



# STATE OF THE CITY

## City Council Article Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr. – MAYOR

January 14<sup>th</sup> marked the eighth anniversary of the incorporation of Cottonwood Heights. Each year has been marked by significant accomplishments and progress, made possible by informed and involved citizens working with dedicated elected and appointed public servants. I thought it appropriate, as we celebrate this anniversary, to provide an at-a-glance “state of the city” report detailing our current projects and accomplishments. A more detailed version is available on the front page of our website, [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov).

### Finance

By the end of Fiscal Year 2012, which ended on June 30, we had accomplished the following:

- Banked the maximum amount of savings allowed by law in our General Fund Balance.
- Ended Fiscal Year 2012 with nearly \$2.6 million in our General Fund and \$3.9 million in our Capital Projects Fund.
- Remained free of any bond

indebtedness.

- Continued to maintain a healthy budget without charging any fees or franchise taxes on utilities such as electricity, natural gas and telecommunications.
- Secured a grant from the State of Utah during the 2012 legislative session for \$1.2 million to fund road improvements on Union Park Boulevard.
- Filed a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) with the State Auditor. Our CAFR is posted on our website and provides significant detail about the financial operations of the city.

Overall, Cottonwood Heights enjoys an enviable financial position thanks to department heads who watch every expenditure carefully and a city council that values fiscal prudence. As stated above, we remain one of the few cities that have no bond indebtedness and assess no franchise taxes on our citizens.

### Public Safety

Effective public safety measures

are the top priority of the city council, and I am pleased to say that the Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD) and Unified Fire Authority (UFA) are providing excellent service to the city while working within the city’s budget.

### CHPD

- Officers responded to almost 26,000 calls for service in 2012, resulting in 8,321 open cases and 1,376 total arrests.
- Our officers also reported a total of 256 DUI arrests. (256 impaired drivers off the streets!)
- CHPD still boasts one of best average response times in the state.

### UFA

- In 2012, the crews at Stations 110 and 116 responded to 942 fire calls and 2,537 medical calls. Besides responding to calls, they constantly participate in training to help refine their skills.
- They inspected 187 local businesses to make sure they are operating safely and legally.

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To hear the agenda for the next city council meeting call: 944-7003

For the planning commission agenda call 944-7004

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<b>Justice Court.....</b>	<b>273-9731</b>



## 2013 Shakeout Set To Shake Up Our City!

become part of your neighborhood preparedness team!

Watch for more information about how to participate in the 2013 ShakeOut on the CERT/Emergency Prep page of the city website and by following @CHCity on Twitter.

#### Helpful links:

Be Ready Utah – The Great Utah Shake Out 2013  
<http://www.shakeout.org/utah/>

Cottonwood Heights CERT/Emergency Prep  
[http://ch.utah.gov/get\\_involved.cert\\_emergency\\_prep.html](http://ch.utah.gov/get_involved.cert_emergency_prep.html)

Red Cross Classes  
<https://classes.redcross.org>

On April 17, Cottonwood Heights will participate in Great Utah ShakeOut. While elected officials and staff will be testing the city’s preparedness efforts, we invite everyone including businesses, schools and households to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” at 10:15 a.m. that day.

However, there are even more ways to participate in 2013 ShakeOut. Each individual and family can update their emergency preparedness kit, take CPR classes, and participate in Red Cross Shelter or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Then use your new skills to



Chief's CORNER

Animal Services at a Glance



Chief Robby Russo

Animal control services in Cottonwood Heights are provided by the police department. Officers John Lovato and Tony Kassapakis have a combined total of nearly 50 years of law enforcement experience and they both love animals. Their responsibilities include dog, cat and ferret licensing, investigating animal attacks, the impoundment and care of strays, and livestock and general ordinance enforcement. They rotate on-call duties, and are directed to have a 30-minute response time after hours. They collaborate with local animal groups and state agencies.

CHPD contracts to house our impounded animals with Sandy City, which has very professional staff and facilities. We have adopted a "no kill" policy in regards to the shelter, which we define as: *an animal shelter that does not euthanize animals who can be adopted or when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for animals that are terminally ill or considered dangerous.* This is a Cottonwood Heights policy directive which we implement within our leased portion of the shelter.

We have had great success in licensing and "chipping" pets, and the officers' personal experience with local residents enables us to quickly reunite lost pets with owners. We host education, training and pet chipping fairs supported by compassionate people, and local rescues find good

homes for our animals. From my personal experience, an adopted pound puppy can be the best dog you've ever had (although a wife and daughters love them so much, they tend to replace dads in the family hierarchy).

