



From the Harvard Gazette, [The Scapegoating of Asian Americans](#)



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## NEWS

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### ***Announcements***

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

East Mill Creek  
Community Council  
Thurs., 4/1/21, 6:30 pm  
[Join virtually HERE](#)

### **We All Have a Role in Stopping Hate**

*An Urgent Message from Mayor Silvestrini*

Yesterday, at a business in Canyon Rim here in Millcreek, two young persons of Asian descent were publicly accosted with racial slurs. I can't begin to express how disappointing and unacceptable this behavior is, and that it happened right here in our own community.

Within the last week, following a mass shooting in which Asian American citizens were killed, there has been a surge in hate-speech and violence

directed against people of Asian descent generally. This unfortunate state of affairs has been exacerbated by those who have attributed the COVID pandemic to China, and somehow decided to deride all Asians throughout the world as collectively responsible.

We must reject this hate and violence. Our Millcreek family includes members of all kinds of different national origins, including those of Asian descent. Our community is stronger because of its diversity. We work hard to appreciate and celebrate this and to make all feel welcome in our city.

We must all speak out and act to stop this type of hate. How do we do that? In [Speak Up At School: How to Respond to Everyday Prejudice, Bias and Stereotypes](#) (made for educators but helpful to anyone), the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) suggests that simple questions are a good way to interrupt everyday bigotry.

- "What point are you trying to make by saying that?"
- "Why would you say something like that?"
- "Did you mean to say something hurtful when you said that?"

The important thing is to say something. As a middle-school teacher quoted in the SPLC publication noted, "Put yourself out there, and you will make a difference."

Some suggested strategies to improve our own potentially implicit biases include:

- Recognizing stereotypic responses within oneself and society, labeling them, and replacing them with non-stereotypic responses
- Viewing others according to their personal, rather than stereotypic, characteristics
- Adopting a first-person perspective of a member of a stereotyped group

[Long-Term Reduction in Implicit Race Bias: a prejudice habit-breaking intervention](#), fig.1; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Vol. 48 Issue 6, November 2012.

Our Millcreek Promise Program seeks to help those who can use a hand and to build community, bridge divides, and lift all boats by engaging people of different backgrounds, working together for the good of us all. I refuse to see our good work undermined by racial hatred in our city.

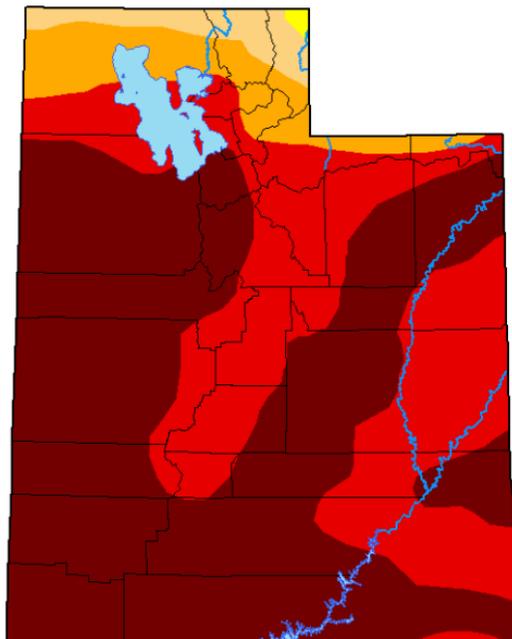
No one in Millcreek should live in fear or be subject to hateful intimidation because of their race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender orientation or identity. We are better than what happened yesterday in Millcreek.

-- Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek Mayor

## Think Seriously About Water Conservation

MILLCREEK. As spring is upon us, we haven't had to pull out our snow blowers or snow shovels too many times over the last few winter months. Maybe that was good for our aching backs, but it is not so good for our water outlook. According to the [Utah Division of Water Resources](#), 100% of Utah is in a drought and this winter's snowpack hasn't provided enough to offset the record dry conditions that we saw last summer and fall.

### U.S. Drought Monitor Utah



**March 23, 2021**

(Released Thursday, Mar. 25, 2021)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	99.82	97.04	90.20	57.20
<b>Last Week</b> 03-16-2021	0.00	100.00	99.82	97.16	90.20	57.20
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-22-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.38	90.11	68.56
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.38	90.11	68.56
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-28-2020	0.00	100.00	99.62	93.20	87.26	12.80
<b>One Year Ago</b> 03-24-2020	19.06	80.94	44.41	1.25	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

On top of that, current soil moisture is at an all-time low and these dry soils will soak up moisture and reduce runoff that typically fills reservoirs, lakes and streams.

Last week, Governor Cox issued a [Drought Executive Order](#) declaring a state of emergency due to drought conditions. This week, Salt Lake City Mayor

Mendenhall declared a Stage 1 Advisory of [Salt Lake City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan](#). Because most Millcreek residents are provided water by Salt Lake City Public Utilities, this declaration impacts us.

A Stage 1 Advisory is educational and is meant to provide residents with best conservation practices to stretch the water supply when the high-demand season begins. A more restrictive stage of the plan may be imposed later.

