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Cottonwood Heights Supports De-escalation Techniques, Relies on Continuum to Govern Police Actions

By Cottonwood Heights Administrative Staff

**This article was prepared by the Cottonwood Heights administrative staff and does not necessarily reflect all viewpoints of the individual members of the elected city council.*

It is a delicate time in the history of our nation. Across our country, people are hurt, angry, confused and appalled at the atrocity that occurred in Minneapolis on May 25th. Cottonwood Heights does not accept nor tolerate the actions of the officers involved. We do not condone police brutality violence, nor do we accept hatred or bigotry in our city staff or our police force.

What happened in Minneapolis is unequivocally unacceptable.

The excess of force used by the officer was horrifying and should not have happened. In a perfect world, there would not be a need for physical force in police operations. As the events of the past few weeks have reinforced, our world

is far from perfect.

Every single day in every part of our country, police officers work tirelessly around the clock to keep the peace in their communities. As situations occur, there are times when appropriate physical force is required to subdue a perpetrator or de-escalate a potentially dangerous situation. Cottonwood Heights is no different in this sense. Our officers have been trained on the appropriate use of force, and in some situations, they have used physical force to help keep our community safe. Over the past several weeks, we have had residents contact city offices and ask questions about use of force policies and training efforts of the Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD). The

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

JULY 7 WORK SESSION REPORTS

- Little Cottonwood Environmental Impact Study: Transportation Alternatives
- City Events Discussion
- Discussion to receive input on UDOT Environmental Impact Study
- Fireworks Safety Discussion
- Police Policies and Training Discussion

ACTION ITEMS

- Trees and Park Strip Landscaping Ordinance
- CARES Act Funding Agreement

JULY 21 WORK SESSION REPORTS

- Budget and Revenue Review
- Wasatch Blvd Design Standards
- Fireworks Safety Discussion
- Storm Water Fee Discussion

ACTION ITEMS

- UDOT Corridor Agreement (Tentative)

REGULAR CITY MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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Face Coverings are Mandatory in Salt Lake County

A message from SLCo Mayor Jenny Wilson

Wearing a face covering correctly is one of the easiest things we can do to help our local businesses, and our community as a whole, to successfully weather this challenging time.



In Salt Lake County, face coverings are required:

- At Public Gatherings, indoor or out, where consistent social distancing is not possible
- While waiting outside or inside retail and other public locations, including bars and restaurants until seated

Face Coverings are not required:

- Outdoors when social distancing is easily maintained
- On a person with a health condition exacerbated by a face covering
- On children under 2-years-old
- When wearing a face covering would prevent the performance of the essential functions of a person's job or work
- In circumstances not reasonably conducive to wearing a face covering, such as while swimming or engaging in strenuous physical activity.



The goal of this requirement is not enforcement or to penalize anyone; the goal is to send a strong, clear message about the gravity of our current COVID circumstances and the importance of face coverings in effectively addressing this concerning data.

Firework Safety Considerations & Regulations

By Assistant Chief Riley Pilgrim



With July approaching, many are preparing to celebrate the 4th and 24th with family and friends and outdoor celebrations. This is a great time of year for barbeques, campfires and firework

displays. Given our current restrictions on large gatherings, many of the summer festivals have been postponed, including the always popular firework shows. Though some of these may still be occurring, many will choose to celebrate the holidays with fireworks of their own.

If you choose to do so, we have a few recommendations that we ask you to follow:

- Be sure you are in an area which allows for the use of fireworks. Maps can be found on both the Cottonwood Heights and Unified Fire Authority websites, as well as any place that sells fireworks.
- ALWAYS supervise children around ALL fireworks and similar products. *Sparklers burn at 2,000 degrees and account for more than 25 percent of ER visits associated with fireworks. For children under 5 years of age, that jumps to nearly half of all firework related injuries.
- Ensure that you are on a paved and level surface, safely distanced from any spectators or prone areas (dry unkept vegetation, homes, vehicles, etc.).
- Always use eye protection
- Always soak spent fireworks in a bucket of water for several hours before discarding; have a garden hose or water source close by.
- Always dispose of used fireworks in a fire safe container after they have cooled. Ensure these containers are away from your home or any building. Never relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Never use fireworks while impaired
- When possible and always best, enjoy the local shows put on by professionals. Fireworks can be used July 2-5. and July 22-25, 11:00 am - 11:00 pm (until midnight on the 4th and 24th)
- Understand that even during times of legal use, many areas of Salt Lake County prohibits use of fireworks. This includes many peripheral benches, and several islands of prone area in the valley. It is up to the public to know if they are in an area of legal use (fines may be as high as \$1,000).
- Ensure you are using Utah state approved fireworks, only purchase them from approved IN-STATE vendors. ■

Refer to the insert for the Cottonwood Heights Fireworks Restricted Zones Map

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following information summarizes key aspects of our policies and training efforts.

The primary directive of the department concerning use of force is: "A CHPD police officer will never employ unnecessary force or violence and will use only such force in the discharge of duty as is reasonable in all circumstances. Force should be used only with the greatest restraint and only after discussion, negotiation, and persuasion have been found to be ineffective or inappropriate. While use of force is occasionally unavoidable, every police officer shall refrain from applying the unnecessary affliction of pain or suffering and will never engage in cruel, degrading, or inhumane treatment of any person." CHPD has a mandatory use of force continuum in place, and officers are trained to never proceed further along that use of force continuum than is absolutely necessary under the circumstances. The use of chokeholds is prohibited, and CHPD officers regularly are trained that force should be used only with the greatest restraint and only after discussion,

negotiation and persuasion have been found to be ineffective or inappropriate. CHPD also never uses excessive force toward individuals already in custody. Extensive documentation and reporting is required whenever the use of force occurs to assure that it was both necessary and appropriate.

For several years, CHPD has conducted extensive training on de-escalation practices, crisis intervention techniques and implicit bias training. We will continue these training efforts as we move forward, and assure that all CHPD officers are instructed to implement the elements learned from these trainings.

CHPD's officers are trained to strive to exhaust all alternatives before shooting and to deliver prior warning whenever possible if shooting becomes necessary. Courts (including the U.S. Supreme Court) do acknowledge that some circumstances may arise where warnings may be impractical, such as when the actions of a suspect pose immediate threat to the lives of civilians or officers. These include split-second encounters when, for example, a gun is being brandished or fired by a suspect at civilians or officers and there is not time to warn the shooter before the officer fires without increasing the risk to those being threatened by the suspect. In other words, CHPD officers are trained to provide prior warning before shooting whenever practical, but in rare circumstances (as defined

by the courts), warnings may not occur.

Our officers also are trained to not shoot at moving vehicles unless the vehicle is being intentionally used to pose immediate threat of bodily harm to officers or civilians, in which event shooting at the vehicle or its driver may be the only option to prevent it from being used to kill or injure others.

We understand, acknowledge and agree that use of force by law enforcement officers must occur only to the extent necessary and appropriate, as defined by our courts and, ultimately, by our society. Please be assured that CHPD's policies concerning use of force will be continually evaluated against those standards and that CHPD's officers will continue to be regularly trained to ensure that the city's police officers will not "[apply] the unnecessary affliction of pain or suffering and will never engage in cruel, degrading, or inhumane treatment of any person." There are always areas where any police force can improve, including CHPD. There are times where incidents occur that are unfortunate, and which provide the opportunity to identify things that can be done to improve the practices of our officers. We will be talking about CHPD's policies, training and other aspects of its work beginning at the city council meeting on July 7th, and we will continue to actively participate in the statewide efforts to improve interactions between police personnel and the public. In fact, our mayor, city manager, police chief and others will be participating in task force committees organized by the Utah League of Cities and Towns called "Love, Listen, Lead" which supports efforts by law enforcement and their staff but also addresses concerns from the public regarding public safety practices. We look forward to participating and finding ways that we can improve in our law enforcement efforts in Cottonwood Heights.