In the five years that CHPD has been providing animal control services, we have returned/rescued/adopted a very high percentage of our animals. Found pets can be viewed on our city website, [ch.utah.gov](http://ch.utah.gov), and in the KSL Classifieds. We are proud that we have had to euthanize very few dogs, and they had serious injuries or were simply too dangerous to adopt out. CHPD partners with Utah Pet Adoption, Community Animal Welfare Society (CAWS) and Pet Samaritan with great success.

Although we are primarily responsible for domestic animals, we have a good working relationship with other jurisdictions and maintain contact with professionals who specialize in caring for wildlife and reptiles. This is significant because we capture an average of ten rattlesnakes per year, and an

occasional moose or deer will drop by to visit our east bench citizens.

Feral cats continue to be a problem as they roam and procreate without limits, causing a nuisance for some homeowners. Some argue that we should capture, neuter and release these cats back into the city. Although that may keep them from reproducing, it doesn't eliminate the core issues which prompt neighbors' complaints.

Officers are tasked with investigating dog bites, which are dangerous and often highly-charged emotional matters often resulting in criminal and civil proceedings. CHPD investigated 34 dog bites in 2012, which motivates our strict enforcement of leash laws.

The city is working hard on emergency preparedness issues, including a comprehensive plan with a vision of providing for displaced animals. To that end, we have acquired cages, food and shelter stockpiles strategically located within the city to provide short term care in a disaster.

We have been very successful in our Animal Control efforts, but we owe much of our achievement to the generosity and compassion of our local adoption centers, pet stores and veterinarians who donate time and resources to augment limited city resources.



Officer Kassapakis Performing CPR On A Dog In A House Fire



Candidate Filing Dates Announced For Municipal Election

Municipal elections will be held in November, and this year the offices of Mayor, District 3 Councilman and District 4 Councilman are to be decided.

Dates for filing a declaration of candidacy are June through June 17, 2013, from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Declaration of candidacy forms will be available on our website and at the city offices in the coming weeks. Declarations or nominating petitions must be filed in person with the city recorder at 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Suite 250.



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## Open House

Approximately 100 friends, coworkers, fellow city officials and residents attended an open house to honor outgoing City Manager Liane Stillman on Jan. 22 at the city offices. It was one last farewell for Stillman, who retired after eight years at the city's helm.

Later that evening at city council meeting, Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore presented Stillman with a parting gift—a silver platter engraved with words of gratitude for her excellent service.

Stillman was the city's first employee after its incorporation. She was tasked with building a local government entity from scratch, and she succeeded by hiring competent staff members, listening to the needs of residents and putting well thought-out solutions in place.

Stillman is looking forward to spending more time with her family, and especially her grandchildren. Her strong and compassionate leadership will be missed, but we wish her all the best in this new adventure!



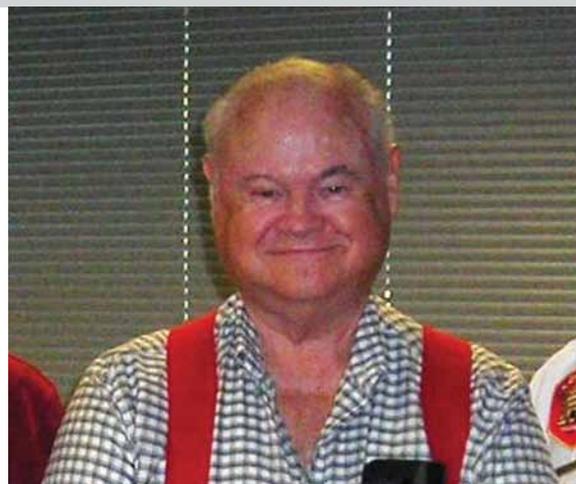
## Longtime Resident, Volunteer Passes Away

We were saddened to hear that Ronald K. Fullmer, a longtime Cottonwood Heights resident who contributed much to the community, passed away in January.

Ron was very involved with the efforts to help Cottonwood Heights become a city. His career as a police officer for Salt Lake City and Ogden and his master's degree in public administration made him a valuable asset to the incorporation effort.

