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## FIRST YEAR PARTY

WEDNESDAY, JAN 10TH, 6:00 TO 9:00 PM  
MILLCREEK CITY OFFICES, 3330 SOUTH 1300 EAST



## HERE'S MILLIE!



## MILLIE MILLCREEK

There is something I love about a fresh new year; it has so much potential to become something. Before you tell me that, "A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other," I believe that even if resolutions are not realized, it is helpful to take a step back and look at the good and see what you can make better.

If you are someone that wants to make things better in the City of Millcreek, YOU CANNOT MISS MILLCREEK'S 1st YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY! Not only is it going to be a wonderful way to kick off the New Year, it is a chance for YOU to add your two-cents to the General Plan, and make your voice heard on what YOU would like to see in the future of our new city. Join your friends and neighbors on Wednesday, January 10th, from 6 to 9 PM, at the city offices at 3330 S 1300 E for food, fun and celebration!

At the time of this writing, I was fortunate enough to poke my head into the revamping of an old empty store front that will soon be Millcreek's City Hall. Tours of the new offices will be ongoing during the celebration party on the 10th but I thought I would give you a sneak peak of what you can expect. One of the things that stood out to me is how streamlined and functional the new planning/zoning and permitting office will be. It is an open area without closed offices so that planners and residents can get their questions answered easily, instead of traipsing around a huge building to find the help needed. The Council Hall is perfect for accommodating groups, without wasting space. Best of all this office space is in a central location for residents; making our leadership accessible! So happy to see our city being managed responsibly.

In the words of my friend Marva (who has lived IN Millcreek her entire life, ninety-four years!) "Millcreek is my home. I love it. I can't imagine any other place that I would rather be." Though I am a relative newcomer to Millcreek, I couldn't agree more with the sentiment. Hoping to see you at the new Town Hall so you can explore more ways to get involved and make our new city FABULOUS!

XOXO,  
Millie

# HAPPY NEW YEAR MILLCREEK!

Millcreek has come a long way with many more great things to come.

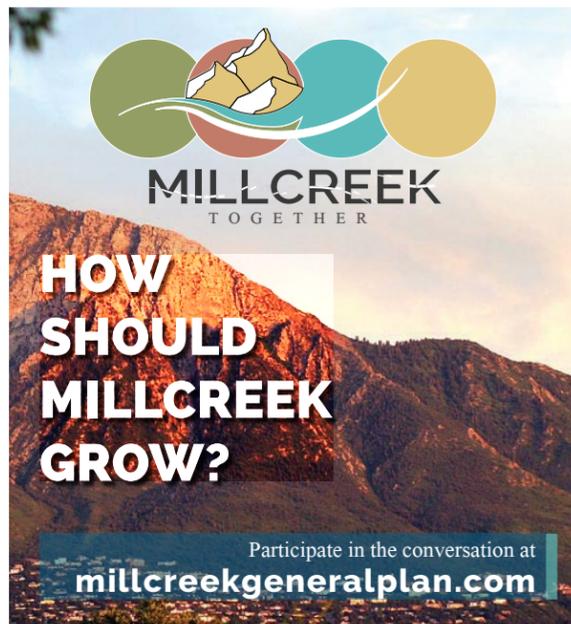
The Mayor, City Councilmembers and City Staff would all like to wish you a very Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving the residents of Millcreek over the last year and we are looking forward to continuing to work for you into the future.

Big things are happening, your city is now a year old and we are moving into our new offices. We think this calls for a party! You are all invited to join in the celebration on Wednesday, January 10th, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the city offices at 3330 South 1300 East.

Staff members will be conducting tours of the new office space; our General Plan consultants will be set up to hear from you about your vision for the future of Millcreek; there will be live music with food and fun for all ages.

Please join us and bring the family as we celebrate Millcreek! Meet your City Council and staff, visit your new City Hall, enter your name into a raffle for gift baskets donated by local Millcreek businesses and join in the celebration.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Millcreek Makes Its First Acquisition of Open Space



Who loves open space and outdoor recreation? Millcreek does. Appreciation of open space and outdoor recreational opportunities is consistently expressed as a core value by Millcreek residents through the beginning of our public engagement to formulate Millcreek's general plan.

