

# MILLCREEK NEWS



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## VENTURE OUT! TRY ON OUR SUMMER SIGNATURE EVENTS



The summer's not over yet and Venture Out! has two more incredible Summer Signature Events in August.

**On August 4th we have our first ever, adult only, Farm to Table Pop-Up Dinner!**

We hope you are one of the lucky participants that signed-up in advance because registration for this event has closed. This magical evening, located at the Baldwin Historic Radio Factory, includes a social hour with appetizers,

drinks and a gallery stroll, followed by a delicious multi-course meal catered by Roots Cafe. Finally, guests will walk over to Evergreen Park to enjoy a movie under the stars.

*Please note that there WILL NOT be any other activities happening at Evergreen Park from 6pm to twilight. However, everyone is welcome to join us at 9:00 PM to watch The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG)*

**Join us for a 50s Drive-In Nite on August 11th.**

"Drive in" to the Olympus Hills Shopping Center to enjoy activities, live music, and more. Hop from shop to shop for free samples, discounts, inflatable toys, games and much more. Olympus Hills Bowling is staying open until 2 am so that everyone can get a game in. Bring your own chairs to watch Grease (PG) on the big screen.

**Millcreek Community Council Luau**

If you're not quite ready for summer to end, head over to Big Cottonwood Park on August 18th for the Millcreek Community Council's Luau. A roasted pig dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of 5. Enjoy fire dancers, limbo contests and an outdoor movie, Finding Dory (PG).

## HERE'S MILLIE!



### MILLIE MILLCREEK

Taking a simple stroll around the block with Milford is one of my favorite things to do on a warm summer evening in Millcreek. It doesn't seem to matter where I go, inevitably there are friendly people out on the streets and it is not unusual to observe adults out visiting together on their front lawns while their kids race around.

The heart of Millcreek is neighborliness; people looking out for each other and our community.

The other day I heard a great story I would like to share about a wonderful Millcreek Citizen that lives by the Scott Avenue Park. A few nights before the Venture Out! event was to occur, someone came through the park and tagged it with graffiti.

Instead of just shrugging his shoulders, this Millcreek Citizen got right to work to remedy the problem. After contacting Nancy White, the SL County Graffiti Manager, (you can also call 1-801-END-GRAF), he got out his own paint and went to work to cover up the graffiti in order to keep his park clean and friendly.

Rolling up our sleeves and noticing what needs to be done to keep things clean, safe, and inviting, is the essence of a great neighborhood. There are so many times I have seen our community come together and accomplish wonderful things, why not target crime?

One of the most effective ways to accomplish this is by joining or creating a Neighborhood Watch group.

Despite what you may think, it really doesn't have to take that much time. When you choose to join a group, you get to know who lives on your street, learn more about crime prevention, and can brainstorm how to work together to address neighborhood specific concerns.

Face to face meetings are helpful, but it doesn't have to be that complicated. It can even start with creating or joining an online group using Facebook or Nextdoor, or even something as pedestrian as a walk around the block . . .

So go walk your beat, er . . . I mean your block, meet your neighbors and help make our community the best it can be!

XOXO

Millie

## Venture Out! Signature Events Are Uniquely Themed

- **VENTURE OUT! FARM TO TABLE POP-UP ADULT ONLY DINNER\*** Aug 3 Historic Baldwin Radio Factory
- **VENTURE OUT! 50s DRIVE-IN NITE WITH CAR SHOW & GREASE** Aug 11 Olympus Hill Shopping Center

*\*Dinner is Sold Out but the 9:00pm movie is open to everyone. Details at [ventureout.org](http://ventureout.org)*

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE JEFF SILVESTRINI

### What Your City has Been Up To



Millcreek leaders have been working on two major goals this summer. The first is to launch the process of updating our general plan, and the second is to create our own planning and development services department. Here's what we've been doing.

#### GENERAL PLAN

State law requires all cities to have a "comprehensive long-range general plan for: (a) present and future needs of the municipality; and (b) growth and development of all or any part of the land

within the municipality." Utah Code 10-9a-401(1). The general plan can address a wide variety of issues, such as transportation, conservation, development, and historic preservation . 10-9a-401(2).

