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Illegal Drug Use Affects Our Community in Real Ways

By Council Member Mike Shelton



I have had the opportunity to ride along with the Cottonwood Heights Police Department and with the officers of the Unified Police Department a handful of times. It has been an eye-opening experience every time, and has made me grateful for the dedicated men and women of law enforcement who do so much to keep us safe. Each time I have gone, I have felt the concern that comes when you realize that you will be with those who daily put themselves in harm's way. And every time, my shift has ended with an immense sense of pride in the way the officers deal with the public.

On an average Tuesday night last summer, I had the opportunity to ride along for a shift with the officers of the Cottonwood Heights Police Department. I was with them from just before sundown until morning.

If memory serves, we participated in eight stops that night. One stop involved a young man on an unregistered motorcycle without lights (the officers provided him with some training on safe motorcycle operation and got him home safely). On the other seven stops, there was a common thread that ran through each:

The officers stopped a couple speeding in a vehicle out of the canyon and down Fort Union Boulevard. During the stop, they discovered illegal drugs.

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stores. During the stop, the officers discovered illegal drugs.

We were called to a home where a first date had gone horribly wrong, and the woman was unconscious. In searching the home, officers discovered illegal drugs.

We pulled into one of our parks in the early hours of the morning and found a middle-age man in a vehicle with an underage female. During the stop, the



officers discovered illegal drugs.

The other stops were more of the same. By the time that evening was through, officers had seized heroin, meth, marijuana and crack, had impounded vehicles, and had sent some offenders to jail. Again, this was just an average Tuesday evening.

It was shocking to me to discover that such a high percentage of crime in Cottonwood Heights was, in one way or another, related to drugs. I later asked Police Chief Robby Russo if my experience was unusual; he indicated that the vast majority of crime, in Cottonwood Heights and throughout the nation, is drug related.

I have always thought about the manufacture,

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Sept. 5 Arts Show @ City Hall. Open House on Sept. 20 @ City Hall 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall 6 p.m.
Planned Development District (PDD) general discussion
Continued discussion of a proposed PDD project at 6784 S. 1300 East
Continued discussion of the Wasatch Boulevard Area Master Plan
- Sept. 8 Big Cottonwood Canyon Marathon (more info below)
- Sept. 12 Cottonwood Connect, free business networking @ City Hall 8 a.m.
- Sept. 15 Bark in the Park @ Mountview Park 10 a.m. (see page 3)
- Sept. 20 CHBA Business Boot Camp "Know Your Business Taxes," Presented by Jeffrey Kemp @ City Hall 5:30 p.m. (See Page 8 for more info)

Revel Big Cottonwood Canyon Marathon Coming Sept. 8

Cottonwood Heights welcomes the Revel Big Cottonwood Canyon Marathon and Half Marathon to our city. This is the sixth year that Cottonwood Heights has hosted this popular event that draws participants from around Utah and the country.

The race will start early in the morning on Saturday, Sept. 8. We invite all to come out to support the runners and cheer them on to the finish line.

To accommodate this large event, no one will be allowed to cross Fort Union Boulevard from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon all the way to Union Park Avenue. Some traffic will be allowed east and west along Fort Union Boulevard, but no traffic or pedestrians will be allowed to cross north or south along the race route until it is finished.

Wasatch Boulevard will be closed between

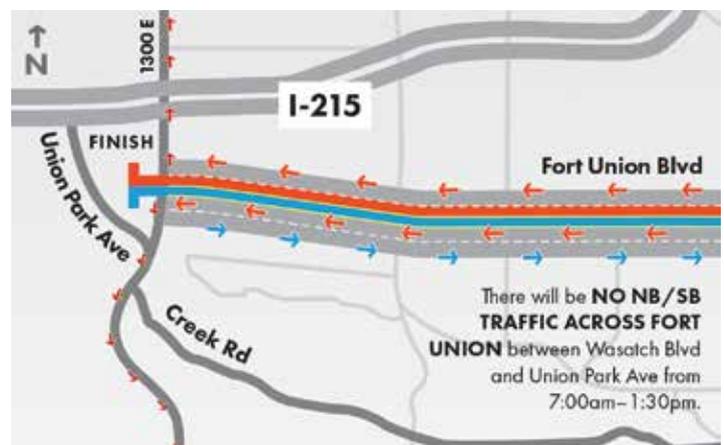
Fort Union Boulevard and 4500 South during the race. See map for race route details.