After the city was formed in 2005, Ron worked to create the annual Butlerville Days celebration and volunteered on the committee for many years. He also attended almost every city council meeting until his health began to decline. Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore liked to joke that Ron was the city's honorary fifth council member.

Ron loved to devote his time to this community, and he was a great example of how citizen involvement can be a force for



Ron Fullmer was honored for his work on the Butlerville Days committee with a proclamation from the city council in August 2008.

good. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Ron's family. His presence will be greatly missed.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The February meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, February 5th**  
5 p.m. City Council Budget Retreat
- **Tuesday, February 12th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting  
*(reconvenes following business meeting)*  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 19th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 26th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting  
*(reconvenes following business meeting)*  
7 p.m. Business Meeting

## HISTORICAL QUESTION

How did Murray City acquire the rights to McGhie Springs?

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## City Council Article

- The crews at 110 and 116 strive to be an integral part of the community and are happy to help in any way. For example, they have been known to give station tours, help stranded motorists, gather clothing and food donations for people in need and clear snow from the sidewalks of elderly residents.

### Land Use

- The city settled with developer Terry Diehl, allowing his Tavaci project at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon to disconnect from the city and revert back to Salt Lake County which saved the city and its residents hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees.
- A new office building was completed at the Old Mill Corporate Center, indicating the popularity of this Cottonwood Heights location. Cottonwood Heights remains home to many large corporations such as Overstock.com, Fusion-io, and Jet Blue Airways Corporation.
- Two other large buildings were proposed for the Cottonwood Corporate Center behind the existing Blue Cross Blue Shield Building, and though the project was approved by the city's planning commission, it is being challenged in court by local residents.
- Canyon Centre--a project planned to include a hotel, an office building and restaurants as well as a public parking structure--is being built on the property where the old Canyon Racquet Club was located.

### Parks and Recreation

- The most significant accomplishment in 2012 was the opening of Mountview Park in May. The city has spent approximately \$2.5 million in developing the park, an expense which was made possible by Canyons School District's generous lease of the property at just \$1 per year.
- The final phase of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail, which runs from the intersection of Holladay Boulevard and 6200 East to the mouth of Big Cottonwood, was initiated in late 2012 and will be completed in 2013, allowing trail users to follow Big Cottonwood Creek and pass under Wasatch Boulevard to the park and ride lot.
- Next to the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, Butler Park continues to take shape with the completion of the new Butler Middle School. In 2013, residents will enjoy a larger and more utilitarian Butler Park thanks to collaborative planning between the Canyons School District and Cottonwood Heights.

### Events

- The city continues to sponsor popular community events such as Butlerville Days, the Thanksgiving Day 5K, Easter activities for children and youth, and emergency

preparedness fairs.

- The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council successfully sponsored many cultural events such as Write for the Heights, "A Spring Day in Cottonwood Heights" photography competition, the annual Winter Songfest and the play "Cinderella Enchanted."

### Awards and Recognitions

While the absence of awards and recognitions does not necessarily mean the city is not operating optimally, the granting of awards and recognitions is reflective of quality performance as recognized by outside sources.

- At the October 2012 Zero Fatalities Safety Summit CHPD was awarded the "Commissioner's Excellence in Traffic Safety Award."
- Linda Dunlavy, Cottonwood Heights' Deputy City Manager and City Recorder, was given two prestigious recognitions this year—a Best of State Award in the category of "Best Appointed Official" and "Outstanding City Recorder of the Year" from the Utah Municipal Clerks Association.
- For the sixth consecutive year, Cottonwood Heights received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

### Other Notable Items

- Special Service District #1 (Sanitation) chose to break away from Salt Lake County and become Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District. It maintains the same employees, and the change will not impact trash collection fees.
- We authored a significant ordinance regulating the conversion of paper billboards to electronic billboards. It does not allow for new billboards, only possible conversion of some of the existing billboards, with certain restrictions.
- The city entered into an agreement with Canyons School District for joint use of the new Butler Middle Auditorium in return for a \$1 million contribution, funded by grants and property exchanges, to enlarge the size of the auditorium to accommodate city and school district uses.
- We repaved a portion of Fort Union Boulevard, completing a three-year project that repaved and rebuilt Fort Union from Union Park Avenue to 3000 East.

### What's Next?

Here is a glimpse of some of the things we are contemplating in the coming year.

- Exploring the possibility of forming our own municipal court so citizens do not have to go to Holladay for court services.
- Evaluating how best to deliver public works

services in the city, including the possibility of privatizing the function or expanding the contract with Salt Lake County.