To begin preparing Millcreek's general plan, we first obtained grants, which now total \$115,000, from the Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Salt Lake County Redevelopment Agency. Then, through a competitive bidding process, we recently engaged Logan Simpson, a western-based planning consultant firm with local offices,

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# VENTURE OUT! FOR THESE TWO SIGNATURE EVENTS



**VENTURE OUT!  
FARM TO TABLE POP-UP  
DINNER  
AUGUST 4**

**HISTORIC BALDWIN RADIO FACTORY**  
2266 Evergreen Ave  
6-7 PM Social, Art Gallery Stroll, Live Music, Appetizers & Drinks  
7-9pm Community Dinner prepared by Roots Café

**DINNER SOLD OUT**

**EVERGREEN PARK**  
9pm Movie on Giant Outdoor Screen

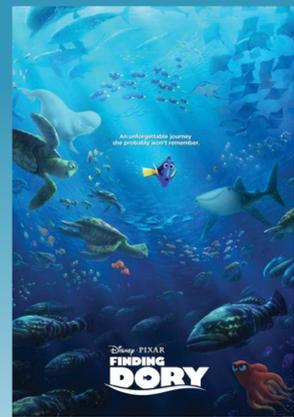
The Farm to Table Pop-Up dinner catered by Roots Café has sold-out. *If you don't have dinner tickets, please still join us for the acclaimed movie The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) at Evergreen Park at 9:00pm.*

**Please note that there WILL NOT be any park activities prior to the movie screening.**

**MOVIE:** The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG)  
**MUSIC:** Svengali Jazz Quartet

**Every Venture Out! has tons of fun and adVENTURous activities for all ages. Go to [ventureout.org](http://ventureout.org) for details.**

**MILLCREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL LUAU**  
AUGUST 18 6PM - Twilight  
BIG COTTONWOOD PARK  
4300 S 1300 E.



**6:00 PM Dinner**  
**7:00 PM Entertainment**  
**9:00 PM Movie**

For one special night, Millcreek Community Council is transforming Big Cottonwood Park into an island paradise. And even though the plastic leis may not smell like plumerias, the aroma of cooking pork will magically transport you to the islands. Grab your flip flops, floral shirts, grass skirts, and coconut bras and join us for an evening of island living.

Enjoy a community roasted pig dinner for \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of 5. Watch fire dancers perform and then throw your back out at the "How low can you go?" limbo contest.

When you're all worn out, "lei" out your blankets for the movie and enjoy Finding Dory under the night sky.

**Aloha Activities:**

- Roasted Pig Dinner
- UPD Officers Meet and Greet
- Happy Hula Limbo Contest
- Hawaiian Ice
- Polynesian Performers and much more...

**MOVIE:** Finding Dory (PG)

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to assist us. Logan Simpson self-describes its work as "draw[ing] on the strengths of each individual community and the voices of its citizens."

Because your voices are crucial, we have been gathering citizen input this summer at open houses, Venture Out on Friday evenings, block parties, and other events throughout the City. Look for us there. Or take our on-line survey at <https://millcreek.utah.gov/envision>. Or communicate with any member of the Planning Commission, the Envision Committee, or the City Council, or with me. This is exciting work—join in!

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

We have begun to get our planning and development services department up and running. Our new offices on 13th East and 33rd South should be open in September, and will accommodate sufficient staff to provide excellent customer service. Until then, Salt Lake County is helping us through the transition by dedicating several people solely to Millcreek. You'll be able to find them at a dedicated counter in room N3-600 at the County Complex (2001 S. State St.). Until further notice, that is where you should apply for planning permits and business licenses. We are working toward having these functions operate out of our new location in September.

## VENTURE TO SUNNYVALE PARK ON SATURDAYS

Along with the Sunnyvale Farmers Market, Venture to Sunnyvale Park provides activities for families at the Sunnyvale Park (4013 S 700 W) each Saturday from 12-3 PM until October 14th. Fun for the whole family!

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Aug 12th. Meet at Churchill Jr High (3450 E Oakview) at 8:00 AM

# Little Free Library



*By Councilmember Dwight Marchant*

I was invited this month to the ribbon cutting ceremony for a "Little Free Library" in our neighborhood. A few dozen excited neighbors attended. We are seeing such libraries popping up throughout Millcreek, which encourages neighbors to read good books.

Valerie Johnson reports that her mother, Debi Johnson, discovered these unique neighborhood miniature libraries on a recent trip to Everett, Washington. On every morning walk, Debi saw different books on the shelves. It was evident that the neighbors were actively participating. With a little digging, Debi learned of an organization called Little Free Library, and she returned home inspired to create her own miniature library.

