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Why Vote-by-mail?

By Council Member J. Scott Bracken



In 2013, Cottonwood Heights became one of the first Utah cities to go to a vote-by-mail system for our municipal election. The right (and duty) to vote is fundamental to our chosen form of governance. Ensuring the best opportunity to cast a ballot by every registered voter is essential.

Making just about any process as convenient and simple as possible increases participation. After reviewing the proposal from the county clerk's office, the city council decided to implement vote-by-mail and hoped that by doing so, voter participation would increase. Our first two municipal elections, in 2009 and 2011 had turnouts of 14 percent and 21percent respectively. Since the implementation of vote-by-mail, turnouts (the number of ballots cast over the total number of ballots possible) in 2013 and 2015 were over 40 percent each. In my view, it was a great success, and a win for representative governance.

We still get many questions about voting by mail, and I hope to address some of the most common ones in this article. Most deal with timing, security, and ballot handling. There is a short informational video on the Salt Lake County Clerk's YouTube site <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSOa3ufqOBc> that gives a good overview of the process (Cottonwood Heights contracts vote-by-mail with the county clerk's office). Understanding the process raises confidence in the system. The county clerk's office uses best practices to ensure ballot security and privacy.

Ballots are mailed out at least three weeks before the election

(CH will hold a Municipal Primary on Aug. 15 and a Muncipal Election on Nov. 7). This gives those in the military, or are otherwise not at their registered mailing address, time to receive their ballots, fill them out, and get them mailed back to the clerk's office for tabulation. It also has the benefit of giving voters two to three weeks to find a convenient time to fill out their ballot. One big advantage of being able to do it at the voter's convenience is being able to research unfamiliar candidates, propositions, constitutional amendments, etc. I remember standing in a voting booth in the last century and wondering, "what is this proposition?," reading some of the not-so-easy-to-decipher language, and wondering how best to proceed. With my ballot in-hand at home and my PC at the ready, I can research candidates and other ballot issues to my heart's content – thereby becoming a better,



more informed voter.

Ballots are sent in special envelopes that are clearly marked 'Official Ballot Enclosed.' When you open the envelope, you find not only the ballot itself, but a postage-paid return envelope, and instructions/information on how to enclose your ballot for return to ensure its privacy and

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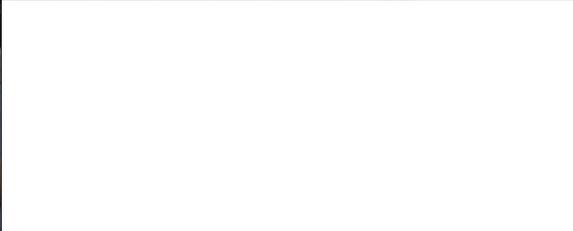
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Upcoming Cottonwood Heights Events

- Aug. 2 Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall 5 p.m.
- Aug. 4 & 5 CH Arts Council Presents "Annie" - Butler Middle School Auditorium, 7530 S. 2700 East 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15 Primary Municipal Election *(see Page 4 for more information)*
- Aug. 24 Business Boot Camp - City Hall *(see Page 8 for more information)*
- Sept. 1-30 Arts Show - City Hall *(see below for more information)*
- Sept. 16 Bark in the Park - Mountview Park, 1651 Fort Union Blvd. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art Show Coming to City Hall

Entries for the annual Cottonwood Heights Art Show will soon be on display at City Hall (in previous years, the show took place at Whitmore Library).



Submissions for the show are due on or before Aug. 28.

This year, the CH Arts Council hopes to include more types of fine art to complement all the beautiful paintings, such as sculpture, pottery and glasswork.

The show runs Sept. 1-30 at City Hall, and an open house for the artists will take place on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

For registration information, visit arts.ch.utah.gov. ■

September 16, 2017
Mountview Park
10am - 2pm



DOG FRIENDLY VENDORS NEEDED

Contact City Events Coordinator
Ann Eatchel at aeatchel@ch.utah.gov

Thanks, Annie!

