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Our Flag Is Still There...

By Council Member Mike Shelton



During the critical days of the War of 1812, American lawyer Francis Scott Key boarded the flagship of the British fleet to negotiate the release of a friend. During his negotiations, Key became aware of an impending British attack on Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor. To prevent the discovery of their plans, the British held Key and his companions about eight miles off shore. The Americans could only watch as the barrage began, sending a downpour of shells and rockets upon the fort. When night fell, Key saw only red erupting in the night sky. Given the scale of the attack, Key was certain the British would prevail. He would not know the outcome of the battle until dawn.

In "the dawn's early light" on September 14, Key scanned the morning sky over the fort and discovered that his flag, The Star-Spangled Banner, yet waved o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I can only imagine the immense relief that came as Key recognized that his country had survived the attack.

It has come to mean a lot to me that The Star-Spangled Banner yet waves over our country. As a child, I occasionally had the opportunity to pledge allegiance to the flag. For much of my adult life, those opportunities came less frequently. One of the great privileges that has come to me by regularly attending city meetings has been my opportunity to pledge allegiance to the flag. Some time shortly after I was elected, the flag took on a deeper significance to me and I began to think of it as a

representation of the service and sacrifice of the great people of our nation. Each time I pledge allegiance, I take a second to look at a red stripe against a white stripe and I picture the ribbons of heroes' blood washed up on the beach of liberating strife.

While the 50 stars and 13 stripes represent our great states and our original colonies, the flag has come to mean more than that to me. I love our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain, our purple mountains, and our beautiful land from sea to shining sea, but more than that I love our selfless heroes. For me, our flag is not only a representation of our geography, or our government. Our flag pays honor and tribute to our best people.

Who are the heroes of our nation?



O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.

At the top of our list of national heroes are our service men and women. Many have given their lives for our good. I have come to recognize that our firefighters and police officers and others who risk their lives to preserve public safety are likewise national heroes. Our flag pays tribute to those who risk their lives for the good of others.

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Upcoming Cottonwood Heights Events

- Feb. 7 Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall 6 p.m.
- Feb. 8 CH Business Association "Death by Chocolate" - City Hall
5-7 p.m. (register at <https://chba.retailregister.com/>)
- Feb. 19 City Hall Closed for President's Day Holiday
- March 1-31 Photography Show - City Hall
- March 9 Photography Show Open House and Awards Presentation - City Hall
(open house: 3 to 9 p.m. – artist reception & awards ceremony: 7 p.m.)
- March 30 Teen Ice Party - CH Rec. Center 7 p.m.
- March 31 Easter Egg Hunt - Butler Park 10 a.m.
- May 18-19 LINK Dance Festival - Cottonwood Heights Theater at Butler Middle School
(7530 S. 2700 East) 7:30 p.m.

Photography Contest and Show Coming in March

The annual Cottonwood Heights Photography show will be held throughout the month of March.

The photographs will be on display at the Cottonwood Heights City Hall from March 1-31. Photographers are encouraged to enter the show and share the beauty they have captured behind the lens. Photographs will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

On March 9, an open house will be held at City Hall. The open house will begin at 3 p.m.,

followed by a reception to meet the artists along with an awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

To enter the photography show go to arts.ch.utah.gov to download a list of rules and an application.

Applications must be received by February 19, 2017. Framed, ready-to-hang photos must be delivered to City Hall by Feb. 26 at 5 p.m.

If you have questions or to send an application, contact kpetersen@ch.utah.gov. ■

Dance Festival Coming in May

On May 18 and 19, Cottonwood Heights will host two evenings of performance as part of the all-new LINK Dance Festival. LINK is the first festival of its kind in the region and is poised to become an international mecca for rising choreographers, dancers and companies. Cottonwood Heights is hosting two nights of completely unique performances, providing audiences a front row seat to the quickly evolving dance scene.

Performances will be held in the Cottonwood Heights Theater at Butler Middle School (7530 S. 2700 East).

• **Friday May 18, 7:30 p.m.** - Evening Length Concert with 12 dance companies and projects including SALT Contemporary Dance, Utah's newest and fastest growing professional dance company.

