



CEDAR HILLS

OUR HOME TOWN

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Jan 6 & 20
City Office Closed for National Holiday	Jan 19
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Jan 22
City Night with BYU Men's Basketball	Jan 31
Night out with the Utah Jazz	Feb 23

City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 503
Zoning & Code Enforcement, 500
Business Licensing, 504
Building Department, 200
Public Works, 200
Utility Billing, 400
Recreation, 302 or 601
Vista Room, 300

Other Phone Numbers (801):
Public Works After Hours, 420-2243
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
Animal Control, 763-3020
Police, 763-3020

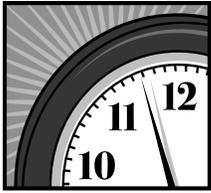
The Year in Review

A Selection of Noteworthy Happenings in 2014

- Mayor Gygi created a volunteer cultural arts citizens advisory committee.
- Second annual Emergency Management Town Hall Meeting held Feb. 13.
- Business license enacted for non-owner-occupied residential rental properties.
- Valentine party and bake off held Feb. 7 to raise funds for YCC projects.
- City sponsored 16th annual Spring Clean-up blitz on two Saturdays in April.
- The city council proclaimed May as National Military Appreciation Month in Cedar Hills.
- Residents encouraged to abate weeds and overgrown or uncultivated vegetation.
- Mayor created the Water Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee.
- City recognized by Utah Jazz for having the most Jr. Jazz players (715) in the category of cities with less than 15,000 residents.
- Decisions 2014, a city-wide informational survey was reviewed by the city council.
- Road asphalt removal/replacement and micro-surface projects conducted.
- Week of June 30 proclaimed as Utah Local First, encouraging residents to shop local and independently owned businesses first.
- City receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- Residents invited for free round of golf at the Cedar Hills Golf Club on May 10.
- Annual Family Festival held June 23-28.
- Due to restricted fireworks east of Canyon Road, residents lit aerial fireworks at Mesquite Soccer Park on July 4 and 24.
- City hosted Summer Concert Series held once a month July through September.
- City Council recognizes Cedar Hills Champions: John D. Lamb; Chad Lewis; Priscilla Leek; Jerianne Conroy, and crossing guards Lois Moessinger and RaLynn Hansen.
- Free pancake breakfast held for residents at Community Recreation Center on August 16.
- Crosswalk, parking lot, and street striping conducted throughout city.
- Town Hall meeting held August 15 to evaluate capacity and performance of the pressurized irrigation system.
- Yards of the Month winners recognized on city website with photos of featured homes.
- Mayor created volunteer citizens advisory committee to review and revise the city's General Plan as mandated by state code.
- Haunted Creek and Pumpkin Walk held on October 27 to raise funds for YCC projects.
- State of the City Report mailed to every home in the city in October.
- City Council approves final plat for the Cedar Hills Retail Center and America First Credit Union located in the commercial zone.
- City receives two sizeable government grants to supplement city expenses in forestry and emergency management.
- City Recorder Colleen Mulvey receives Master Municipal Clerk Designation.
- On October 29 the city refinanced its 2006 Utility Revenue Bond.
- New Youth City Council members chosen, with Kyle Schvaneveldt, mayor, and Courtney Anderson, mayor Pro Tempore.
- Annual City Santa Party was held on Dec. 8.
- Annual reading of the *The Polar Express* was held on Dec. 10 during Story Time at the Community Recreation Center.
- Light Up Cedar Hills (outdoor holiday lighting contest) held December 15.
- YCC's annual Santa's Workshop held to provide gifts for struggling families in Cedar Hills.
- City announces Utah County Bookmobile service in Cedar Hills.
- City offers Christmas tree recycling service.

More happenings at cedarhills.org/about.

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Mayor's Minute

Happy New Year everyone! What a pleasure it has been to be your mayor this last year and last few years. Because we do a formal State of the City Report when our fiscal year ends in June, I don't do one at the beginning of the year like most government executives do. However, I would like to point to a couple of significant achievements that we realized this past year.

We were able to refinance another city bond that will save residents about \$500,000 over the life of this loan. Altogether, we have refinanced three bonds and saved you about \$1.3 million dollars. We are constantly looking for ways to keep our finances headed in the right direction—which is lower.

Another area that I am particularly proud of is our staff for executing well on our recreation programs. We provide many avenues for our children to recreate. Not only is our recreation staff helping to provide Cedar Hills children with experiences that will be helpful in their lives, but our staff, under the direction of Greg Gordon, is keeping the costs low.



Lastly, I am proud of how our city community and recreation center, under the direction of Natalie Scott and her staff, has performed. We see many activities take place there every week—from karate, performing arts, and corporate events to the many weddings and parties.

