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### Upcoming Events:

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>Dec 7</b>
City Office CLOSED at noon	<b>Dec 23</b>
City Office CLOSED	<b>Dec 24 &amp; 31</b>
City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>Jan 4</b>

### City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:  
Front Desk, 100  
City Recorder, 101  
Planning, 109  
Business Licensing, 108  
Building/Zoning, 105  
Utility Billing, 108  
Community Services, 114  
Public Works, 202  
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Animal Control, 763-3020  
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# OUR HOME TOWN

City Newsletter • December 2010

## Seasons Greetings!

### Year in Review

#### Noteworthy Headlines from 2010

- Newly elected officials—Mayor Eric Richardson and Council Members Scott Jackman and Stephanie Martinez—were sworn in.
- The 2009 Fiscal Year Audit was accepted. The auditors reported they had never seen a better municipal audit, and staff was thanked for their diligence and expertise.
- The Provo Reservoir Canal Greenway Interlocal Agreement was entered into with Utah County for the development and maintenance of a trail system over the Murdock Canal.
- The Blue Ribbon Recreation Committee was created to assist and give input to City officials regarding the potential of a City center.
- The Beautification Committee was created to increase beautification and community involvement.
- The Recreation, Parks, and Trails Committee was created to help facilitate parks, trails, and recreational events.
- Free golf was offered to Cedar Hills residents during the first three weeks in March.
- The Youth City Council hosted the Cedar Hills Easter Egg Hunt on March 27.
- 2010 Census percentages came in with Cedar Hills at 82% participation, compared to the State of Utah at 75% participation.
- A walk-a-thon sponsored by Cedar Ridge Elementary PTA was held April 22.
- All military personnel and veterans were honored with a free round of golf at the Cedar Hills Golf Club during the week of Silver Star Day.
- The prestigious Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Award was presented to the City. The City has received this award eight out of the last nine years.
- National Trails Day was observed on June 5.
- The City participated in the centennial celebration of the Boy Scouts of America by doing clean-up and maintenance projects.
- Cedar Hills was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA.
- The Beautification Committee invited residents to a Trash Pick-up Family Night on June 14.
- Another great Cedar Hills Family Festival was held during the last week in June.
- A beautiful new McDonald’s restaurant opened its doors in Cedar Hills on July 26.
- Various youth sports programs were offered through the City, such as Lacrosse, Tot Soccer, Cedar Hills Flag Football, Junior Jazz Basketball, and Cedar Hills Ski Bus.
- The City Council announced the approval for the development of a 16,000 square-foot community events and recreation center in the City of Cedar Hills. The new facility will be located at the current golf course clubhouse site and will be built with funds that the City has saved over the last six years from impact fees.
- The City adopted a Storm Water Management Program as part of the updated EPA-enforced Uniform Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES).
- Year-end estimated population: 9,906.



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## City Meeting Updates

### Work Session—November 9, 2010

- Curtis Minor Architects presented updated floor plans and exterior elevations for the Community Events and Recreation Center (CERC).

### City Council Meeting – November 9, 2010

- Utah State House Representative Craig Frank reported to the Council that for the first time since the 1970's the Speaker of the House resides in Utah County, that Utah is ranked by Forbes as the number one state for business opportunity, that Utah's unemployment rate is lower than the national average, that Utah maintained a triple A bond rating despite the recession, and that the expected issues for the 2011 Legislature are waste stench (TSSD) and education funding.
- The City will snowplow Hillside Drive and Renaissance Drive in exchange for the HOA leaving the north gates open between October 1 and May 1, as a safety to residents and plow drivers.
- Resolution No. 11-9-2010A passed regarding the Storm Water Management Program with opposition to the Federal EPA's unfunded mandate for the program.
- Ordinance No. 11-9-2010A was approved redefining "family" as it pertains to household.
- Ordinance No. 11-9-2010B was approved defining "accessory apartment" and the conditional uses associated to an accessory apartment.
- The first quarter financial statements were reviewed.
- An executive session was held regarding the competency of an individual.

### Planning Commission – November 18, 2010

- The 2011 meeting schedule was approved.
- Parking regulations were discussed.
- The definition of "single-family dwelling" was discussed.

### Special City Council Meeting – November 23, 2010

- Curtis Minor Architects presented information on the Community Events and Recreation Center (CERC) specific to elevations and plans on a schematic level. Action was taken to accept preliminary concepts subject to cost estimates, changes to window bands, prioritization of recreation center programs, and legal review.



## Message Board

### City offices closing for holidays

The City offices will close at noon on Dec. 23 and all day on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. However, garbage service will run as usual with pick up scheduled for normal days.

### City Meeting Agendas

To receive notification of City meeting agendas, please visit the Utah Public Notice Web site at [www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html](http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html). At this site you can register to receive agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Traffic Safety and Livability Oversight Committee, and other meetings.

### Cedar Hills Golf Club

#### Holiday Gifts for Golfers

For your shopping needs, the Cedar Hills Golf Club pro shop will be open in December on Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Prices have been reduced for inventory clearance. Gift certificates are also available. A season pass makes a great gift for the golfer in your life. Hurry and purchase season passes before the new year to avoid possible price increases.

