



CEDAR HILLS

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Apr 5 & 19
Miss Marisa's Story Time - 11:00 a.m.	Apr 13
Citywide Spring Clean Up - 7AM to Noon	Apr 16 & 23
Plants & Soils Classes Rec Center, 6:30 p.m.	Apr 20 May 18
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Apr 26

City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then extension:
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 503
Zoning & Code Enforcement, 500
Business Licensing, 400
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

City Provides Dumpsters for Spring Clean-Up

The city will sponsor its 18th annual Spring Clean-Up on two Saturdays, **April 16 and April 23**. Large roll-off dumpsters will be available from 7AM to NOON at the following locations:

- Sunset Park: 9814 N Dorchester Drive
- Heritage Park: 4450 W Cedar Hills Drive
- Hayes Circle: The Cedars
- Timpanogos Cove Park: 9508 N Timpanogos Cove
- Morgan Blvd/Sage Vista Drive



Do not place the following items in the dumpsters: car tires, car batteries, motor oil, appliances, electronic devices, concrete, construction materials, or liquids. Tree limbs should not exceed six inches in diameter and 12 feet in length. If the dumpster is full, please take the load to another location.

The city encourages residents to clean their yards, sweep gutters and sidewalks, and do their best to improve neighborhoods. Owners should clear vacant lots of garbage and tall weeds. In the spirit of Spring Clean-Up, please assist those who may need a helping hand.

Group projects can be coordinated through the city's Beautification Committee. Call or text Boyd Wilkins at 801-822-7601 for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items, such as old gasoline, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, and unused medications, will be offered safe disposal of these items. The collection will take place in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre Mall in Provo on Saturday, **April 9**, from 9am to 3pm. For details, including a list of what will or will not be collected, please visit the Utah County Health Department website or call 801-225-8538.

Plant a Tree; Win a Prize!

Celebrate Arbor Day on April 29 by planting a tree! The first 25 people who send a photo of themselves planting a tree on or before Arbor Day this year will receive two free admission tickets to Thanksgiving Point Gardens, generously donated by Thanksgiving Point. Limit: two tickets per household. Please send photos to Laurie Petersen at lpetersen@cedarhills.org. Trees must be planted on private property only. Cedar Hills is a distinguished member of Tree City USA and continually focuses on the benefits of planting and caring for trees.

Youth City Council Application Deadline

Students in grades 9 through 12 can submit the application online through **April 30** at: cedarhills.org/youth-city-council. Interviews will be held in May, and the new 2016-17 YCC session begins in June.



Mayor's Minute

On April the 4th of 1887 in Argonia, Kansas, a momentous event took place. I know what you're thinking; you have never heard of Argonia, let alone a momentous event having taken place there. Please stick with me. Argonia today has about 500 people, 200 households, and 135 families. In 1887 the population was about 400 people, so not much has happened in 129 years, as far as population goes. But in 1887 the good people of Argonia elected Susanna M. Salter as the first elected woman mayor in the United States. Her tenure as mayor was uneventful, but I am grateful, as are my wife and daughters, that she did something that no woman had done up until that time. That is something.

We are working on some things in our city that are new, but not first-time-ever new. The city owns nine acres by the Warenski Funeral Home and south of Hart's Gas and Food. This area is zoned for commercial use and is our best retail or commercial land in the city. As a result, we have received two offers for this land. We did not have it listed, but we are represented by professional real estate agents to help us value our property. I anticipate responding with an offer before I write next month's newsletter column, so maybe next month I can report on a transaction that is being finalized.

As I mentioned, this is prime retail land and, coincidentally, we have been working on the language of our code, general plan, and design requirements. These documents help us plan for the development of not just this land, but all the land in Cedar Hills. Many of you participated in a survey that asked for your ideas on the use of this land. I hope we can give what you expressed that you wanted in the survey.



Mayor Gary Gygi

On another note, a couple of city council members would like to explore the possibility of building a city pool or aquatic center. Recreationally speaking, I would love this. Financially speaking, I worry tremendously about a project such as this. I have always believed that my best advice and ideas come from you, so I am asking for your help again.