To further that vision, Millcreek's Mayor and Council are proud to announce Millcreek's first acquisition of open space, consisting of 25 acres

on Grandeur Peak immediately above Teton Dr. and the Crestwood Drive water tanks. Through generous donations from private donors, and at little cost to the City, Millcreek has contributed \$16,000 to the County Open Space Fund to contribute to the County's purchase of this property and to establish a conservation easement for Millcreek. This acquisition will augment the existing open space on the shoulder of Grandeur Peak near Parley's Canyon.

Much of this property is flat, so it has been an object of development interest for decades. Steep terrain below presented insurmountable challenges to developers. They proposed access via tunnels, trams, and other unconventional methods. A couple of neighbors suggested that catapults could be installed on Crestwood Drive to fling necessities (like fire engines) up to the proposed luxury homes. In 1994, Pat Bagley, Salt

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# Earthquakes and Fires and Floods—Oh My!

Not to make light of horrible situations, but Millcreek is susceptible to earthquakes and fires and floods—and more—and we need to be ready.

City leaders are very grateful for the many volunteer efforts that have been ongoing in our community for years. These volunteer efforts have taken us a long way towards preparing for an eventual emergency. This is extremely important—being pro-active in planning efforts will reduce the confusion, and hopefully, the impacts of an emergency.

There are many possibilities for which Millcreek must prepare. For example, we all know about the earthquake that will take place in the future in our valley, which will undoubtedly affect all of Millcreek. In addition, Millcreek is fire-prone because of the wildland interface with the Forest Service property in the eastern foothills and the Parleys Nature Park to the north of the Canyon Rim neighborhood. We also have a large flood plain area around Neffs Creek in the Olympus Cove area, which could sustain extensive property damage in the event of a

heavy runoff or thunderstorm.

The Millcreek City Council understands the importance of emergency preparedness. Councilmember Cheri Jackson has taken the lead in working with various volunteer groups including CERT, HAM, VOAD, and others. To develop the emergency preparedness processes required by statute, and to bring high quality expertise to this important subject, Millcreek has hired an Emergency Management team, comprised of Nathan Haynes and Skyler Stratford, both of whom have training and experience in the field of emergency management.

The team will be reaching out to the community to bring together our many volunteers and organizations, and to coordinate and develop a network that encompasses the entire city. We are very interested in hearing from residents who would like to help with the effort.

If you have some time and would like to help Millcreek prepare, or if you belong to an organization that should be a part of our city's emergency efforts,



contact **Rita Lund, Community Relations Director**, [RSLund@Millcreek.Utah.Gov](mailto:RSLund@Millcreek.Utah.Gov) or **801-214-2707**.



Winter is here! Snow and frigid temperatures bring fun and challenges. Enjoy the wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities that are so close to our community—winter hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or camping in a yurt can be found right here in Millcreek Canyon.

## Watch Out For Winter

But remember to prepare. Here are some helpful hints:

- Sidewalks** need to be shoveled and kept clear. Please be a good neighbor and help those who cannot take care of their sidewalk. Great neighborhoods begin with residents watching out for each other.
- Safe driving** during the winter months in Utah requires preparation and training. Check your vehicle to make sure everything is covered:
  - Battery:** Clean battery posts and cables
  - Heating/Cooling System:** Check radiator and hoses for cracks/leaks, be sure antifreeze to -25 degrees should be used
  - Tires:** Traction is the key to safe winter driving, all-weather, snow or studded tires should be used through early March, make sure tires are properly inflated and if you plan on traveling in our canyons, carry chains and know how to install them

- Windshield Wipers and Washer Fluid:** Install new wiper blades if streaking occurs and fill the washer reservoir with cleaner that won't freeze
- Brakes:** Any unusual grinding or squealing should be check and repaired immediately
- Emergency Kit:** Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle and replace batteries frequently
- Drive carefully,** work on your driving skills. Give yourself extra time, steer cautiously and smoothly, keep extra distance from traffic ahead, slow down and if visibility is so limited that you can't see the edges of the road or other vehicles at a safe distance, it is time to pull off the road to a safe location and wait. If you need to stop on the roadside, pull off as far as you can, turn off your lights and turn on your emergency flashers to alert other drivers.

Enjoy the season and be safe!

## Officers Recognized:

Law enforcement in Millcreek is provided by the Millcreek Precinct of the Unified Police Department. The precinct has around 33 patrol officers, two full-time traffic officers, six detectives, two Community Oriented Policing (COP) officers, two School Resource officers, and a victim advocate. Supervision of the precinct is provided by Chief Steve DeBry, together with a lieutenant and seven sergeants.