### All Aboard for the Polar Express...!

All preschool age children are invited to a reading of *The Polar Express* by Council Members Martinez and Wright. The magical journey begins **Thurs., Dec. 16**, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cedar Hills Public Safety Building, 3925 W. Cedar Hills Drive....And, of course, *hot chocolate* will be served. Bring a pillow or a blanket, and get ready to travel to the North Pole with other boys and girls who truly believe!



## ON-STREET PARKING REMINDERS

We ask all residents to keep parked cars off of the streets during the snow season. Doing so makes it easier for snow plows to get in and out of the streets, creates safer conditions for other residents, and keeps cars from being trapped along the side of the road.

It is unlawful to park any vehicles upon the streets:

When snow is falling

When there is a visible amount of snow on the street

When the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall  
Between the hours of 1:00am to 7:00am (November 1 through March 31)

During snow/ice removal

For any continuous period of more than 48 hours

The Police Department will be notified when illegally parked cars are encountered. In addition, if unsafe conditions exist due to violation of the parking regulations, plow operators may discontinue snow removal operations in that area. A complete copy of the City's ordinance is available on the City's Web site. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure a safe snow season.

## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

As indicated in last month's newsletter, every five years the City is required to update and submit a Storm Water Management Program to the State of Utah. In addition to previous requirements, the EPA has mandated a number of unfunded provisions to the program.

Staff has been busy preparing and completing the City's Annual Storm Water Report, which will be submitted to the Utah Division of Water Quality. The report contains information about the City's system and the efforts we make each year to complete the best management practices for the minimum control measures, as outlined by EPA guidelines for municipal separate storm water systems.

Due to increased mandatory regulations, the industry now expends several billions of dollars in Utah alone, having caused storm water issues to become a *major* component of Public Works. The Cedar Hills Public Works staff anticipates that storm water related expenses, including equipment, manpower, and technical expenses, will exceed \$300,000 in the next fiscal budget. Due to increased regulations, additional financial and inspection requirements are now in effect. Cities throughout Utah County report annual storm water fund budgets from \$250,000 to \$2.7 million.

While we must comply with the EPA regulations for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES), as administered through the Utah Division of Water Quality, we do so cautiously and judiciously. Costs to taxpayers are skyrocketing here and across the county. As these requirements are implemented, the City will continuously review current and future methods to minimize user fee increases. However, the City is being asked to comply with increased EPA standards and regulations, which add increased costs to the program.

## Entertaining for the Holidays?

*Think GREEN with these tips from Waste Management*

To make holiday parties as eco-friendly as possible, start with the three Rs of conservation: reduce, reuse, and recycle.

- Eliminate traditional paper party invitations and go digital! Online e-vites are often free and help cut back on the four billion trees felled each year for paper products.

- Create a menu that utilizes food with recyclable or zero packaging/wrappings.
- Use reusable bags when grocery shopping.
- Party decorations? Go without or decorate with fresh flowers and evergreen trimmings that can be composted. It's a much "greener" approach to use branches, fruits, leaves, and dried flowers from the yard or local farmers markets.
- Candles are also a great way to create a festive atmosphere.
- Skip the plastic table cloths and use washable, reusable, or recyclable paper table cloths to cover tables.
- Use tableware and cloth napkins that can be washed and used again.

**Below is a snapshot of the City's municipal solid waste and recycling activities for January through August 2010.**

Solid Waste Households: 2,365

Recycling Households: 818

Municipal Solid Waste: 2,410 tons

Municipal Recycling: 153.7 tons

**HAPPY FACTS: By recycling 153.7 tons of recyclables, Cedar Hills residents have helped to:**

- Save 2,600 trees: Enough timber for 32M sheets of newspaper.
- Save 630,000 KW-hours of electricity: Enough for the annual energy needs for 50 American homes.
- Save 71,000 gallons of oil: Enough to heat and cool 300 homes for one year.
- Save 3,600 gallons of gasoline: Enough to drive 100,000 miles.
- Save 1,075,000 gallons of water: Enough to meet the daily fresh water needs of 10,000 Americans.

Don't forget to recycle over the holidays!

## "I have a question...."

**Q:** I am wondering when you expect UTOPIA to be available in Cedar Hills. The only information I could find was a blurb on the City's Web site from 2007 saying that it would be here in 2-3 years. Are there any further updates or estimates on when we can expect UTOPIA?

**A:** Unfortunately, no. Although Cedar Hills is a founding member of the fiber-optic network, the City opted NOT to guarantee the bonding for construction costs with sales tax revenues, so we are at the bottom of the list, still waiting for the network installation. There have been a number of articles about UTOPIA in the Daily Herald recently. If you want to search for the articles, go to: [www.heraldextra.com](http://www.heraldextra.com).