Cottonwood Heights stands with our police officers and supports our residents and community. We do not accept hatred or bigotry. We do not accept violence, and we strive to maintain a safe and welcoming community to all. ■

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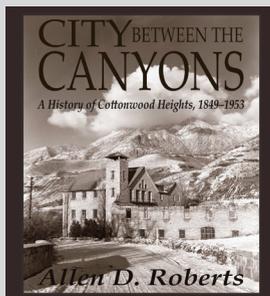
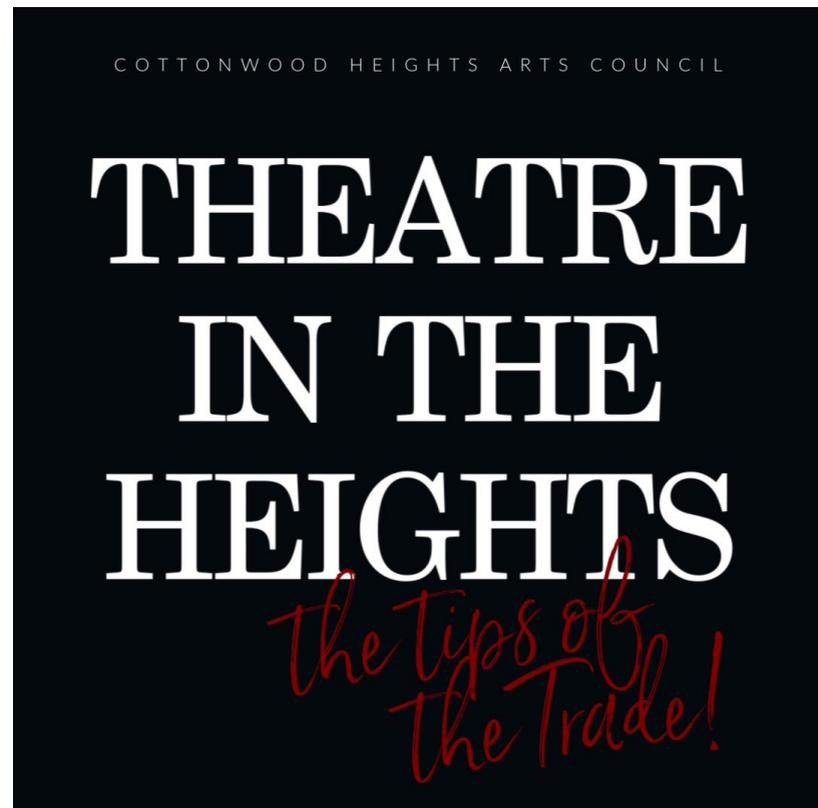
Thank you for your cooperation.
Gracias por su cooperación.

CH Arts

For the entire month of July we will be focusing our social media on tips, lessons, lectures and advice for theater. If you have ever considered auditioning for a play or musical, be sure to follow along. Our theater lessons will be daily posts; they will be short and sweet but packed full of good information from theater masters and professionals in the community. We will also be posting audition and acting tips from our future summer musical director, Adam Cannon (Adam will be directing our postponed summer musical, Matilda, in summer 2021). We

hope that this information will have real value to those looking to improve their acting skills and theater knowledge. Whether you are interested in trying out for community theater or not, we think you will enjoy what we are preparing to post!

Thank you for supporting the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council by following us on Facebook and Instagram, and commenting or liking our posts. ■



Buy the Book!

Stories of our community can be found in the book "City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights 1849-1953." The book would be a great gift. Pick up yours at City Hall.



The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee is now on Facebook

Staying Safe in Rattlesnake Country

By Melissa Fields

Cottonwood Heights Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee Chair

Whether it's a factor of the pandemic motivating more people to hit the trail or conditions this year are somehow right for a bumper crop of reptiles, the result is clear: Rattlesnakes are on the move in the foothills east of Cottonwood Heights.