"Little girls, little girls, everywhere we turn we can see them!" The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is thrilled with the success of the summer musical Annie.

Audiences have loved this fun, family-friendly, beloved classic.

We sincerely thank the cast and crew who have worked extremely hard to bring this show to life. If you missed it in July, you still have a few more chances to catch this wonderful musical on August 3, 4, and 5 at the Cottonwood Heights Theater at Butler Middle School.

For more information, or to buy tickets go to arts.ch.utah.gov ■



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security. The ballot itself will not have any personally identifiable information on it. Your name, address, etc. are ONLY printed on the envelopes – never on the ballot that gets tabulated.

Once you have filled out your ballot, insert the ballot into its privacy sleeve (there to give

Envelopes must be mailed prior to election day. If you happen to find your unmailed ballot on Election Day, you need to take it to a ballot drop box or a voting center personally and turn it in. If you find your ballot after election day ... sorry, you're too late and you will need to wait until the next election to vote.

Once ballots arrive at the clerk's office, security protocols ensure that at least two staff

area for staff to make contact via mail with the registered voter to determine if the voter did actually cast the ballot inside. Once the issue is resolved, the returned envelope goes back into the processing queue. Then and only then are the return envelopes opened and the ballot (still in its privacy sleeve) is separated. Ballots are then moved to the tabulation area – all other materials are stored separately.

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an added layer of protection, if you happen to forget it, your ballot will still be counted), place that into the return envelope, sign the affidavit, seal it, and put it in the mail. You can also drop it directly into any ballot drop box like the one at City Hall or the county office complex.

If you make a mistake in filling out your ballot, you can cross it out and make your correct choice. Be sure to clearly mark it (do NOT sign the change on the ballot) – staff will ensure that ballot is tabulated the way the voter noted.

members are with the ballots at all times. Each envelope's affidavit signature is compared to the signature on file and the voter is given credit for voting in the election (note, the ballot itself is still securely enclosed in its privacy sleeve inside the return envelope – it won't be removed until any issues with the affidavit are resolved). If there is a problem with the signature (missing, incorrect – like if you and your spouse signed the other's envelope, not a match to what's on file, etc.) that return envelope goes to a different

I know that there are still some voters who like the social interaction of physically going to the polls on Election Day. As in the past, there will be a voting center with election judges and machines set up at City Hall, where you can cast your vote. But if you have your ballot with you and filled out, you won't have to wait in a line (just put it in the drop box – or hand it to an election judge), and you can spend more time socializing with your neighbors.

The elections staff work hard to ensure that every legitimately cast vote is counted. I appreciate their work. It's also satisfying to see the higher turnout numbers on our municipal election returns. ■

Solar Eclipse Party at Whitmore Library

The summer may be winding down, but the party hasn't stopped. On Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m., Whitmore Public Library will be hosting a solar eclipse viewing party. Special glasses for viewing the eclipse will be given at the viewing party. In addition to the viewing party, you can gear up

for the eclipse by attending the library's special Eclipse Storytime on Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Also, don't forget to check out the in-house calendar for classes on 3D printing, coding for teens, downloadable content, Lego Club, and more. ■



Road Construction Updates

Wasatch Blvd. "High T" Intersection

Construction of a new "High T" intersection at the LaCaille turnoff will begin this month and continue into early autumn. Commuters should expect delays as crews update the intersection to improve traffic flow in the area. Part of Wasatch Boulevard will be closed for two weeks during the project.

Ft. Union Blvd. Sewer/Water Line

A sewer line replacement project has been completed on Fort Union Boulevard between 3000 East and Wasatch Boulevard, but Salt Lake City Public Utilities will be replacing water pipes along the same route for the rest of the summer. Drivers should continue to expect delays.

Wasatch Blvd./Giverny Road Improvements

The Giverny residential development continues to take shape along Wasatch Boulevard at 9100 South. Please be aware of crews as they widen the road, install utility services/infrastructure and add bike lanes. The project is anticipated to be completed by early September.

For questions about these or other road projects, visit www.ch.utah.gov. ■



History Question of the Month

During an August night in 1940, Alma W. Farnsworth of Cottonwood Heights was faced with a very frightening experience that threatened his livelihood. What happened?

