



CEDAR HILLS

Our Home Town

City Newsletter

May 2005

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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SPECIAL BOND ELECTION - JUNE 28, 2005

Recently, the City Council called a special bond election to be held on June 28, 2005, to authorize long-term general obligation bonds to refinance the City's current short-term bonds used to construct the City's golf course. A bond is basically a loan to a city. General obligation bonds deliver the lowest interest rates available. The original bonds by the City's Municipal Building Authority were short-term bonds, structured similar to a short-term construction loan, and now need to be refinanced over a longer period. The maximum term of the general obligation bonds will be 30 years and the maximum amount borrowed will be \$7,000,000. With expected lower interest rates spread over more years, the City's annual debt burden will be reduced.

The City entered into short-term debt in 2002 and must repay that loan. The City is considering every practical alternative to repay its debts in a timely fashion and maintain its creditworthiness. The City will only issue general obligation bonds if approved by the electorate and if it is determined, in the judgment of the City Council, that it is the best means of meeting its obligations. The election will only authorize the City to issue enough bonds to retire its current Building Authority bonds and when the general obligation bonds are retired, any tax levy utilized to repay the debt must, by state law, be eliminated. Approval will not authorize the City to incur debt for any other reason. A successful election will not obligate the City to issue bonds. The City would only issue bonds if that is the best way to pay its debts. **WE URGE YOU TO STUDY THE ISSUE CAREFULLY AND TO VOTE ON JUNE 28.**

**To ensure that you are properly registered, any resident may contact the County Elections Office at 370-8128 or on-line at www.co.utah.ut.us. (Click on "Department" and then "Clerk" and it will guide you through Voter Registration verification.)

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

The City is looking for individuals who are willing to serve as Election Judges for the upcoming bond election and also the municipal elections. The position of Election Judge requires some training, but is an excellent way to contribute to the community. Judges are compensated for their time during training as well as during their service at the election. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please contact City Recorder/Elections Official Kim Holindrake at 801-785-9668 x101.

LANDSLIDE 2005 CEDAR HILLS DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The past week's landslide has caused our City to be included pretty regularly in the media. For an ongoing and complete update of what happened and what is continuing, please go to the City Web site at www.cedarhills.org and click on the provided link on the home page.

Families of the Mayor and City Council have created the **Cedar Hills Disaster Relief Fund**. Any interested individuals, groups or entities that would like to donate any monetary or in kind amount to help the families that have been displaced may contact the City Office at 785-9668 ex 100. These families were evacuated from their homes and may require displacement for a long period of time. The homes need to receive repairs, carpets cleaned, floors refinished, etc. The long-term structural stability of these homes is still to be evaluated.

The City would like to thank the tremendous community volunteer response that this emergency required. People have gone out of their way to help. We also have received help or offers of assistance from many local cities, Utah County Sheriff, Utah County Emergency Management and State of Utah agencies, as well as private businesses such as IHOP, Sonic Restaurants, Alpine Storage and the local Red Cross.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY ONLY	911	Cedar Hills City Office	785-9668
Police & Animal Control	763-3020	Cedar Hills Golf Club	796-1705
C.H.A.M.P.S. 24-Hour Hotline	785-9668 x112	Craig Carlisle, Fire Station	763-5365
Waste Management	785-3000	Mayor Mike McGee	472-6228 mmcgee@cedarhills.org
Lone Peak High School	763-7050	Council-Melissa Willie	763-1142 mwillie@cedarhills.org
American Fork High School	756-8547	Council-Rob Fotheringham	763-1444 rfotheringham@cedarhills.org
Mountain Ridge Junior High	763-7010	Council-Jim Perry	796-5517 jperry@cedarhills.org
Cedar Ridge Elementary School	785-8726	Council-James Parker	763-1820 jparker@cedarhills.org
Deerfield Elementary School	796-3141	Council-Darin Lowder	492-8047 dlowder@cedarhills.org

CITY MEETING UPDATES - MARCH

April 5, 2005 - City Council Meeting

- Two residents raised concern about the Council's decision to not adopt an ordinance banning the sale of alcohol.
- A resident had questions about the City's procurement code as it related to installation of fixtures at the golf course.
- A resident raised concern about speeding in the Canyon Heights subdivision.
- Brad Orton was appointed to serve on the Golf Course Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Brandon Hargett. (Vote: Unanimous)
- Mayor McGee was given authorization to negotiate a contract with RC Management for the golf course pro shop operations. (Vote: Unanimous)
- The City Council reviewed a request for an easement in the Canyon Heights subdivision. The request was denied. (Vote: Unanimous)
- Final plat approval was given to Elliot Fields Subdivision, with some conditions. (Vote: Unanimous)
- A grant variance for Canyon Heights, Plat B, Lot 39 was reviewed and referred to the Planning Commission. (Vote: Aye - 3, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1)
- A request was made to approve funding for Girls/Boys State; the request was denied. (Vote: Unanimous)
- An Executive Session was adjourned. No action was taken.