I have been reading a baseball psychology book lately and have learned some lessons that apply to our little city. The great Ted Williams said he never intentionally tried to hit a home run. He claims that home runs came by



Mayor Gary Gygi

accident or luck as a result of his swing. He said his objective was to hit the ball back to the pitcher as hard as he could. Evidently, Williams was more focused on the process rather than the outcome. The lesson learned here is to focus on doing the right thing each time, and the desired results will take care of themselves. This is what we are trying to do—the right things every day. Then we communicate back to you on how we are doing. We have many important things to do this year, and with your help I am confident that

On-Street Winter Parking Regulations

Regarding on-street parking, the city's ordinance states: "It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in the same location on a street or municipal property for a continuous period of time exceeding 48 hours" (Ordinance 8-6-2008A). In addition to this regulation, which remains in effect, there are added restrictions from November 1 through March 31. Street parking is prohibited:

- 1) when snow is falling;
- 2) when the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall;
- 3) between 1:00am and 7:00am, November 1 through March 31;
- 4) during snow/ice removal;
- 5) for any continuous period of more than 48 hours.

Please Keep Snow Off the Street

Please refrain from removing snow from your property and placing it in the roadway of any street. This makes it difficult to keep roads cleared, and doing so creates dangerous conditions for all motorists. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Snow and Ice Removal by the City

The city's policy regarding snowplowing is that streets will be cleared when they have accumulated a minimum of two inches of snow. Clearing will continue until driving conditions are considered adequately safe. Streets receive higher priority according to volume of traffic, location near schools or public buildings, steepness of grade, collector streets, etc. Typically, low-volume streets and cul-de-sacs remain the last to be plowed.

The city staff is committed to provide safe road conditions and encourages everyone to be cautious and patient when driving in adverse conditions.

Motorized Vehicles on City Property

No motorized vehicles are allowed on city property, i.e. parks, golf course, etc. ATVs and other vehicles on the lawns at Mesquite and other parks damage the grass and sprinklers.

Sledding Prohibited on the Golf Course

Sledding, skiing, and the like are not allowed on the golf course. These activities severely damage the turf, and in some cases takes an entire season to restore. Please be considerate in this regard to help maintain and protect this valuable resource.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

We Can Make a Difference!

Since winter is here, it is time to think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice. Deicers lower the melting point of ice to help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common product, because it's effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Some deicers are significant sources of phosphorous. Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer's instructions. Using the old-fashioned approach of shoveling eliminates ice and snow without harmful chemicals and provides physical exercise.



City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

Vandalism is an issue we continue to have throughout the city, and it comes with a high price tag. Over the past few years we have spent almost \$140,000 to replace or repair items that have been vandalized. This is a low estimate as many items that are considered vandalism, just as flooding park restroom toilets, are not counted in this total. Some of the issues include:



Jenney Rees

- Graffiti on signs, trees, fences, park restrooms, playground equipment, etc.
- Destruction to the sewer system, which resulted in damage to the homes of a few residents
- Destruction of newly poured concrete
- Rocks being thrown through lit signs
- Damaging grass in roundabouts and parks from driving on it
- Stolen equipment
- Trees being cut down
- Broken streetlights
- Broken basketball backboards

This list is not all-inclusive but highlights many of the consistent problems we are having. Each incident is reported to the police department but it isn't often that the vandals are caught. The city is looking at ways to address this problem but we need the help of others. If you notice anything concerning, please contact American Fork Police Dispatch at 801-763-3020.

Please also talk with your kids and help them to understand the impacts from vandalism. Reports have indicated that getting youth involved in vandalism prevention has one of the greatest impacts on reducing vandalism issues.

All vandalism-related replacements and repairs are paid for with tax dollars, so this is an issue that affects us all. We appreciate your help.

Light Up Cedar Hills!

The city brought back the Light Up Cedar Hills contest last month. Judges from the beautification committee chose some of the best outdoor lighting displays in town. One winner was selected from each voting precinct, and the five winners, along with a photo of their homes, are featured on the home page of the city's website.

Board of Adjustment Vacancy

The City of Cedar Hills announces a vacancy in the office of the Board of Adjustment. The term of appointment of the regular member will be for a period of five years. The Mayor will make a recommendation to the City Council on appointments to the Board of Adjustment. Any qualified person interested in being considered for appointment may make application to Colleen Mulvey at the City Office Building, 10246 N Canyon Road, or by email at cmulvey@cedarhills.org. An application form may also be found online at cedarhills.org/committees-boards/board-adjustment.

Story Time Schedule

Story Time begins again on January 7 with more stories, games, songs, and fun! Story Time is held every Wednesday morning at the Community Recreation Center at 11:00. Story Time welcomes children up to age six accompanied by a caregiver.

