



CEDAR HILLS

# OUR HOME TOWN

City Newsletter • September 2016

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## Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sep 6 &amp; 20</b>
Bookmobile, 1-3pm No service Sept. 5	<b>Sep 19</b>
Plants & Soils Class	<b>Sep 21</b>
Karate Classes Registration Deadline	<b>Sep 26</b>
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sep 27</b>

## 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

## Department of Environmental Quality Water Samples Show Metals Contamination in American Fork River *Public Cautioned to Avoid Sediments*

Utah health officials continue to caution the public, especially children, to stay out of the American Fork River from Tibble Fork Reservoir and downstream, after water samples analyzed by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) found elevated levels of lead in the sediments. Samples taken from above and below Tibble Fork Dam continue to show elevated levels of metals in the sediment, but also show lower concentrations in the water.

As a precaution, the Utah County Health Department (UCHD) has posted “caution” signs along the river, urging people to avoid wading in the river or walking along the banks, due to potentially toxic sediments that were unleashed Saturday, August 13, 2016, from the Tibble Fork Dam Rehabilitation Project.

UCHD also advises that, if members of the public experience exposure or come into contact with the river bank sediment, it should be washed from skin, clothing, or equipment to avoid possible contamination to automobiles or homes.

Since the elevated concentration of metals appears mostly in the sediment, not the water, agricultural users can continue to use the river for irrigation. Based on the sampling results, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food issued a statement explaining that it does not believe the water poses a risk to livestock or crops. Drinking water is not impacted, because the river water is not used for culinary purposes. At this time, there is no indication that any culinary water was impacted.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) urges anglers to practice “catch and release” as a precaution. DWR biologists collected live fish from the creeks to determine whether the sediment releases had any long-term effects. Biologists will work with the DEQ and the Utah Department of Health to monitor potential impacts to aquatic wildlife and to ensure that the fish are safe to consume.

## Note from the City of Cedar Hills

Although the city’s pressurized irrigation system receives a very minor amount of flow from the American Fork River, the city shut off all incoming flows from the river to the city system beginning August 22. After receiving additional testing data from samples that were collected by the DEQ on August 27, the city resumed receiving flows from the river on September 2, based on recommendations that the water was safe for irrigation and recreational purposes. As always, irrigation water is unsafe for culinary (drinking) purposes.

We invite residents to conserve irrigation water and heed the recommendations of the DEQ, as noticed in their most recent news release and on their website at: [tibble.utah.gov](http://tibble.utah.gov).

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### Mayor's Minute

On September the 1<sup>st</sup> of 1874, a future writer was born to Civil War veteran Major George Tyler Burroughs and his wife Mary Evaline (Ziegler) Burroughs in the suburb of Oak Park, Illinois. Their son, Edgar, drifted around for much of his adolescence, spending time on the Raft River in Idaho with his brother. He then tried to enter a US military academy, but failed the exam. This landed him in the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Calvary as an enlisted man. After his discharge he worked various low-paying jobs. Are you beginning to get a feel for this guy? He eventually ended up working for his father and marrying his childhood sweetheart.

After four children he began putting pencil to paper, writing fiction and science fiction. He stumbled upon a story of a boy raised by apes, swinging from tree to tree. If you don't know by now, there is a movie currently playing, continuing the saga of Tarzan. We don't have ape-raised boys swinging from the trees in Cedar Hills, but there is always excitement and plenty of projects that we are working on.

I am going to write about a long ago planned project at American Fork Canyon's Tibble Fork Reservoir. The project is to dredge the reservoir and raise the dam about 15 feet, while strengthening it. This will extend the size of the reservoir by about 700 feet. Last summer there was a similar project at Silver Lake Flat Reservoir.

Tibble Fork has had abandoned mine tailings on the bottom of the reservoir for about 50 to 100 years. That sludge is being dredged up, and here is the rub: As of this writing, August 25, 2016, the dredging and subsequent runoff have caused elevated levels of lead, arsenic, and cadmium.

This project is sponsored by the North Utah County Water Conservancy District, with help from Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Forest Service, Utah State Dam Safety, Department of Wildlife Resources, USDA, and others. The upshot is that there are a lot of professionals working on the project, but the dredging has created a potential water quality issue. The Utah County Health Department will issue a warning if one is necessary.

Cedar Hills gets very little water from the American Fork River at this point, and it is never used as culinary water; it is and has always been secondary water. Many of you know by now that I am always aware of our water quality—culinary, pressurized irrigation, wells, etc.—so this current situation has concerned me. We will keep you up to date on the status, but the most important thing to remember is that this does not affect our drinking water.

Tibble Fork Reservoir is scheduled to be closed until the end of the year, but when it opens next year it should be spectacular.



