



## NEWS

### *Announcements*

No Public Meetings  
Scheduled for the Week  
of December 21st



### MILLCREEK PROMISE HELPS RESIDENTS DURING COVID

MILLCREEK. The Millcreek Promise Program has worked hard during the past several years to help residents improve their lives in the areas of education, health and safety, and economic well-being. The COVID pandemic has made the program more important than ever; Millcreek residents in need have been able to turn to the program to obtain housing assistance and free internet.

ABC4's Rosie Nguyen recently interviewed Reginald Gutter, a Millcreek

resident, about how the program helped him get back on his feet. She also spoke with Tile Fagatele, who works with Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources (PIK2AR), about how that organization is partnering with Millcreek, and with Mayor Silvestrini about the city's programs and how residents can sign up for resources. Click on the video above to see the interviews.



## Take the Family on the Holiday Lights Tour and Vote for Your Favorite

[CLICK HERE to Find Holiday Lights Tour Addresses and Vote For Your Favorite \(There is Still Time to Add Your Home to the Map\)](#)



## Canyon Rim Community Stocks Shelters for Domestic Violence Victims

MILLCREEK. COVID-19 has been difficult for many people. Those who are suffering from domestic violence have been particularly affected. Not only is it hard to find basic supplies due to COVID-19, but victims may not even have a safe place to live.

The West Jordan Domestic Violence Shelter has been in desperate need of basic hygiene and cleaning supplies for individuals who needed their services. The Canyon Rim community, spearheaded by resident Margie Broschinsky, recently came together to gather basic supplies for this shelter.

The generosity of the Canyon Rim community not only fully stocked the West Jordan Shelter's shelves, it also supplied five other shelters. The cash donations were used to provide a Sub for Santa opportunity for the families in the shelter. Thank you to the Canyon Rim community for their generosity and goodness at this great time of need.



## **Cole Christensen's Eagle Scout Project Goes Above and Beyond to Help Resource Centers**

*Cole Christensen gathered donations for 118 Holiday Bags for the Men's Resource Center in South Salt Lake and for the Women's Resource Center.*

MILLCREEK. To complete his Eagle Scout Project, Millcreek resident Cole Christensen, age 13, reached out to Susanna Brooks at the Men's Resource Center in South Salt Lake and created a goal of assembling and donating forty Holiday Gift Bags for the resource center. As he dove into the project, his goal expanded and Cole ended up collecting needed items and assembling 118 bags, adding gift bags for the Women's Resource Center as well.

Cole was tireless in his mission to get these holiday bags completed. He contacted neighbors, local church groups, friends and family members for donations of money and/or items. Harmons and Scheels also made donations.

The project began in earnest on November 15th and all 118 gift bags were donated on December 15th.

Cole's scout troop, Troop 5, assisted in the project. They are excited to show that scouting continues to be alive and well in Utah and giving back to the community. They want you to know that the Scouts are inclusive of all young men and women.

While Cole's gift bags were delivered in time for the holidays, the need for personal items never goes away. If you are interested in helping out, some or all of these types of items are always needed:

- [Sleep pants](#)
- [Shower shoes](#)
- [Personal travel utensils](#) (no knives please)
- [Keyed padlock](#) (to secure stored items)
- Hairbrushes
- [Earphones](#)- bluetooth or corded (these help with noise)
- UTA round trip [pass](#) or [token](#) (sold in 10 packs for \$17.50)

Donations can be made to The Road Home's Gail Miller Resource Center, 242 Paramount Ave. Salt Lake City. Open 7 days a week from 8AM until 7PM.

If you would like to help out closer to home, similar items for men are needed at the Millcreek Temporary Winter Housing facility located at 950 E 3300 S. Donations can be left at the security station at any time.

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## Wood Burning

*A message from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality*

*The Wood-Burn Program is designed to prevent particle pollution by restricting or banning wood burning during inversion periods. Emissions from wood-burning stoves and fireplaces contribute to the particulate pollution that builds up during temperature inversions.*

*Inversions form when a dense layer of cold air is trapped under a layer of warm air. The warm air acts like a lid, trapping pollutants in the cold air near the valley floor. The mountains act like a bowl, keeping the cold air—and the pollutants in it—in the valleys.*

*Wood burn restrictions are a proactive measure that can reduce the levels of particulates emitted both immediately before and during inversions.*