As Valerie explains, "With scrap materials and a bit of love, Debi's husband, Wayne, built her a little library for her. Friends also began donating more than enough books to her soon-to-be library."

"Debi opened her Little Free Library on the morning of June 24 with a ribbon cutting ceremony — neighbor and former long-time kindergarten teacher Joyce Larsen did the honors."

"The library has shelves full of books that range from children's picture books to adult novels. They overflow into two bins kept on Debi's front porch. Visitors can take a book home to read with no due dates or fines to worry about. While the Little Free Library motto is 'Take a book, return a book,' Wayne is fond of the 'Take a book, take another book,' motto."

"I wanted something more to reach out into the community and the neighborhood," Debi said. "Books are something that I have loved. It's fun to see what other people like and read."

Debi's library can be found at 955 E. Fairclough Drive. Visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) to learn more about miniature libraries and to discover one near you.

# Gregson Avenue Tree Preservation

Neighbors on Gregson Avenue contacted the City recently to talk about the line of impressive 65+ year old mulberry trees between Valley Street and Metropolitan Way. The trees were planted decades ago. Unfortunately, as they are very close to the street, several were in the way of curb and gutter repairs that had to be done before the street could be repaved.

Mayor Silvestrini, Council member Cheri Jackson, and the neighbors met on site with Salt Lake County engineer Steve Sandoval to talk about what could be done to protect the trees. As they were talking, Jean Phizacklea, one of the original residents on the street, joined the group. She was ready with a history lesson about the street and the trees.

Jean explained that the homes on Gregson Avenue were built around 1950. There were only three along the street when she first moved in. The breakout of the Korean War had made construction materials scarce for a time, so she and her husband's move was delayed by months. But by the time their home was finished, other homes on the street were being built quickly. Jean related a story of going to the store one day and returning to find an entire foundation trench had gone in just across the street.

The street was originally gravel, which was a big temptation to the "little boys" in the neighborhood. When the asphalt was finally spread, the temptation turned to tar, so Jean and the other neighborhood mothers spent a lot of time cleaning shoes.

When the neighborhood development was first built, it

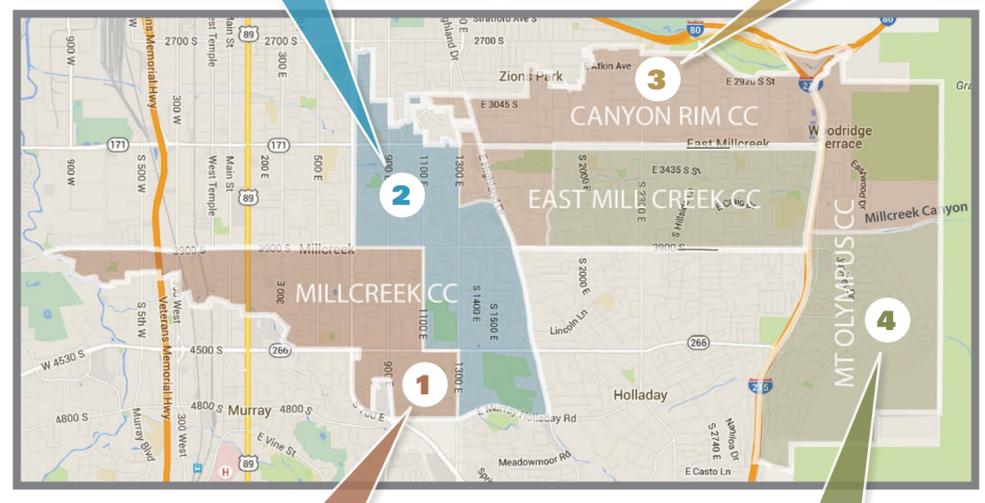
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# STAY IN THE KNOW AND MAKE YOUR VOICE KNOWN

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# Millcreek Election Coming

*By Councilmember Bev Uipi*

Establishing a new city takes significantly longer than a few months to complete. Throughout the past six months, the Millcreek Council has worked tirelessly to build a dependable foundation for the city. Recently — after an intensive study — the Council decided to leave the municipal services district. This measure, which saves the City a significant amount of money, is only a single example of the efforts being made by Council. Each contract that Millcreek negotiates goes through a competitive bidding process. During the seven months after the election, City Council members have been volunteering 15-20 hours each week to Millcreek affairs, and the Mayor has been volunteering more than 40 hours per week.