The relatively non-aggressive Great Basin rattlesnake is the most common breed in Utah and is an important part of the ecosystem here, primarily in keeping our rodent population in check. As such, they are protected under Utah law; it is, in fact, a class B misdemeanor to harass or kill a rattlesnake. Rattlesnakes are most active at dawn and dusk, when they come out of their dens in search of food and water, which is why rattlesnakes are often spotted on trails located nearby creeks like those in Ferguson and Heughs canyons and even Crestwood Park.

Like most wild animals, rattlesnakes are afraid of humans and will do everything they can to avoid us, making rattlesnake bites rare. (According to the University of Utah, the state averages about 12 to 13 venomous snakebites

per year.) But any animal, rattlesnakes included, will respond aggressively when provoked or cornered. If you do encounter a rattlesnake on the trail, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources recommends that you:

- Remain calm and do not panic. Stay at least 5 feet from the snake. Make sure to give it plenty of space.
- Do not try to kill the snake. Again, doing so is illegal and greatly increases the chance the snake will bite you.
- Do not throw anything at the snake, like rocks or sticks. Rattlesnakes may respond to this by moving toward the person doing the throwing, rather than away from them.
- If you hear a rattle, don't jump or panic. Try to locate where the sound is coming from before trying to move, so you don't step closer to the snake or on top of it.
- Warn other trail users that you've spotted a rattlesnake but never try to move one—it will clear out on its own.

- Be sure to keep your dog on a leash when on the trail. Since dogs are naturally curious; rattlesnakes bites to dogs are more common, and for a 40-pound dog, can actually be deadly. (Rattlesnake vaccines for dogs have been found to be mostly ineffective and many veterinarians now recommend rattlesnake aversion training instead.)

For more information, visit wildawareutah.org. ■



Splash Pad and Social Distancing

Parks throughout Cottonwood Heights are now fully open, with the exception of the Mountview Park Splash Pad.

"The City and the Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area are continually evaluating how and when we can open the splash pad," said Ben Hill, executive director of the Service Area. "Our plan is to open it when the governor moves the

state to the green phase, unless we can come up with a safe way to open beforehand."

Hill would also like to remind residents to maintain social distancing when using our local parks. ■



2020 Slurry Seal Projects

This summer, Cottonwood Heights will slurry seal approximately 4 million square feet of city streets. Slurry seal is a roadway maintenance procedure that involves spreading a mixture of emulsified asphalt and aggregate over the existing street surface. It helps protect streets from water penetration, provides a new surface with improved skid-resistance, and extends the life of the roadway. Slurry seal is part of the city's ongoing pavement maintenance program to help seal cracks and preserve the pavement of our streets.

The Public Works Department currently has crews out preparing the roads for the slurry seal

application. This includes repairing small areas of damaged pavement. During this time, there might be minor impacts to driving and parking.

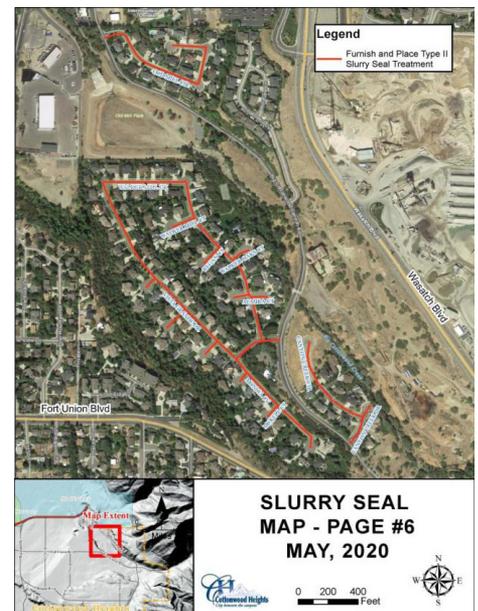
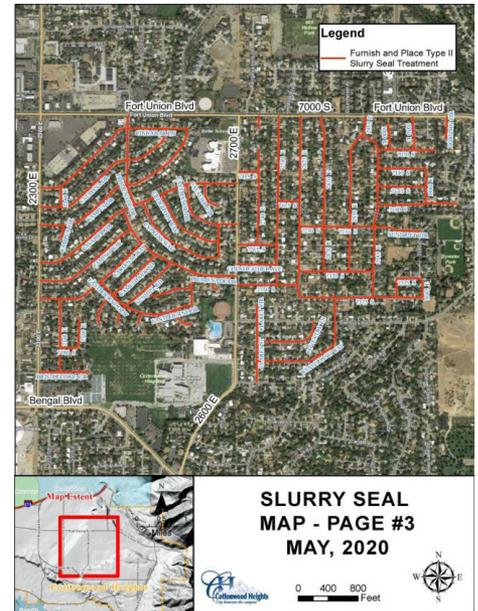
The contractor that has been hired to apply the treatment is scheduled to begin the work at the end of June/beginning of July and will work throughout the summer.

