

06-18-21: FIREWORKS BAN EAST OF 900 E; MASSIVE FIRE HARMS BUSINESSES; VO TONIGHT; STOLEN COPPER; etc

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Conflagration on June 16th at 31st S and Richmond Ave destroyed the partially built multi-use (retail and apartment) Cottonwood on Richmond building and damaged several businesses adjacent to the south.



Announcements

PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Council Special

NEWS

Show your love for America this year by not burning it down.

Fireworks will be banned this summer in Millcreek everywhere east of 900 E.

Work Meeting

Tues., June 22, 8:30am

City Hall, 3330 S 1300

E

Agenda below

Join virtually [HERE](#)

Planning Commission

Continuation of 6/16/21 meeting

that was suddenly adjourned

because of nearby conflagration

Tues., June 29, 5pm

City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E

Agenda to be posted next week

Use fireworks wisely elsewhere.

MILLCREEK. We all love our country and our state and want to celebrate our independence and our pioneer heritage. However, due to our hot, dry weather this year, we should look to other ways to honor the birth of our country and the arrival of our pioneer ancestors. This is the spirit of the following message from Mayor Silvestrini:

In the past week, we tied the record for the hottest day ever in our valley since records have been kept. We are in the midst of a historic drought and temperatures have risen to be significantly hotter than normal for this time of year. We have requested that folks limit watering due to the drought, contributing to even drier conditions in our yards and open spaces.

All of this has lowered the humidity in vegetative fuels in our tree canopy, grasslands and shrubs. These conditions present the potential for a conflagration here in the Salt Lake Valley, such as destroyed the Oregon towns of Phoenix and Talent.

Winds fanning any potential fire easterly could also involve our tinder dry urban-interface with the foothills and mountains on our eastern boundary, with disastrous effects on our watershed. What might happen if we add unpredictable ignition sources to this tinder box?

*Based upon the exceptionally dry and hot conditions, and the dry state of the fuels in our city, **our Fire Marshal has recommended that the Millcreek City Council consider further restricting the discharge of fireworks this summer anywhere in Millcreek that is east of 900 East.***

This is the same restriction area Salt Lake City has designated. Our own Millcreek City Council is unanimous that this year, the health, safety and general welfare of our community, which we are charged by our oaths to protect, require this exceptional restriction of fireworks.

[Read letter from UFA Fire Marshal](#)

The city council will not officially act to impose this restriction until our meeting on June 26. However, we wanted to provide Millcreek residents notice of this anticipated action before the beginning of fireworks sales this year, so that you can plan accordingly.

Our new restrictions will be enforced by UFA firefighters and UPD officers working together, and fines for violations are substantial. We urge everyone to abide by the restrictions and not discharge fireworks this summer anywhere in Millcreek east of 900 East.

We all just made significant sacrifices during the pandemic to keep each other safe. I know how much we all want to get back to normal, and a big fireworks display on the 4th or 24th is a tradition for many of us. We ask you to think of your safety and that of your neighbors and our city once again. Please consider refraining altogether from discharging fireworks this summer. The fire risk is simply too great this year.

Unfortunately, the printed newsletter that will be showing up in your mailboxes soon has information that was current at the time of printing but does not reflect these new restrictions prohibiting the discharge of fireworks anywhere in Millcreek east of 900 East. We apologize for any confusion that will cause; this is a fluid situation and circumstances have changed dramatically and rapidly.

I know many will consider this restriction onerous. However, with the advice of firefighting professionals, we urge you to put safety first. Momentary fun with fireworks is not worth jeopardizing life or property in our city, since conditions are so hazardous this year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek Mayor



MASSIVE COTTONWOOD-ON-RICHMOND FIRE HARMS ADJACENT BUSINESSES

MILLCREEK. The fire that broke out in a building under construction in Millcreek on Wednesday was horrendous and tragic. We are so very grateful that no one was injured and for the UFA, UPD and city staff who worked in the awful heat to bring the fire under control.