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Municipal Election Primary Set for Aug. 15

A primary election will be held on Aug. 15, 2017. Cottonwood Heights utilizes a vote-by-mail system, but you can also vote in person at City Hall. Early voting will also be available.

Eight candidates have filed to run for three open seats in the 2017 Cottonwood Heights Municipal Election. A primary election will be held to narrow the candidates to two per position. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

The candidates are (listed in the order they filed):

Mayor:

Mike Peterson
Tim Hallbeck

Council District 3:

Michael L. Hanson
Tonia Dalton
Tali Bruce

Council District 4:

Aaron Lee Thompson
Eric R. Kraan
Christine W. Mikell

Theodore “Ted” Boyer, who had previously filed to run for the District 4 seat, later withdrew. Edward Schwartz, who had filed to run for mayor, also withdrew. Primaries are necessary only when there are more than two candidates running for the same office. Schwartz’s withdrawal means a mayoral primary will not be necessary, and that the remaining two mayoral candidates will automatically be on the November ballot.

The following positions are to be voted upon in the Cottonwood Heights 2017 Municipal Election:

Mayor	4-year term
District 3 Council Member	4-year term
District 4 Council Member	4-year term

2017 Election Dates:

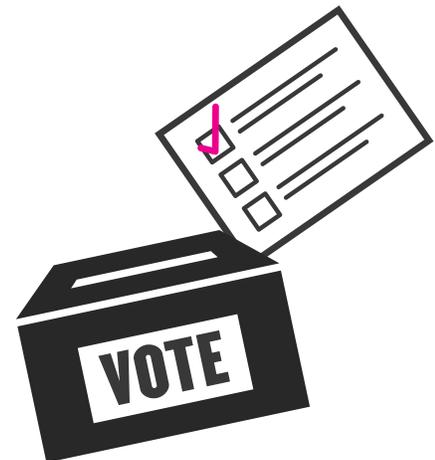
The Primary Election will be held on Aug. 15, and the General Election will be held on Nov. 7.

Early Voting (in person) will be held on the following dates:

Primary Election: Wed/Thurs/Fri – Aug. 2 – 4 and Aug. 9 – 11
General Election: Wed/Thurs/Fri – Oct. 25 – 27 and Nov. 1 – 3

Ballots will be mailed:

Primary Election: Week of July 18, 2017
General Election: Week of Oct. 10, 2017



Thank You Neighborhood Watch Volunteers!

Cottonwood Heights Police hosted a barbecue in honor of our city’s dedicated neighborhood watch volunteers on July 13.

Neighborhood Watch is a great way get involved in our community and to make our city safer.

Thanks to all who work to keep crime out of Cottonwood Heights. ■



Answer

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At about 9 p.m., witnesses said a lightning bolt struck near Alma W. Farnsworth’s fox farm. Flames whipped by a firm wind flared up almost as rapidly as the bolt hit. The farm was located near 2700 East, south of today’s Banbury Road. The fire burned more than 10 acres of sagebrush and scrub oak before firemen from Murray’s Station No. 1 could bring it under control. The fire crew was aided by a light rainfall that accompanied the lightning. Alma Farnsworth had moved his fox farm from Salt Lake to Butlerville about 1934. He had a large fox farm that employed two men. ■

Gift Baskets that Keep on Giving – To Thieves

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



This scam is actually very clever. There is never a shortage of creative thinking when it comes to frauds designed to get your money.

This was sent to me by a friend: Beware of people bearing gifts.

This scam begins with a phone call from someone saying that he is from a courier service and he'll ask if you are going to be home in an hour because there was a package that required a signature. If you're like my family we shop online and often receive packages. The delivery driver will show up at your home with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. Since you're not expecting anything and it's not a holiday, it's surprising but seems very thoughtful. When you ask the driver about the sender or a card he'll say he has no idea, he's just

a driver, ... "but a card would be sent separately."