The Council has done its best to enhance the City's transparency, to ensure fiscal responsibility, and to establish a balanced relationship with the Salt Lake County. We send out a weekly email newsletter and live stream all Council meetings on Facebook. We have held many public hearings, attended dozens of community meetings and events

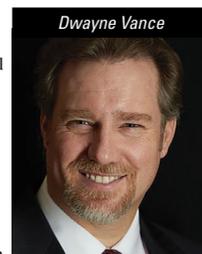
throughout the city, sat on district boards, and spent much time building relationships with community partners, non-profit organizations, and neighboring cities.

Some may wonder, with all this work that is being done, why will campaign signs soon be cropping up again? Why will candidates and their supporters be engaging in honk-and-waves, door-to-door knocking, and sending out mailers. Here's why:

Last year, after Millcreek voters chose to incorporate in 2015, the Salt Lake County Council drew four city council districts by population. To establish a staggered schedule of four-year terms on the Millcreek City Council, the County Council determined that Districts 2 and 4 would initially serve one-year terms, while Districts 1 and 3 and the

Mayor would initially serve three-year terms. This election cycle also ensured that future City elections would occur during odd-numbered years.

The candidates for this year's November 2017 general election are District 2: Dwight Marchant (incumbent) and Dwayne Vance; and District 4: Bev Uipi (incumbent). In the coming months, you will see them out campaigning. You will receive a mail-in ballot from the County Clerk sometime in October. We appreciate your patience, and your support in a democratic political process. We encourage you to stay engaged, and to call the candidates with questions and feedback.



# A Taste of Sudan: Millcreek Resident Brings Diversity to Local Food Truck Scene

By Councilmember Silvia Catten

Rooted in tradition but now influenced by delectable flavor, Kaltum Mohamed has been cooking since she was a small child. A resident of Millcreek and small business owner, she recently opened a food truck

servicing up savory Sudanese cuisine.

Originally from Darfur, Sudan, Kaltum and her husband, Ahmed, and their five children came to Utah in 2013. After leaving Sudan due to instability and civil war, the family relocated for a few years in Libya and then in Egypt before deciding to apply for refuge in the U.S. They were brought to the Salt Lake valley through the United Nations, and have since settled nicely in Millcreek's Bud Bailey neighborhood.

Kaltum describes the first year of living in Utah as a whirlwind of learning English and securing permanent employment and housing. But she has held steadfast to her dream of owning a small business. In Africa, she had sold small things or food to supplement her family's income, and she wanted to find a way to do something similar here.

Last October, with help from the International Rescue Committee (IRC), an organization that offers resettlement resources for refugees, Kaltum and Ahmed were able to purchase a food truck and begin the process of starting a business. Through the IRC, Kaltum attended workshops on starting a business and how to obtain a loan and business license. She has plans to keep learning new things to boost her business skills.



While Kaltum's food truck has been in operation since the beginning of the summer, it was a long road to get to that point. Challenges included finding a suitable truck, getting it fixed and inspected, and getting it repainted. The truck is now a brilliant lime green with the Sudanese and American flags embellishing the front hood and sides of the truck. One can only imagine this paint job has made a big difference in attracting customers.

Kaltum is eager and optimistic about the growth of her customer base. While her food has been well-received by those seeking something different than your usual food truck fare, she said she is still working to get the word out about her business. "I want people to be able to [recognize] that this is my food—it's traditional, fresh, and healthy," Kaltum said. But beyond her entrepreneurial dreams, when asked what the overarching goal is for her business, in a calm and hopeful tone she replies that she wants to be self-sufficient—to buy a home one day, and continue to support her family.



**WHAT:**  
Mother of All—food truck serving Sudanese cuisine

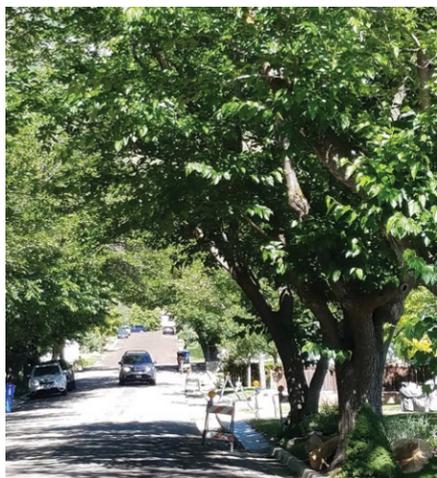
**WHERE:**  
Liberty Park Farmers Market