Here are some recommendations from Salt Lake City on how you can help:

- Sign up for a [free water check](#) from a Utah State University Extension. This will help you determine efficient watering levels for your lawn and landscapes.
- Adjust automatic sprinkler controllers to reflect the season and weather, including shutting off during rainstorms.
- Check sprinkler systems for broken or misaligned spray heads.
- Check indoor faucets and fixtures for leaks and repair promptly. Find helpful tips [here](#).
- Take advantage of Salt Lake City's [water-saving tips](#) for a water-wise landscape and garden.
- Read the [Salt Lake City Water Shortage Contingency Plan](#) for complete information on the five stages addressing water shortage and drought.



### **Purchase a Rain Barrel and Harvest the Rain To Water Your Garden**

MILLCREEK. Millcreek residents can pre-purchase rain barrels for a greatly subsidized price of just \$50, while supplies last. Rain barrels are also available

for just \$75 for residents outside Millcreek.. Both prices are still a significant discount from the rain barrel's \$129 retail price. Residents can pre-purchase discounted rain barrels now on the [Utah Rivers Council](#) website.

“Our residents in Millcreek eagerly await the annual program with many returning to purchase their second or even third barrel,” said Millcreek Mayor Jeff Silvestrini. “Harvesting rainwater is a good way for us to better conserve water, especially during this historic drought. Collecting rain, using it and not letting it become storm water also reduces demand on our system. I encourage everyone to do what they can to reduce water usage. Setting up a rain barrel is a great way to start.”

After the barrels are pre-purchased online, residents can pick up their rain barrels on Saturday, May 1st, at Millcreek City Hall. Volunteers will be on hand to teach participants about the importance of rainwater harvesting and other water conservation strategies that individuals can take during this state of emergency.

“It takes each and every one of us to do our part in conserving water. Harvesting rainwater is one of the easiest ways to reduce outdoor water use and is an important step towards managing our water supply for future generations,” said Jon Carter, Campaign Director of Utah Rivers Council.

For more information call [\(801\) 699-1856](tel:8016991856).

**Purchase Your Rain Barrel [HERE](#)**



## **GOT AN IDEA FOR A PROJECT TO IMPROVE CANYON TRANSPORTATION?**

The [Central Wasatch Commission](#) has announced the launch of the 2021 Call for Ideas for projects to be implemented in Millcreek Canyon, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, and the Wasatch Back.

This Call for Ideas is specifically focused on projects that would improve canyon transportation or transit, protect the ecosystems or watershed originating in the project area, steward year-round recreation, and sustain the economic viability of the Wasatch Canyons. Idea submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis, but priority will be given to those submitted by Wednesday, April 12th 2021.

[Learn more and submit an idea HERE](#)



**2021 Tier II Application Deadline: Friday, May 28 at 5pm**

SALT LAKE COUNTY. The Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) Tier II category provides funding for diverse arts, cultural, and botanical organizations not funded in Tier I, including the local arts and cultural councils in Salt Lake County.

These organizations are instrumental in providing affordable access to arts and cultural opportunities in the community. Budgets range from the thousands to millions; management ranges from volunteers to paid staff; and they represent all areas of the County. Whether you prefer to be in the audience or the limelight, these organizations have something for everyone.

All Tier II-funded organizations have programs available to all Salt Lake County residents and visitors.

[Apply Here](#)

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In a home fire, can your family safely escape in just 2 minutes?



Home fires claim seven lives every day, but you can help change that. Join our national movement and pledge to keep your family safe by taking 2 simple steps:



Practice your 2-minute drill.



Test your smoke alarms monthly.

Between April 8 - May 8, American Red Cross volunteers will also *Sound the Alarm* in at-risk communities by educating 100,000 people nationwide about home fire safety.

We'll help families create an escape plan to practice their 2-minute drill and partner with fire departments to install smoke alarms by appointment where it's safe to do so. All participants will be entered into a prize drawing!

Visit [SoundTheAlarm.org/Utah](https://SoundTheAlarm.org/Utah) to register for your **FREE** virtual Family Home Fire Safety education session!



Register [HERE](#)

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**SUPERSTAR?**



**TELL US ABOUT A NEIGHBOR'S GOOD DEEDS DURING  
COVID-19, AND WE'LL FEATURE THEM IN THE NEXT  
ISSUE OF THE MILLCREEK NEWS!**

*Please submit your stories to [rlund@millcreek.us](mailto:rlund@millcreek.us) or  
[jhatch@millcreek.us](mailto:jhatch@millcreek.us)*



HOP ON OVER TO  
WASATCH LAWN MEMORIAL PARK  
FOR A FREE PHOTO WITH

*The Easter Bunny*

Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:00 am - Noon

Please visit our website or Facebook page  
to schedule your time with Mr. Bunny.