Throughout the year, the precinct designates an Officer of the Month and an Officer of the Year. In 2017, the outstanding work of the following team members was recognized:



**Officer Ronnie Prescott**, for his excellent de-escalation of a potentially violent confrontation at a

Millcreek medical facility (January 2017).



**Detective Kelly Shafto**, for her impeccable investigative skills in recovering more than a quarter of a million dollars defrauded from a Millcreek victim (February 2017).



**Officer Jordan Schmitt**, for his diligent work that protected Millcreek condominium residents from a firearm threat (March 2017).



**Officer Chris Schroeder**, for his stellar assistance to a Millcreek burglary victim, which ultimately led to an arrest and recovery of stolen items (May 2017); and also for his recognition that a Millcreek family was in severe crisis, and his honorable and selfless assistance to them (September 2017).



**Detective Mike Prettyman**, for flawlessly coordinating and manning many "COP" events throughout Millcreek, and on this particular occasion, the first 4th of July Parade in our new city (July 2017).



**Officer Robert Snell**, for his prompt and successful efforts in resolving a life-safety issue for a group of elderly Millcreek residents (August 2017).



**Officer Chris Sullivan**, for his persistent and proactive approach to patrolling the streets of Millcreek, leading to the recovery of many stolen vehicles (October 2017).



**Officer Robert Walser**, for saving the life of a young Millcreek woman (November 2017).



**Detective Jason Watkins** was designated as the 2017 Officer of the Year. He distinctly stood out this year for his work ethic and productivity. Detective Watkins frequently works routine investigations thoroughly, which often results in the apprehension of serious offenders. His investigative skills include: fingerprint analysis, DNA, facial recognition analysis and digital records search warrants. When these investigative techniques are coupled with his innate ability to formulate an effective interview and interrogation strategy, the final result is the successful arrest and prosecution of many offenders.

Detective Watkins merited the June 2017 officer of the month award for his investigative acumen in apprehending a career burglar who had victimized many Millcreek citizens. He was a part of the Millcreek Street Crimes Unit, which received the Utah Narcotics Officers Special Agency Award for the seizure of 63 pounds of marijuana and \$24,000 in United States currency.

Detective Watkins displays exceptional effort in both assigned and self-generated cases, which has resulted this year in at least ten residential burglary arrests, a 2nd degree felony communication fraud and embezzlement arrest, six felony theft arrests and an aggravated cruelty to animals arrest. Congratulations Detective Watkins, for being the 2017 Millcreek Precinct Officer of the Year.

We extend a grateful thank you on behalf of the people of Millcreek to all of the team members mentioned in this article.

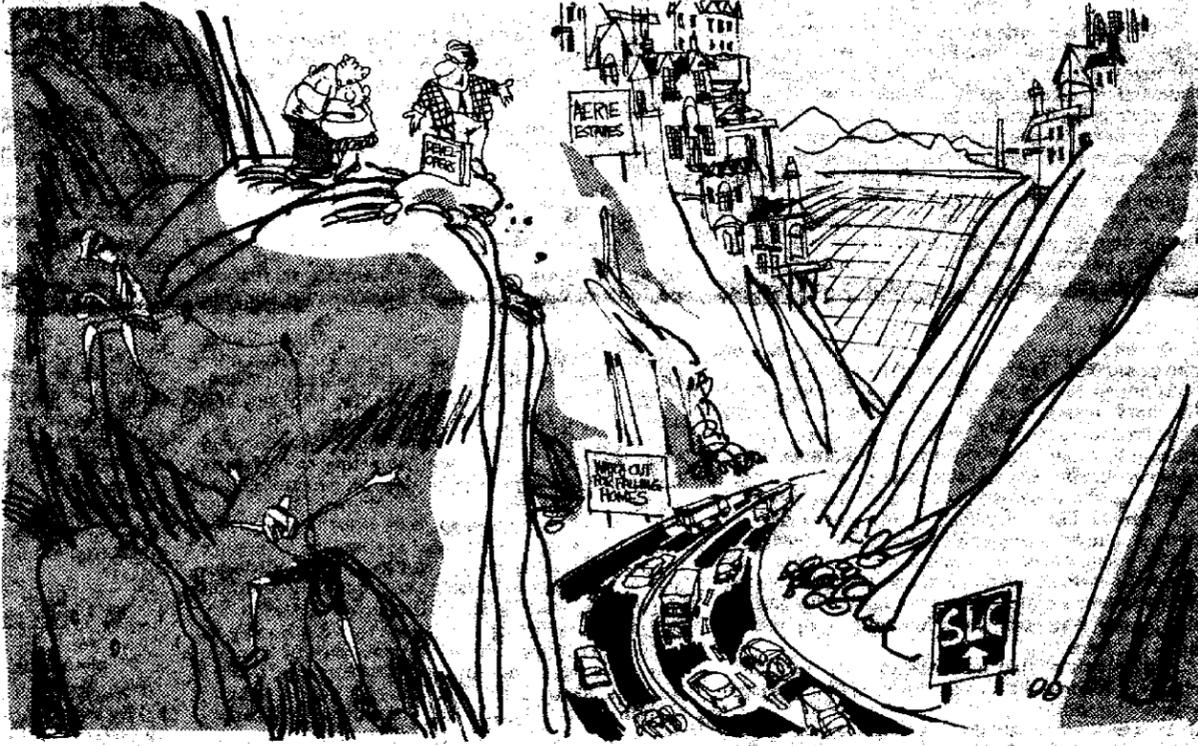
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Lake Tribune, captured the flavor of the community's eye-rolling in the accompanying cartoon. (Thanks, Pat, for your reprint consent!)