If you have plans that don't include participation in the race, either as a runner or a spectator, please plan

ahead and add extra travel time to your schedule.

The Wasatch Boulevard/Fort Union intersection should be open by approximately 11 a.m. Most runners are expected to complete the race by 1 p.m., and CHPD will open parts of Fort Union Boulevard as the race winds down.

Suggested detour routes for travelers on both sides of Fort Union are: For those on the north side, the best route is to take I-215 to Union Park.



For those on the south side, Creek Road or 9400 South may be the best option.

The city appreciates your patience as we host several thousand visitors to our city.

More race information will be available through our website (www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov) and our Facebook and Twitter channels.

You can also find more information at www.runrevel.com/bcm. ■

REVEL Big Cottonwood Traffic Information
Effective Saturday, Sept 8th, 2018

Black Section: Fort Union Blvd between Wasatch Blvd and 1300 E will be closed to all traffic crossing northbound or southbound from 7:00 AM until 1:30 PM. All vehicles will be directed west to Union Park Ave in order to cross Fort Union Blvd. Vehicles accessing Fort Union Blvd from the south may travel east or west on Fort Union Blvd but may not cross it. Vehicles accessing Fort Union Blvd from the north may only travel west on Fort Union Blvd and may not cross it.

Blue Sections: Wasatch Blvd will be closed to through traffic between 6200 S and 4500 S from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Access to this area will be limited to Old Mill Golf Course and the adjoining neighborhoods. Any vehicles entering or exiting must follow a police escort during this time and should expect delays.

Orange Sections: Big Cottonwood Canyon Road will be partially closed from 6:15 AM until 11:00 AM. Vehicles entering or exiting the canyon must wait behind a police escort to continue, and should expect delays.

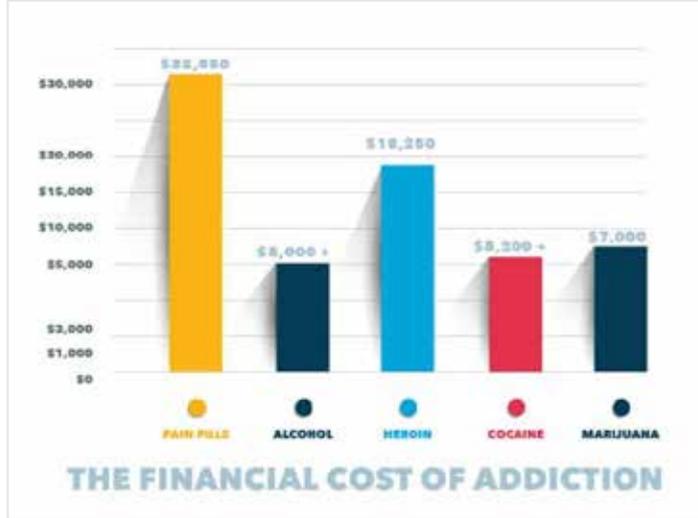
For more information visit runrevel.com/bcm, or email bigcottonwood@runrevel.com

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distribution and use of drugs as being the primary drug-related crime. Unfortunately, the

real problem of drug-related crime is much larger.

Such crime often intersects with the general public in ways that may not always be apparent.



One of the major problems stems from the immense cost of sustained drug use by an addict. Former drug addicts reveal that the cost of a significant drug addiction ranges from tens of thousands of dollars annually to over a million dollars in the lifetime of some addicts. (See data from The Recovery Village at left). Where does all the money come from?

There is an old saying in law enforcement that there are three ways addicts can afford drugs: They can steal, they can deal, or they can prostitute. When the annual cost of feeding addiction exceeds the annual income of the addict, crime is often the result. In Cottonwood Heights, a majority of property crimes (theft, burglary, fraud and shoplifting) have a nexus to illegal drugs.

Most of us know good people who are struggling with a family member in the grips of addiction. It is a heart-wrenching issue. Illegal drug use claims casualties across all social, economic and religious groups, and it affects communities of all sizes. Cottonwood Heights is no exception. In a host of ways, illegal drug use impacts all of us. In a very real way, it will take all of us working together to find solutions. ■



Art Show in September

Several talented artists will share their gifts with the public during the annual Cottonwood Heights Arts show, presented by the CH Arts Council.