Here comes the "hook." There's a consignment note with the gift. The driver will explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery/verification charge," providing proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and did not just leave it on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor. This sounds logical and if it were a scam, \$3.50 is all he's getting, right? Next, you'll be told they won't let drivers handle cash so you'll need to use your credit or debit, so that everything is properly accounted for, and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction. Besides, the concerned company doesn't want their drivers "targeted" for cash by thieves.

The dirty secret is, they carry a card reader so once you pull out your credit card and PIN,

it's captured by the device. They will even print you out a receipt. The thieves then print a duplicate of your card and along with your PIN number will drain your accounts within days/hours.

We've also been seeing an increase in card skimming devices being placed inside gas pumps. The bandits have to pick the locks or use one of the many universal keys to place the device. For your protection, most fueling stations are placing a security sticker/tape on the door so you can see if someone has opened the pump before you insert your card. The best advice is to look for the security tape and if possible, use credit instead of a debit transaction that could unwittingly surrender your PIN. ■



CHARC Field Day Fun

The Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club (CHARC) had another great showing during the annual Field

Day exercise on June 24.

Field Day is an annual amateur radio (HAM) event, and is the largest single emergency preparedness exercise in North America, with more than 35,000 operators participating.

Last year, CHARC won top Field Day

honors from the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), placing first among all participants in the category.

Field Day competition involves contacting as many stations as possible in a 24-hour period, exchanging information with other participating stations. Field Day helps demonstrate the technical proficiency of a station, in case of emergency conditions.

Mayor Cullimore, along with Councilmen Scott Bracken and Mike Peterson were there to offer support at City Hall, where CHARC operated their main station. It was the first

Field Day held at the new City Hall, and also allowed operators to test a new antenna on the building.

The Field Day winners won't be announced until later this year, but CHARC President Carlos Cardon noted that the club improved on last year's scores.

Besides being a lot of fun for amateur radio enthusiasts, the event sharpens operators' radio skills, which would be valuable in true emergency situations. ■

City Bans Aerial Fireworks

While most residents celebrated responsibly on July 4, some did not. One fire caused by fireworks in a residential area near Mountain View Cemetery quickly spread through a vacant field and nearly destroyed one home across the street from Bywater Park, while damaging other property adjacent to the field.

Thanks to the quick action of neighbors, police and fire crews, the home was saved from destruction, and no one was hurt.

The fireworks that caused the damage were set off in a restricted/banned area. Other fires were also caused by fireworks that same night,

set off in restricted areas within the city.

The individual thought to be responsible for the fires is being prosecuted, and could face jail, fines and restitution for damage if convicted.

Due to extremely dry and hot weather conditions, the City Council voted on July 11 to enact a temporary ban on all personal aerial fireworks. The ban prohibits all fireworks that travel higher than 15 feet in the air, effective until Dec. 29, 2017.

For current updates on all city fireworks restrictions, go to www.ch.utah.gov. ■



Thanks To Our Butlerville Days Volunteers!

We'd like to thank all the hard-working volunteers who donated so much of their time and talents to make July's Butlerville Days event such a great success. We look forward to working with you again in years to come. ■



Bottom Row: (left-right) Joey Gates, Heather Volosin, Paula Brog, Sylvia Orton, Lorraine Turner, Larry Scott, Deb Tyler, Warren Hallmark, Ryan Gardner, Alen Ljubijankic, Ben Hill, Jamie Jackson,

Top Row: Ann Eatchel, Kris Monty, Lyse Durrant, Aabri Kimball, Ernie Cummings, Chuck Koehn, Mike Peterson, Mike Hanson, Tom Eatchel, Matthew McFarland, Paul Brenneman, Gary Young, Ken Dailey (Not pictured: Jim Monty, Brad Lindquist, John Miller, Andrea Bennett, Brian Allen)



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER

CHRC News & Events

Outdoor Pool Hours

Monday-Saturday:

12pm-8pm

Sunday:

12pm-5pm

Charity Golf Tournament

It's not too late to participate in the CHRC Foundation's Charity Golf Tournament, held on August 22 at River Oaks. Whether you are a corporation or an individual, everyone is invited to participate in this fun yet worth-while event. Sponsors start at \$100.