April 12, 2005 - Special City Council Meeting

- A resolution was adopted to provide for a special bond election to be held June 28, 2005. (Vote: Aye - 4, Nay - 1)

April 19, 2005 - Public Hearing and City Council Meeting

- A Public Hearing was held regarding proposed amendments to the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget. No comment.
- A resident raised concerns about speeding in the Canyon Heights subdivision.
- A resident gave an update to the City Council regarding a coalition who is proposing to gather signatures on a Citizens Initiative regarding alcohol sales and Sunday closure.
- A resident thanked the City Council for their quick response to the request to change the noise ordinance; a provision for the use of engine brakes was added. This resident also wanted to include Ironwood Drive in a speed study.
- A resident stated that he does not feel that moving forward with the commercial zone will be detrimental to the community. He stated that community standards are high and that nothing being considered by the Council will affect those standards.
- A resident stated her concern about a coalition that was formed that did not include contact information for the members. This resident's cell phone number was listed on one of the Coalition flyers and the resident felt that the issues are divisive and are hurting the community.
- Amendments were authorized to the FY2005 budget.
- A 2003 ordinance regarding the certified tax rate was reviewed. At this time, the ordinance will not be repealed.

April 28, 2005 - Planning Commission Meeting

- Paul Hammer was appointed as the Planning Commission representative to the Parks and Trails Committee.
- A number of issues were addressed which required further information. The following items were tabled until all of the necessary facts were provided: Variance for Canyon Heights, Plat B, Lot 39; Landscaping Ordinance; Rear lot line and irregular lot ordinance; Sign ordinance.

SIGNS, SIGNS, SIGNS

Many signs have been cropping up throughout the City. Please be reminded that NO SIGNS are allowed in any public easement areas. NO SIGNS are allowed on any regulatory signs (stop signs, street signs, etc.) or poles. Placing signs in unapproved locations can create a danger, such as impairing or concealing traffic signs, cause distraction to vehicle traffic, and can make areas unsightly due to an overrun of signs and failure to remove signs. ALL SIGNS PLACED IN UNAPPROVED LOCATIONS WILL BE REMOVED.

WHAT CAN I PUT IN AN EASEMENT?

Most properties have at least a 5-foot easement around the perimeter of the lot. Some properties have larger easements and some easements may have special restrictions. Before installing anything or constructing a fence, retaining wall, etc. you should contact the City's Building Department. Permits for such items do not cost you anything, but allow the Zoning Official to review the proposal and approve it, based on any restrictions, limitations or easements.

Concrete pads and fences are typically the only items permitted to be constructed over these easements, but should be done only after a permit has been approved. The location of a retaining wall needs to be carefully reviewed to ensure that it can be approved in the desired location. If retaining walls are constructed within a utility easement area without the proper permit, the homeowner may be responsible for all costs to restore the area in the event that the easement must be accessed. Play it safe and contact the Building Department and apply for an Installation Permit. If you have further questions concerning this or other issues, contact the Building Department at 801-785-6261.

POLICE BEAT

As a new feature of the City's newsletter, the police department will provide helpful information about trends or patterns in police activity. These articles are intended to make the residents aware of issues and concerns that may exist and provide tips to help combat problems.

CONSTRUCTION SITE BURGLARIES - There has been a growing trend of construction site burglaries in our area. We have had several incidents where plumbing in residences has either been damaged or removed. We have also had several reports of material thefts from homes under construction. These appear to be happening during the weekends when most job sites are left unattended. We would ask you as residents to report any suspicious vehicles or people on construction sites after normal working hours, or on weekends. If possible, a license plate number from those vehicles would greatly help the police in resolving these crimes.

PROPERTY VANDALISM/DAMAGE - With the arrival of warmer weather, the police are asking for residents to pay attention to City property. This is the time when an increase in property damage to the park restrooms and equipment is reported. Please notify the police of any suspicious activity resulting in property damage.

