

"Please consider giving to agencies that help the homeless rather than giving to panhandlers." - Christine Balderas, Millcreek resident

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City Council

Tuesday, 9/5/17

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PLEASE DON'T FEED THE PANHANDLERS

MILLCREEK. Like many cities in Salt Lake County, Millcreek has seen a steep increase in panhandlers over the last year. Several quite visibly have taken up begging at the intersection of Valley Street and 3300 South, and about a block to the west at the entrance to the shopping center.

Stories about Millcreek panhandlers abound. They've been known to reject meals purchased from the nearby fast-food restaurants. They've been seen taking shifts, and counting large wads of money at the end of the day. One, who sits in a wheelchair while on duty, has been seen walking to his car and lifting the chair into the trunk.

One panhandler, who has set up seemingly regular business hours on the median of the Valley St./3300 So. intersection, recently told police officers that he makes \$300/day at that location. While he has been cited by the UPD several times for creating a danger, the continued generosity of Millcreek residents makes the fines imposed just a part of doing business.



Panhandling can be annoying, irksome, and even oftentimes morally suspect. Regardless, the courts have determined that the activity is constitutionally-protected free speech. Earlier this summer, a man claiming to be homeless sued Sandy City over its recently-enacted ordinance that prohibits standing on a median in traffic. While the ordinance is couched in terms of safety, the man claims that it was designed primarily to prohibit panhandling, and thus infringes on panhandlers' First Amendment free speech rights.

The best and most effective way to discourage panhandling in Millcreek is not to pass an ordinance, but for us all to stop giving panhandlers money. Let's instead satisfy our Good Samaritan instincts by donating to reputable homeless service providers, who help people who are legitimately in need. [A list can be found here.](#) Salt Lake City distributes a [homeless resource guide](#) with more information. Larry H. Miller's family has set up a fund to match up to \$10 million in donations for the new homeless shelters that were set up recently in the County. [Click here for more information.](#) You can donate directly to the Pamela J. Atkinson Foundation by [clicking here.](#)

Millcreek intends to erect signs in public places in the near future, which will encourage residents to give to agencies instead of to the panhandlers. Feel free to [contact us](#) with suggested locations.

I-80/I-215 Construction Very Disruptive this Weekend

MILLCREEK. This week's traffic delays will be once again be extreme. Starting tonight (August 25th) at 9 PM through Monday at 5AM, eastbound I-80 will be closed at the I-215-southbound split. This same closure earlier this summer caused heavy congestion in the whole area near the 33rd South exit from I-

215.

UDOT urges eastbound I-80 traffic take the 700 East exit, head east to the top of 33rd South, and then turn left onto the I-215 northbound on-ramp, which leads directly to the eastbound I-80 on-ramp.

That sounds great, except that UDOT's alternative detour is directed to southbound I-215, where traffic will exit at 33rd South, make a U-turn onto the northbound I-215 ramp (and hopefully avoid causing any further damage to the guardrail), and head directly to the eastbound I-80 on-ramp.



Thus, all of the traffic from these two detours will be attempting to merge on the northbound I-215 on-ramp. That will most certainly slow all traffic on the 33rd South bridge.

To add even more traffic, drivers west of I-15 will be directed on I-15 south to the I-215 exit, where it will loop around to the east and then north to the eastbound I-80 on-ramp.

So all eastbound I-80 traffic this weekend will be funneled to the ONE-LANE eastbound I-80 on-ramp. If your weekend plans involve travel through any part of this area, plan on extra time or may be even rethink them! [Here's UDOT's newsletter](#) with maps and more information.

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City Council Agenda
August 28, 2017

Note change in location

Notice is Hereby Given that the Millcreek City Council shall assemble for a meeting at the Common Room of the Artesian Springs Apartments at 4180 South Main Street.

4:00 PM - WORK SESSION

1. Report by Salt Lake County
2. Discussion with residents Glen and Marjorie Willardson, proposing an ordinance that would allow accessory apartments in Millcreek
3. Discussion of SLC water quality issue in East Millcreek
4. Presentation by Dave Spatafore about legislative priorities
5. Update on SLVLESA issues
6. Discussion with John Jansen about [proposed revisions to M Zone](#)
7. Discussion about municipal priorities
8. Discussion of new items for subsequent consideration
9. Discussion of items on regular meeting agenda

6:30 PM - BREAK: Dinner for Council and staff provided this week by City Manager John Geilmann

7:00 PM - REGULAR MEETING:

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2. Approval of [Minutes for 8/14/17 meeting](#)

2. Public Comment

Audience members may bring any item to the Mayor and Council's attention. Comments are subject to the Public Comment and Policy set forth below. State Law prohibits the Council from acting on items that do not appear on the agenda.

3. Reports

- 3.1 Report of the Mayor
- 3.2 Reports of City Council members
- 3.3 Report of City Manager
- 3.4 Report by the Unified Police Department
- 3.5 Report by the Unified Fire Authority

4. Appointments

5. Consent Agenda

6. Planning Matters

7. Financial Matters

8. Other Matters

8.1 Discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 17-__ - [adopting a Vision Statement and a Mission Statement](#)

8.2 Discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 17-__ - [flood damage prevention ordinance](#)

8.3 Discussion and consideration of road, street, and sidewalk project priorities, including the County's current spreadsheet and funding for the recently adopted 50/50 program

9. New Items for Subsequent Consideration

10. Calendar of Upcoming Events

City Council September 5th meeting is

Millcreek Community Council, 9/5/17, 6:30 PM, Millcreek Activity Center (old Hillview School) 1025 East 4405 South

Mt. Olympus Community Council, 9/5/17, 7 PM, Churchill Jr. High School, 3450 East Oakview Drive

Canyon Rim Citizens Association, 9/6/17, 7 PM, Christ United Methodist, 2375 East 3300 South, Millcreek, UT

East Mill Creek Community Council, 9/7/17, 6:30 PM, East Millcreek Recreation Center, 2266 E. Evergreen Ave

11. Closed Session (If Needed)

The Council may convene in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, pending or reasonable imminent litigation, and the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, as provided by Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205

12. Adjournment

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Millcreek will make reasonable accommodation for participation in the meeting. Request assistance by contacting Leslie Van Frank, 801-214-2706, at least

24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Public Comment Policy and Procedure: The purpose of public comment is to allow citizens to address items on the agenda. Citizens requesting to address the commission may be asked to complete a written comment form and present it to the acting city recorder. In general, the chair will allow an individual two minutes to address the Council. A spokesperson, recognized as representing a group in attendance, may be allowed up to five minutes. At the conclusion of the citizen comment time, the chair may direct staff to assist the citizen on the issue presented; direct the citizen to the proper administrative department(s); or take no action. This policy also applies to all public hearings. Citizens may also submit written requests (outlining their issue) for an item to be considered at a future council meeting. The chair may place the item on the agenda under citizen comments; direct staff to assist the citizen; direct the citizen to the proper administrative departments; or take no action.

Leslie Van Frank, acting City Recorder, hereby certifies the foregoing agenda was emailed to at least one a media correspondent, was posted on the Utah State Public Notice website and on Millcreek's website at <http://millcreek.utah.gov>, and was posted at the Mt. Olympus Improvement District Offices located at 3932 South 500 East Millcreek, Utah. Posted and dated on or before the 27th day of August, 2017. /s/ Leslie Van Frank, Acting City Recorder.

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