**WHEN:**  
Friday evenings through the summer

**On the Menu:**  
Sudanese cuisine, including Sambusas (fried pastry with meat, veggies, and spices), Gima (potato dish with beef), Falafel, Rice, Sudanese vegetable soups and stews, Zalabia (type of African donut) and Basbusa (sweet semolina cake)

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was very hot with little to no trees to offer shade. Don Draper, the real estate agent for the homes in the development, had built his own home in the neighborhood. He wanted the streets to be attractive and shaded. Don worked with Brown Floral to negotiate a price of \$3.25 per tree. Each street in the development received a different variety of tree. Gregson Avenue was planted with the mulberry trees. Jean remembers that after the trees were planted, the neighborhood grew quickly, for "people wanted to live up here because



of the trees". Jean added that she has been "so happy to live here, it's so pleasant."

After the history lesson and much discussion of different options, the group agreed that the best solution was for the construction crews to gently cut unavoidable tree roots and move forward with the project. Mr. Sandoval will continue to be in contact with all the residents and work through their concerns.

Mayor Silvestrini and Council member Jackson both enjoyed the experience of visiting with the neighbors and thanked them all for their efforts in getting the problem solved.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Millcreek City Offices: 801-214-2700

**Public Works Operations 24-Hour Hotline** (Snowplowing, pavement management, streetlights): 385-468-6101

**Emergency Services** (Preparation and Disaster Preparedness Programs): 385-468-7092

**Planning & Development Services** (Code Enforcement, Building Permits, Business Licenses): 385-468-6700

**Animal Services** (Adopt a Pet, Licensing, Pet Lost And Found): 385-468-7387

**Landfill** (Trash & Hazardous Waste Disposal, Compost Sales): 385-468-6370

**Parks & Recreation:** 385-468-1800

**Library Services:** 801-943-4636

**Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling** (Garbage & Recycling): 385-468-6325

**Aging Services** (Active Aging, Meals on Wheels, Senior Transportation): 385-468-3200

**Youth Services** (Counseling, Crisis Therapy, Substance Abuse Treatment): 385-468-4500

**Health Department** (Birth & Death Certificates, Food Handler Cards, Immunization Programs): 385-468-4100

**Salt Lake County Jobs:** 385-468-0570

**USU Extension Services** (Gardening, Natural Resources): 385-468-4820

**Weed Control:** 385-468-6135

*Until further notice, Millcreek will continue to use Salt Lake County's services for all municipal services, including planning and zoning, licenses and permits, street repair, snowplowing, and all other services.*

**TUESDAY—AUGUST 1, 2017** **5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.**

**UNIFIED POLICE** **Millcreek**  
**GREATER SALT LAKE** **Night Out**  
**★ Against Crime! ★**



**Millcreek Recreation Center**

**Evergreen Park**  
2266 E. Evergreen Ave (3435 S.)  
Millcreek, Utah

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## Paving the Way

Identifying which roads in the City to repair and how to repair them is a complicated process. The life of any road can be extended by repaving. But eventually repaving no longer works, and a complete rebuild is required.

Every third year, the condition of each road in Millcreek is objectively rated on an Operational Condition Index (OCI). On a scale of 0 to 100, the optimal timing for repaving is before a road reaches 70 OCI.

Prioritizing through OCI is the best way to maintain the life of roads for as long as possible. But funds are not always available. Complete rebuilds are very expensive, and those projects must be worked into the budget many years ahead of actual construction.

An interactive map of the repaving projects the City has optimistically planned for the next three years can be found at

<http://slco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=85b7493236fb4f39950b43a94d50346a>.

The three-year plan assumes the same level of funding spent on repaving Millcreek roads over the past several years. The timing is based on engineering recommendations to maintain optimal OCI.

Roads ineligible for repaving are not on the map. For example, the life of 13th East cannot be extended by repaving. For now, potholes will be repaired and small fixes completed until capital funding for a total repair is available. Potholes on Millcreek, roads are usually repaired within 72 hours when reported to the Operations Division at (385) 468-6100

Ultimately, prioritizing street repairs is balancing the urgency of the problems created by the road

defect with the OCI and funding availability.

So when you see really bad roads are not being fixed, or an annoying issue you've reported is taking longer than you'd hoped, remember that there is a plan to spread the money around. We want to keep the good roads in optimal condition so they don't become total rebuilds. We are working on grants or budgeting capital for the really large projects. And we want to take care of immediately dangerous issues.

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