- Considering construction of a new city hall building. While rents have been low the last few years, projections indicate that renting offices will be far more expensive than owning.
- Studying our long term storm drain needs and whether those needs will ultimately require additional revenues to satisfy the cost of maintaining an aging storm drain system and remaining compliant with the Clean Water Act.
- Revising the Cottonwood Heights General Plan, which lays out our vision for future development within the city and how to accommodate anticipated changes in transportation and land use.
- Finishing the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail.

The operation of a city is a multi-faceted task. We have certainly had our share of mistakes and miscalculations. But overall, we believe the launch and subsequent management of city business has been a great success made possible by an engaged and caring citizenry. I am proud to say I live in Cottonwood Heights. I hope you are, too!

## Cottonwood Heights Receives Sixth Consecutive Budget Award

Cottonwood Heights was recently honored to receive the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. It marks the sixth straight year that Cottonwood Heights has received the award.

In order to be considered for the prize, Cottonwood Heights had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines that assess how well the city's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's budget awards program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

Many thanks go to Finance Director Steve Fawcett and the finance department for their hard work in preparing the yearly budget. Well done!



# COMMUNITY CULTURE

## Community Culture

### Local Authors Wanted!

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council, in cooperation with Whitmore Library and the Salt Lake County Library System, will host the city's third Write for the Heights Literacy Fair this year. We would like to invite local authors to lend their professional skills to the workshops associated with the event.

If you have had your fiction, nonfiction, poetry or journalistic articles published and you would like to participate in a writer's panel or teach a writing class, we would love to have you share your expertise! Please contact Ann Eatchel at [aeatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:aeatchel@ch.utah.gov) and submit a letter of interest, resume, writing samples and possible class curriculum.

The deadline to submit letters of interest is Feb. 22. Kick-off for the event will be held on Saturday, March 16, at Whitmore Library. Panel discussions will be held on various Saturdays until May 4.

Along with the fair, we will also host a writing contest. Entries will be accepted in the following categories: Adult Fiction, Youth Fiction, Adult Poetry, Youth Poetry, Adult Journalism, and Youth Journalism. Stay tuned to the city website and the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Facebook page for the latest updates!

### Photo Contest Coming Up

The arts council is also hosting a free photography class and contest in April. The theme is "A Spring Day in Cottonwood Heights." Check out next month's edition of the Cottonwood Heights News Journal and the city website for more information!



### Simple List Helps Neighbors Protect Each Other

by Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Cherie Thomas

**"We See, We Hear, We Call"**

Cottonwood Heights resident Joleigh Honey wrote the following story to help her neighbors in Precinct 9 avoid the same devastating situation in which she found herself.

"On Feb. 21, 2012, I hugged my daughter goodbye in the morning and wished her a happy birthday. A few minutes later, I left my home and headed off to work, not realizing I left my garage door open.

"I have very much enjoyed living in this neighborhood for the past six years and have always felt very safe, although I do not ever intentionally leave the garage door open. Needless to say, it was very sad and scary to come home and discover that strangers had been in our house. There were enough large items stolen that I knew this took a while and that they were not on foot. I do think we live in a safe neighborhood. However, it also seems like they were 'experts' and knew what they were doing (closed all blinds, emptied drawers and medicine cabinets).

"I hope no one else goes through this ordeal in our area. I have heard that a couple of people made the comment that they noticed my garage door open that day and it seemed odd. This alone seems like a good reason for us to all have each other's contact information.

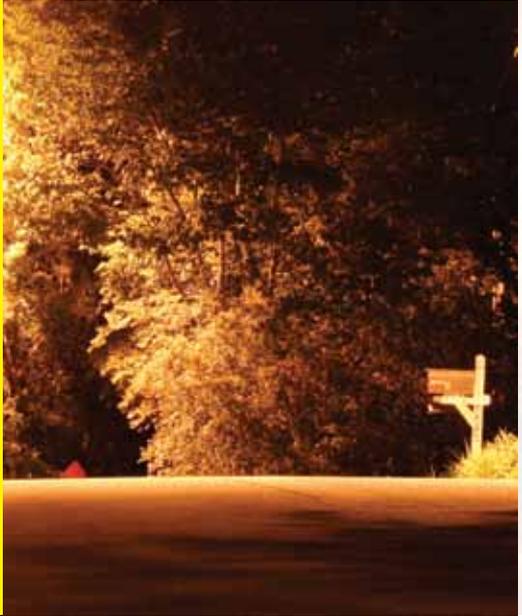
"I am grateful my daughter did not ride the

bus home from school that day. I am grateful we are safe. Ironically, it was the beautiful blanket that my great-grandmother gave me over 20 years ago that I miss most--- and it was probably worthless to those who took it, possibly to cover the TV."

