



Changes Ahead For Sanitation District

City Council Article

J. Scott Bracken - DIST #2

One of my responsibilities on the city council is to serve on the board of Salt Lake County Special Service District #1 (Sanitation). I serve as the board chair and work closely with the district's director, Pam Roberts, who keeps things running smoothly.

Since 1977, the district has been providing weekly garbage pickup for tens of thousands of homes in Salt Lake Valley – and doing a very good job. A few years ago, the district added curbside recycling of paper, plastics and aluminum to its services. At my house, we've enjoyed having the blue recycling can available. I was surprised at how much of the garbage we were throwing out could actually be recycled. The neighborhood clean-up trailers and the fall leaf bag program are other popular services provided by the district, and all at a very reasonable monthly fee of \$12.75 per household.

On Jan. 1, 2013, Salt Lake County Special Service District #1 became the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD). Don't worry, it's the same good people, same equipment and same services we've all come to expect and appreciate. Even better, in December the board approved the budget for 2013, a budget which included no change in fees. That's always good news and is quite an accomplishment considering the constantly rising costs of vehicle fuel, employee medical insurance, equipment maintenance, and the use of the landfill.

For sanitation district patrons, the biggest noticeable difference will be in the billing procedures. In the past, the fee for services was always tacked onto the bottom of each person's property tax bill. The amount was due in one lump-sum payment, and could only be paid one way: with

all other property taxes assessed. However, this year that \$153 fee will not appear on your property tax bill.

In order to increase transparency and provide better service, WFWRD will now bill users directly for sanitation services. Options for monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual payments will be offered, as well as on-line payments for those who appreciate that convenience. This is a positive change from an operational standpoint, as billing errors and refunds will be handled internally rather than via the county treasurer's office. Also, billing issues should be resolved in a timelier manner than in the past. Again, the fees for services aren't changing.

For the district, the biggest difference will be the ability to focus and control resources and overhead. By functioning independently from Salt Lake

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Cottonwood Heights Welcomes New City Manager

After a months-long search and many interviews with well-qualified candidates, the Cottonwood Heights City Council appointed John Park as the city's new manager at their Dec. 4 meeting. He begins his tenure on Jan. 7.

Park comes to Cottonwood Heights from Highland City, where he has worked as City Administrator since 2010. Previously, he spent more than twenty years working for the cities of Orem and Tooele in various capacities. He also worked as a business consultant in the private sector.

"Not only has John had an extensive career in city management, he spent several

of those years consulting for cities around the country in solving municipal problems," said Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr. "He will build successfully on the solid foundation established by his predecessor."

Many of Park's family members



have had long careers in law enforcement, and he began his own career as a public servant in 1980 when he was hired as a police officer in Tooele. He spent five years on the force there while also working in the construction industry part time. He then became a member of that city's building department while attending university classes in the evening to complete a bachelor's degree in business.

In 1991, Park began work for the City of Orem. He took on a variety of responsibilities during his time there, including head of the building department, public works director and interim police chief, and he eventually

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NUMBERS TO KNOW:

Emergency..... 911

Dispatch..... 840-4000

Fire Authority..... 743-7100

Animal Control..... 840-4000

Justice Court..... 273-9731



**GUARD YOUR FAMILY & HOME
AGAINST WINTER FIRE DANGER**



Asst. Chief Mike Watson

Winter brings a lot of fun things like snow days, sledding, snow skiing and hot cocoa. Winter also brings more residential building fires than any other season. Every year in the United States, winter residential building fires result in an estimated average of 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries and \$1.78 billion in property loss.

Research also shows that fires in one- and two-family dwellings account for a whopping 67 percent of all winter home fires, and such fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 to 8 p.m. Most of those fires happen in December and January, and experiencing one yourself is guaranteed to make for anything but a happy New Year for you and your family.

Because we live in Utah, heating our homes in the winter is a must; but it can also be dangerous. Heating systems vary and often have a lot to do with the size of your home and the year it was built.

To ensure that your home's heating system is properly equipped and able to keep you and your family cozy when temperatures drop, proper maintenance is essential. To help you keep a cool head when it comes to heating your home, here are several winter tips on using home heating systems and sources.