The fire not only destroyed the Cottonwood on Richmond building that was under construction but seriously damaged 14 small businesses in the adjoining strip mall. These small businesses are now facing a devastating loss of revenue after barely getting on their feet following COVID.

The city is working on plans to assist these local businesses, but we wanted to let you know that you also have an opportunity to help. A GoFundMe page has been set up by a local resident to assist these businesses and their employees. If you can help out, click on the [GoFundMe page here](#).

This devastating fire and another much smaller one that broke out yesterday in Millcreek are indications of the dry conditions we are facing and some difficult times ahead this summer. Please be careful and abide by the fireworks restrictions outlined above. There are also restrictions in place for everyone who visits public lands, including Mill Creek Canyon. Observe the rules and stay safe!

TONIGHT!

JUN 18 | 6 PM-TWILIGHT
**SHINE YOUR LIGHT:
WORLD REFUGEE DAY**
BIG COTTONWOOD PARK
4300 S 1300 E

Friday Festivals

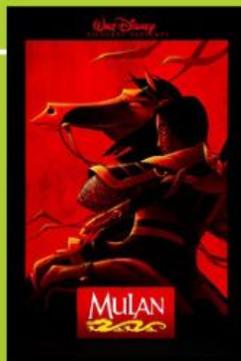
Travel the world in your own backyard and celebrate World Refugee Day with us. Explore the cultures, food, stories, dance and art of the countries our local refugee communities come from. At 9:30 pm, gather with us and shine your own light at the park's iconic chimney pavilion. We will light the night, and enjoy the opportunity to reflect on our collective efforts to learn about the experiences of others and think about our actions to create a more just, inclusive, and equal world.

EAT & PLAY

Ethnic foods

Storytelling

Fun cultural activities



WATCH **Mulan**

1998 G

SPECIAL EVENT

Gamar Refugee Resources Ribbon Cutting and Storytelling Event

415 E 3900 S

Friday, June 18, 2021

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

LISTEN & DANCE

To a variety of international music and performances

- Refugee storytelling experience
- Photography gallery
- Tours of newly renovated building
- Meet partner organizations

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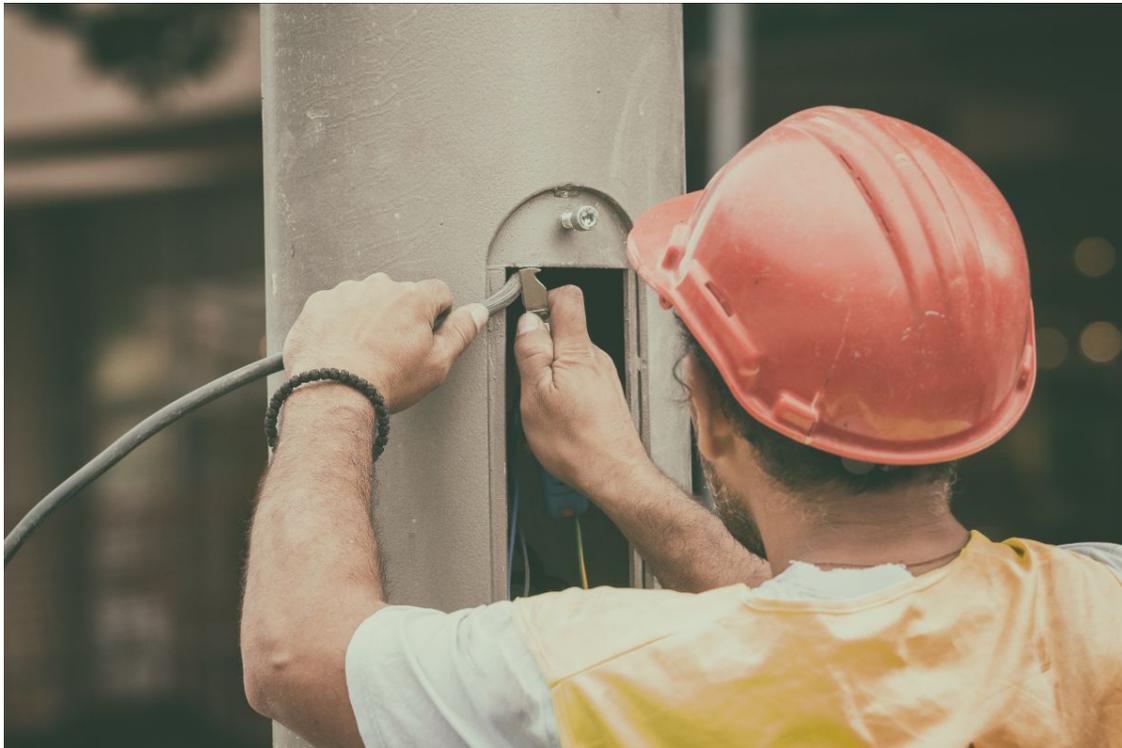
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Thefts Cause Expensive Streetlight Repairs