Now this significant acreage, which is larger than Millcreek's Canyon Rim Park, will be available for outdoor recreational uses for generations to come. The property could provide a route for

the extension of the upper alignment of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The easement will also protect wildlife habitat for deer and elk, including the presumed home of the "Crestwood Moose!" (see accompanying photo).

Last spring, Millcreek leaders learned that the IRS would



"Blast an access tunnel, throw in a retaining wall or two, and presto! Whatcha got here is an exclusive luxury home building lot."



be auctioning this property in May 2017 to satisfy a tax lien against the property's former owner. With private donations from Millcreek residents in hand, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini and MOCC member, John Knoblock, approached the Open Space Board. Together, with the board, they secured the Salt Lake County Council's approval to bid on the property at the public auction. The County was the successful bidder. After some legal challenges by the original owner, which have been successfully defeated, the property is now in public ownership. Millcreek will hold the conservation easement. These 25 acres will be protected as open space in perpetuity.

The Millcreek Council and Mayor Silvestrini are proud of this accomplishment, made without expending Millcreek taxpayer dollars excepting nominal legal fees. Protection of this property expands outdoor recreation opportunities for Millcreek residents and preserves the natural beauty of Millcreek's foothills. We wish to thank the Millcreek residents, whose donations made this effort possible. We hope to continue expanding park land and open space in Millcreek!

# First Year Millcreek Financial Report

By Councilmember Dwight Marchant

The city of Millcreek turned one year old on December 28th. I remember when my first child hit that exciting anniversary. Similarly, a lot of work has gone into getting through our first year of incorporation. As our city's treasurer, I'd like to share what has happened fiscally.

Yes...it takes money to establish and run a city. Where does it come from, and how is it spent?

Our first injection of funds (\$100,000) came from Salt Lake County in January 2017 as start-up funding. These funds allowed us to pay for a part-time secretary, a desktop printer/copier, office supplies, surety bonds, and a series of legally-required public notices. The start-up funds made it possible for us to commission a study to determine the effects of a possible withdrawal from the Municipal Services District (MSD), and to take advantage of a

unique opportunity to upgrade the City's movie screen for Venture Out. We expended funds to stay in communication with you, publishing a quarterly mailed newsletter, maintaining an email list for our weekly e-newsletter, and purchasing an internet domain for our website. We were pleased to be able to provide funding for our community councils for their summer events.

We received a lot of help. Cottonwood Heights donated

our furniture and computers. Mt Olympus Improvement District (where we were located through August) allowed us to office with them for no rent. Many of our professional staff agreed to delay payment until we built up our cash reserves, e.g., city attorney, accountant, and consultants).