FIREPLACES AND WOOD STOVES

A home fireplace or wood stove can bring an extra element of nostalgia, color and coziness to your family's winter. But it's also highly important to exercise caution when you get a good fire crackling at the homestead. Here are a few helpful tips:

- ✓ Have your home's chimney or flue inspected by a certified professional at least once every year.
- ✓ Always use a protective screen in front of open fireplaces.
- ✓ Keep combustible materials at least three feet away from fireplaces or wood stoves.
- ✓ Never throw liquid fuel, compressed gas canisters or batteries into a fireplace or wood-burning stove.

- ✓ Completely extinguish fires before leaving your home or going to bed. Place ashes (which can remain hot for days) into a non-combustible container. Store the container outside and at least three feet away from combustible materials such as decks and wall siding.

FIRE-FREE FURNACES

The word "furnace" comes from the Latin "fornax," which translates to "oven." But just like the oven in your kitchen, you need to ensure that things don't get too hot or that they're left unattended for too long. Here are some tips to help ensure fire-free furnaces stay fire-free:

- ✓ Inspect your furnace for damage before using it for the first time every year.
- ✓ Always use a bonded, licensed and insured contractor to service, replace or install your gas or electric furnace.
- ✓ Exercise caution when extinguishing or relighting pilot lights on gas furnaces.
- ✓ If you smell gas, turn off the furnace and immediately leave your home. From a safe place, call both the gas company and the fire department.

PORTABLE HEATERS

They're often referred to as "space heaters." But when it comes to portable heaters, spacing out while using them can prove extremely costly – and even deadly.

Each year in America, portable heaters are responsible for an estimated average of 900 fires resulting in 45 deaths, 100 injuries and \$48 million in property loss. Only two percent of all residential building heating fires involve portable heaters, but these fires account for 25 percent of all fatal residential building heating fires. Most of these fires are caused by owners not properly maintaining the portable heater, or the use of unsafe portable heaters. Some 34 percent of residential building portable heater fires occur in bedrooms – with 23 percent of such fires ignited by bedding like blankets, sheets and comforters.

If you can find an alternative to portable heaters, we'd advise you to utilize it. But rest assured, there are several steps you can take to maximize safe use of portable heaters.

These steps include:

- ✓ Always keep the heater at least three feet from furniture, walls and anything that could ignite from the heat.
- ✓ Keep children and pets away from portable heaters at all times.
- ✓ Turn off portable heaters, unplug them if they plug into the wall and wait for them to cool before going to bed or leaving the room.
- ✓ Keep portable heaters on a level surface. They sometimes get tilted over, causing the heated part of the portable heater to touch a flammable surface and spark a fire. Some portable heaters include sensors that cause the heater to shut off automatically if it tilts over.
- ✓ Check electric portable heaters for cord damage, other damage and missing parts before and after each use.
- ✓ If you use a liquid fuel portable heater, use only the manufacturer-recommended fuel.

Never add fuel or "top off" a liquid fuel portable heater while it's in use. Always wait until it has cooled completely before refilling, and always fill it outdoors.



Facts taken from the United States Fire Administration (USFA)



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Utah will Shake, Rattle, and Roll on April 17th

This is not your average “Save the Date” reminder! We are asking you, your family, your school, your business, your friends, and anyone else who is interested to join us for an earthquake on April 17.

No, not a *real* earthquake—it’s the 2013 Great Utah Shakeout!

Shakeout is a large-scale earthquake preparedness drill. Last year, Utah’s event boasted nearly one million participants from all types of entities—government, business, education, and even individual families. Municipalities such as Cottonwood Heights participated by running different disaster scenarios and testing emergency procedures and communication networks.

The drill is a great tool because it helps remind all of us how to react in different scenarios and pinpoints areas in which we need to improve.

If you would like to join us for this important safety drill, log on to www.shakeout.org/utah and sign up. You will also find tips on how to be prepared for an emergency and updates about the 2013 drill. Also, watch this newspaper and the city website as the event approaches for information on ShakeOut activities in Cottonwood Heights.



Photo by: Robin Perley



Photo by: Jon Brown

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 January meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, January 1st**
Happy New Year
- **Tuesday, January 8th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
(reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 15th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 22nd**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
(reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 29th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting

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Photography Contest & Exhibit

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Do you like to Party?