MILLCREEK. If you travel along 2300 East often, you may have noticed recently that sections of the streetlights were not working. We also noticed, and we are not at all happy about it – thieves have been ripping out the copper wiring from the junction boxes on the poles.

It unfortunately happens all too often. Crooks roll up in an unmarked truck wearing work clothes and vests and act like they are there doing some sort of

work. Then they cut into the junction boxes and pull out the copper wire to sell for a fraction of the price it costs to do repairs and get the lights back on.

This type of theft causes all sorts of problems, including safety and aesthetic concerns. Plus, it's very expensive for taxpayers. Sections of 2300 East were hit twice in the last month, and repairs are running more than \$10,000 for each section. Police reports have been filed and if the culprits are caught, there is only a slim possibility that the city can recoup some of the cost.

As we repair these sections, we will be switching to aluminum wire rather than the standard copper. Aluminum wire does not conduct electricity as well as copper but it is adequate and will not be attractive to thieves. We will also be installing some stealth cameras to assist us in keeping watch over the streetlights.

That being said, cameras are not as helpful as eyes on the ground. If you happen to see something that just doesn't look right, like unmarked trucks, or workers with no identifiable official markings on their clothing, or work being done outside of normal working hours along city roadways, please let us know. Call the city offices at [801-214-2700](tel:801-214-2700), or if it is after hours, notify the Millcreek UPD Precinct at [385-468-9620](tel:385-468-9620) or its non-emergency number at [801-743-7000](tel:801-743-7000).

We appreciate your help and your patience as we make repairs.



iWorQ to EnerGov Transition Next Month

MILLCREEK. Starting July 19th, we will be transitioning from our current permitting/licensing platform, iWorQ, to a new platform – EnerGov.

