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## ATSPM is Reducing Traffic and Saving Drivers \$2.2 Million a Year

By Council Member Scott Bracken



In 2008, our city engineer had a great idea on how to make traveling along Fort Union Blvd (and other arterials in the city – Union Park, 1300 East, Highland

Drive) a lot more efficient. The goal was to reduce local emissions and improve air quality by getting people to where they need to be more quickly and effectively through and around our major intersections. provide real time data to help improve traffic. Data is collected every tenth of a second. Anytime we can aid in improving air quality, save money and make things better is a win in my book so I supported the project from the beginning.

There were three phases to the initial study/project: The “before” phase was April 1 to May 31, 2017, when five intersections had equipment to provide some baseline data. The “intermediate” phase was Sept. 23 through Nov. 23, 2017. Equipment was installed and running at 19 intersections and adjustments to a few key timing points could be made as the system was being fully integrated. The “after” phase ran from March 22 through May 23, 2018, where data was analyzed and some final tweaks could be made with coordination and synchronization schemes.

The concept of Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) came to mind. ATSPM involves adjusting traffic signal performance at intersections to the traffic flows, using real time data rather than simply setting a timing cycle. The process had potential to save us all some time, money and stress as we drove around the city. The end result (just in case you want the spoiler without all the detail) is that the system is up and working and is now saving vehicle users collectively about \$2.2 million per year. Transit times on our main corridors have been reduced in aggregate by 3 minutes per complete trip.

The city made application to the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) to use Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and received the go-ahead to put a project together. During that planning phase, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) became a partner in the planning and implementation as the core concepts had statewide application. The final agreement with UDOT was that Cottonwood Heights would be the first city to have equipment installed to



Some key findings of the study are as follows:

- As previously stated, aggregate travel time was reduced by 3 minutes across the four corridors, amounting to user benefits of about \$2.2 million annually;
- The split-failure rate (i.e. how often vehicles had to wait more than one full cycle to clear an intersection) decreased by 35 percent in the intermediate phase, and another 4.5 percent in

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# Upcoming Cottonwood Heights Events

May 1	Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall - 6 p.m.
May 7	City Council Meeting @ City Hall - 5 p.m.
May 17	CHBA Superhero Bike Ride @ City Hall - 6 p.m.
May 21	City Council Meeting @ City Hall - 5 p.m.
July 12-20	CH Arts Council's "The Little Mermaid" @ Butler Middle School - (more info below)
July 26 & 27	Butlerville Days @ Butler Park - (more info on the next page)

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents

## Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

July 2019 | [Arts.ch.Utah.gov](http://Arts.ch.Utah.gov)

July 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20



## May Featured Artist of the Month - Barbara Hickok

Barbara Hickok was born and raised in the Sugar House area of Salt Lake City. Her first exposure to art came from her mother who studied under well-known Utah artist LaConte Stewart. She developed her love for art through her youth and had one of her pictures chosen for the cover of Southeast Junior High's yearbook cover.

Barb continued to study art at Highland High school under Harold Peterson. While in high school, she participated in many art projects that were used for theater, publications and other events.

After marrying, Barbara took a break from art to raise her children and help support her family financially. Later, she was able to return to art and took art lessons from Kendra Burton, a well-



known artist from Cottonwood Heights.

Barbara moved to Cottonwood Heights in 1985 with her family, raising four children, all of whom attended Brighton High School. She now has 15 grandchildren. ■

## History Question of the Month

When was the name of the "Butlerville" area officially changed to "Cottonwood Heights?"



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**"ATSPM is Reducing Traffic",** *continued from cover*

the after phase. Remember that this is data aggregated across the city. There were a few specific times of day when split failures went up at a single intersection, but overall there was a significant reduction in vehicles having

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to wait multiple cycles to get through an intersection;

- Overall, there was a 6 percent increase in vehicles that arrived on a green light and didn't need to wait at all. While this may seem to be a small increase, in my experience the impact is

still significant as it eliminates all the start-up/ acceleration noise and extra fuel needed to get your car back up to travel speed.