Many of you donated your time and talents in so many ways: Community Councils, the Envision Committee, Venture Out, and our Planning Commission, are just a

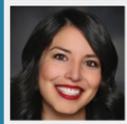


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## STAY IN THE KNOW AND MAKE YOUR VOICE KNOWN



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### JOIN US FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH MONDAY  
WORK MEETINGS: 5:00 PM, REGULAR MEETINGS: 7:00 PM  
MILLCREEK CITY HALL, 3330 S 1300 E

### STAY UP TO DATE ON MILLCREEK

SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER FOR INFORMATION AND CITY MEETING AGENDAS:  
MILLCREEK.UTAH.GOV/NEWSLETTER

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### MT. OLYMPUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1st Tuesday at 7:00pm  
Churchill Jr. High  
3450 Oakview Drive  
**DAVID BAIRD, CHAIR**  
davidbaird70@yahoo.com  
801-831-7943

#### MILLCREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1st Tuesday at 6:30pm  
Millcreek Activity Center  
1025 E. 4405 S.  
**DIANE ANGUS, CHAIR**  
dangusmail@yahoo.com  
801 266-1410

#### CANYON RIM CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

1st Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Christ United Methodist Church  
2375 East 3300 South  
**JEFF WATERS, CHAIR**  
jeffgolfguy@att.net  
801-557-6110

#### EAST MILL CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1st Thursday at 6:30pm  
Millcreek Community Center  
2266 E. Evergreen Ave.  
**NANCY CARLSON-GOTTS, CHAIR**  
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801-582-9373

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

JEFF SILVESTRINI



Happy Birthday, Millcreek! On our one-year anniversary of city-hood, your mayor and council are working hard to continue creating a city of which we can all be proud. Millcreek now has its own Planning Department and Community Relations Department. We contract for services for our street maintenance and plowing, animal services, parks, courts, engineering, surveying and related municipal services. By contracting, we have been able to control the level of services we receive and negotiate the amount we pay. In January, we will be leaving the taxing district for police, and contract directly with the Unified Police Department. As a result, we will likely be able to add about six additional officers dedicated to serve our city, for the

same cost. We are striving to be more responsive to your needs and concerns than ever before, and to be as transparent as government can be.

During this past year, we secured almost \$5 million in grants for various projects, including reconstructing 900 East from 3900 S. to 4500 S. to complete sidewalks and bike lanes (like those between 3300 S. and 3900 S.), and repairing 3900 S. from 700 E. to 700 W. (We know 3900 S. needs work east of 2300 E., and we are searching for the funding). We also secured more than \$1.4 million in start-up funds through negotiation with the County and getting legislation passed at the Capitol. We raised private donations and worked with Salt Lake County Open Space to procure an additional 25

acres of open space on Grandeur Peak for Millcreek residents to enjoy forever (Millcreek will hold the conservation easement). We continued to support Millcreek's rich heritage of community councils and the Venture Out movie nights, and we added exciting new events like our community pop-up dinner. We held Venture Out events at three new locations in Millcreek, in an effort to include and unite all of our community. We held city council meetings at three different locations for the same reason. We secured affordable, rented office space for the city and we can't wait to show it to you on January 10.

We worked with our planning commission to update significant portions of Millcreek's zoning ordinances, including creating a new Mixed Use Zone and updating our Commercial Zones. We are almost ready to enact revised Multi-family and Manufacturing Zones. Significantly, we obtained more than \$120,000 in grant funding to launch the creation of a new General Plan for Millcreek, for which we need your involvement and help to create an even brighter future for our new city.

There is much still left to do. We will be working to continue to staff our Community Development and Planning Department to provide Millcreek residents the kind of service they want and deserve from their city government. We will shortly be hiring an Economic Development Director to assist our local businesses and grow our commercial tax-base, to sustain our future. We are striving to be more green and sustainable. Our new city offices will have electric car chargers out front and we will acquire green, fuel efficient or electric vehicles for our code enforcement and building officials. You will see them on Millcreek's streets soon. We are looking forward to many sidewalk construction projects when the weather breaks in the spring. We are doing all of this on a budget and within our means.

**You can stay current with our progress by visiting <http://millcreek.utah.gov>, and also by subscribing to our e-newsletter at <http://millcreek.utah.gov/newsletter>.**

I invite all of you to come celebrate Millcreek and **tour your new city offices on January 10, from 6-9 p.m. at 3330 S. 1300 E.** (the old Thrift Town store). Please join us and help celebrate the future of Millcreek!