• **Saturday May 19, 7:30 p.m.** - Evening Length Concert showcasing 10 international emerging choreographers including Alice Klock (Hubbard Street) and Brendan Duggan (New York)

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.saltdance.com. ■



Pledging Allegiance, *continued from cover*

For me, the list of our national heroes continues.

O beautiful for heroes proved in self-effacing life, who more than self their something loved and service more than strife.

If, as Benjamin Franklin said, time “is the stuff life is made of,” our nation, our city, our homes are full of heroes who lay down the stuff of their lives for the good of others.

I have been fortunate enough to witness so many who give of their talents and their time to benefit our community. I see this kind of hero in the host of community volunteers and in our school teachers, administrators and coaches. I see this kind of hero in those who give up the stuff of their lives to ecclesiastical and community service, in those who protect

animals and among those who sacrifice for the environment. I see this kind of hero in those who help those who can't help themselves.

Also near the top of my list of national heroes are good parents and those who love and care for children. My parents will always be my heroes. They gave up their time, and their interests, the stuff of their lives for the good of their family. I suspect that most of you have kids who feel the same way about you (or at least they will when they are old enough to understand the sacrifices that their parents made for them).

We are surrounded by national heroes. Some will be recognized for their service,

and some will not. I am so grateful for them all. It is that group of heroes that makes our country great.

"O beautiful for heroes proved in self-effacing life, who more than self their something loved and service more than strife."

If our flag pays tribute to our best people, then our flag pays tribute to all who more than self their something love. ‘Tis the star-spangled banner, O long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave! ■

February Featured Artist: Mark LaPoint

Mark LaPoint was born in San Francisco and raised in the Pacific Northwest. He grew up in a dark and rainy place, where drawing and painting were creative outlets to pass time while stuck indoors. As an adult, LaPoint moved to Pasadena, Calif., and later graduated with a bachelor's degree of fine arts from Art Center College of Design.

After that, LaPoint embarked on a 25-year career in graphic design and has worked on regional and national advertising accounts. While in Los Angeles, LaPoint was inspired by the street art and graffiti, and he has tried to employ the free flow of visual ideas with fluid media in the creation of his art. ■



Zehnder Replaces Shiozawa



After Brian Shiozawa accepted an appointment to serve as regional director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in December, local GOP delegates gathered at City Hall to select his replacement

District 8's representative, and in the end, Dr. Brian Zehnder was chosen during a special election meeting on January 9. Following the election, he was appointed to office by Gov. Gary Herbert.

Zehnder was born and raised in Michigan, and after finishing medical school in 1989, he came to Utah for his residency at the University of Utah Medical Center and has stayed ever since.

Zehnder lives in Holladay with his wife and three children, and admits he has “big shoes to fill” in replacing Shiozawa. ■

for his seat in the Utah Senate. Several candidates made their case to serve as Senate

History Question of the Month

Avalanches were one of the many dangers facing the early settlers of our city who worked in the canyons. What early resident of Butler was killed in an avalanche in Big Cottonwood Canyon?

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New Mayor, Council Members Take Oath of Office

Cottonwood Heights' new mayor and two new council members were sworn in during a special city council meeting held on Jan. 2.

The evening also included speeches, entertainment and light refreshments.

Mike Peterson became the city's second mayor, following Kelvyn Cullimore's tenure since the city was incorporated 13 years ago.

Peterson previously served as the city's District 3 council representative.

Replacing Peterson in District 3 is Tali Bruce, who was also sworn in during the ceremony.

In addition, Christine Mikell took the oath of office, replacing Tee Tyler on the council, representing District 4. Tyler chose not to run for re-election.

A standard city council agenda followed the ceremony. ■



Cullimore, Tyler Honored

Family, friends, staff, associates and neighbors joined in the celebration of former mayor Kelvyn Cullimore

and former council member Tee Tyler, who were honored for their years of service during a special open house on Jan. 4 at City Hall.

The evening was highlighted by speeches,

gifts and a special video presentation.

Tyler received a metal sculpture of a large mosquito and an autographed edition of "Wing Beats" magazine, having served for many years as the city's representative for the local mosquito abatement district.

Cullimore received several gifts, including an assortment of University of Utah apparel from new mayor Mike Peterson (Cullimore being an avid BYU fan, and Peterson a devoted

Ute). He was also presented with a lifetime pass to all

Brighton High School events by BHS Principal Tom Sherwood and student council members.