I have created several resident-driven committees to study issues facing the city, and they have been very successful. I would like some volunteers to make up an aquatic center committee, so that we can vet this idea. Even though I may not think this is a good financial idea, it is your money. If you want it done, I will make sure we have a great aquatic center. One thing I will be very clear on is the cost or debt and ongoing subsidy. We will have a full and fair discussion on the pros and cons of doing this, because there are both.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

Keeping the Waterways Clear during Landscape and Garden Maintenance: What can you do?

- Control erosion on your property by planting groundcover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
- Use up pesticides. Rinse containers; use rinse water as product. Dispose of rinsed containers in the trash.
- Collect lawn and garden clippings, prunings, and tree trimmings. Chip, if necessary, and compost.
- Sweep and collect dirt from driveways and walks and dispose of debris in the garden.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to instructions. Rinse containers and dispose of them in the trash.

IMPORTANT: Close PI valve before April 15!

Please make sure your main pressurized irrigation valve is in the CLOSED position before April 15.

Has your sewer rate changed? Don't Panic!

Each year sewer rates are recalculated based on your average culinary water usage of the previous five months from November through March. This average becomes the new sewer rate for the next 12 months.

Water Conservation Practices Encouraged

As we begin another watering season, we encourage everyone to implement water conservation practices. There are many resources available. Visit www.conservewater.utah.gov for info about water-wise plants and how to obtain a free Slow the Flow water check. Water is not a renewable resource, so we need to use it wisely!



Lawn Watering Guide for April and May

A typical Utah lawn has a water demand curve that begins in mid-April, rises to a peak in July, and then falls rapidly until mid-October. Please be advised that, according to State guidelines, no lawn irrigation is needed in April. The recommendation for May is 21 minutes every four days (double the time for rotary sprinklers).

April	May
No irrigation needed	21 min. every 4 days

City Council Corner

Council members have the opportunity to provide links to their council blogs, where city-related information can be shared. We hope this will increase communication and will provide a variety of views on the important topics facing our city.

Daniel Zappala

The city is currently revising our zoning and development ordinances for the commercial zone. We will be holding public hearings on our proposed revisions. If you would like to learn more about the changes we are drafting, see cedarhillsblog.org.

Rob Crawley

“Corruption” and “government” are two words that seem to go hand in hand. This has been true since the beginning of time. Some say that this is only true for national politics. However, as much as I would like to believe that our state, county, or city leaders are exempt from wrongdoing, experience has shown that all levels of government are susceptible to inappropriate actions. It is the duty of all residents to maintain a healthy skepticism of those in office in order to help those serving remain true servants of the people, rather than servants of themselves or beholden to a cause that may be contrary to the will of the people. Read more at: cedarhillsrob.blogspot.com.

Jenney Rees

Find blog at: jenneyrees.wordpress.com.

Classes on Plants and Soils

This popular series of free classes with Dr. Dianne Farrer continues **April 20** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the community center. No registration required. April’s class will address lawn care. Detailed information about each class is available on the city’s website.



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The city’s current 2015 Drinking Water Quality Report is linked in this month’s paperless billing and may also be viewed on the city’s website. The report informs consumers of the water quality and services delivered by the city every day. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets Federal and State requirements.



Jeremy Brunner

Parade Grand Marshal Announced

We are excited to announce that this year’s grand marshal for the Family Festival parade on June 4 is Jeremy Brunner, principal at Cedar Ridge Elementary. Mr. Brunner loves teaching and sees education as a key to creating positive opportunities for children. Not only does he play an important role in the lives of many Cedar Hills children, but he is committed to building up and maintaining positive communication between the school and the community, lending priceless support and assistance with the festival each year. We look forward to honoring him.

Looking Forward to Family Festival 2016

Mark your calendars! Family Festival will run Tuesday, May 31, through Saturday, June 4. Discounted advance tickets for the Tuesday Swim Night, Friday Night Dinner, and Carnival are available online or at the city office beginning April 4. Advance-purchase tickets are the BEST value available. Ticket prices go up as the events begin. Follow Cedar Hills Family Festival on Facebook for the latest festival news and information.

Scout Helps Radon Awareness

Spencer Anderson, 13, is an Eagle Scout candidate who wants to help others. He got the idea of a radon awareness project when he overheard his parents talking about radon and how it is a leading cause of lung cancer, second only to smoking. The Andersons had tested their home a few years ago and found that their radon level was very high. They had a radon mitigation system placed in their home that had dropped the radon levels well below the danger levels that the EPA has set.