What's happening in Aquatics

Master Swim

For all swimmers who want to improve their overall fitness, train and more!

Practice Times: M & Th 7pm-8pm

This is not a swim lesson

Swimming Lessons

Summer swim lessons are still going on!

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

Boy Scouts

Swimming Merit Badge: 8/5 10am-1pm

Lifesaving Merit Badge: 8/12 10am-1pm

Water Polo

Session 2: August 14-End of October

Register at the Rec. Center or visit our website for more details.

What's happening in Programs

Fall Flag Football

CHRC's non-contact football program is great for learning the fundamentals of football with an emphasis on fun & fair play.

For age groups U8, U10 & U12.

Registration deadline will be August 14 with games beginning September 9.

Register in-person or online at www.activityreg.com

Learn to Play Hockey

This hockey program is designed to introduce the basics of hockey to our newest players.

Fundamentals include power skating, stick handling, passing & shooting.

For ages 4-10.

City Council Members

- MAYOR** - Kelyn H. Cullimore, Jr.
- DIST# 1** - Michael L. Shelton
- DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken
- DIST# 3** - Michael J. Peterson
- DIST# 4** - Tee W. Tyler
- CITY MANAGER** - John Park

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 Animal Control840-4000
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Call Direct

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 City Planning944-7065
 Public Works944-7090
 Recorder944-7021
 Finance Director.....944-7012
 Code Enforcement.....944-7095
 Police Administration.....944-7100

City Council Meetings.

- August 1** - Work Session 6 p.m.
- August 8** - Work Session 6 p.m.,
Business Meeting 7 p.m.
(Work session reconvenes after business meeting.)
- August 15** - Work Session 6 p.m.
- August 22** - Work Session 6 p.m.,
Business Meeting 7 p.m.
(Work session reconvenes after business meeting.)
- August 29** - Board of Canvassers
Mtg. for Primary Election 6 p.m.

Agendas are posted 24 hours in advance of public meetings. For details about the agendas, go to our website: www.ch.utah.gov

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CH Student Profiles

Is Your Child Ready for School?

When does school start? Where does my child meet the bus? What's on the lunch menu? You've got back-to-school questions. Canyons School District has answers. Parents can stay in the know by frequently checking canyonsdistrict.org, but following are a few key dates and pieces of information for Cottonwood Heights families to keep in mind.

For Your Calendar:

- Aug. 3** Online Registration Opens
- Aug. 22** Sixth-Grade Orientation
- Aug. 23** First Day of School
- Aug. 25** Canyons District Night at Rio Tinto Stadium
- Aug. 28** First Day of Kindergarten
- Sept. 4** Labor Day

A-Z List of Parent Resources
Canyonsdistrict.org/parents ■



Kick Off the School Year with Real Monarchs

The start of a new school year with its new routines, new rules and new expectations can be stressful for children and parents, but at Canyons District, it's something to celebrate. Per tradition, CSD schools will literally roll out the red carpet to greet students the first day of school. The celebratory start helps students feel welcome while underscoring the importance of school as a child's ticket to the show of life — and this year, players from the Real Monarchs will join the

festivities. Each CSD student will receive a two-for-one ticket voucher to attend a Monarchs game along with a special invitation to Canyons District Night at Rio Tinto on Aug. 25. Check canyonsdistrict.org for more details. ■



High-Five to Helping Hands

Thank You, Volunteers

Cottonwood Heights-area schools enjoy uncommon levels of community support. Last year, more than 12,500 volunteers — about one volunteer for every three Canyons District students — registered to lend a hand in CSD schools, be it to read with a child or help a student master multiplication tables. Together, they contributed more than 233,000 hours of service, making a difference where it matters most. To the parents, grandparents, community



members and local businesses who signed up to lend a hand: Canyons District extends its heartfelt thanks. Interested in joining the volunteer team? Apply here and follow the prompts: <https://volunteer.canyonsdistrict.org/volunteer/> ■