Via city council resolution, the large meeting room where the celebration was held was also renamed the "Mayor Kelvyn H. Cullimore Jr. Community Room." ■



CH Council, Staff Meet with Local Legislators



Cottonwood Heights City Council members, staff and other dignitaries held a special breakfast meeting with members of the Utah Legislature who represent the city on Jan. 8.

Representatives Marie Poulson and Robert Spendlove discussed several issues

that affect CH residents and business owners during the meeting.

Taxes, air quality, criminal justice initiatives and fireworks were all part of the discussion in advance of the the annual legislative session, which runs Jan. 22 through March 8. ■

Show Whitmore Library Some Love for February



February is National Library Lovers Month and is a perfect time to celebrate the things you love. Chocolate, family, friends, books and libraries are just a few of the things the Salt Lake County Library Services Whitmore Branch is celebrating. Join the library for events like a chocolate party, candy science, book clubs, jewelry classes, tech help, eBook basics, 3D Printing and even pajama storytimes. Below are a few of the special programs. For program dates and times, please visit scolibrary.org/calendar or call (801) 943-4636.

TEENS (AGES 13 AND UP): 3D Printing 101

Learn how to design something fun for Valentine's Day.

Chocolatepalooza

Obsessed with chocolate? Come celebrate!

AGES 8 TO 12: Candy Science

Learn the delicious science behind sugary sweets. ■



Keep the Roads Safe During the Winter Months

By Chief Robby Russo



This year we've had a mild start to winter. You'll recall that last year we experienced snow packs and ice-covered roads at Thanksgiving. Yet in reviewing the statistics, our accident rates have done the unexpected — they've doubled. I'm at a loss to understand why this is occurring except to wonder if drivers are more conservative in the nasty weather and not as aware of icy conditions when there isn't snow on the ground. One must wonder how much the poor visibility, road construction and higher traffic volumes contribute.

Here are some winter driving tips:

- Never use your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather. Your car will go into a spin.
- Do not use cruise control in wintery conditions.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly and follow



at a distance of eight to 10 seconds.

- Keep your gas tank at least half full and a warm blanket in the trunk.
- Properly inflate your spare tire. There's nothing worse than opening the trunk to find a flat spare.
- Keep jumper cables or the new mini-jump kits that are the size of a tissue box so that you can jump your own car and power your phone.
- Cottonwood Heights officers will be citing motorists who haven't cleared the ice from

their windshield and are navigating from a 4-inch porthole so please carry an ice scraper and snow brush.

If you are involved in an accident, dial 911 and remember the safest place for you to be (when possible) is seat-belted inside your car until first responders arrive. ■



Citizens Academy Reminder

CHPD is offering the Cottonwood Heights Police Civilian Academy, a 10-session program held on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., during February and March. Space is limited and early sign up is recommended for Cottonwood Heights citizens at least 18 years old and who pass a security background check.

If you are interested and have 10 Wednesday evenings, email Liz Jones: ljones@ch.utah.gov. ■



Answer

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William Christopher Ritter was born in Marion, Ala., Feb. 19, 1824. After joining the LDS Church in the 1840s, he and his family emigrated to Utah and eventually settled on a Butler Bench homestead. During the winter of 1875, William was working at the Richmond Mine in Big Cottonwood Canyon. About 1 p.m. on Jan. 26, 1875, a huge body of snow on the mountain above the Richmond

Mine broke loose. In the gulch below were a group of eight men and teams hauling ore for the Richmond Co. The avalanche was estimated to be about 200 feet wide and a half-mile long and reached depths of 80 feet.

One of the eight men was able to dig himself and another man out. Other miners rushed to the scene in an effort to rescue the other miners, but were unsuccessful. William Ritter's body was eventually recovered, and he was buried in a "Miner's Cemetery" in

Silver Fork.

William's wife Janet sold off much of their homestead and with the help of her children farmed the remainder. She died in 1897. Their daughter Nettie was believed to be the first teacher of the Butler School that was built in 1880-81. ■

Youngest Officer Follows Tradition at CHPD

This past April, at the age of 21, Brady Askerlund graduated from the Utah Police Officer Standards and Training Academy to become the youngest police officer serving in Utah. It was a proud day for Officer



Askerlund, as well as for his father who is serving elsewhere in the state and his uncle, recently retired Lt. Mark Askerlund from our own Cottonwood Heights PD.

