for public meetings and be notified when we post a new job or a road work update.

Visit ch.utah.gov/emails to sign up for the notifications you want today! ■



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. ■

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Animal control 944-7100
Justice court 273-9731

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

- **September 10:** Work Session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **September 17:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **October 1:** 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.

Editor: Beatriz Mayorga,
Communication Manager

Open Space Spotlight: Antczak Park

Ronna Cohen, member of Parks, Trails, and Open Space Committee, Gayle Conger, member of the Historic Committee

Antczak Park, located at 1850 East 7200 South, has a pavilion, restrooms, tennis courts, and pickleball courts.

The surrounding neighborhood is passionate about this park. Luann Leavitt, Captain of the Volunteers in the Park, explains, “Our volunteers are park users who visit regularly. Volunteers walk the park, pick up litter, and report any issues or problems to me.” Similar to other Park Captains, any issues are then reported to the Parks Department. “This program has helped more people feel like they have a voice in the way our neighborhood is maintained and has also helped bring our community together in caring for a common area,” said Luann.

In 1848, the first settlers in our city settled around 1300 East and Creek Road, where water was plentiful, easily accessible and the ground was fertile. To the east, the area was called Poverty Flats because of poor, sandy soil and inaccessible water. This is now home to Antczak Park.

Harriett Brown applied for a land grant that

included the land where Antczak Park is located and received a patent in 1884. She along with William Sandford were responsible for building a branch of the Butler Canal that eventually provided water for the Poverty Flats area. In 1900 this irrigation company incorporated as the Brown and Sandford Ditch Co.

The park, created in 1977, is named for Don Antczak, a lifelong resident of Cottonwood Heights. He played a key role in creating the Cottonwood “Spa,” now known as the Rec Center. He served many years on the Rec Center Council and the Cottonwood Heights Council.

If you are interested in helping at Antczak Park or any Cottonwood Heights Park, reach out to Andrew Davis at andrew@cottonwoodheights.com. ■



SUSTAINABILITY

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

Ian Harris, Associate Planner/Sustainability Analyst

More, more, more! One of the byproducts of the consumer culture we live in is a constant pressure to feel that we need more. However, this is not a sustainable way to live, particularly in today’s world of cheap goods. Too often, the things we buy are quickly discarded. This waste leads to major environmental problems, like pollution, emissions, and habitat destruction, which all have negative impacts on human health.

It’s not always easy, and it’s not always cheap, but it’s important to take the time to be mindful and think critically about what we own and what we buy. The old maxim: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (in that order) is the most sustainable way to go.

1. **Reduce** – The best way to reduce your carbon footprint is to reduce the amount of goods you purchase and use. Before you purchase something, ask yourself: Do I need this? Can something I already own perform the same task? Often, asking these questions, or even waiting 48 hours to purchase something you’re unsure about, is enough to realize you don’t need to purchase something new.
2. **Reuse** – The most sustainable product is the one you already own, not the one being marketed to you. When you do opt to buy something, be sure to consider: How long will this last? How

long can it be reused? Are the materials likely to break? Explore ways to re-purpose items, like using pasta sauce jars for food storage or cutting old clothes into cleaning rags.

3. **Recycle** – When we inevitably dispose of a product, it’s important to consider: Can it be recycled? This is particularly true of high-value items like electronics and appliances, which often contain precious metals. Curbside recycling can be a godsend for simple items like paper and plastics. For other hard-to-recycle items, the Utah Recycling Alliance (URA) regularly holds events for this purpose in our city and throughout the Salt Lake Valley. Stay tuned for future recycling events and seminars the city will have on recycling and waste topics. ■



Business spotlight

Bonneville Legal | 2825 E. Cottonwood Pkwy #500 | 385-253-8853 | bonnevillelegal.com | matthew@bonnevillelegal.com

Bonneville Legal is a boutique family law firm owned and operated by Matthew Bell, a resident of Cottonwood Heights. Matthew is a native of Houston, Texas and moved to Utah with his wife in 2012 after they fell in love with the area. He has been practicing law since 2010 and specializes in family law and estate planning. An educator at heart, Matthew excels at explaining how the legal system works and forms lasting connections with his

clients through his responsiveness and sharp analytical skills. Potential family law clients are invited to schedule an hour-long conference with Matthew in which he provides an in-depth analysis of the case and devises a strategy that can be carried out with or without an attorney. If you're looking to create a will, trust, power of attorney, or guardianship, Matthew offers free 30-minute consultations to walk you through the process. Whatever your

needs may be, Bonneville Legal is here to guide you to a better place. ■



City News

New HAWK Signal Crosswalk Installed in Cottonwood Heights

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and their families remains a top priority as the new school year begins. Mayor Weichers, along with Council members Shawn Newell, Ellen Birrell, Suzanne Hyland, City Manager Jared Gerber, Canyons School District Board of Education President Amber Shill, Bella Vista Elementary Principal Barbra Winder, and Hillcrest teacher Madeline Melini, joined other dignitaries in commemorating the introduction of a new HAWK signal crosswalk

in Cottonwood Heights.

Situated at the intersection of Nye Drive and Fort Union Boulevard outside Bella Vista Elementary, the new crosswalk was inaugurated by Cottonwood Heights Mayor Mike Weichers, city council members, and Canyons representatives, who took the first walk across the

street using the new system. Mayor Mike Weichers expressed, "We are confident in our crossing guards and police to regulate traffic during peak times, but we believe this HAWK light can provide significant benefits during non-school hours." ■