If you like a good party, and especially if you like to plan a good party, then we need your help with the biggest celebration in Cottonwood Heights....Butlerville Days!

Butlerville Days Chairman Mike Hanson is looking for some enthusiastic, energetic people to fill key executive and administrative positions for this year’s event. Don’t miss this opportunity to contribute to the Butlerville Days tradition and legacy!

Administrative positions:

- Event Vice Chair
- Marketing Committee Leader
- Administrative Coordinator
- Hospitality Manager

Parade Positions:

- Vice Chair
- Staging Coordinator



To be considered for any of these positions, contact Mike via email at butlervilledays@ch.utah.gov. Thanks for your help!

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County, the board will manage 100 percent of the budget whereas prior to the separation almost a third of the budget was outside of the district's control, mostly because all employees were employed by Salt Lake County.

I'm hopeful that this change will allow the WFWRD board, director, and employees to continue providing the best services possible, and that the resulting increase in efficiency

will help us forgo rate increases for as long as possible. We have already taken some action to reduce costs, like converting to natural gas trucks as old equipment is retired. I'm confident Director Pam Roberts and her staff will keep looking for ways to keep costs down and service levels up. It's not always easy, but it is the heart of good governance – doing what needs to be done in the best possible way at the lowest possible cost.

Cottonwood Heights Welcomes New City Manager

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became the assistant city manager. He also continued his education, securing a master's degree in public administration.

In 2002, he left Orem to work for a private construction company. After three years of running that business, he became an independent consultant, helping cities throughout the nation become more organized and implement better processes.

Park said he decided to come to Cottonwood Heights because of the way the city council and staff work together and strive to make the best decisions for the city and its residents.

"As I sat and talked to the city council and got to know the staff, I realized this is a group of people who have no hidden agendas," he

said. "They just care about the community."

Park and his wife Monica, a school teacher, live in American Fork. They are the parents of six daughters, all but one of whom live in Utah, and enjoy spending time with their 10 grandchildren. He is an ecclesiastical leader for students at BYU, where he previously served as an adjunct professor of regional and urban planning.

However, just to clarify—Park says he "bleeds red" as a die-hard Utes fan, a fact he had to confess to the mayor, an avid Cougars fan, after he was hired. He's glad it didn't change his employment status!

No matter what his sports affiliation is, we welcome Mr. Park as the newest member of the Cottonwood Heights team.



City Plans Open House For Outgoing Manager

After eight years of hard work and dedication, City Manager Liane Stillman is retiring in January. In order to honor her contribution to the community, the Cottonwood Heights City Council is hosting an open house on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The event will take place in city council chambers, located at 1265 E. Fort Union Blvd. Suite 300.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. A guest book will be provided for well-wishers to write a message for Liane, and light refreshments will be served.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

"We See, We Hear, We Call"




Beware the Dangerous Wireless Car Key "Fob"

A message from Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Watch
by Carlos and Martha Cardon, Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

It may surprise you to know that your car's wireless remote key can activate a door or trunk from a fairly long distance. Propagation of the radio waves which activate the locks is a complex process, but if the signal is directed and reflected in just the right way, your car may be opened unintentionally from inside your house.

We found this out the hard way a few months ago. We usually keep our keys in one safe location while inside our home, but on a particular evening, Carlos had them in his pocket. At around 10 p.m. that evening while he was helping our son and a friend with college homework, he moved in just the right way to activate the tailgate of our Nissan Murano, which was parked in the driveway. It remained open the entire night and was discovered by our son the next day.

Unfortunately, it was also discovered by two individuals driving through our neighborhood between 2 and 3 a.m. We know the times pretty accurately because we have a security video camera and recorder installed which captured pictures of them going through our car at 2:40 a.m. and taking several

items. They got a "boom-box," a cell phone charger, the manual for our car and the registration—so now they know our names along with our address. It's just too bad the video is not quite good enough to be able to identify the thieves.

Using the camera system during other incidents in our neighborhood, we have found that from 2 to 3 a.m. seems to be a favorite time for these types of criminals to be active. They go through our neighborhoods looking for open cars and garages and looking in mailboxes for anything valuable.