One additional benefit of having all the ATSPM equipment up and running should be realized once the intersection of Fort Union/Highland

Drive construction project is completed (slated for late June) with double left turn lanes in each direction and additional dedicated right turn lanes. Rather than having

to wait to complete the project, conduct a thorough traffic study for a few weeks, and then analyze the data to figure out how to best coordinate the new traffic flows with all the other intersections in town, with the new systems in place, the data collection is instantaneous and analysis can begin

immediately. Furthermore, it can be continuously looked at as part of a whole system in the city and not just an isolated intersection. Other cities in the county (and I assume the state) are already bidding out upgrades to their intersection equipment to take advantage of UDOT's new core capabilities.

This project took a long time from genesis to fruition. But it is creative ideas and inter-governmental cooperation on projects like this that demonstrate good governance and honest public service, resulting in an increase to general welfare. Our city has a rich history of inter-governmental cooperation with the state, county, Canyons School District, the Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area, neighboring cities, and many other agencies. By working together, we can achieve great things, all while keeping governance as close to the people as possible. ■

## Butlerville Days – Coming July 26 & 27

Butlerville Days is coming on July 26 and 27 (Friday and Saturday), and there are a lot of exciting activities and attractions planned. A few of the highlights include a carnival and our annual movie in the park, and we are excited to announce this year's movie will be Marvel's "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse." It will be shown on Friday, July 26 at dusk.

We are excited to announce two new free events, which are:

**NEW Free Ice Skating** - On Friday night, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center. All ages are welcome.

**NEW Free Yoga with Yogurt!** - Join us Saturday morning in the park at 7 a.m. on the grass

for a good healthy stretch. Then enjoy some cold yogurt with great company. All ages are welcome.



We are also accepting applications for our creative craft market, parade entries, chalk art showcase, and stage entertainers - and don't forget to enter the Mayor's Cup Pickleball Contest. Be sure to dust off your classic and antique cars for

the Cannon Mortuary Antique and Classic Car Show.

Applications and information on all these activities are available at <http://www.bvdays.com>.

We are still looking for sponsorships and if your company is interested, please contact the city Culture Manager Ann Eatchel at 801-550-8225 or via email at [aatchel@ch.utah.gov](mailto:aatchel@ch.utah.gov). Your sponsorship of Butlerville Days will not only help maintain the quality and integrity of the celebration, but also help ensure that it continues to grow in years to come. Being a part of the event enhances the marketing of your product or services for a minimal cost. ■

## The Bonneville Shoreline Trail is Coming to CH

First conceptualized in the mid-1980s, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) is a vision for a non-motorized pathway extending more than 280 miles along the Wasatch Front from Logan to Nephi. Sections of this trail have been built on either



side of Cottonwood Heights, but currently no BST sections exist on the mountainsides directly east of our city. This summer, the BST will take another step toward completion when construction of the first Cottonwood Heights section of this trail gets

underway.

Through a partnership between Salt Lake County, the U.S. Forest Service, the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee, initial work on a BST trail section extending from Big Cottonwood Canyon to Ferguson Canyon will begin in May. Construction of this section will occur entirely on U.S. Forest Service land and will continue until completion targeted for fall 2021 (to see maps, visit [bonnevilleshorelinetrail.org](http://bonnevilleshorelinetrail.org)).

Cottonwood Heights is making efforts to get sections of the BST done as well. In 2018, the city applied for and was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from Salt Lake County's Transportation Choice Fund for planning and construction of the BST

through Cottonwood Heights. The city is currently exploring alignment and access point options. An open house will be held to take feedback on the project later this fall. If you'd like to pass along your BST thoughts and ideas before then, please email Mike Johnson at [mjohnson@ch.utah.gov](mailto:mjohnson@ch.utah.gov). ■

### SPRING INTO ACTION

The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will host a volunteer day to remove invasive weeds along the to-be-built section of the BST from Big Cottonwood Canyon to Ferguson Canyon on Saturday, May 11. For more information and to participate, visit the city website ([www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov)) ■



# UDOT/Central Wasatch Commission Open House

By Stan Rosenzweig - *CH Neighborhood Watch*

Representatives from UDOT and the Central Wasatch Commission held an open house meeting at City Hall to gather input over transportation decisions that will impact Big and Little Cottonwood canyons over the next decade or so.

The meeting featured proposals that include toll roads, shuttle services, rail lines and gondola



options to transport recreational enthusiasts to the ski resorts and other outdoor attractions in the canyons. The proposals also covered means to address avalanche mitigation in the roadways.