*Because the fine particles in wood smoke are too small to be filtered out by the upper respiratory system, they lodge deeply into the lungs, causing irritation and decreasing lung functioning. The toxic and carcinogenic chemicals that are released in wood smoke can bind with these particles, compounding the health impacts. Short-term exposures to particles can aggravate lung disease, cause asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and increase susceptibility to respiratory infections.*

*How to Reduce Wood Smoke Emissions - The public can take the following simple steps to reduce the impacts of wood smoke, particularly during inversions:*

- [Inversion Toolkit](#)
  - Check the [Current Conditions](#) for action alerts before you burn
  - Don't burn wood on [voluntary action days](#)
  - Consider switching to a [natural gas fireplace](#)
  - File an [electronic complaint form](#) with DAQ to report those burning wood on [mandatory no-burn days](#)
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# #LoveYourWatershed Virtual Event



## The Jordan River Commission, Millcreek Business Council and The Wonderment Are Hosting a Virtual Event!

### When?

The First Fridays of January and February

### Where?

At one of our community cleanups, or around your own home, business, school, church, parks & neighborhood

### How?

Clean your storm drains, streets & gutters, driveways & parking lots by picking up litter, sweeping out leaves, grass and sediment, picking up after your pet, and shoveling out snow and submit a photo to the competition

Please join us on the First Friday of January and February to #LoveYourWatershed. There will be three prizes purchased from local Millcreek outdoor recreation companies by The Jordan River Commission. The prizes will be awarded mid-February.

### To submit your application do at least one of the following actions:

1. Share your photos and experiences on social media using #LoveYourWatershed and #FirstFridays hashtags.
2. Join other kids and families picking up trash at [thewonderment.com/paths/loveyourwatershed](http://thewonderment.com/paths/loveyourwatershed).
3. Submit your application using the following link: <https://bit.ly/34n7Bkq>.

We can't wait to see your pictures!!

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## Snowplow Season is Here

Find answers to frequently asked questions and learn about resident responsibilities in our [Snowplow FAQs](#)



*[What It Feels Like To Be On A Ventilator](#), by Rob Dreher*

# HOW IS COVID IMPACTING MILLCREEK?

Here are the case counts through yesterday (12/17/20):

**Millcreek (surrounding cities) cumulative and current cases by zip code:**

84106: 2,203 total cases (272 current cases)

84107: 2,887 total cases (377 current cases)

84109: 1,606 total cases (209 current cases)

84117: 1,706 total cases (208 current cases)

84123: 3,175 total cases (376 current cases)

84124: 1,388 total cases (193 current cases)

**TOTAL: 12,965** (increase of 778 since last Friday's newsletter).

(The County had not updated its dashboard through today by the time we had to push the button to mail out this newsletter. [Click here](#) for the most current info provided by the County).

Total case count in Utah is now at 246,562, with 9,883 hospitalizations and 1,140 deaths. A total of 1,347 vaccines have been administered throughout the state as of today.



## **THE VACCINE IS HERE**

### **Things to Know - Important Information from the Salt Lake County Health Department**

- The COVID vaccine has undergone all the usual, rigorous safety vaccine trials and approval processes—**nothing has been skipped or rushed.**
- COVID-19 vaccination **will help protect you from getting COVID-19**; two doses are necessary for full protection.

- There is **no cost to you** to be vaccinated. If you are insured, the vaccine provider may charge your insurance a small administration fee. If you do not have insurance, there is no charge.
  - Right now, there is limited supply so we will first vaccinate healthcare personnel and first responders. But supply will increase in the weeks and months to come.
  - COVID-19 vaccines are one of many important tools to help us stop this pandemic. Until the majority of our community is vaccinated (which will take many months) it's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic, including covering your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, and washing your hands often. Please don't forget to get your flu shot.
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**URGENT**

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BLOOD NEEDED**

**ARUP Blood Services is in urgent need of  
O negative and O positive donors.**

**Give the gift of life this holiday season and call 801-584-5272 to schedule  
your appointment.**

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*Millcreek business owner Suzi Sands of Aviva Woman has created a  
special "shop local" digital catalog for businesses. Don't forget to shop  
local for your holiday gifts!*

Love Local Holiday Catalog

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**Come and join  
the Millcreek team!**

[Grant/CDBG Administrator](#)  
[Staff Engineer I](#)  
[Building Inspector II or III](#)



## Meetings with the Mayor

Fridays from **2-4pm** have been set aside for citizens to meet with Mayor Silvestrini (virtually only until after the spread of COVID has calmed down a bit). Please call [801-214-2700](tel:801-214-2700) to schedule a slot.

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