We urge others to learn from our sad experience and protect yourselves by not carrying the remote opener in your pocket while at home. Also, let's be good neighbors and watch out for each other. If you see something that your neighbor has overlooked, like leaving a car door or garage door open, get in touch with them immediately so they can remedy the situation. Please promptly report anything suspicious to our friendly and efficient police department by calling dispatch at 801-840-4000.



COMMUNITY CULTURE

Community Culture

Arts council to settles on “Music Man” for 2013 production

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council’s summer production for July 2013 will be Meredith Wilson’s “The Music Man!” We are excited to perform this play and hope to have the involvement of our talented community. This is a high energy show with wonderful music, a must-see for the whole family!

Auditions will be in May, so watch our website for more details. There will be plenty of opportunities to participate and volunteer behind the scenes as well.

If you would like to apply for the following paid positions on the production team, please fill out an application for employment, located on the Human Resources section of the city website under the “Departments” tab. Email the completed application and your resume to Ann Eatchel at aeatchel@ch.utah.gov no later than Jan. 16 at 5 p.m. The paid positions are: Director, Assistant Director, Stage Manager, Choreographer, Assistant Choreographer, Orchestra Director, Music Director, Set Designer/Builder and Costumer.



Winter Songfest

The arts council sponsored its third annual Winter Songfest on Dec. 1. It was a wonderful success! We enjoyed music provided by the elementary schools within our city-- a mix of orchestras and choral groups--and had a fun time listening to the music they showcased.

Once again this year, we were honored to hear from the Canyons Youth Symphony. As always they were a credit to the music system in our schools. All of these groups meet after school and many of the directors are not teachers, but volunteers who are willing to put in extra hours to help the students. We are so proud of the work of educators who allow music to flourish among our youth!

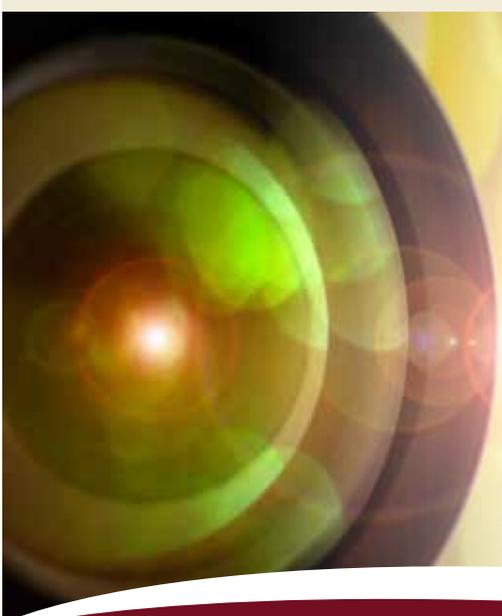


Second Annual Photography Contest & Exhibit

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 6, 2013

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council will host a photography class and contest in April with the theme of “A Spring Day in Cottonwood Heights.” The free photography class with photographer Jacob Bruner will be held at the Whitmore Library Auditorium on Saturday, April 6, 2013, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“Like” Cottonwood Heights Arts Council on Facebook at facebook.com/CHArtsCouncil to get all the updates!



Spirit Of Giving, Compassion Alive And Well In CH

Thanks to many people who live and work in Cottonwood Heights, city employees were able to deliver food, gifts, and vouchers to six local families through this year’s Sub for Santa program and help them celebrate the holidays with a little more hope and cheer.

The families, with a combined total of 18 children, were in need of a little extra compassion this year, and many people gladly volunteered to take care of their needs. In addition to buying specific gifts for these children and their caregivers, Cottonwood Heights’ employees, residents, students and business owners provided the following items:

- Brighton High School students hosted a fundraiser and donated \$2,000 of the proceeds.
- City employees donated \$670 in cash as well as gifts purchased for specific family members.
- The Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center raised \$79 in cash from their “Zumba-thon” and donated a one-year family pass to one of the families.
- Dan’s Foods provided each family with all the fixings for a complete turkey dinner, right down to dessert!