Growing up with two men he looked up to gave Officer Askerlund a full understanding of the job and that this would be the career for him. "I knew that law enforcement is a life challenge. I went to work with my dad and found that it was very fulfilling."

After graduation, he accepted a position in Cottonwood Heights where he went through the four phases of post-graduation training. New officers are first assigned to travel with and assist more experienced mentors, and progress through phases where they are expected to do the job. Ultimately, they reach phase four, called the ghost phase because the mentor is in plain clothes primarily to observe and report.

Officer Askerlund now is assigned to patrol duty and loves it. "There is something new every day and it is never monotonous."

He concedes that there can be slow stretches. But then there are times where there are non-stop calls. Officer Askerlund looks forward to getting the chance to become well rounded in a variety of areas, such as SWAT, Investigative and K-9. Like his relatives, he looks forward to a long career of helping our community. ■

Snow Plowing Concerns?

Call 801-944-7071



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER

CHRC News & Events

You may have noticed:

You may have noticed some construction going on outside. In partnership with Cottonwood Heights City, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation and the General Obligation Bond, we have been able to start building a new high adventure pool that will be opening next summer!

Did You Know?

We are now offering all yearly memberships with easy-pay! Instead of paying in one lump sum, you can easily divide those payments into 12 easier to manage monthly installments.

What's happening in Aquatics

Pre-Comp Swimming

Session 2: 2/5-3/1

Tryouts: Friday, February 2 at 4pm

Session 3: 3/5-3/29

Tryouts: Friday, March 2 at 4pm

Swimming Lessons

Fall swim lesson registration is now open!

Register now at www.activityreg.com or visit our website for more details.

Boy Scouts

Swimming Merit Badge: 2/10 10am-1pm

Lifesaving Merit Badge: 2/3 10am-1pm

C.P.R.: 3/7 5:30pm-7pm

Aquacise Classes

Stay fit (and warm) with our indoor aquacise classes! Cottonwoodheights.com

What's happening in Programs

Flag Football

Spring is just around the corner and our Spring Flag Football registration is already open! Our league is open to all those U8-U14 with games played twice a week (one weeknight game & one Saturday game) starting on April 11. Registration is open until March 10.

Silver Sneakers

Did you know that if you're over the age of 65 you may be eligible for a FREE membership?

We are excited to offer this program to our list of amenities for active seniors. To see if you qualify, stop by the CHRC Front Desk or visit silversneakers.com. We also offer the Silver & Fit fitness program.



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DIST# 2 - J. Scott Bracken
DIST# 3 - Tali C. Bruce
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 Finance Director..... 944-7012
 Code Enforcement..... 944-7095
 Police Administration..... 944-7100

City Council Meetings

Feb. 6 - Work Session 5 p.m.
Feb. 13 - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
*(Work session reconvenes after
 business meeting.)*
Feb. 20 - Work Session 5 p.m.
Feb. 27 - 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
 Feb. 7.

Editors

Dan Metcalf, Kim Horiuchi

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Emily Adams, EMDGraphics.com
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16 Student Artists Advance to State Arts Competition

Among the Canyons District students to win the Utah PTA's 2017-2018 Reflections contest are 16 talented Cottonwood Heights-area artists. Students submitted music, visual arts, photography, literature, dance and film entries under the theme, "Within Reach." Two winners were chosen per category and honored at an awards banquet on Jan. 9. Winners of Excellence Awards will advance to the state level of the competition.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Brighton High:

Autumn Jones, 2D
 Miles Anderson, 2D
 Izabella Kershaw, 2D
 Tyler Daynes, Music

Butler Middle

Brynn Ellefsen, 2D

Bella Vista

Eliza Johnson, 2D
 Makayla Paxton, Film

Ridgecrest

Reese Marino, 2D

Canyon View

Alexander Turchenko, 3D
 Kael Brammer, 3D

Oakdale

Baya Rasmussen, Literature

MERIT AWARDS

Bella Vista

Camry Steed, Dance

Butler Middle

Cai Grover, Music
 Kate Williams, Photography

Brighton High

Alyse Searle, Photography
 Morgan Mehrley, Photography ■



Brighton Student Selected for Normandy Trip

A Brighton High student has been accepted into a program that will culminate with a trip to France to honor a soldier who fought in the Normandy Invasion. Jacob Simmons was selected after a rigorous applications process, which also requires the oversight of an educator. Albion Middle teacher Eden Ellingson, who taught Simmons during his time at the middle school, agreed to join Simmons in the educational journey. Only 14 other teacher/student teams were chosen to participate in this year's Albert H. Small Student and Teacher Institute-funded endeavor. A June research trip to Washington, D.C., will precede the expedition to Normandy. While in France, they will tour Omaha and Utah beaches, as well as museums, sites of historic battles and the Normandy American Cemetery. Simmons' research into the life of a Normandy-battle veteran will be published on the organization's website, NHDSilentHeroes.org. ■



BHS Swim Coach Named Utah's 5A Coach of the Year



He has nurtured Olympic qualifiers and dozens of regional and state champions — and for the second time in three years, BHS swim coach Todd Etherington has been named the Utah High School Activities Association's 5A Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to Coach Etherington and all the Bengals swim team for their success over the past years, and years to come. ■



Business Spotlight

Dijt | 801-999-1530 | Dijt.co

Dijt (digit) brings creative capabilities to Cottonwood Heights, the hub for its international team of 3D artists, designers, developers and illustrators. The company combines creativity with sound marketing strategy to help brands get noticed and sell their products and services. Since 2010, Dijt's work has included small consultancies and large corporations, including Amazon. They

take pleasure in helping product innovators and market underdogs. Dijt's social mission supports the development of free software for aspiring creators and publishing information to support the marketing community. ■

Death by Chocolate: A Chocolate Tasting Extravaganza

Enjoy a pre-Valentine's Day chocolate celebration by attending the second annual Death by Chocolate, presented by the Cottonwood Heights Business Association. On Thursday, Feb. 8, from 5-7 p.m. at City Hall, restaurants and bakeries will provide samples of

their favorite chocolate desserts. Items will also be available to purchase.

Enjoy chocolatey goodness from Angel Café, Carmine's, Harmons, Alpha Coffee, See's, Fernwoods, Waffle Love and more! Tickets are \$10 per person/\$15 per couple and

can be purchased at CHBusiness.org or at the door on the night of the event. For information, contact Peri Kinder at pkinder@ch.utah.gov. ■



Blood Drive a Success

Dozens of Cottonwood Heights neighbors and friends came to City Hall on Jan. 11 to donate during the CH Community Blood Drive. Thanks to all for helping to save lives. The city will host another blood drive in the summer. ■



Business Boot Camp— *The Art of Negotiation*

Thursday, Feb. 22 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Negotiation is an art of creating win-win situations. When you understand the principles behind human relations and influence, you can negotiate like a pro, be confident in your relationships and stop leaving money on the table.

EksAyn Anderson is an author, sales and negotiation expert and speaker. He has been featured on *Forbes*, *Speaker Magazine* and various business blogs and podcasts. His new book, *The Key to the Gate: Principles and Techniques to Get Past Gatekeepers to the Decision Maker*, has sold internationally. ■

Building Permits Online

To more efficiently help our customers, Cottonwood Heights will be transitioning to an online/paperless building permit application process.

The process can now be done on your computer, mobile device or on the computer provided at City Hall. The online application can be found at www.ch.utah.gov. For questions or to speak with someone in the Building Department, call 801-944-7000. ■



Que Sera Sera Skin Spa Opens for Business

Que Sera Sera Skin Spa recently opened at 6936 Promenade Drive #302.

The spa offers facial and nail treatments, lash extensions, waxing and massage.

Mayor Mike Peterson and Councilmember Tali Bruce (far right) helped celebrate the grand opening with the owners.

For more information, visit queseraserskinspa.wixsite.com/skinspa. ■



2018 Collection Rates

On Nov. 16, 2017, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's Administrative Control Board approved a fee increase for residents beginning Jan. 1, 2018. This increase will allow WFWRD to continue the current level of services to residents. The base rate for services will go up from \$14.75 per month to \$17 per month (\$51 per quarter/\$204 per year). Also, the rate for additional garbage cans will increase from \$15 per month to \$17 per month per can, and additional recycle cans will increase to \$3 per month per can. ■