 [wasatchlawn.com](http://wasatchlawn.com)

 [@WasatchLawnMemorial](https://www.facebook.com/WasatchLawnMemorial)



### Spring Cleaning Time in the Garden Done Right!

MILLCREEK. Our partners at the [Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District](#) have started the weekly green waste collection pick-ups. As you start your outdoor spring cleaning, collect and correctly dispose of the leaves and debris that blew in over the winter. Use your green can (no plastic bags please) or mulch the material into your garden. Do not blow or rake anything out into the street or gutter. Gutters empty into storm drains and storm drains empty into the streams that we all love. Additionally, plugged storm drains can cause flooding. Remember, we all live downstream!

If You Do Not Already Have a Green Waste Can, Order Yours [HERE](#)

### It's Orange Cone Season

Slow Down in Construction Zones  
Watch for Construction Workers  
Choose an Alternate Route if  
Possible

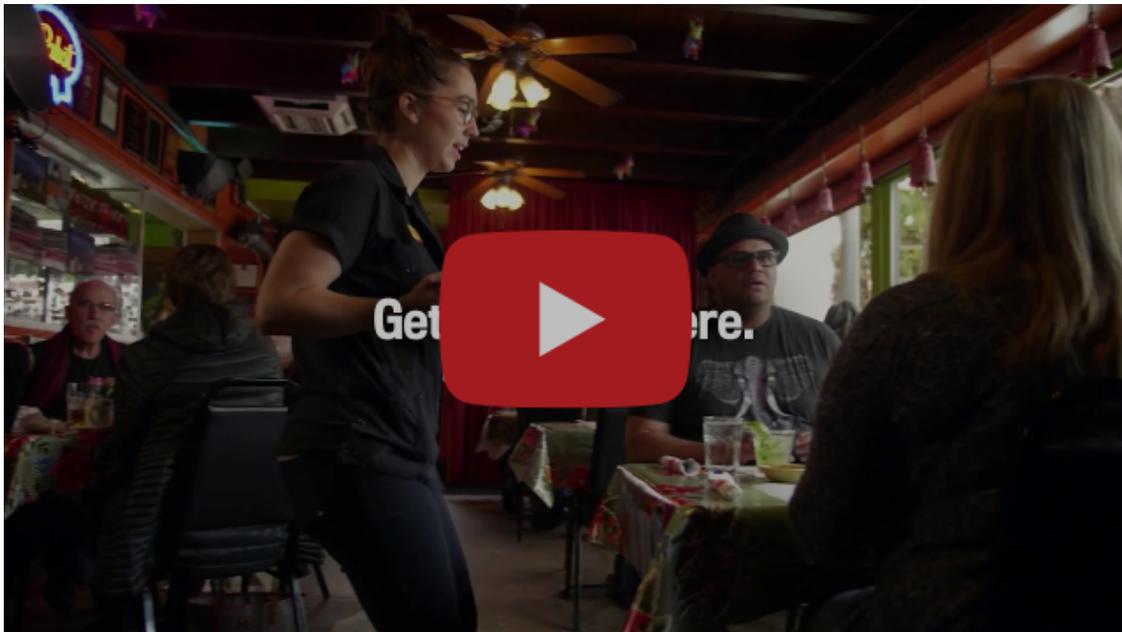


## ROAD CONSTRUCTION ALERTS

- **700 East from Empire to Red Maple** - Sidewalk Installation underway
- **1300 East from Elgin to Miller** - Utility work underway, 1300 E will be partially closed
- **3900 South from 700 East to 700 West** - Road overlay work, partial road closures
- **3900 South from Wasatch Blvd to 2300 East** - Ongoing roadway improvements, partial road closures

Millcreek is working to improve our transportation infrastructure. [Click here](#) to view current, upcoming and completed projects in Millcreek from 2018 to present.

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It's here. It's effective. It's free. It's available to everyone over the age of 16. This is our shot to get back to normal, let's take it.

**Find Out Where You Can Get Your Shot [HERE](#)**

## **HOW IS COVID IMPACTING MILLCREEK?**

**Case Counts** through yesterday (3/25/21)\*:

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

- 84106: 3,365 total cases (72 current cases)
- 84107: 4,150 total cases (48 current cases)

- 84109: 2,474 total cases (36 current cases)
- 84117: 2,514 total cases (31 current cases)
- 84123: 4,580 total cases (63 current cases)
- 84124: 2,144 total cases (26 current cases)

TOTAL: **19,277** (increase of 153 since 3/18/21, our last reported data).

\* [The County's information is updated](#) Monday through Saturday, supposedly at 2 PM.

**MILLCREEK  
BUSINESS COUNCIL**

**JOB FAIR**

**ARE YOU HIRING?  
PARTICIPATE IN OUR JOB FAIR ON  
MAY 14TH FROM 11:00-2:30!**

Email or call Josie Showalter to join  
jshowalter@millcreek.us, 801-214-2761

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**Join the Millcreek team!**

[Promise Program Manager](#)

# Meetings with the Mayor

Fridays from 2-4pm have been set aside for citizens to meet with Mayor Silvestrini (virtually only for the time being). Please call 801-214-2700 to schedule a slot.



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