- Whitmore Library donated many scarves, mittens, socks and a blanket.
- Friends, neighbors and family of Mayor Kelvyn and Laurie Cullimore adopted two families, providing funds and purchasing Christmas gifts for them.
- Six student body officers from Brighton High School volunteered to wrap many of the gifts and get them ready to deliver.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make these families’ holiday a little brighter. We would especially like to thank the city employees who made up this year’s Sub for Santa committee— Renita Pullman, Emily Cebrowski, Ann Eatchel and Kellie Challburg.





Police Department Uses Grant Money To Buy Gas Masks

by Sgt. Dan Bartlett

Cottonwood Heights Police Chief Robby Russo recently attended training at the International Chiefs of Police convention, where a case study of the Aurora, CO theater shooting was presented. The suspect in that shooting had used a form of gas as a weapon against the theater patrons and responding officers.

Chief Russo decided to purchase masks for the entire department using Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) asset forfeiture funds. When money or property is seized by law enforcement and forfeited by the courts, the law enforcement agencies responsible for the seizure are then allowed to apply for grant money from that fund to purchase necessary equipment and training. Cottonwood Heights has been a regular contributor to that fund; therefore, we were able to apply for the grant.

Currently, the CHPD SWAT team is equipped with masks and trains with them on a regular basis. Now that the new masks

have arrived, they will be fitted to every officer in the department. Training will help officers become familiar with the masks so they can perform their duties while wearing them. While we hope we are never called on to use this equipment, it will be a valuable asset for our officers if that time ever comes.



HISTORICAL QUESTION

On Sept. 17, 1900, Gustave Anderson, William Rasmussen, Hyrum Covert, Andrew Hansen and Charles Colbrook, who were prominent Butlerville residents, were arraigned before Judge Sommer on a charge of destroying property. L. H. Gray alleged that the defendants had willfully destroyed a water gauge belonging to him located in Little Willow Creek. The defendants pleaded not guilty and a hearing was scheduled for Sept. 28, 1900. The defendants were allowed to go free until the hearing.

In that hearing, evidence showed that the water gauge had been removed and replaced but no damage had been done. Charges against the defendants were dismissed. What underlying, related events were taking place during that time?

City Council District Boundary Changes

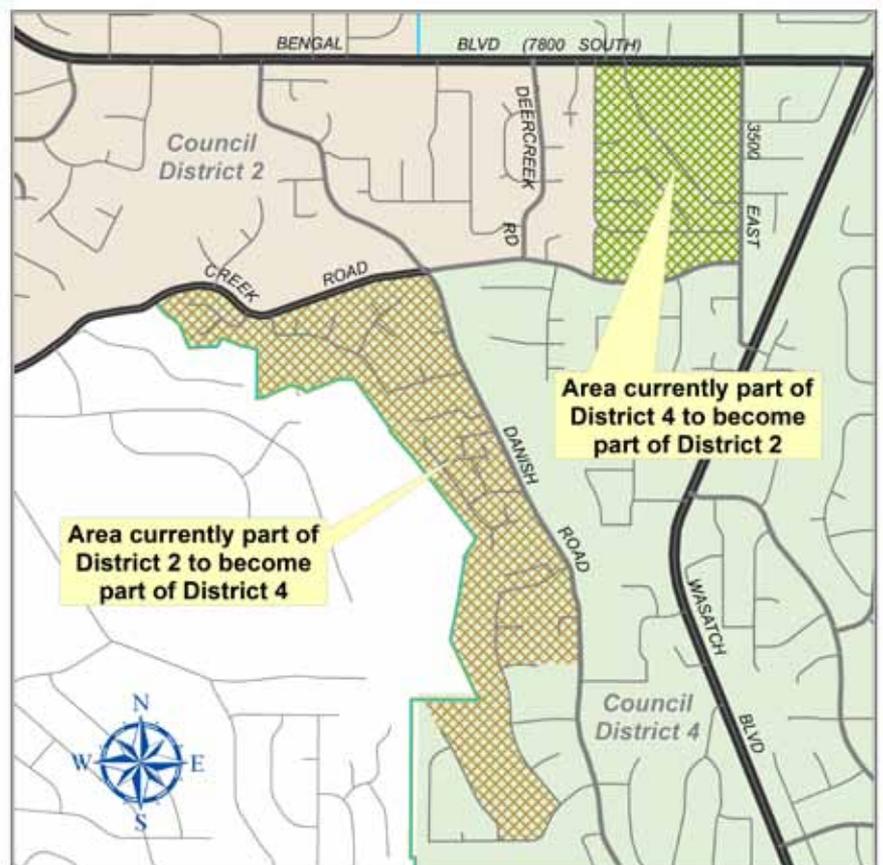
Recently, the state legislature created new district boundaries for federal and state elected offices. Those changes have created a need for counties and cities throughout the state to adjust some of their boundaries accordingly.