## A CAUTIONARY TALE

Imagine you have tickets to the theatre and stop in for a nice meal before the show at a popular restaurant with people coming and going, and then all of sudden, things take an unexpected and terrifying turn. This happened recently to two long-time Millcreek residents.

We all have heard about carjackings but it always seems to happen to someone else. This time it happened to this Millcreek couple. As the husband was getting out of the car, a man approached and demanded the car keys. Fiercely protective of his family, the husband refused. The younger man pushed him down and there was a brief struggle while the wife screamed for help. Some passersby came to the rescue, and successfully subdued the perpetrator and held him until the police arrived. This attack could have turned out much worse. We are very glad that everyone involved is OK.

Our Millcreek couple never thought such an event would happen to them. They want to let others know, even though this event did not take place in our city, such an attack can happen to anyone and anywhere. But there are things you can do to lessen your risk.

Our UPD officers say the first and foremost thing is that everyone should do is to be aware of your surroundings. If you are leaving a building, look both ways and scan the area for any suspicious individuals. If you feel uncomfortable and are alone, ask others to accompany you. Always lock the doors when you are in your vehicle. If it is nighttime, try to park in lighted areas and look around before unlocking the doors and stepping out. If you do become the victim of an aggressive action, make a lot of noise to attract others who may help. If the episode involves a vehicle, get the license plate number.

One evening shortly after the attack, our Millcreek couple pulled into a store parking lot. A man seemed to be loitering around the door, watching cars that were driving in and out. Our couple stayed put, kept the car doors locked, and waited. The stranger looked at them several more times, then got into his car and drove away. It could have been nothing, but their short wait may have averted another traumatic experience.

Everyone, always, if you feel uncomfortable or threatened, or notice something out of the ordinary that causes you concern, call the UPD at 801-743-7000. In an emergency, call 9-1-1. The UPD would much rather be contacted for something that turns out to be nothing than not be contacted for something that turns into a problem.

**Remember—IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

## Elections:

The November 2017 election had two city council races, exactly one year from when they first got elected. Councilwoman Bev Uipiran uncontested in District 4, and Councilman Dwight Marchant ran against his opponent from the 2016 general election again this year, Dwayne Vance. Both incumbents will continue on the Millcreek City Council for four more years. **Congratulations!**

It's not surprising that Millcreek has engaged voters with 50% voter turnout in District 4 and 39% voter turnout in District 2. The other issue important to Millcreek was the Granite School District bond for \$238 million dollars for capital improvements for many schools in the district. The bond county-wide passed with 56%. How does this affect Millcreek? This funding will rebuild Millcreek's only high school, Skyline. Other schools that will benefit are Evergreen Jr., Eastwood Elementary, and Oakridge Elementary.

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few of the examples. This volunteerism is a highlight of the character of Millcreek citizens.

In July, we hired a very competent city manager, John Geilmann, through whose efforts the rest of the city's current team has been put into place.

Our city is funded largely by sales tax revenues and road funds (from gas taxes). We receive a small amount of property tax, and fees and grants from a variety of sources.

So, how does our current cash position look? We began receiving sales tax revenue in May,

but all sales tax funds accrued through June were paid to the MSD for services provided through the end of June. Going forward, we will be paying the County based on contracts negotiated by our Mayor for our benefit.

Our cash balances are largely held in the Public Treasurers Investment Fund with the State of Utah where we receive a market rate of interest on these balances. Here is a quick look at these balances through the year:

January - \$100,000

May 31st - \$690,000

July 31st - \$2.219 million

September 30th - \$3.589 million

October 31st - \$4.090 million

December 1st - \$4.097 million

Our most recent sales tax collection (November) was \$823,000. This is a typical monthly collection over the last six months, and demonstrates that the estimate of our consultants and our adopted city budget were on target.

We have now located our offices to 3330 South 1300 East, where we pay a low lease rate of \$8 per square foot. This next year will have its own new challenges, but we feel we have done a good job this past year in ensuring all potential revenue sources were realized and that we budgeted in a fiscally frugal manner.

## 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): 801-214-2700

**Planning & Development Services** (Code Enforcement, Building Permits, Business Licenses): 801-214-2700

**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 and 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

*Millcreek will continue to contract with Salt Lake County Public Works for snow plowing, street repairs and other public works operations services.*

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