*If you have a City-related question or comment that you would like addressed in a future edition of the City newsletter, simply e-mail your question to: [frontdesk@cedarhills.org](mailto:frontdesk@cedarhills.org) with the words "I have a question" in the subject line. City staff will respond to questions and comments in the newsletter as space allows.*

## Join the Cedar Hills Ski Bus

**Hurry! The bus is filling up fast!**

We're excited to offer a chartered ski bus to Snowbird for kids ages 7 to 17. The program includes three sessions (January 8, 15, & 22) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., including travel; adult-supervised transportation to and from the resort; and skill-appropriate ski or board lessons each week with free ski time—all for only \$179 per child. **Skiers from neighboring cities are welcome to join at no additional cost.** Due to a waiver that must be signed by a parent or guardian, registration is available at the Cedar Hills main office only until all seats on the bus are filled. Questions? Call Chandler Goodwin in the Community Services Dept. at: 801-785-9668, ext. 114.

## Help YCC help kids

The Youth City Council will run its third annual Santa's Workshop toy drive this month. Last year's effort was a great success and helped brighten the Christmas mornings of over 20 Cedar Hills families in need. To help, please bring new or gently used toys, games, books, and stuffed animals and gift cards or cash to the City office by **Wed., Dec. 15**, at 5:00 p.m. Help make this program a success once again.



## Donate to the Holiday Food Drive

Did you know that there are over 77,000 people living in poverty in Utah County? This holiday season you can make a difference for a family in need right here in your community. Donate non-perishable items to the Community Action Food Bank by dropping off food at Smith's and Jiffy Lube locations or at other participating grocery stores in your neighborhood. The food bank needs canned meats, peanut butter, cereals, pasta, spaghetti sauce, diapers, toilet paper, and other hygiene items. Find out more or donate online at [www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org). The Community Action Food Bank is the only food bank that serves Utah County.

## Timpanogos Chorale Concert

The American Fork Arts Council presents the Timpanogos Chorale in a Christmas concert on **Friday, Dec. 10**, at 7:30 p.m. in the American Fork High School auditorium. Suggested donations of \$3 per person or \$10 per family will be accepted at the door. The choir is directed by Brett Rasmussen, with Leonard O'Reilly on the vibraharp. This concert is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with beautiful music, making it a perfect night out with the family.

## Fire Safety Tips for the Holidays

This holiday season there are a few fire safety items that we would like to address. Remember to keep all open flames secured within a fire resistant area. Open flames such as candles, especially in bedrooms, are a high cause of house fires. When using heaters inside a home, tent, etc., make sure that they are designed for closed spaces. Heaters that burn fuel are usually not designed to be used indoors and can produce carbon monoxide, a deadly gas. Make sure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working with fresh batteries installed. Lastly, if you live near a fire hydrant, please make sure that the snow is cleared within at least a three-foot radius. During a fire, time is of the essence. Removing the snow makes it faster to locate and attach fire hoses to take care of your emergency.



## Lone Peak Dept. fights fire in Alpine

On Sunday, Nov., 14, the Lone Peak Fire Department responded quickly to a house fire in Alpine and was able to save half the house. The fire started around 3:30 in the afternoon. A neighbor noticed smoke and flames and called 911. As the fire department arrived, the fire had already spread into the attic and was swiftly moving through the house. With the help of neighboring fire agencies (Lehi, American Fork, and Pleasant Grove), part of the house and some of the family's contents were saved.



## School Open Enrollment

Lincoln Academy, a free public school (K-9th grade) will hold open enrollment through January 28, 2011. Apply online at [www.lincoln-academy.org](http://www.lincoln-academy.org). School tours will be held every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. through January 26. The school is located at 1582 West 3300 North, Pleasant Grove.

## Lone Peak Chamber Singers

Are you looking for some fine entertainment for a holiday party? Please consider Lone Peak High School's Chamber Singers. The choir is working hard to raise funds for its upcoming tour to New York City to perform in Carnegie Hall. The choir will present a 20-30 minute program of holiday favorites for your event! While they don't charge a fee, they gladly accept donations (\$75-\$200). Please call Ms. Lois Johnson for more information or to schedule a performance: 801- 717-4568, ext. 102.

## Fund Raiser for Choirs

Scott Hancock Photography has teamed up with the Lone Peak Chamber and A Cappella choirs for a fundraiser: **A family sitting and one 8 x 10 print for \$20!** Additional prints will be available at a discount. Appointments must be made before January 31. Contact a member of Chamber or A Cappella or Jocelyn Parmer at 801-766-9162 for more information.

Everyone is invited to attend a FREE Christmas concert featuring all of the Lone Peak choirs on **Thurs., Dec. 16**, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.



## City offers Christmas tree recycling

Recycling bins for **Christmas trees ONLY** will be available at the following two locations: Mesquite Soccer Park parking lot at 10440 Mesquite Way and Heritage Park parking lot at 4425 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Dumpsters will be available from **Wed., Jan. 5, through Wed., Jan. 12**. All attachments must be removed from the trees, including stands. Flocked trees are NOT accepted, as they are not recyclable. **No other waste, garbage, or commercial dumping is permitted in the bins.** Mixed loads cannot be recycled and will cause significant increases in cost to the City. With everyone's considerate compliance, the City will be able to continue this service.