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Cottonwood Heights Firefighters: "A Cut Above"

By Mayor Mike Peterson



Many years ago, as the Director of the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area, I thought it was interesting that Fire Station 116 was located adjacent to the Recreation Center. It didn't take me long to appreciate how lucky the Recreation Center was to have the firefighter paramedics adjacent to our facility.

With the tens of thousands of visitors to the Recreation Center each year, I became keenly aware of the importance of our firefighter paramedics when there was an emergency. Over the years, I witnessed hundreds of visits to the Recreation Center by the paramedics as they cared for our residents in medical emergencies — whether it was a severe laceration to the leg of a figure skater trying to complete a difficult jump, a young person jumping off the diving platforms and hitting the water wrong and feeling numbness in their legs, a heart attack from overdoing it on the racquetball court, or someone falling while playing pickleball or basketball in the gymnasium and sustaining a serious injury. In every case, our firefighter paramedics were on the scene in a matter of minutes.

It was a few years later as a member of the City Council that I was provided the opportunity to attend a one-day fire school, sponsored by the Unified Fire Authority, to personally gain a greater understanding of the many challenges facing our firefighters when they respond to a wide range of public safety-related incidents. In the training, we experienced cutting open a vehicle with the "jaws of life" to

extract a victim from a severely damaged vehicle. We learned how to exit a smoke-filled building crawling on our knees without vision by following fire hoses on the ground until we reached safety. We climbed a 100-foot rescue ladder in near freezing temperatures in full fire gear, located people in a simulated burning building and brought them to safety, put out intense fires with high pressure hoses while wearing full fire gear including a respirator, and much more. This experience greatly added to my appreciation and understanding of the importance and ability of our firefighter/paramedics.

Over the years, as a member of the City Council and since becoming Mayor, my appreciation for our



Cottonwood Heights' firefighter/paramedics has continued to grow as I've become even more aware of their efforts as they serve our citizens. I think back to when we had the field fire at Crestwood Park nature area that could have been disastrous if not checked in time, or on the Fourth of July two years ago when fireworks started a brush fire in the open space near Bywater Park that burned several acres and severely damaged one home. Then this past year, with two separate fires in

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Upcoming Cottonwood Heights Events

- Feb. 5 City Council Meeting @ City Hall - 5 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall - 6 p.m.
- Feb. 12 Death by Chocolate @ City Hall - 5 p.m. (see Page 8 for more details)
- Feb. 18 City Offices closed for President's Day Holiday
- Feb. 19 City Council Meeting @ City Hall - 5 p.m.
- March Photography Show @ City Hall - Open House March 28 - 3 p.m. (see below for more info)
- Mar. 15 Rocky Mountain Strings Concert @ Butler Middle School - 7 p.m. (see Page 3 for more info)

Photography Show Coming in March

The annual Cottonwood Heights Photography show will be held throughout the month of March.


The photographs will be on display at Cottonwood Heights City Hall throughout the month. Photographers are encouraged to enter the show and share the beauty they have captured behind the lens. Photographs will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

On March 28, an open house will be held at City Hall at 6 p.m. to meet and greet the photographers.

To enter the photography show go to arts.ch.utah.gov to download a list of rules and an application.

Applications must be received by Feb. 15. Framed, ready-to-hang photos must be delivered to City Hall by Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.


If you have questions or would like to send an application, contact Ann Eatchel at aatchel@ch.utah.gov.



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS THE 2019
PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Visit ARTS.CH.UTAH.GOV for details.

Reception at Cottonwood Heights City Hall March 28th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Let's go Under the Sea!

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is proud to announce their annual summer musical as Disney's "The Little Mermaid." The play will be directed by Brighton Sloan and will be presented from late July through early August.

The play will be performed at the Cottonwood Heights Theater located in Butler Middle School. Auditions will be held March 25 and 26.

More details will be posted on Arts.CH.Utah.gov and the CH Arts Council Facebook page. ■



History Question of the Month

What early Cottonwood Heights resident was a member of the "Vanguard" company of pioneers led by Brigham Young that entered the Salt Lake Valley in July of 1847?

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an apartment complex and several house fires, my gratitude for their efforts increased once again. In the end, I so appreciate the fact that none of these fires resulted in the loss of life.

In addition, our firefighters are actively involved

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in our community by working collaboratively with selected groups to minimize fuels that could increase the chance of brush fires and supporting many community events such as the Cottonwood Heights Easter Egg Hunt, Butlerville Days and our Thanksgiving 5K. They also deliver public safety messages through the Cottonwood Heights Newsletter and other community publications, host and support numerous fire station tours and neighborhood activities, and at the same time are always prepared to respond to the daily emergencies that face our city and its residents.