Spencer Anderson

So Spencer started to plan: “I wanted to do something with what I like most: graphics. After turning my flier in to the city they decided to put it on the city website as part of a permanent radon information page. I’m honored that the city would use my project as an informational tool to help keep residents from future harm. It is my hope that all residents in Cedar Hills will test their homes for radon and mitigate when necessary. Hopefully, we can prevent lung cancer caused by radon.”

Spencer’s informational flier can be viewed on the city’s website at cedarhills.org/radon.

T-Ball Registration Continues

T-ball for boys and girls, ages four and five. Each child bats every inning and plays in the outfield. Games played twice a week, beginning the last week of May through the end of June. Register online **until May 8**, or until the teams are full. Cost per child is \$25.



Computer Camps for Kids

Hey, kids, ages 7 to 14! We're offering computer camps in June. Dive into the exciting world of computer coding and game design. Register now! Get all the information at: cedarhills.org/coding.

Next Session of Karate Classes Begins April 25

Karate classes for children ages 6-12, various levels. Online registration available at cedarhills.org.

Family Festival Pickleball Tournament

For doubles and mixed doubles of all ages and skill levels. Held June 4 at the LPHS tennis courts at 10:00 a.m. Pre-register online for \$15 per couple. Registrations accepted on day of event for \$20 per couple. Must sign up in pairs. Paddles and balls will be available, if needed.

Family Festival 3V3 Soccer Tournament

For kids, 10 through 17. Create a team of up to five players in your age and gender bracket. Pre-register online for \$50 per team. Registrations accepted on day of event for \$60 per team. Tournament held June 1 at Mesquite Park at 10:00 a.m. Age brackets for boys or girls are: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, and 16-17.

Lacrosse League for Boys, Grades 3-8

Cedar Hills Recreation partners with Central Utah Youth Lacrosse. Six-game season played on Saturdays. Games begin June 18. Optional training classes available with LPHS lacrosse coach for additional fee. All other information and registration is available on the city's website.

Free Golf for Week of Silver Star Day

The city wishes to honor all military personnel, including veterans, with a free round of golf at the Cedar Hills Golf Club during the week of Silver Star Day (May 1). Complimentary green and cart fees for nine holes are available Monday, May 2, through Wednesday, May 4. Please bring military I.D.

Annual Fundraiser Promises Food, Fun for All

Cedar Ridge Elementary PTA invites residents to the 2nd annual Community Family Celebration on Friday, May 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the school. Funds raised from the event directly support the students at Cedar Ridge. There will be food trucks; free activities for the young and young at heart; a silent auction, featuring sports memorabilia, gift certificates for services, baskets filled with exciting activities for kids, and a whole lot more. If you would like to volunteer to help that evening or have questions or need more information, contact Val-li Nield at 801-785-7996 or Linda Oler at 801-492-3637.

Miss Marisa's Story Time

Meet us by the fireplace in the Vista Room on **April 13** at 11:00 a.m. for stories, singing, and art with Marisa Wright. Story Time is held on the second Wednesday of each month through May 2016.

Families Attend Preparedness Event

Thank you to everyone who attended the city's Be Ready Utah family preparedness event last month. Well over 400 residents attended and contributed to its success.

The city has actively focused on citywide preparedness since 2010, progressing with The Year of Emergency Preparedness in 2011 and building momentum to the fourth annual town hall event last month—and there will be more to come! We appreciate our wonderful residents who are anxious to learn and share their knowledge and expertise.

If you were unable to attend this year's event, we have a few "Quick Series" Family Preparedness booklets left. If you would like to receive a booklet, contact Laurie Petersen at: lpetersen@cedarhills.org.

The Great Utah ShakeOut Is Back!

On Thursday, April 21, at 10:15 a.m. hundreds of thousands of Utahns, along with millions worldwide, will practice "drop, cover, and hold on," as they participate in the only statewide emergency drill in Utah. The Cedar Hills staff registered to participate...and so can YOU! Register to hold your individual, family, or organization ShakeOut drill on any day of the year. Participating is a great way for families and organizations to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes—wherever they live, work, or travel. Participation is simple: Visit shakeout.org/utah today to register, to plan your drill, to be counted in the ShakeOut, and more.