CEDAR HILLS IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK—
LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

THE FAMILY FESTIVAL AT CEDAR HILLS - This year's Family Festival Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 23. There will be a parade, Gorilla Mile and 5K Fun Run, children's games, family activities, food, outdoor performances, climbing walls, inflatable games, a three-on-three basketball tournament, and more! Top the day off with a family picnic in the park (bring your own picnic), live entertainment, and spectacular fireworks!

Annual Firecracker Golf Tournament - In conjunction with the Family Festival, the annual Firecracker Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 22. Register your four-man team at the golf shop.

Family Dinner and Outdoor Movie - On Friday evening, July 22, bring your family for a dinner and an outdoor movie at Heritage Park.

Parade Grand Marshal Nominations - The Family Festival Committee is seeking nominations for this year's Parade Grand Marshal. Those who wish to submit someone should type a nomination, including why he or she should be considered, and list the address and phone numbers of both the person making the submission and the one to be considered. Nominations should be submitted to the City office by June 20, 2005.

Get Involved - Get involved with the Family Festival by displaying your crafts, becoming a vendor or exhibitor, by placing an entry in the parade, or by volunteering. We need your help to make this year's Festival great, so call and get involved. There are many ways you can participate in this wonderful community tradition. Contact Melissa Dredge at 785-9668, ext. 114, or e-mail at: mdredge@cedarhills.org for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION (CONT.)

NORTH UTAH COUNTY SOCCER - Registration for the Fall 2005/Spring 2006 "Challenger" Recreation Soccer Season continues this month and continues through early June.

Saturday, May 14 - Highland City Building 9am-1pm

Saturday, May 21 - Timberline Middle School Soccer Field 11am-1pm

Saturday, June 4 - Highland City Building 9am-1pm

Tryouts for Competition (AA) Soccer will be held on Saturday, May 21 at Mountain Ridge Junior High. Times for each age group, or any other NUCS information, please visit www.northutahcountysoccer.com.

NORTH UTAH COUNTY CHOIR - Come and enjoy the folk music of America with over 70 performers in "The Sounds of Americana." Selections range from the Randall Thompson settings of the Robert Frost poems entitled "Frostiana" to "Oh Susanna!" Accompanied by full orchestra and highlighted with a blue grass band, this concert promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the year. Put it on your calendar for May 13 and 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Alpine Tabernacle in American Fork (corner of Main Street/100 East). **Admission is free**, but canned food donations for the Utah Food Bank are welcome.

ADULT CO-ED SUMMER SOCCER - If you are an adult interested in reliving the glory days in a soccer league this summer (without the pain and full contact style of play), please sign up at www.oaknorton.com. Oak Norton is organizing a summer league for the local region of towns and you need to sign up by May 15. Come have some fun and show your kids how it's done (or not done)!

MOUNTAINVILLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL - A new charter school is currently in the founding stages of formation in the Alpine/Highland area. They are eagerly seeking interested parents and students. Mountainville Academy's aim is to open its doors in Fall 2006. Now is the time to get involved! For more information about this exciting new school, offering quality tuition-free education, visit www.MountainvilleAcademy.org.

ALPINE COMMUNITY THEATER AUDITIONS - Alpine Community Theater proudly presents "Annie Warbucks" August 1-6 and 8. "Annie Warbucks" is the charming, heart-warming and long-awaited sequel to "Annie." Auditions will be held May 14 at Timberline Middle School. We need girls ages 6 and up, along with boys 15 and up. There are many roles for adults as well, including the famous roles of Daddy Warbucks and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Come prepared to sing for 1-2 minutes, read lines and learn some dance steps. Visit their Web site at www.alpinecommunitytheater.com for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY

3	City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm	17	City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
8	Mother's Day	19	Parks and Trails Committee - 7:00 p.m.
13	North Utah County Choir Performance "The Sounds of Americana" 7:30 p.m.	21	Armed Forces Day NUCS Soccer Registration 11am - 1pm Timberline Middle School Soccer Field
14	NUCS Soccer Registration 9am -1pm at Highland City Building	23	Victoria Day
14	North Utah County Choir Performance "The Sounds of Americana" 7:30 p.m.	26	Planning Commission Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.
15	Adult Co-Ed Summer Soccer Deadline	30	Memorial Day - City Office CLOSED

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

7	City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	23	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
21	City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	28	Special Bond Election - PLEASE VOTE