Paintings, drawings, sculptures and other fine arts will be on display in the City Hall foyer all month long in September.

An open house for the artists will be held on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. ■



Bark in the Park Set for Sept. 15

Does your dog think he or she is a police dog? Bring your canine to Bark in the Park on Saturday, Sept. 15 to try out the police K-9 obstacle course.

We will have all kinds of canine capers, including open use of the splash pad, Gerlach's food truck, free hot dogs and snow cones (while supplies

last). The Cottonwood Heights police will have a K-9 demo. We invite you to dress up yourself and your dog and take a picture inside a free photo booth.

Bark in the Park will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mountview Park (1651 Fort Union Blvd.). ■

History Question of the Month

What early Butlerville resident's father was a well-known African-American activist from Maryland?

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Council Approves Property Tax Increase



After an open house and public hearing held on Aug. 14, the Cottonwood Heights City Council passed an ordinance approving a 13.4

percent increase in property taxes.

The council followed the state-mandated "Truth in Taxation" process, allowing citizens to voice their opinions on the proposal.

After considering comments and concerns from several engaged residents, the council voted to approve an increase for property owners in the city on Aug. 15.

The average increase for the average homeowner will add an additional \$58 to residential revenues collected (based on the average taxable value of homes in Cottonwood Heights).

The council appreciates all who were engaged in this process. ■



Check Out the Monthly Clubs at Whitmore Library



Whitmore Library has monthly clubs galore for you to try out. At Lego Club, kids can build and create with tons of Legos. Great Reads is a book club for young readers along with their caregiver and starts with "The Rose Legacy" by Jessica Day George. The Non-Fiction book club for adults always welcomes new readers; this month's book is "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson.

Or come for a family program:

Storytime with Ducks.

Bring your family, and the library will bring a feathered friend to this duck-themed story time. Learn fascinating duck facts, get an up-close look at several different breeds, pet the ducks and help feed them.

Utah Puppet Theater.

This play tells the story of a little hatchling that is green and scaly, with a long pointy tail. All the forest animals make fun of him. Then, the dragon king comes to look for his lost egg.

Check the library's website, <https://www.slcolibrary.org/>, for times and more information. ■



Answer

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Francis Hezekiah Grice, an African American, homesteaded 160 acres of land east of Wasatch Boulevard. His father, Hezekiah Grice, was born in September 1801 in Maryland. He became very prominent in the "Free Black Movement" of the 1820s to 1860s, and was credited with being the impetus behind the establishment of the "National Negro Convention Movement" that became the vehicle for African Americans to debate and adopt strategies to elevate the status of free blacks in the north and promote the abolishment of slavery.

His son, Francis, was born in the mid-1830s and eventually emigrated to Salt Lake City. In 1880, he and his wife applied for a 160-acre homestead in Butler. He was involved in the mining industry, owned a restaurant in Salt Lake City on Main Street between 100 and 200 South. Francis was an artist and was active in politics. He was later appointed to a committee to establish a Republican Club for those supporting the "liberal" agenda of the National Republican Party.

A short time later, he was falsely accused of poisoning a neighbor's horses. Although

innocent, the community shamed him to the point that he left the area. He sold his property, including a large granite house, the only house in Butler to be built completely of granite. The new owners never moved into the house and it remained vacant for many years.

Francis Grice died Feb. 2, 1893, in Salt Lake City, of kidney disease. He is buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery. ■

Thanks for Safely Handling Fireworks and Campfires

By UFA Assistant Chief Mike Watson



A number of questions about fireworks, recreational fires and open burning have been surfacing lately since the July holidays have come to a close. Here are some answers:

First, thank you to the residents of Cottonwood Heights for being safe and responsible during the Fourth and 24th of July fireworks celebrations. It was evident that citizens were well-informed and took the information seriously. I am happy to report that the city didn't have any grassfires on the Fourth of July. We had one small grassfire on the 24th that was extinguished quickly by fire crews. These statistics are a reflection of how much Cottonwood Heights residents care about the city and the safety of their neighbors.

There are three different types of fires:

- A recreational fire is a fire that is essentially a campfire.
- An agricultural fire is allowed by permit only and pertains to areas such as farms or mini-farms.
- If a fire does not fit within either of these descriptions, it is an open fire, which is not allowed.

The following information is provided by Unified Fire Authority's Fire Prevention Division for Salt Lake County:

Open Burning. Residential open burning (other than "Recreational Fires") is not allowed in Salt Lake County.