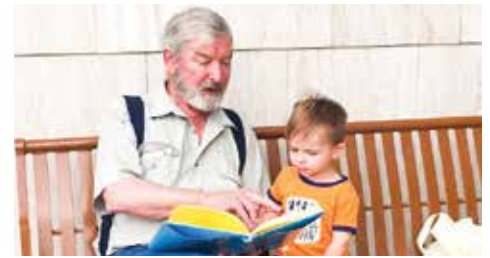
The proposals are intended to manage increased traffic in the canyons and Wasatch Boulevard. ■

## Find Programs for All Ages at Whitmore Library



The month of May brings programs for every age at Salt Lake County's Whitmore Library. Try Yoga for Beginners or bring your Pokémon or other collectible cards to play at the Deck Destroyers club. Families are invited to watch a Utah Puppet Theater performance of Stone Soup or be astounded by Amazing Adam, who is sure to delight audiences with juggling, illusions and all sorts of visual trickery.

Looking for a new job? The library's Résumés and Cover Letters workshop, hosted by the Salt Lake Community College Writing Center, will give you the writing skills you need to succeed. And if great discussions are what you crave, the library has a nonfiction book club that meets throughout the year and will be discussing "American Radical," by Tamer Elnoury this month.



To find out when these and other programs are happening at Whitmore, call or stop by the library or visit [thecountylibrary.org](http://thecountylibrary.org) to see a complete calendar of events. ■

## CH Kids Attend Water Fair at Zoo Sandbags Available



On April 10 and 11, kids from Cottonwood Heights elementary schools got to spend a day at Hogle Zoo, learning about storm water, water safety and water conservation.

It's part of the Salt Lake County Stormwater Coalition's educational programs to help children learn about water management in the area. ■



Free bags, sand and use of loading tubes will be available at the Cottonwood Heights Public Works yard (3000 East and 6600 South) every Wednesday in May and June from 4 to 7 p.m. ■

## Answer

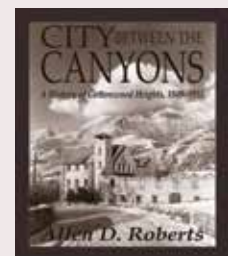
**Question,** *continued from page 2*

At the County Commission meeting held on May 13, 1938, a resolution was submitted for the board's approval from the residents of Butlerville and passed by two votes. The area in Salt Lake County was designated as land commencing west of the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon and Big Cottonwood Creek. The resolution specified that, "...a greater part of the original settlers, and particularly the Butler family, for whom said district and locality was named, have moved from said locality and said name has lost its original significance and said locality is not definitely

designated or widely known by said old name, and it is the desire of the present residents and owners of property in said district to change said name to 'Cottonwood Heights.'"

The resolution also said that the change would facilitate "...convenience, orderliness, certainty, and government of said locality and would facilitate the distribution of mail, patrolling by county motorcycle and radio cars, delivery and distribution of merchandise and add to the general convenience of the residents of said district and others."

The resolution was approved and signed May 13, 1938. ■



### Buy the Book!

*Stories like this 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.*

# UFA Reminds Residents of Swift Water Dangers as Snow Melts

By Ryan Love - UFA Public Information Officer



Several late storms have brought much precipitation to the Wasatch Front following a decade of less than impressive snowfall. Warm temperatures have begun to melt the mountain snow that will flow down the valley through a network of rivers. The recreation opportunities seem endless. Though the rivers may be tempting this summer, the high flows and cold temperatures make rivers deceptively dangerous. Big and Little Cottonwood creeks have not had flows as high as currently forecasted since 2011.

Rivers with high flows and cold temperatures can claim the lives of even the most experienced and skilled swimmers. With the large snowpack, these fast-flowing, cold conditions are likely to continue long into the summer season. Hypothermia can occur quickly and severely incapacitate even

the strongest swimmers. As the weather warms up and residents begin to flock to the water, Unified Fire Authority wants to remind Utahns to take the right precautions before entering the water.

In Northern Utah, drowning deaths most often occur in warm months. What makes Utah unique is the frequency of drowning deaths in water bodies fed by snow melt which includes most cold-running rivers found in the state. In May 2017, a mother and a Good Samaritan drowned while trying to rescue a 4-year-old girl in the Provo River.

All too often, we see would-be rescuers become victims as well. If you witness someone getting swept away by the current do not jump into the water to try to save them. Look for something you can use to reach out to the victim and call 911 immediately.