Mayor Gary Gygi

### STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH

#### We Can Make a Difference!

##### Properly Dispose of Travel Trailer Waste

What do you do when it's time to dump your travel trailer waste? Remember that sewage dumped on the ground or in the storm drain is a danger to public and environmental health and pollutes our waterways. Make sure to end your trip with a visit to an approved dump station! Visit [www.rvdumps.com](http://www.rvdumps.com) for a list of locations by state and major interstates.

##### Winterizing the Pressurized Irrigation System

The city's pressurized irrigation will be winterized on October 15. After that date the system will be turned off until April 15, 2017. The city asks that your individual pressurized irrigation shut-off valve be left in the "open" position to allow for proper drainage of the system. Each irrigation system should be completely drained to prevent damage to the system's components caused by frozen water inside the pipes and valves. Prior to the system being energized in the spring, the individual shut-off valve needs to be closed to prevent damage to sprinkler heads caused by high pressure fluctuations in the system. If your system is still in service after October 18, please notify the city for an inspection for a possible cross connection.

### Thank You for Your Cooperation!

The city would like to thank everyone for being patient during all of the street projects that occurred recently. We know this has been an inconvenience, but these projects are necessary to keep our roads and infrastructures well maintained. Thanks again for your cooperation.

### Parking on Public Streets

We would like to remind residents of the parking regulations in Cedar Hills. With summer coming to a close and school back in session, we need everyone's help and cooperation to keep our streets clean and safe.

It is in violation for residents to use public streets and right-of-ways for parking or storage of trailers, RV's, boats, campers, or basketball stands. It is also unlawful to park any vehicle in the same location on a street or municipal property for a continuous period of more than forty eight (48) hours (ord. 8-5-2008A, 8-5-2008). Vehicles in violation may be subject to citation, fees, and/or towing. Thank you for your cooperation in making Cedar Hills a beautiful and safe community.

There will be a one-day delay in garbage pickup service the week of September 5, due to the Labor Day holiday.



## 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.

### Rob Crawley

Sir John Dalber-Acton, 8th Baronet (Lord Acton), was an English historian, politician, and writer. In 1887 Lord Acton wrote a letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton in which he stated: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men."

You don't need to look too far in the history books to find examples of power in one individual causing sorrow on a host of individuals. To name a few: Hitler, Bonaparte, Nero, Mao, etc. One of the main goals of the Constitution was to separate power into multiple bodies to ensure that power can never become too concentrated in one individual or in a small group of individuals. State and city governments have used the Constitution as an example of how to fashion their charters and rules of governance.

Cedar Hills, as a political subdivision of the State of Utah, operates as a Six-Member Council Form of Municipal Government, referred to as a "weak mayor" form of government, due to the fact that the mayor, as a member of the council, does not vote on matters before the legislative body, except in certain instances. Cedar Hills' current form of government puts strong day-to-day administrative authority in the hands of the city manager and strong legislative and executive power in the hands of the six-member council.

Only nine cities (3.7%) out of the 243 cities and towns in Utah have elected to adopt the council-mayor form of government, also referred to as the "strong mayor" form of government, where the mayor operates a separate, independent and equal branch of government apart from the city council. Cities with this form of government are typically larger in population, such as Salt Lake City, Provo, and Ogden.

In our city's government there are six council members (including a non-voting mayor) who have the final say in what happens in our city. I have found this to be very healthy. All five voting members come from unique backgrounds and have their own specialties of knowledge and experiences. For an action to be approved it must gain the acceptance of three out of the five council members; it needs to appeal to a broad spectrum of opinions.

If one council member gets off track, that council member cannot accomplish anything without the buy-in from at least two other council members. This is a huge protection to the city and has served Cedar Hills well. The mayor has the power to set the agenda of the meeting and also has a powerful influence through social persuasion. The city manager has autonomy on how he/she executes the actions proscribed by the city council. There are a few threats to this balance of power. Read more at: [cedarhillsrob.blogspot.com](http://cedarhillsrob.blogspot.com).

### Yards of the Month

Each month during the summer the Beautification Committee awards residents in recognition of their efforts to beautify the city. Photos of August's winners are available to view on the city's website: *Residents*



> *News and Events* > *Yards of the Month*. Those who were recognized in August are the Morgans at 10345 N Mesquite Way and the Garvins at 4535 W Haven Lane.

### CH Champions Spencer & Connor Kelley

As part of the Cedar Hills Champions program, the City Council recognized Spencer Kelley for his bravery in rescuing his son, Connor, from their burning home. Mr. Kelley ran back into his home to find his son after the rest of his family made it out safely. Despite thick smoke and flames, he was able to find Connor and help him make it to safety. Both suffered significant burns, but are recovering well.