When your road is scheduled to receive the treatment, flyers will be posted five days in advance on each affected residence with information about temporary restrictions to on-street parking. Streets will be closed to both parking and driving during the application, although limited driving will be allowed in the

case of a major emergency.

Slurry seal requires only a few hours to dry before traffic can drive over it but it takes 24 to 48 hours to cure completely. During the first few weeks after the application, residents should avoid excessive steering of their vehicle while it is standing still, or starting or stopping quickly as this may cause tire tracks and scuff marks on the surface. In the weeks following the application, you will see the city's contractor installing new street markings on some of the roads.

Pictured are maps and streets scheduled for this maintenance. ■



City Council Members

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- DIST# 1** - Douglas Petersen
- DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken
- DIST# 3** - Tali C. Bruce
- DIST# 4** - Christine Watson Mikell
- CITY MANAGER** - Tim Tingey

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 Dispatch 840-4000
 Fire Authority 743-7100
 Animal Control 840-4000
 Justice Court..... 273-9731

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City Manager 944-7010
 City Planning 944-7065
 Public Works 944-7000
 Recorder 944-7021
 Finance Director..... 944-7012
 Code Enforcement..... 944-7095
 Police Administration..... 944-7100

City Council Meetings

July 7 - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
July 21 - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.

(Work session may reconvene after business meeting.)
Agendas are posted 24 hours in advance of public meetings.
For details about the agendas, go to: www.ch.utah.gov

Planning Commission

The Planning commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the first month of each quarter. This month's meetings will be held on July 1st and 15th. Public Hearings will be held for the North Gravel Pit Development during these meetings.

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Updates from the District

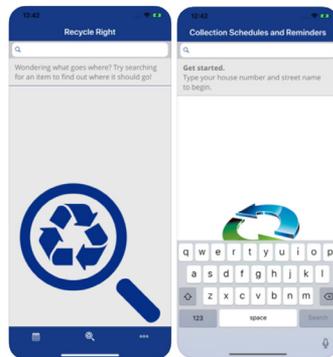
International Plastic Bag Free Day



On July 3, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will join other organizations around the world in support of International Plastic Bag Free Day (www.plasticbagfreeday.org). There are a lot of good ways to celebrate, and the easiest requires a simple resolution from each individual. Even if just for one day, choose paper over plastic; or even better, bring your own bags to the retailers to pick up your goods. Some stores even offer discounts or other perks for the customers that bring their own. ■

Fireworks Disposal

The summer holidays are quickly approaching. Fireworks and barbecues are common ways to celebrate. WFWRD reminds all residents that fireworks and fire pit/barbecue ashes must be completely cooled before placing them in the waste cans. Smoldering fireworks or embers will melt the can and create a larger fire hazard. ■



New Mobile Application for WFWRD Customers

WFWRD has launched a free mobile app for its residents. It can be found by searching for “Wasatch Front Waste” on the Apple or Android app stores, and it is available in both English and Spanish. The app includes a “Recycle Right” lookup tool to find out if a material can be reused, recycled, composted or landfilled. It also provides a scheduling tool for residents to confirm their collection day, and it provides an option for customized reminders for their collection days. ■



Business Spotlights



Salt Lake County Launches Small Business Impact Grant

Salt Lake County is launching the Small Business Impact Grant funded through the County's CARES Act allocation. This is a \$40 million program and is intended to aid businesses most severely debilitated during COVID-19. Money will be distributed as first come first served, and qualifying businesses are

eligible for payment of lost revenues, up to a maximum of \$35,000.