When someone gets swept away, it is instantly a critical situation. The water is often times just a few degrees above freezing temperatures. Once you're in it, your body can shut down very quickly and your ability



to use your motor functions is going to be limited. If you get swept away by swift water, try to focus on keeping your head above the water and your feet downstream facing the direction you are going. This will limit the chances of crashing into boulders and getting caught up in underwater hazards or strainers.

Our local rivers may have currents that are deceptively strong and just a foot or two deep could have an aggressive and powerful current that goes with it. Anytime you, your children, or your pets are recreating near a body of water, make sure you have a personal flotation device. If you are anywhere near moving water, expect the unexpected. Expect that it is going to be stronger than you think and that it may very well sweep you away, so please take necessary precautions to keep you and your family safe. ■

## Citizens, Volunteers Participate in Annual CH Shakeout

Several Cottonwood Heights residents participated in the city's annual "ShakeOut" event, held on April 13. The drill included a simulated Emergency Operations Center at City Hall, with active participation from the Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Club (CHARC). The drill was held in conjunction with the statewide 2018 Utah ShakeOut (held separately on Thursday, April 18).

Working with local church organizations, block captains and volunteer emergency

workers, organizers were able to gather data from homes where emergency triage ribbons were displayed to indicate the simulated



medical status of each household. Data from the exercise will help gauge readiness and help develop future disaster plans.

Thanks to all for participating. ■



## Project S.A.F.E. a Success

Kathie and Jim Hawkins recently spearheaded Project S.A.F.E. (Stuffed Animals For Emergencies), an effort to provide comfort for children involved in scary or tragic circumstances.

Through Kathie and Jim's efforts, they were able to gather piles of teddy bears and other stuffed animals to help police officers who encounter children involved in tough situations. The Hawkinses dropped the stuffed animals off at City Hall on April 13. ■





# No Green Waste in Blue Recycle Can

Please remember that grass clippings and other organic and yard waste never go in the blue recycle can. If these materials get collected, it will contaminate the entire recycle load in the collection truck. If you have a lot of yard waste, consider a Green Waste can or a home composting program. More information about the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District's (WFWRD) Green Waste Program can be found at <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste-collection>. ■



# Trailer Rental Program

Spring is here, which means we think about spring cleaning. WFWRD has both bulk trailers and green waste trailers that you can rent to help with your household clean-up tasks. These trailers are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Rental fees and other details are available at <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/trailer-rental>. You



can also reserve your trailer online, or call WFWRD to make your reservation. Sign up

early to ensure you get the trailer on the date you need. ■

# WFWRD Services

WFWRD provides services to the community that no other waste/recycling organization provides. In addition to weekly curbside waste and recycling collection, the district offers subscription curbside green waste and curbside glass collection. It also has bulk waste and green waste trailers available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis, as well as landfill vouchers for truck or trailer loads available at city offices. As residents within WFWRD, you have access to these and all its other programs. Visit [www.wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://www.wasatchfrontwaste.org) to find out more. ■

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 Code Enforcement .....944-7095  
 Police Administration .....944-7100

## City Council Meetings

**May 7** - Work Session 5 p.m.,  
 Business Meeting 7 p.m.  
**May 21** - 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](http://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 May 1.

## Editors

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# Canyons District is Turning 10

July 1, 2019, is Canyons District's 10th birthday, and it's celebrating! While most of the original board members and administrators have since departed, the district's origins should not be forgotten. The raft of new schools and parks in Cottonwood Heights that have come into being over the past decade simply would not have happened were it not for those pioneering efforts. Canyons District wishes to thank those leaders, activists and community members who had the vision, courage and gumption to start up a new school district, the first to be created in Utah in 100 years.

- **10th Anniversary Festival:** An evening showcase of district milestones and the inspiring achievements of Canyons District students. Where: Jordan High auditorium, 95 Beetdigger Blvd. in Sandy. When: Monday, May 13. Reception from 6-7 p.m. and program from 7-8 p.m.
- **Birthday Party:** Free hot dogs, cake and fun. Where: Mount Jordan Middle athletic fields, 9351 S. Mountaineer Lane in Sandy. When: Monday, July 1 at 10:45 a.m. ■



