



Cottonwood Heights

Weekly Update for Oct. 8-14, 2017

City Manager

Public Information – Dan Metcalf

1. Had several delays in getting content compiled before the Oct. 10 deadline for the Nov. Newsletter. I think we finally got it covered Thursday morning. Will be working with Kim to get a draft ready before the Oct. 17 city council meeting.
2. Finished up videos for Monster Mash and the Trunk or Treat events. Also spent considerable time uploading the Business Award videos to YouTube.
3. Working on a back log of needed updates to the website. This is an ongoing process that will take several months.

Administrative Services

1. The Safety Committee met to discuss redirecting the efforts of the committee and working to include all of the staff in our efforts to make the workplace safer.
2. The Health Fair was held Wed. the 11th where employees could get their flu shot, talk with retirement representatives, get a health screening and talk to a host of other vendors focused on healthy living. Thanks to Heather Sundquist for organizing the event for our employees' health.
3. Mark your calendars for the Monster Mash Wed. Oct. 27th from 5-7 p.m. Bring your little goblins and ghouls by for a frighteningly fun treat.

Police

1. Officers Nick Garcia and Michael Fullwood started Monday the 16th (see below).
2. I will be out of town in Philly for the IACP, A/C Brenneman will be in charge.
3. The DA is now asking ALL officers to complete a Brady Gigillo questioner with subpoenas.
4. As per our conversation last week about Hep "A" and the homeless the State Health Department sent over some information I intend to reprint next month as part of the Chief's Article.
5. Former Brighton High student Osa Mesina pled guilty on Thursday to 3 class A misdemeanors.



Osa Masina in court on Oct. 8, 2017. (Courtroom pool video image)

Masina's attorney, Greg Skordas, said it was a difficult decision for his client to accept the deal.

"I think we all wanted to go to trial so he could be acquitted. That was not done lightly," he told reporters.

The victim was not in court. Her attorney, Bethany Warr, told the judge she supported the plea deal but believed the justice system failed the woman.

"The facts of the case have not changed. My client was raped and sodomized and it was done very violently," she told reporters outside of court. "What has changed is the landscape of the case, because decisions have been made that have made it impossible for the state to properly assert what happened."

Masina family attorney Gregory Phillips blasted District Attorney Sim Gill for even bringing charges, accusing him of targeting a football player for publicity.

"We all know one of the most dangerous places in Salt Lake City is between Sim Gill and a TV camera," Phillips said. "There was a rush to judgment in this case. Sim Gill didn't investigate the facts of this case before he brought inflammatory charges."



Nick Garcia was born and raised in SLC, and graduated from Hillcrest HS. Officer Garcia started his career in law enforcement at Taylorsville Police. This is actually Nick's second stint with CHPD, since he worked in the department from 2008-2015 and left to work in St. George, where his wife and 5 children still live. Nick is commuting back and forth from St. George for now.



Mike Fullwood was born and raised in Sandy, and is also a graduate of Hillcrest HS. He attended and graduated Idaho State University in Pocatello, where he attended on a football scholarship. He began his career in law enforcement at West Valley City, and has worked for 15 years at West Jordan. He currently lives in Draper with his wife and 4 children.

Community Development

1. The Mystery Escape Room Bootcamp was held last Thursday. The bootcamp offered greater personal skills and team building through problem solving using puzzles, riddles and surprises. Those who attended were put into groups to work together to follow the clues that will lead them to be able to escape the room within a time limit.
2. Ribbon cutting at Leverage Fitness at 11 a.m on Saturday 10/14.
3. Leverage Fitness Solutions (7831 Highland #8) held a ribbon cutting on Saturday, Oct. 14 to celebrate its grand opening. Owner Ryan Carver is excited to bring his training expertise to the city. (photo below)

Engineering

1. Cottonwood Heights recently submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for CATNIP Funding through Salt Lake County. The proposed bike project would redo the striping on Fort Union Boulevard between 2300 East and 3000 East to include a Type II bike lane on the outside of the Fort Union climbing lane. The project would also redo striping on 2300 East between I-215 to Fort Union Boulevard to install buffered bike lanes on both sides of the road, similar to the bike lanes on Bengal Boulevard.

PHOTOS –



Figure 1- Due to an error in marking the communications utility conduits by Blue Stakes (not marking), the contractor installing the storm drain line broke the conduit banks and the cables (1800 pair, 1600 pair, 800 pair, fiber optic, etc....). 2300 East will be closed during the repairs for safety reasons.



Figure 2- Leverage Fitness Solutions (7831 Highland #8) held a ribbon cutting on Saturday, Oct. 14 to celebrate its grand opening. Owner Ryan Carver is excited to bring his training expertise to the city.



Figure 3- Crime doesn't pay and in this case it cost even more. A fraud suspect chose to flee from officers on Thursday the 12th before this incident unfolded.