Agricultural burning. Land must be zoned "Agricultural," limiting the burning incident to horticultural or agricultural operations (i.e. ditches, fence lines, horticulture pruning, stubble and controlled heating to prevent freezing of crops). Among the restrictions: a minimum of five contiguous acres of land used for Agricultural or Horticultural operation is required, and you must contact Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) at 801-840-4000 with your name, address and time of burn prior to starting the burn operation.



Recreational fires. The fuel area cannot exceed 3 feet diameter by 2 feet in height. Burn only dry, clean natural materials. No trash or rubbish, tires, oil or construction waste can be burned. Open fires also must be kept 25 feet away from a structure or combustible materials. Fires contained in an improved barbecue pit or portable outdoor fireplace require a minimum of 15 feet of clearance from combustibles.

Remember to reference the map on the Cottonwood Heights website, www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov, to ensure you do not use a recreational fire in one of the closed areas. Those areas are closed to all ignition sources, not just fireworks, when hazardous conditions exist. Hazardous conditions exist when we are experiencing such things as hot temperatures, low relative humidity and wind. Across the state of Utah, we currently have had 375 wildfires, many of which you have seen or read about in the news. These numbers are unprecedented, considering the fact that the fire season isn't over. Please continue to be responsible and keep these fires from happening in Cottonwood Heights.

Thank you and as always, be safe! ■

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety is a Partnership

By Stan Rosenzweig

We can succeed at keeping everyone safe if we look at traffic safety as a partnership between those of us walking on the sidewalks, those of us driving in cars and those of us riding bikes. Pedestrian safety on our Cottonwood Heights streets is always a major concern, and it is even more so for those walking to and from our neighborhood schools.

When we are driving, biking or walking, we can improve traffic safety if we are vigilant and aware of other drivers, riders and pedestrians who may be a little too distracted for their own good. The "other guys" may not be following good common sense, or may

not be where we expect them to be. Are there kids playing hide-and-seek, hiding behind and between parked cars? Double-check your surroundings when backing up or driving in low visibility weather. Driving at lower speed in school zones will help, too.

When we are walking, we can improve pedestrian safety by staying alert to traffic around us. Stay on the sidewalk, wear light, bright or reflective clothing, use crosswalks and observe traffic lights and signs, as they all help drivers see us. And be sure to teach these important reminders to school kids.

Finally, neither drivers nor walkers should allow themselves to be distracted by using

cell phones, or alcohol, other consumables that impair reflexes. The key to traffic safety success is awareness of everything going on around us as we walk, ride and drive. This is especially true around schools. ■



CH Loses Renowned Scientist Don B. Olsen



Dr. Don B. Olsen, a key member of the team that developed and implanted the world's first artificial heart, passed away Aug. 5 at his Cottonwood Heights home of causes incident to age. He was 88.

Olsen, who was Professor Emeritus in the University of Utah's departments of biomedical engineering and surgery as well as president of the Utah Artificial Heart Institute, was a veterinarian who implanted early prototypes of the Jarvik-7 artificial heart into animals – mostly calves and sheep – and was instrumental in developing the final design of the device that was implanted into patient Barney Clark in 1982.

“He was a world-renowned authority on the artificial heart, and we were so proud of him,” said his daughter, Debbie Richards. “But to us, he was just our dad, and we didn't realize the impact he had on other lives in the world.”

Olsen is survived by his wife, Joyce, five children, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Aug. 11 at the LDS Wasatch 5th Ward Chapel, 8100 S. Top of the World Drive, with interment at Mountain View Memorial Estates. ■

Truck Safety

Many schools are gearing up for the new school year. Whenever your routine is altered, it is sometimes difficult to realign your schedule and remember everything that you need to accomplish. WFWRD drivers are aware of the influx of children going to and coming from school, and are always looking out for their safety. The District also encourages all families to discuss safety practices with their kids around large vehicles, including garbage trucks and school buses. Big trucks are fun to watch, but it is important to remember to keep your distance to stay safe. ■



Vouchers

Did you know that the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District provides landfill vouchers to residents? These vouchers give Cottonwood Heights residents up to \$12 off one load of acceptable materials at the Salt Lake Valley Landfill. You can obtain these vouchers if you have the ability to haul your own truck or trailer loads to the landfill. The vouchers can be obtained at Cottonwood Heights City Hall. ■



Did you know that you can pay monthly?