Salt Lake County appointed a bipartisan commission that redistricted the county elected offices and the school board precincts. Upon approval of those boundaries, the county clerk's office re-drew voting precinct boundaries as well. This was done because precinct lines cannot cross federal or state district lines.

Once that was completed, many municipalities ended up with district lines that crossed between voting precincts. In an effort to simplify, the county asked affected cities to adjust city council district boundaries so that one voting precinct is not required to handle elections for two council districts.

This change is not a legal mandate, but is strongly encouraged in an effort to cut down on confusion and make sure there are no problems with ballots and no additional election costs.

In Cottonwood Heights, there will be small changes made to Precincts COT033 and COT034 in Districts Two and Four (see map). They must be approved through an ordinance by the city council by the end of January. Anyone with questions about the boundary changes can contact Deputy City Manager Linda Dunlavy at 801-944-7021.



New Boundary Changes (Please see above)



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****Beginning this month, we are running a new feature in the News Journal—a monthly introduction to the Cottonwood Heights staff members who perform the everyday tasks that keep the city running smoothly. Some of them are people you meet when you visit the city offices and some of them work behind the scenes, but they all make every effort to ensure our residents are taken care of courteously and efficiently. ****

EMPLOYEES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Shelly Hanson, Administrative Assistant

When visitors come to the Cottonwood Heights City Offices, Shelly is usually the first person they meet. She has worked for the city since its incorporation in 2005 and knows more about the logistics of keeping the office running than almost anyone else.

When she's not answering phones, greeting visitors, directing them to the appropriate departments, accepting payments for city services and keeping the office running smoothly, Shelly also directs pet licensing.

However, Shelly says she considers her main title to be Homemaker, and she loves to spend time with her husband Mike and their four amazing children.

One of Shelly's favorite past times is riding her motorcycle. Accompanied by her husband and a few great friends, she likes to spend as much time as she can riding her Honda Shadow Spirit 750 up the canyons or even just around the neighborhood.

Last fall, Shelly and Mike had the opportunity to join the At Your Leisure television cast and 50 perfectly fun strangers on an eight-hour ride that started in Torrey, UT and wound through Boulder, Escalante and numerous other small towns on what is considered one of the ten best motorcycle rides in the world. Shelly is looking forward to spring when she can get back out there and enjoy the outdoors!



ADOPT-A-ROADWAY

City Launches Adopt-A-Roadway Program

From time to time, residents have approached city staff to ask about the possibility of organizing roadside cleanup efforts. As a result of those inquiries, Cottonwood Heights will sponsor a new Adopt-a-Roadway program beginning in 2012.

"I think it's service work that will definitely benefit the city," said Public Works Director Mike Allen.

Groups of at least ten individuals may apply to sponsor the cleanup of certain roads throughout the city. It is a two-year volunteer commitment, and groups must agree to organize a cleanup effort at least once every three months.

While sponsor groups are responsible to provide manpower for the cleanup and educate themselves on the city's safety guidelines, the city will provide safety vests, trash bags and signs along the roadway in recognition of sponsor groups. The city will also remove full trash bags from roadsides after the cleanup.

If you are interested in applying to sponsor a road in Cottonwood Heights, please contact Mike Allen at 801-944-7090 or mallen@ch.utah.gov to get a complete copy of the program overview and an application.



Tell us: what's your favorite way to play in Cottonwood Heights?

There are lots of fun things to do in and around Cottonwood Heights, from skiing and cycling to hiking and running. Every month for the next year, we want to feature a favorite local activity in the News Journal—something to motivate everyone to get out and get active!