I asked our Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Watson, what makes him most proud to be a firefighter.

"There are so many things," he said. "I love helping others and especially have enjoyed helping mitigate medical and fire emergencies.

This profession demands our very best, because that is what our citizens deserve." I also asked him

why he believes most firefighters select this as a profession. "The same reasons that steered me to this profession: A true desire to help others when they are in need, the many different specialties, such as engineer, paramedic, heavy rescue tech, or code enforcement, and serving as a mentor or leader. We love interacting with the public."

Our firefighters, who are part of the Unified Fire Authority, are truly dedicated professionals. Under the direction of Fire Chief Dan Petersen and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson, this group is constantly being trained in all areas of

professional development to better serve our city. Last year, Station 116 (8303 S. Wasatch Blvd.) and Station 110 (1790 E. Fort Union Blvd.) responded to more than 1,700 medicals calls combined and more than 450 fire calls. This was accomplished by a committed and professional group of firefighters who pride themselves on being "a cut above" and with a goal of responding to all calls within a four-



minute drive time. Thank you, UFA, and more importantly thank you Stations 110 and 116 for your dedicated service to the City of Cottonwood Heights. ■

Rocky Mountain Strings Performs in March



Amazing young violinists from Rocky Mountain Strings will share the joy of music in a community concert, sponsored by the Cottonwood

**Rocky Mountain Strings
in Concert**

**Friday, March 15
7 p.m.**

**Cottonwood Heights Theater @
Butler Middle School**

Heights Arts Council. Music lovers of all ages

will enjoy classical favorites like Salut D'Amour to crowd pleasers such as Millionaire's Hoedown and a medley from the blockbuster film, "The Greatest Showman." Rocky Mountain Strings will be joined by outstanding young dancers from Premier Dance Academy and the Brighton High School Madrigals. Mark your calendar for a concert your entire family will enjoy. Admission is free. ■

February 2019 Featured Artist – Megan Cross



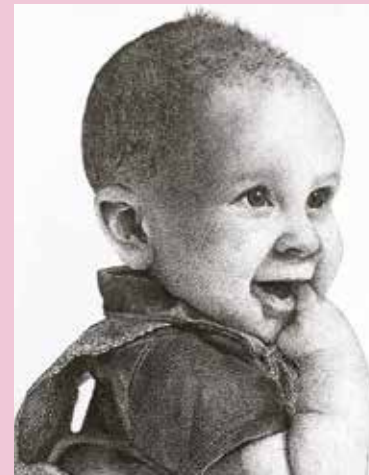
Megan grew up in the Cottonwood Heights area of Salt Lake City and is a Utah native. She loves art and has explored different art media since grade school. Beginning in watercolor,

she expanded into oils and pencil. After being nominated as Cottonwood High School's Sterling Scholar in Visual Arts, she graduated and worked professionally for many years using acrylics.

This talented artist then turned her creative gifts to making and raising three beautiful children. She and her supportive and loving husband care for them together at their home in South Jordan.

In 2014, after changing careers to the investment banking industry, Megan found herself drawn back to art. Ballpoint pen doodling led to ink renderings and a practiced honing of pointillism. Ink and pointillism are now her favorite style of media and expression.

She currently fulfills commissioned pieces while continually refining her artistic talents and has never lost her love of art. ■



City Council Adjusts Meeting Schedules



In an effort to increase efficiency and streamline governmental processes, the Cottonwood Heights City Council recently approved a change in its meeting format that reduces the traditional number of times the Council meets each month.

The changes decrease the number of scheduled times the Council meets from four to two meetings per month and eliminates traditional standalone work sessions.

City Council meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Previously, the Council met every Tuesday, with standalone work sessions held on the first and third Tuesdays, with combined work sessions/business meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Going forward, the Council may hold additional standalone work sessions on second and third Tuesdays (or any other day) as needed.

City Council meetings will begin with a work session at 5 p.m. in the Council boardroom followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. The work session will reconvene following the business meeting (if necessary).

Unless otherwise noticed, all City Council meetings are held at City Hall.

Additionally, all City Council meetings will be streamed live online via the city's YouTube channel. ■

February Brings Plenty to Do at Whitmore Library

What do you get when you put science, technology, engineering, arts and math all together in fun, hands-on activities? The new Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead! program for kids every Wednesday afternoon at Whitmore Library.

Children also can have fun stretching and learning at the library's weekly Preschool Storytime with Yoga on Monday afternoons. There

are a variety of programs for teens and tweens including Bucket Drumming 101, a Death by Chocolate Fiesta, and Random Fandom.