Book the Vista Room for Your Special Event

The Vista Room at the community center is the perfect place for special events, weddings, parties, business meetings, and more. Special resident rates are available. Call Natalie or Becky at 801-785-9668, ext. 300, or visit VistaCedarHills.com.

City Requests Photos

If you have beautiful and interesting photos of the city, its surrounding mountains and views, animal life, or fascinating pictures of the people, we would like to receive them for possible use on the city's website and in city literature. Please e-mail JPG files to frontdesk@cedarhills.org.

Volunteers Needed for Lego League Qualifier

The City of Cedar Hills and Cedar Ridge Elementary will host the 2015 FIRST Lego League qualifier on January 17. Volunteers are still needed for the day of the qualifier. Information is available on the city's website. Questions? E-mail recreation@cedarhills.org or call: 801-785-9668, ext. 302.

The Charleston: Free Senior Education Class

Gaylinn Breeze, an adult-geriatric primary care nurse practitioner, will discuss "How to Find the Right Physician." She will also discuss the new blood pressure guidelines. This class is open to the general public on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Charleston at Cedar Hills, 10020 North 4600 West. For more information contact Carrie Harris at 801-772-0123.



**Cedar Hills and Highland City Youth Theater
Presents: *Annie! Jr.—The Musical***

Hey kids! Interested in musical theater? On Thursday evenings, beginning January 15, the City of Cedar Hills and Highland City are starting theater classes for youth ages 8 to 18. During this twelve week course students will learn the basics and finer points of musical theater, while rehearsing and performing *Annie! Jr.—The Musical*. Each student in the class will have a role in the production, which will be performed three times on April 3 and 4, 2015. The three-month class fee is \$35 per month or \$95, if paid in advance. Registration includes lessons by a certified theater instructor and tickets to four community theater productions. Classes will be held at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. Please sign up online at: cedarhills.sportsites.com, or for more information, e-mail Nicole at: nallen@cedarhills.org.



**Learn to Sing,
Dance, & Perform!**

Celebration Performers are accepting new students ages 6-16 to be in the spring shows. Learn from professional instructors

from BYU Young Ambassadors, Vocal Point, the BYU Ballroom Dance Company touring team. Classes are Thursdays at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center studio. **Register today!** Call Sherri at 801-492-7524 or e-mail: info@CelebrationPerformers.com.

Karate Classes - Register NOW!

A new session of karate classes begins **January 12**. The one-hour classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings for children ages 6-12 at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. The beginner-level class (white belt only) is at 4:00, the level two class (yellow to senior orange belt) is at 5:00, and the level three class (blue to senior blue belt) is at 6:00. The registration fee is \$50 for each five-week session. Register on the city's website or call 801-785-9668, ext. 302, with questions.



**Join Us at City Night with
BYU Men's Basketball**

Join us in the BYU Marriott Center for the Cedar Hills City Night with the BYU men's basketball team vs. Santa

Clara on **January 31**. Tickets are \$6 online at byutickets.com. Click "tickets" > "groups and promotions" > "promotion code entry" to access the shopping cart. The promo codes is: BYUCH.

Enjoy a Night out with the Utah Jazz!

Purchase discounted tickets at the Cedar Hills city office, 10246 N Canyon Road, for the Jazz game on **Monday, Feb. 23, 2015**, with the San Antonio Spurs. Upper concourse tickets are \$15 and include a free hot dog and a drink. Any seat is a great seat, with new video monitors positioned throughout the Energy Solutions arena. What a great way to spend an evening out with friends and family. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Go, Jazz!



Indoor Golf Instruction for Youth



Kids, keep your golf skills up during the winter months by participating in a four-week indoor golf program. Classes are taught by PGA professionals, and the student-to-instructor ratio is 6:1. Instruction includes putting, chipping, range, video and swing analysis, rules, and golf course etiquette. Registration runs through Feb.

4. Two sessions are being offered. The first session begins Feb. 5, and the second session begins March 5. There are four lessons per session and a variety of times and age groups available. Classes are taught indoors at Inmotion in Lindon. Cost is \$60 per student, ages four through 17. Register on the youth sports page of the Cedar Hills website at cedarhills.org.



7th Annual Santa's Workshop Is Huge Success!

A number of enthusiastic Youth City Council members helped brighten the Christmas mornings of many Cedar Hills Families last month. Thanks to the many generous donations from residents, corporate sponsors, and YCC fund raisers throughout the year, each recipient family received many items on their wish lists that were personally wrapped by the YCC. Cash donations will continue to be accepted all year long at the city office for next year's workshop.