Don't have the money to pay now? We offer the option to join for a year, but pay monthly.

Sign-up for the Fall Learn-To-Skate Program and make sure to check out our swimming lessons and aquatics programs.



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 Public Works 944-7000
 Recorder 944-7021
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City Council Meetings

Sept. 4 - Work Session 5 p.m.
Sept. 11 - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
Sept. 18 - Work Session 5 p.m.
Sept. 25 - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
*(Work session reconvenes after
 business meeting.)*
Agendas are posted 24 hours in
 advance of public meetings.
 For details about the agendas,
 go to: www.ch.utah.gov

Planning Commission

The Planning commission holds
 meetings at 6 p.m. on the first
 Wednesday of each month. This
 month's meeting will be held on
 Sept. 5.

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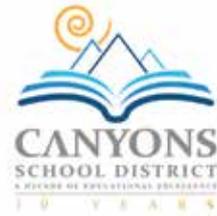
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Decade of Distinction: Canyons District Celebrates its 10th School Year

On a brisk, clear day on Nov. 6, 2007, residents in the southeast corner of the Salt Lake Valley headed to the polls to vote in an election unlike any other. Their votes made history, giving rise to the first new school district in Utah in 100 years. Canyons District began independent operations on July 1, 2009. With a goal of preparing every student for college and careers, the District reconfigured grades and school boundaries, created Utah's first advanced diplomas, and watched graduation rates, year-end test scores, and college scholarships soar. The Board of Education has awarded some form of pay increase for teachers and employees every year, even during the Great Recession. Twenty-one schools also have been, or soon will be, rebuilt or remodeled, and recreation areas like the popular Mountview Park are reality. Needless to say, the partnership with CH and resulting creation of Canyons School District has been invaluable to our community. ■



Canyons District Teachers Honored by City

Members of the City Council and staff gathered to honor the Canyons School District teachers of the year during a luncheon on Aug. 14 at City Hall.

THE HONOREES: Brighton High-Natalie Meyer, Butler Middle School-Paul

Fonnesbeck, Oakdale Elementary-Brett Jewkes, Ridgecrest Elementary-Amanda Lundberg, Bella Vista Elementary-Rebecca Randolph, Bulter Elementary-Parys Lightel, Canyon View Elementary-Carolyn Armstrong. ■



Bengal Groundbreaking

Several students, alumni, civic leaders and school officials gathered to commemorate the official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Brighton High School on Aug. 9.

Construction has already begun on the site, where the new school will be built in phases over the next 2 1/2 years.

City Council Members Tali Bruce and Scott Bracken participated in the ceremony. ■



Business Spotlights



Cottonwood Insurance Inc. | 2028 E. Fort Union Blvd. | 801-943-5700

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Lindsay Tripp | Summit Sotheby's International Realty | 801-599-9156

Lindsay Tripp is a local Realtor with Summit Sotheby's International Realty, and a Cottonwood Heights native. She brings a unique combination of experience to her clients through local knowledge, love for her city and market expertise. She sold over 200 homes in the past three years, and prides herself on providing luxury service to every client. Tripp, who was named as a top producing agent in 2016 and 2017, currently offers free, no obligation home evaluations to all Cottonwood Heights residents. If you would like to find out what your home may be worth, contact her at 801-599-9156 or lindsay@lindsaytripprealstate.com. ■



Food Truck Rally

Every Monday in August, the city hosted the "Bites in the Heights" Food Truck at Mountview Park.

It was a great chance to sample some delicious local cuisine in one of our beautiful open spaces. We look forward to similar events in the future. ■



Business Boot Camp— Know Your Business Taxes, presented by Jeffrey Kemp

Sept. 20 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. CH City Hall

Jeffrey Kemp is a Certified Financial Planner with a passion for helping businesses understand the new tax code. This CHBA Business Boot Camp will help explain the always-evolving tax regulations so you can file your 2018 taxes with confidence. Kemp has more than 18 years of experience in the financial industry, starting his career with HSBC Bank and working for more than eight years with TD Ameritrade and Raymond James. ■



Cottonwood Heights Business Association

You're invited to
COTTONWOOD CONNECT
A Business Networking Event

Wednesday, Sept. 12
8-9 a.m.

Cottonwood Heights City Hall
2277 E. Bengal Blvd.