For eligibility requirements and other information visit:

www.slco.org/covid-19/economy/grants/ ■

Yoga Sunne' | 2242 E. Fort Union Blvd.



Yoga Sunne' is a local, collectively owned business. The mission of Yoga Sunne' is to co-create sanctuary for transformation and self-realization, acknowledging the interconnectedness of all. The mission of Yoga Sunne' continues to be a well-spring of support and community for thousands along the Wasatch Front. The studio opened in Cottonwood Heights in April 2016.

It offers heated and non-heated classes. The Yoga Sunne' reception and practice areas are

warm, welcoming and impart a sense of harmony with nature and the elements. A special feature of the yoga room are the infrared heat panels which provide sun-like warmth and proven health benefits like stress reduction, increased circulation, lymphatic flow and immune system support — all wonderful enrichments to the studio's Flow, Bikram style, Ashtanga and Anusara classes. In December 2018, Yoga Sunne' opened a second location in Sugar House. Each studio has a unique set of offerings and aesthetic, while maintaining the mission of authentic connection, transformation and sanctuary. "As we've grown, we haven't lost the feeling of a close, vibrant community where all are welcome and everyone can grow and thrive,"

according to Yoga Sunne' owners.

"We also offer Life Enhancement and Teacher Training certified through Yoga Alliance for individuals who are drawn to become teachers or for students of yoga who want to learn how to apply the wisdom of ancient yogic principles in their daily lives. In addition to yoga, we host sound baths, Kirtans, guided meditations, and health and wellness workshops led by local experts, healers, yogis, and musicians. For those of you who have enjoyed our offerings before but haven't been active for a time, we urge you to re-establish your practice." Come in and nurture your spirit, mind and body! ■

Project Connection



Project Connection (PC) is a local nonprofit counseling provider that is helping individuals and communities move through shame and trauma to create a more connected, wholehearted society. Project Connection serves all ages with

specialties in school-based services and CTI (critical time intervention). Through CTI, Project Connection is able to serve those in crisis at the very moment they are most in need and stay with them through their transition to a healthier life and warm handoff to community partners. School-based services are provided by PC by having a

therapist right in the schools for the convenience of child and family. Transportation barriers are lifted, and consistency is achieved. Project Connection is there for you and your family to feel connected again with each other and society.

Please contact PC for more information: www.projectconnection.co/contact.html ■

2020 Cottonwood Heights Landscape Beautification Awards

Build a sense of community by keeping Cottonwood Heights a beautiful place to live and work.

The Neighborhood Beautification Awards Program was established to recognize and reward Cottonwood Heights' residents, property and business owners for improving their properties with beautiful landscaping and improvements. We encourage all residents to nominate a residence or business with a high-quality, environmentally friendly or creative approach to landscaping and property upkeep.

- Visit the Cottonwood Heights City website, www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov for information to nominate a property, or go directly to www.surveymonkey.com/r/B799P86 and complete the nomination form. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on July 24.
- Nominees can include any property within the city limits.
- All nominees will be judged by the Mayor and City Council.
- Anonymous nominations will be disqualified.

- Residential winners will be selected from each of the four City Council districts.
- One commercial winner will be selected by the Mayor.
- All properties will be judged on their visible aesthetic appearance from the street.

All winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting and will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Mayor and City Council. ■

Electric Vehicle Chargers At City Hall

As part of the city's sustainability initiatives, a new electric vehicle charging station has been installed at City Hall. The charger is located in the parking lot and contains two charging stations that are available to use for up to two hours free of charge when visiting City Hall during business hours. Funding for the charging stations was provided largely by grant funding and rebates. ■