If someone had known Joleigh's work or cell phone numbers, they might have called and alerted her about her garage. This realization gave birth to the idea of having an Optional List of Daytime Phone Numbers and E-Mail Addresses in the hands of the residents in our precinct so that they could alert homeowners to signs of trouble immediately.

Our block captains went from door-to-door with Joleigh's written account, and more than a hundred signed on to this Optional List. It has been very useful in alerting people immediately after car break-ins, and even attempted break-ins, with the result that these incidents have greatly diminished in the months since the list was compiled and emailed to those who signed on.

A ripple effect of this project is that neighbors have become closer friends and more watchful over each other's property. We are very appreciative to Joleigh for her desire to turn her tragedy into a call to action for the whole neighborhood!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



## Free Heart Screenings Offered At Health Fair

Get on track to better heart health by attending the Healthy Heart Fair! This free event is sponsored by Intermountain Heart Institute, one of the premier heart treatment centers in the nation.

The fair will be held Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Intermountain Medical Center, located at 5300 S. State Street in Murray. No registration is necessary.

The Healthy Heart Fair will include heart healthy seminars and cooking demonstrations, as well as free screenings including EKGs, cholesterol and glucose checks (both non-fasting), blood pressure tests, and body fat testing. Screenings are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Q&A with heart experts and pharmacists will be available at all times during the fair.

A Life Flight helicopter and emergency vehicles from Murray City's fire and police

departments will be on display and healthy snacks will be served.

For more information about the Healthy Heart Fair, call Intermountain Heart Institute at 801-507-4701.



## City's Board Of Adjustment Looking For New Member

Cottonwood Heights is in need of a volunteer to serve on the Board of Adjustment. The board meets as needed and acts as the appeal authority for land use decisions. In specific cases, it may authorize variances.

Any city resident who is interested in this opportunity can download and fill out the Land Use Board/Commission information form located on the city website at [www.ch.utah.gov/get\\_involved.volunteer.html](http://www.ch.utah.gov/get_involved.volunteer.html). Please email the form along with a letter of interest to Deputy City Manager Linda Dunlavy at [ldunlavy@ch.utah.gov](mailto:ldunlavy@ch.utah.gov) by 5 p.m. on Feb. 22. Paperwork can also be brought or mailed to the city offices at 1265 E. Fort Union Blvd. Suite 250, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121.



## Exploring the Heights



## Snow Days: Not Just For Kids

by Stephanie Archibald

Between time spent at work, the holidays and sickness in the household, it's been tough for me to find time to strap on my snowshoes this winter and go on a mini adventure. So when a string of snowstorms rolled through northern Utah at the end of January and I found myself with a couple of free hours, I decided that a stubborn chest cold wasn't going to keep me inside any longer. I bundled my kid off to school, threw my gear in the car and headed for the nearest trailhead.

That just happened to be the Timberline Trailhead at the mouth of Ferguson Canyon, located east of Wasatch Boulevard just off Timberline Drive. During the past few years, Cottonwood Heights has taken the initiative to make improvements to the trailhead, such as better parking and an outdoor classroom with informative markers about the geology of the Salt Lake Valley. Those improvements to the trail and its close proximity (the trail starts inside the city limits) make it a great spot to take a stroll with the kids, take a longer hike with friends, or even do some rock climbing on the granite walls higher up on the trail.

When I pulled up to the trailhead on that snowy morning, I was thrilled to see only one other car parked there and I didn't meet anyone on the trail during my time there. There was at least a foot of snow, and though I probably could have hiked it in boots, I chose to use snowshoes because they made it easier to move through the snow and the metal crampons on the shoes gave me better traction on the inclines.

As I hiked up past the water tank and dropped down into the canyon itself, the snow muffled all sound until even the traffic on Wasatch and Big

Cottonwood Canyon Road became a barely-audible whisper. The stillness was peaceful and refreshing. The scrub oaks that provide shade on the trail in the summer made for a tangled, snow-covered canopy over the powder of the trail itself. And though my only brush with wildlife was rustling up a few birds, I could see where bigger animals had made trails through the underbrush along the trail.