Check out the library events calendar online or call the library at 801-943-4636 for times and program ages. ■



Answer

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As a 6-year old slave, Green Flake lived with the Flake family as they converted to the LDS Church during the winter of 1843-44. Green Flake was also baptized and when the LDS pioneers moved west, he was part of the "Vanguard" mule company that carried Brigham Young on the westward trek.

Flake was part of the first advance team wagons to enter the Salt Lake Valley on July 22, 1847. He helped to settle the valley and bring more church members to the area over the next few years.

When his owners moved to California, Green Flake was "left" to Brigham Young as payment for back tithing. He worked for both Brigham Young

and Heber C. Kimball until 1854, when Young negotiated Green's freedom. All of the other slaves owned by church members were also freed shortly after.

Green settled in Union and purchased 20 acres of land located on what is now the southeast corner of 1300 East and Fort Union Boulevard.

Green Flake was a faithful active member of the LDS Church, working as a farmer and miner. He was well liked by everyone and was considered the de facto leader of the local black community. He had a beautiful singing voice and was also a popular speaker at Pioneer Day celebrations.

Green's wife, Martha, died on Jan. 20, 1885, and he remained in Union until about 1896 when he went to Idaho to live with his son. In 1897, he received a special invitation to the 50-Year Pioneer Celebration. He returned to Salt Lake City for the celebration, one of just a handful of the Vanguard Company still alive. He received a special certificate, which he proudly displayed in his home. Green Flake died on Oct. 20, 1903. His body was returned to Utah where it was buried in the Union Pioneer Cemetery. ■

Handling Stolen Vehicles, Does This Pass the Smell Test?

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



Imagine heading out the door to work only to discover someone has stolen your car. As you pause and assure yourself that it was parked “right there,” a sense of fear and panic overwhelms you.

You walk back inside, tell your spouse, notify work and then call the police. An officer arrives and begins to inquire about all the pertinent information like: value, contents, weapons or spare keys. Then, the awkward question about if you’re current on your payments (just in case it was repossessed). Before leaving, the officer provides you with a case number for your insurance provider.

The police enter your vehicle as stolen on the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC), so it can be recovered anywhere in the nation and returned to you. You’re still angry that some knucklehead had the gall to steal your ride; all the while your life is disrupted, and you have some anxiety and

frustration that yours and your family’s personal space has been invaded.

When a report is made to the Cottonwood Heights Police Department, we ensure every officer is looking for that stolen vehicle and your owner’s information is attached to the case, so you can be contacted day/night when your car is recovered, by an officer with any police agency.

Imagine if a police department found your vehicle and didn’t notify you? Instead opting to place a GPS tracker on your vehicle to catch the thief and leaving your vehicle where it was found in hopes that the offender returns to drive it again. Although this sounds shocking it is occurring in this valley. This tactic is being employed by police departments in order to catch these car thieves. In my opinion, this tactic has an ethical component that must not be ignored. I can’t wrap my head around justifying the use of a stolen vehicle, your property, for these purposes without an owner’s consent. The damage, risk or overall inconvenience simply outweighs the benefit of possibly apprehending the offender — not to mention

the insurance company stance on who is responsible if any further damage may result in the recovery of the vehicle.

Although Cottonwood Heights has expressed our disapproval to these select agencies for unwittingly exposing our citizens to greater hardship, the tactic is still being used. This is one of the reasons we



formed our own police department, to have local control not regional policing. This way we can ensure that our community values are reflected within our police culture. ■

Citizens, Report for Duty! CHPD Hosts Academy

It’s your last chance to register for the CHPD’s annual Citizens Academy, being held over 10 Wednesday evening classes from late February to early May.

The course will educate participants on all aspects of police work, from forensic investigations, DUI enforcement, to patrol duty. It’s your chance to get an up-close look at the daily life of our devoted officers and gain new perspective on law enforcement in Cottonwood Heights.

There are a few spots left, so please email Liz Jones: ljones@ch.utah.gov or call 801-944-7101. ■



Broken/ Damaged Cans

If your garbage or recycle can is broken or damaged, please call WFWRD at 385-468-6325. They will come and repair your cans as part of your fees for services. You can also complete an online service order request: <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/report-a-problem-or-request-service/> ■



2019 Collection Rates Stay Same

The Wasatch Front Waste fees for 2019 will remain at \$17 per month/\$204 per year for one garbage can and one recycle can, plus all the other services you get in your service package.

There is an increase to the fees for the Trailer Rental Program in 2019. Green waste trailer rentals will increase from \$40 to \$45 per rental. Bulk waste trailer rentals will increase from \$125 to \$145 per rental. There are also additional fees of \$15 per mattress piece, \$12 per refrigerator and \$3 each for tires disposed of in the bulk rental trailers. Please refer to the 2019 fee schedule online (<https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/rates-fees/>) for more details on all district fees.