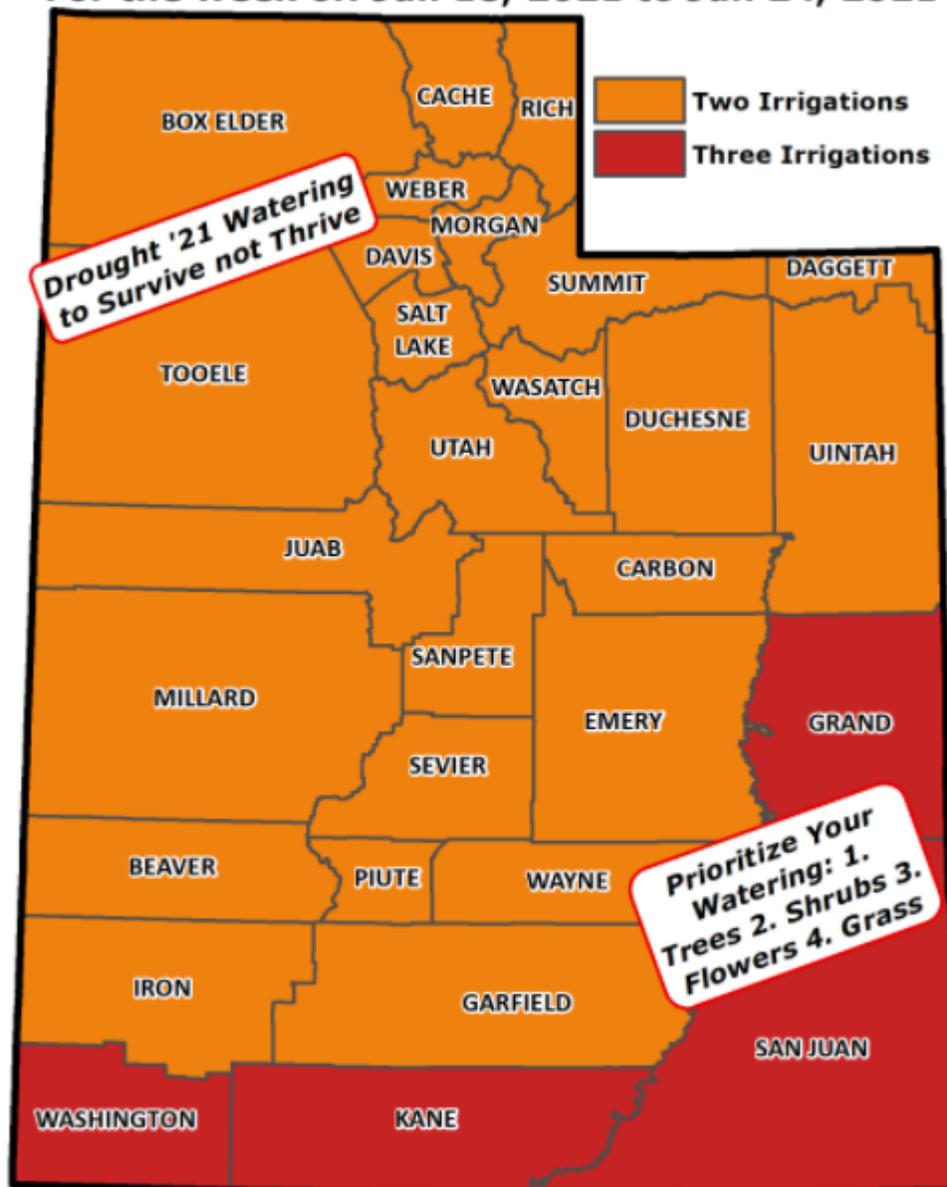
The EnerGov platform will bring much needed improvements to our permitting and licensing processes, including the ability to allow residents to create an account and view every step of the permitting/licensing process through a user-friendly online portal.

The transition to this new program will take place July 21st through July 25th. To make the transition, we will have to temporarily shut down all iWorQ-related portions of our website, which means that we will not have the ability to accept or view new building permit applications or new business license applications during this period. Inspections will still be performed on July 21st and 22nd, but you'll need to sign up for one by 3 pm on July 16th.

Also, because of the preliminary work required to make the transition, please do not submit any new building permit applications or business license applications after July 16th. EnerGov will go live on July 26th, at which time we will be able to process new applications.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we work to provide residents with a new program that we hope will simplify and accelerate the permitting and licensing process. We are confident that EnerGov will bring significant improvements for our residents and staff.

Extreme Drought Watering Guide For the week of: Jun 18, 2021 to Jun 24, 2021



One Irrigation is equivalent to 20 minutes with pop-up spray heads and 40 minutes with impact rotor sprinklers



Mountair Streetscape Work on Temporary Hold

MILLCREEK. The work to beautify the entry to Millcreek along Highland Drive – the Mountair Streetscape – has been put on hold for a while. Rocky Mountain Power needs to move a couple of light poles that are in the way and to bury the power lines along that section. The work order to RMP has been in for quite some time now and we are hopeful that it will be completed soon.