So, tell us: what's your favorite way to play in and around the city? Do you have a favorite snowshoeing trail that doubles as a great summer hike? Are you a rock climber who knows some easy beginner routes you could share? Is there a running path in the city that also gives you some great views? What's your favorite historical site to visit?

Share your ideas and photos with Stephanie Archibald at sarchibald@ch.utah.gov and we may feature you in an upcoming edition of the News Journal!

January 2013

Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

cottonwoodheights.com



Winter Learn to Skate

Learn to Skate (LTS) is a year-round skating program for beginners of all ages looking to develop basic figure skating & hockey skills while having fun on ice.

Sessions begin Jan. 15, 16 or Mar. 5, 6

Burn Off Holiday Weight

Want to burn off that holiday weight?... Get your body movin' in one of our water aerobics, land aerobics, or cycling classes. We have over 100 classes available per week.

Free Ice Skating Clinic

Sat. Jan. 5
2-4 pm



For all ages & ability levels.



Public Ice Skating Hours

Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat.: 7-9 pm
Fri., Sat., & Sun.: 2-4pm

Groups of 8+ skate/swim admission only \$4 per person (reservations required.)

Ice or Splash Pool Parties

Cost for room rental \$15 per hour during public sessions, plus cost for each skate/swim admission. Call 801.943.3190 x. 0 for more info.

Camps!

for ages 14+

Biggest Loser Camp starts Jan.23.

Triathlon camps start in late Jan. Please contact us for more info. Learn & train to participate in triathlons!

Become a CHRC Member

Invest in you & your family's health! Get fit in the new year at CHRC with our:

- pools
- indoor track
- racquetball courts
- hot tub & dry sauna
- year-round ice arena
- nursery
- splash zones
- fitness classes
- weight & cardio rms
- indoor basketball gym



Our Ultimate Membership includes fitness classes

Learn to Swim

Have fun learning to swim year-round in our heated pools w/ our qualified instructors. For all ages & ability levels.



Winter Sessions begin Jan. 2, 5, 8, 9,14, 28, 29 & Feb. 11, 16, 19, 25, 27

Boy Scout Classes

Classes available year-round. Call 801.943.3190 x. 0.

Specialty Classes

Lifeguard Training (LGT) & Water Safety Instructor (WSI) classes start in Jan.

Get a Job (at CHRC)

We will be taking applications for summer lifeguards & swim instructors beginning Mar. 4.

For more info call 801.943.3190 x. 127.

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HISTORICAL ANSWERS

Answer To January Historical Committee Question:

During the late 1890s, these men, along with others, dug a ditch to divert water from Little Cottonwood Creek. The ditch, called Little Willow Creek, took a northwesterly route to about 8400 South and Wasatch Boulevard where it divided into two ditches. The north branch continued in the northwesterly direction across Wasatch Boulevard to 7800 South where it continued through the area that is now the cemetery and the subdivisions to the west, crossing the Brown and Sanford ditch and continuing north along the east side of 2700 East.

From the division point on Wasatch Boulevard, the second ditch headed straight west to the east side of Danish Town Road,

running parallel to road until crossing it at about 7900 South then continuing west until it reached Little Cottonwood Creek at the bottom of Peppers Hill.

In July of 1900, Andrew Hansen, Thomas Dyer, Gustave Andersen, August Stengruber, and Annie Taubman from the lower ditch and William Rasmussen, Alva Butler, Hyrum Covert, Charles Colbrook, F.D.Brinton and D.B. Brinton from the upper ditch, signed a petition claiming the rights to all the water from Little Willow Creek, which was then recorded with the county.

On Oct. 24, 1900, these individuals along with H. S. Jensen and August Hauptfleisch filed for incorporation of the Big Willow Irrigation Company. This filing was accepted by the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office on Nov. 17, 1900 and by the State of Utah on Dec. 4, 1900.

Shares in the company were given to the shareholders based on the amount of time they had spent digging the ditches. The first president elected after incorporation was Alva Butler. Andrew Hansen was elected vice president and water master and Charles Colbrook became secretary treasurer.

The Big Willow Irrigation Company is still in operation today, serving shareholders in the Danish Road and Wasatch Boulevard areas and the Memorial Estates Cemetery.