Customers can help keep fees low by recycling as much as possible. Over 60 percent of the materials at the landfill can be recycled. ■

Vouchers

Did you know that WFWRD provides landfill vouchers to residents? These vouchers give Cottonwood Heights residents up to \$12 off one truck or trailer load of bulk or green waste. You can obtain these vouchers if you have the ability to haul your own truck or trailer loads to the landfill. The vouchers can be obtained at Cottonwood Heights City Hall. ■



THE Winter 2019 Session

BIGGEST LOSER

10 week camp that runs from Feb. 6th - April 17th

- WEEKLY CHALLENGES
- TRAINER CONSULTS
- WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 7TH

Register at www.activityreg.com



**Kickoff meeting
February
5th**

City Council Members

- MAYOR** - Michael J. Peterson
- DIST# 1** - Michael L. Shelton
- DIST# 2** - J. Scott Bracken
- DIST# 3** - Tali C. Bruce
- DIST# 4** - Christine Watson Mikell
- CITY MANAGER** - Tim Tingey

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 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

Feb. 5 - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
Feb. 19 - Work Session 5 p.m.,
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.

*(Work session reconvenes 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 Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting will be held on Feb. 6.

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Nancy Tingey, Amber Shill Chosen to Lead Canyons Board



Two Cottonwood Heights-area school board members were elected to leadership posts on the Canyons District Board of Education. The Board will now be led by Nancy Tingey who represents District 3, which includes neighborhoods that attend Canyon View Elementary, Butler Middle School and Brighton High. She is the first woman to serve as Board President. She is joined by Amber Shill who was chosen to fill one of two Vice President positions on the Board. Shill represents District 2, including neighborhoods that attend Brighton High, Butler Middle, and Bella Vista, Butler, Ridgecrest, Canyon View and Oakdale elementary schools. ■

Application Time for Preschool, Supplemental Kindergarten

Next fall may seem blissfully far away, but now is the time to start considering schooling plans for your preschooler or kindergartener. The application window for spots in Canyons District's tuition-based preschools for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. Canyons District sponsors programs at Bella Vista, Butler and Quail Hollow elementary schools. Soon, Canyons District also will be accepting applications for its Supplemental Hours of Kindergarten Instruction program. The list of schools that plan to offer the program is being finalized. But it's expected that parents will be able to start applying for the opt-in, tuition-based program starting Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. Space is limited, and applications for both programs will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Detailed information about how to apply can be found at canyonsdistrict.org. ■

Run, Play, Learn
 CSD accepting applications for 2019-2020 preschool programs



Business Spotlights

Insurance Concepts | 1770 Fort Union Blvd., Suite 100



Before you renew that business, home or auto insurance policy check out Insurance Concepts. This Independent Insurance Agency serves by giving their business and

personal clients choices. Why have just one carrier to choose from when you can have multiple options from a community-based agency? Insurance Concepts cares by being involved in the community as well as being committed to their clients when there is a claim. You will find them supporting student athletes at Brighton High, sponsoring Butlerville Days and holding



teen-safe driver events. Incidentally, did you think earthquake insurance was too expensive? Insurance Concepts has the affordable solution for businessowners and homeowners. ■



Alpha Coffee | 7260 Racquet Club Dr., Suite A

At the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, Alpha Coffee is veteran- and locally owned. Alpha Coffee is the place to go for amazing coffee, cocoa, breakfast burritos, pastries, gelato and more. With every order of its premium Arabica coffee, the shop sends a cup to troops deployed in combat zones, so you can enjoy while giving back. Alpha Coffee is open every day, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ■



Ribbon Cutting

Mid-Valley Guitar Gallery | 1881 E. Fort Union Blvd.



Mid-Valley Guitar Gallery will be opening its doors on Monday, Feb. 4. Please join the gallery for a ribbon-cutting at 3 p.m. at its new shop, 1881 E. Fort Union Blvd. The store features handcrafted electric guitars by longtime local builder Justin Pearce. Mid-Valley Guitar Gallery will also carry acoustic guitars, amplifiers and guitar accessories, and will offer onsite guitar services and lessons. ■



Enjoy CHBA's Annual Death By Chocolate Event, Coming February 12 at City Hall

There's no better way to warm up for Valentine's Day than attending the Cottonwood Heights Business Association's annual Death by Chocolate celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Several local restaurants and bakeries will provide samples of their favorite chocolate desserts, and most items will also be available to purchase.

Tickets are \$10 per person/\$15 per couple and can be purchased on the city

website or at the door on the night of the event. For information, contact Sheriie Martell at smartell@ch.utah.gov. ■