If all goes well, we should be able to complete the Mountair Streetscape project this fall. We know residents will be pleased with the finished product; we will just have to wait a little while longer.

The Sunnyvale Farmers Market kicks off tomorrow, June 19th, from 11 am to 2 pm,
in **Sunnyvale Park**, 4013 S 700 W.

Stop in and shop for fresh, locally grown produce. Tomorrow's market will also offer Venezuelan cuisine from [Delicious](#) and Honey from [BeeCraft Consult](#).



SATURDAYS,
June 19 to October 16
11AM-2PM

 **Sunnyvale Park**
 4013 South 700 West,
 Millcreek

- New Roots farmers selling locally grown produce and specialty crops
- Food pantry with non-perishable food and fruit
- Community and non-profit resources
- Free Kids Lunch

WEDNESDAYS,
June 30 to October 13
4-6PM

 **Central Park**
 2797 South 200 East,
 South Salt Lake

 **IRC Office**
 221 South 400 West,
 Salt Lake City

Neighborhood farm stands
 selling local produce,
 honey, and more!

UP TO
\$30
EACH DAY



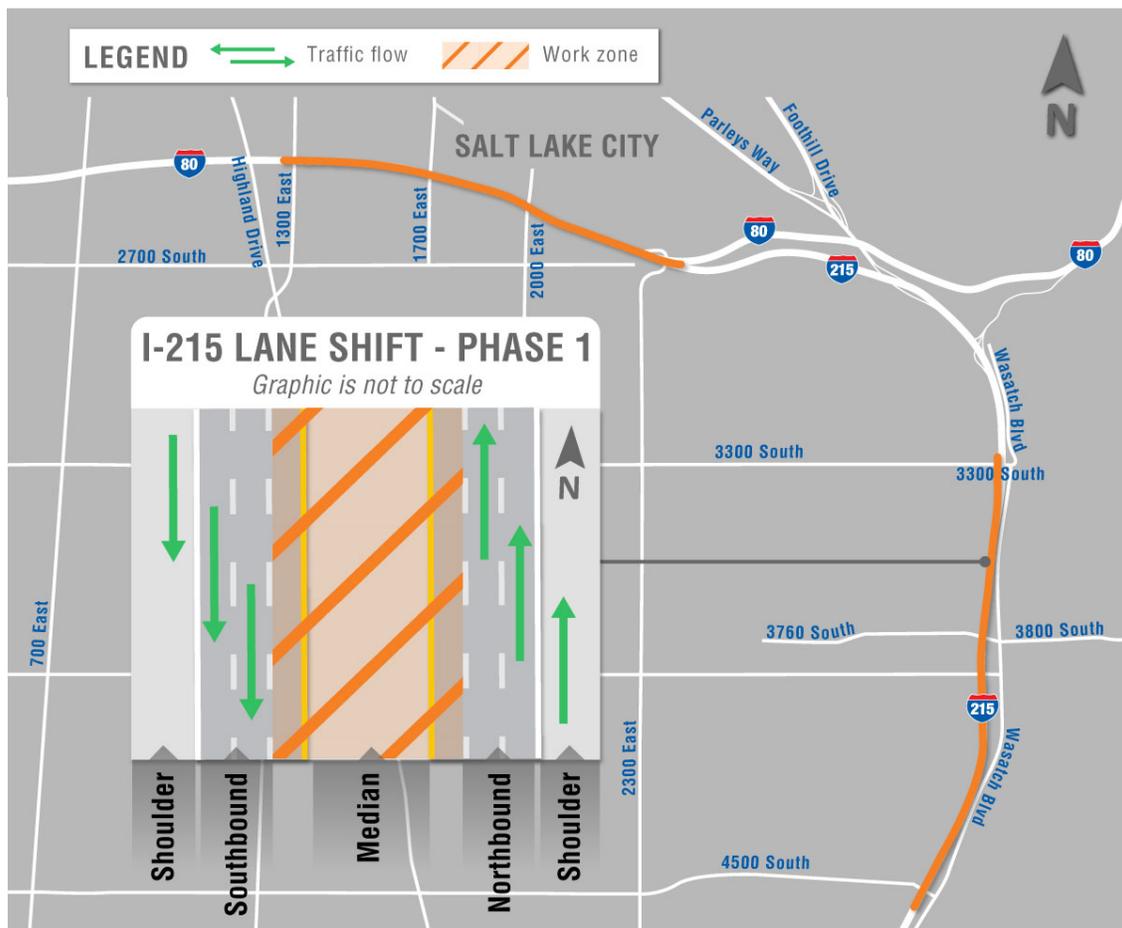
Buy \$1 with
EBT/SNAP



Get \$1 in free Double
Up Food Bucks tokens.



These farmers markets are run by New Roots, a program of the International Rescue Committee in Salt Lake City. [Learn more at Rescue.org/NewRootsSLC](https://www.rescue.org/newrootsslc)



I-215 LANE SHIFTS TAKING PLACE THIS SUMMER

MILLCREEK. UDOT crews have been working this week on shifting lanes to the outside of I-215 in both directions between 3300 S and 4500 S to accommodate reconstruction work in the median. They have been placing temporary asphalt in the shoulders of the road, which has been causing nearby residents to experience vibrations in the middle of the night. UDOT advises that tonight should be the last night residents will have to suffer through that.

Additional info from UDOT:

- *Several major lane shifts are planned on I-215 as a part of the project. Shifting traffic around the active work zone will allow crews to work both day and night to complete the project by the end of 2022 while keeping traffic moving.*
- *Drivers can expect uneven pavement in the travel lanes, including drainage grates. They should use caution in the work zone and follow the posted speed limit.*
- *The construction schedule and activities are subject to change.*