I didn't make it as far up the trail as I would have liked (remember that stubborn chest cold?), but I spent enough time to get some good exercise, take a few photos and just stop to enjoy the quiet and beauty of being outdoors.

Ferguson Canyon is a great hike at any time of year, but summer brings many more visitors to the trail. Parking spaces next to the trailhead are limited, but overflow parking is available at the bottom of the neighborhood. This particular trail is a favorite of pet owners, so make sure to watch where you place your feet!

Camping and fires are prohibited in the area. As always, make sure you are prepared for any situation before heading out for a hike. Pack water, some food, extra clothing depending on the weather, a cell phone and—of course—a camera! Have fun!

*Would you like to share an interesting activity or favorite thing to do in Cottonwood Heights? Email me at [sarchibald@ch.utah.gov](mailto:sarchibald@ch.utah.gov) and we may feature you and your recreation tip in a future News Journal!*



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## EMPLOYEES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### Gina Talbot, Administrative Assistant

People who visit the Cottonwood Heights Police Department lobby are greeted by Gina, who has been with the police department since its inception on Sept. 1, 2008. Gina has served for 35 years in state and city government. Along with processing police incident reports for the public and answering the police switchboard, her main functions include assisting Chief Russo and Asst. Chief Brenneman, composing correspondence, taking minutes, processing invoices, compiling training hours, tracking inventory, creating forms, and working on special events.

She has three married daughters, a one-year-old granddaughter, and twin granddaughters who were born in January. During the last ten years, Gina has become an avid runner and you may see her out at the lunch hour running on 1300 East. She has completed five full marathons, 45 half-marathons and several 180+ mile relays. Her goal is to qualify for the Boston Marathon, and she may achieve her goal at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Marathon coming up this September!

## City Council Honors Volunteers

On Jan. 26, members of all of the city's volunteer boards and commissions were invited to attend the second annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Heritage Gardens with the mayor, city council and staff. At the dinner, four volunteers were presented with awards for their outstanding volunteer service.

- Roger Kehr was honored for his efforts in Emergency Planning. A year after the city was formed, Roger became the Volunteer Emergency Communications Director and focused on building a reliable volunteer radio operator network throughout the city. He also helped the city secure two of its own radio channels for emergency use and helped set up the mobile Emergency Operations Center (EOC) truck. These accomplishments led FEMA to honor the city with a national award for Collaborative Preparedness Training. Roger was unable to attend the appreciation dinner because of family commitments, but will be presented with his award during a city council meeting in February.
- Sylvia Orton received an award for her work with the Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee. Sylvia is a founding member of the committee and serves as its secretary. She works hard to keep the committee organized and help the members work toward the committee's goals. She also helped record oral histories from longtime members of the Cottonwood Heights community and was instrumental in implementing the idea for a historical display tent during Butlerville Days celebrations.
- Lorraine Turner was recognized for her work with the Butlerville Days committee. Many residents probably recognize her as the organizer of the annual pie eating contest. However, Lorraine has worked as a volunteer in many capacities since the city's inception, including neighborhood watch, emergency preparedness, and the city's inaugural activities.
- Though she doesn't serve as a city volunteer, Patti Hansen has helped to build a strong and effective relationship between the city and the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center during her time as an employee there. She works with city staff on numerous events which have strengthened Cottonwood Heights' strong sense of community. She was honored by the city council as a great ambassador between the city and this community partner.

We are so grateful for the time and effort expended by all the volunteers on the planning commission, architectural review commission, board of adjustment, historic committee, arts council, Butlerville Days committee and emergency planning group. Without them, our city would not work nearly as well as it does. Thank you!



## Butlerville Days Sponsors Needed!

Each year, approximately 15,000 people attend Butlerville Days, and your business could help us make it even more successful! Can you imagine your company being advertised as the main sponsor of our parade, car show, entertainment or even the fireworks show? We have many different sponsorship levels and would enjoy talking with you about each of them.

Please contact Butlerville Days Chairman Mike Hanson at [Butlervilledays@ch.utah.gov](mailto:Butlervilledays@ch.utah.gov) or 801-550-7509, or our Sponsorship Chairman Brian Allen at [brian@evvivaent.com](mailto:brian@evvivaent.com) or 801-661-2922 for more information about how to become an essential part of Butlerville Days.