# New Bengal Home on the Rise

Until now, most of the work to rebuild Brighton High has taken place behind the school where it's not immediately visible to passersby. But starting this spring, steel girders and brick walls will rise from the foundations contractors have laid for two structures that bookend the campus: An arts and technology center to house visual and performing arts and career-and-technical education classes; and a physical education and athletics complex. Completion of these facilities, coupled with the newly rebuilt baseball and softball



fields, will mark the end of the first phase of construction. For more information about the project, visit [www.bond.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.bond.canyonsdistrict.org). ■

## SCHEDULE - JULY 20

<b>DISPLAYS, PHOTOS AND MEMORIES</b> Wander the circled halls, see displays from 50 years of Brighton History. Take photos with your former clubs, teams and groups. Music, Food Trucks and Socializing.	2-7
<b>7-8:30</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b> Alumni performances, recognition, and presentations. Video premiere.
<b>STOMP AND SOCIALIZING</b> Celebrate with music from all five decades. Enjoy food trucks and catching up with Bengal friends old and new.	9-12
<b>July 26-27</b>	<b>BUTLERVILLE DAYS</b> Cottonwood Heights Annual Celebration. Brightens will be featured in the parade and the history tent. Lots of events and fun for the whole family!

# Brighton High Celebrates Five Decades of Learning

Brighton High is celebrating 50 years. Circle July 20 on your calendar for a full day of anniversary events. You can find more information on festivities and register for the alumni association at [www.brightonhigh50.com](http://www.brightonhigh50.com). ■



# Business Spotlights



Carmen Valverde | Edward Jones | 8619 Highland Dr.

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Valverde focuses on every stage of the wealth cycle from accumulation and preservation to distribution and legacy. "I believe that the most important thing I can do for my clients is to help them achieve a sense of

financial well-being," she said. She has worked in the financial services industry since 2000. Prior to relocating to Utah in 2014, Valverde worked in Palo Alto, Calif., as a private banker. A resident of Cottonwood Heights, she can be reached at 801-272-9300. ■

Carmine's | 2477 Fort Union Blvd.



Born in Naples, Italy, Chef Carmine Delli Bovi brings from his hometown only the best recipes for authentic Neapolitan pizzas, pastas, sauces and side dishes. A culinary chef for many years, Delli Bovi and his wife, Florida,

have learned the ins and outs of cooking quality dishes with authentic ingredients and an eye on top-shelf service in a warm and inviting atmosphere. As you enter, the fireplace serves as the best ambassador to let his guests know they're going to enjoy a relaxing and cozy experience. Carmine's restaurant in Cottonwood Heights offers full service for both lunch, dinner, and catering. ■



## Inspiro Financial Opens in CH

Please welcome Inspiro Financial to Cottonwood Heights. City officials attended a ribbon cutting for the new business on

April 10. Inspiro provides mortgages loans, home lending and refinancing. Contact them at [www.inspirofinancial.com](http://www.inspirofinancial.com). ■

## Emergency Preparedness for Your Business

Is your business ready for a small scale to large scale disaster? What is the cost of your business not being prepared? What steps can and should you take for your business to be prepared? What are your essential business functions?

Consider this: 75 percent of companies without business continuity plans fail within three years of facing a disaster, and 40 percent



to 60 percent of businesses disrupted by a disaster without a continuity plan, never

reopen. Is your business continuity plan ready?

Learn more at BeReadyUtah Business, [www.utah.gov](http://www.utah.gov). City employees also can provide helpful resources. Contact Assistant Chief Paul Brenneman, [pbrenneman@ch.utah.gov](mailto:pbrenneman@ch.utah.gov), or Assistant Emergency Manager Julie Sutch, [jsutch@ch.utah.gov](mailto:jsutch@ch.utah.gov). ■

## Superhero Bike Ride - May 17



The Cottonwood Heights Business Association (CHBA) is hosting the Superhero Bike Ride on Friday, May 17, from 6 to 8 pm. This event is free to the community.

Dress up as your favorite superhero and bring your bikes for an evening of fun.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and events include a bicycle rodeo, station for bike safety check, strider races for younger children, Lime scooters, face painting, balloon twisting, games hosted by our sponsors, food truck vendors, and an easy

1-mile family bike ride. Our young superheroes will get a free T-shirt for participating.

Current sponsors include Cottonwood Cyclery, Curves, Healthy Pets, Smith's, Title Boxing, Edward Jones and Anytime Fitness. Sponsorships are available; call 801-944-7067 for more information. Pre-register online with a waiver at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov). ■