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**THIS IS
OUR SHOT.
AND YOU NEED IT
EVEN IF YOU'VE
HAD COVID.**

HOW IS COVID IMPACTING MILLCREEK?

Case Counts through yesterday (6/17/21)*:

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

84106: 3,573 total cases (11 current cases)

84107: 4,431 total cases (20 current cases)

84109: 2,581 total cases (<5 current cases)

84117: 2,684 total cases (15 current cases)

84123: 4,921 total cases (39 current cases)

84124: 2,266 total cases (12 current cases)

TOTAL: **20,456** (increase of 67 since 6/10/21, our last reported data).

*[The County's information](#) is updated Monday through Saturday.



Mayor Silvestrini directing traffic before UPD was able to make it to the scene of the recent conflagration.

Meetings with the Mayor

Fridays from 2-4pm have been set aside for citizens to meet with Mayor Silvestrini. Please call [801-214-2700](tel:801-214-2700) to schedule a slot.

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Millcreek City Council Special Work Meeting Agenda

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of Millcreek will assemble in a special public work meeting on Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at City Hall, 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, Utah 84106, commencing at 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – SPECIAL WORK MEETING

1. Discussion on Standard Procedures of Operation for the Millcreek Promise Program
2. Adjourn

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Millcreek will make reasonable accommodation for participation in the open meeting. Individuals may request assistance by contacting the ADA Coordinator, 801-214-2751 or khansen@millcreek.us, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

THE UNDERSIGNED DULY APPOINTED CITY RECORDER FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF MILLCREEK HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT A COPY OF THE FOREGOING NOTICE WAS EMAILED OR POSTED TO:

City Offices City Website Utah Public Notice Website
Those Listed on the Agenda <http://millcreek.us>
<http://pmn.utah.gov>

DATE: June 18, 2021

CITY RECORDER: Elyse Sullivan

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