Saying 'Goodbye'

Two Cottonwood Heights police officers are hanging up their badges. Officer Sam Dawson, who has served on the CHPD force since 2009 retired from police service in mid-July. A week later, Sgt. Ken Eatchel, who has been with CHPD since its inception in 2008, also retired. Both officers were honored during separate receptions at City Hall. We thank

Officer Dawson and Sgt. Eatchel for their years of dedicated service to our community. ■



Business Spotlight

Alpha Coffee | 7260 S Racquet Club Dr. | Alpha.coffee

Alpha Coffee is a co-owned by Carl and Lori Churchill, a veteran and military spouse who are also long-term Cottonwood Heights residents. They started as a web-based, direct-to-consumer coffee provider. As a "Coffee with a Cause" focus, they gave back to military charities and for every order purchased online they sent a cup of coffee to deployed troops. Alpha recently opened a coffee shop next to the Porcupine Grille at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. They invite the community to come check out their specialty coffee, tea, cocoa, gelato, Italian sodas, pastries and many other delicious offerings. They emphasize quality goods, source from other Utah and locally owned businesses, and support other veteran businesses. They retain their online retail business and their wholesale business as well. ■



Carmine's Italian Fine Dining | 6926 Promenade Drive | 801-948-4468



Cottonwood Heights has a new Italian restaurant! Carmine's boasts authentic pizzas, pastas and appetizers including the crowd favorite caprese, featuring homemade mozzarella made on-site.

Carmine Delli Bovi brings his signature flavors to his homemade gnocchi, bruschetta and award-winning lasagna. Pizza selections are varied and delicious ranging from the elegant margherita to the frutti di mare with clams, calamari and shrimp. And the dessert selection is out of this world! Carmine's is open for lunch and dinner, so drop in soon to enjoy great food and great service. ■

Bites in the Heights Delayed

The city has a bevy of fantastic local restaurants and the "Bites in the Heights" event encourages residents in the Salt Lake Valley to come to Cottonwood Heights to visit these places. Originally scheduled for the end of August, the "Bites in the Heights" dine-o-round will be rescheduled for later in the fall. Keep checking out the newsletter for more info. ■

Business Boot Camp—Tackle Negative Thinking



It seems negativity is pervasive in society today. To help combat the stress caused by pessimistic news reports and social media, plan to attend the CHBA's Business Boot Camp on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Cottonwood Heights City Hall.

Amy Weiland, Director of Training and Educational Development for PositiveIQ, will conduct a workshop entitled Planning for Positivity: Everyday Strategies for Navigating Negativity. The 90-minute course will teach participants to learn strategies to deal with conflict and negativity, and establish a more positive environment at work and home.

This workshop is FREE. RSVP to pkinder@ch.utah.gov. ■

Beautification Award Program Entries Welcome



A new Cottonwood Heights Landscaping/ Beautification Award Program has been designed to recognize well-maintained and

beautiful landscapes in our community. The city invites all residential homeowners to enter and participate in this program. Nominations may be for your own landscaping, or a neighbor's.

Landscapes are judged by the Cottonwood Heights City Council, with a winner selected

from each district. A separate Mayor's Award will be presented to a property located anywhere in the city. Entries are due by Aug. 18 and winners will be announced in September.

Stop in at City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.) for a nomination form, or download a form online at CH.Utah.Gov. ■

Plastic Bags

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling is still seeing lots of plastic bags in the curbside recycle carts. We ask all residents to keep plastic bags and all thin film plastic materials out of the blue recycle carts. These bags create a lot of problems at the recycling processing facility. Most grocery stores and other retail outlets, have collection bins for plastic bags. Using these receptacles keep plastic bags out of our landfills. ■



WFWRD Cart Repairs

Is the lid to your recycle cart cracked? Is your garbage cart missing a wheel? Did you know that Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling services cover repairs to your cart? This is one of our most overlooked services. If your cart is damaged by normal wear and tear, district personnel will come and repair it as part of your quarterly fees. Just contact the customer service center at (385) 468-6325. ■