"Spencer and Connor Kelley are true heroes," said Mayor Gary Gygi. "I can't imagine being in his situation, knowing his son was alone in their house as it burned. I'm grateful they were both able to get out safely and am proud of how our community has rallied around their family."

The recognition ceremony took place during the August 16 City Council meeting, where Council declared August 17, 2016, as Spencer & Connor Kelley Day in Cedar Hills.

### Residential Burn Permit Information

The fall open burn is scheduled to start on September 15 and continue through October 30. Due to continued dry conditions in the area, the Lone Peak fire chief will allow open burning from October 15 to October 30. The dates may change, depending on weather conditions.

Open burning permits are available online through the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Please visit the Open Burning page on the city's website for more information, including links to the DEQ's online application. To request a hard copy of the open burn permit application, contact the DEQ by phone at (801) 536-4000. Please note: If a hard copy is submitted for processing, it may take up to 14 days from the date of the request to receive a permit. Burn permits are normally issued online between March 30 and May 30 and between September 15 and October 30.

**Karate Classes for Kids**

The recreation department offers karate classes for children ages 6 to 12 with multiple skill levels. Classes run for five weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays. The next session of classes **begins September 26**. Classes fill up fast, so register now at [cedarhills.org](http://cedarhills.org). Non-Residents are always welcome with no extra fee.



**Needed: Flag Football & Jr. Jazz Officials**

The city's recreation department is in need of flag football and Jr. Jazz officials. Please contact the department for more details and to apply.

**Pickleball Equipment Rentals**

Have you ever tried playing pickle ball? It's a cross between ping pong and tennis, and it's the fastest growing sport in the country. The city now has two picklball courts, located in Heritage Park and Timpanogos Cove Park. Visit the city office or the city's website to reserve the equipment, which includes the net, six paddles, and balls, along with a printed set of the rules on how to play the game. The equipment rental rates are \$5 per day for two hours of court time and \$10 per weekend for four hours of court time. Information on how to reserve the equipment is located at [cedarhills.org](http://cedarhills.org). Come, try this fun outdoor game.

**A Message to Parents in Cedar Hills**

The crossing guard lights are flashing again and the sidewalks are filled with kids eager to attend school. Drivers, please slow down to 20 mph in school zones. Watch for children and the crossing guards. Please take a few minutes and explain the following precautions to your children:



- Encourage children to use the crosswalk with the crossing guard located in front of the schools.
- Children should stand on the sidewalk until the crossing guard motions for them to cross the street. They are not to follow the crossing guard into the street.
- Children should walk quickly, not run, across the crosswalk. Bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., are not to be ridden in the crosswalk.

**Open-Pit Fire Restrictions Continue**

Due to increased fire danger and dry conditions, open-pit fires east of Canyon Road are prohibited.

**New Xpress Bill Pay Website Launched**

Xpress Bill Pay is pleased to announce the launch of the new [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com) website, where residents can conveniently view and pay utility bills online. The updated site offers dynamic and responsive features with a more modern look, while enhancing the user-friendly interface on mobile devices, as well. Users will have access to the same helpful tools and features they have become accustomed to, like auto pay, paperless billing, billing and payment history, email notifications, and more.

**Xpress Bill Pay iOS Mobile App Introduced**

Now you can pay your Cedar Hills water bills with a new Xpress Bill Pay iOS mobile app. The free app is available for download from the app store. This new app allows you to:

- Pay your bills in real-time
- Pay with a credit card, checking account, etc.
- Sign-up for paperless billing
- Never miss a bill again with Auto Pay
- Update your payment information
- View your billing and payment history
- Receive up-to-the-minute account alerts

Currently, the app is available for the iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch from the Apple app store and requires iOS 8.0 or later. An Android app will be available in early 2017 from Google Play, followed by a Windows App from the Microsoft Store for Windows phones. For more information visit [xpressbillpay.com](http://xpressbillpay.com), call 1-800-7662350 or e-mail [support@xpressbillpay.com](mailto:support@xpressbillpay.com).

**Election Notice on CARE Tax Provision**

Take notice that the city council has approved the provision of placing an opinion question of whether or not the city should impose a sales and use tax for Cultural Arts and Recreational Organizations or Facilities (CARE Tax) on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot.

If approved, the CARE Tax would authorize the city to impose 0.1% sales and use tax on all retail items sold in Cedar Hills. This tax will be collected by retail stores, submitted to the Utah State Tax Commission, and then remitted back to the City of Cedar Hills to fund botanical, cultural, and recreational organizations or facilities.

