



# MILLCREEK NEWS

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## City Council Elections

### Ranked Choice Makes its Debut in Millcreek

**V**oting in Millcreek’s Municipal Election will look a bit different this year. In April, the Millcreek City Council opted into the Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, or ranked choice voting. So, what is it? Ranked choice voting (also known as instant runoff voting) is a nonpartisan electoral reform that gives voters the freedom to rank candidates in order of choice. Instead of choosing one candidate, ranked choice voting allows voters to rank all candidates according to their preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). If one candidate does not receive an absolute majority (50%) vote in the first round, then the runoff begins. When a voter's number one choice is eliminated, their second choice is included in the count for the second round. In each round of ranked choice voting, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated. This process continues until one candidate receives an absolute majority vote. For more information, visit: [rankthevoteutah.org](http://rankthevoteutah.org). cont. on page 4: Elections

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

# Millfreaks

**Villains are lurking about in Millcreek’s four community-realms on October 16th. Join us for an entertainment-hunt that winds through Millcreek’s familiar, wild and often unknown spaces to disrupt the villains’ objectives. Remember, their fate is in your hands.**

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## Here’s Millie!



### MILLIE MILLCREEK

You better “BE-LEAF” me when I tell you that we are in the midst of my favorite time of year! AND whether you “be-leaf” it or not, leaves at this time of year can be a literal WINDFALL! What’s that you say? Leaves in the fall are a bonus??? How is that possible? What about all the bent over raking? It is possible some of you may think fallen leaves are nothing more than a yearly chore at best. But what would you say if I told you that the gold you enjoy looking at in the trees could become GOLD in your garden.

The truth about fallen leaves is they can be a gardener’s best friend, and can even help a gardener make their grass naturally a little greener when spring comes.

A little-known fact is that you don’t necessarily HAVE to rake all your leaves off your grass. In fact, if you let your leaves dry out (by not raking them into a pile) you can take a few passes with your lawnmower, shred the leaves into tiny pieces and actually fertilize your lawn without having to bag leaves. LEAVE the LEAVES!

Of course, if you have so many leaves that it creates a thick blanket, consider moving them over to a garden area and mulching them. Every year, Milford helps me mulch leaves and I till them into my garden. It’s a trick I learned from old-time residents, and master gardeners, Elwood and Lorele Neff. My garden has never looked better nor produced more, since we started the process of mulching and tilling leaves in our garden in the fall. The truth is, fallen leaves used in your garden helps to suppress weeds, while amending your soil at the same time. When next spring comes, your soil will have better water retention and be full of nutrients. Plus, you won’t be spending money on soil amendments in the spring...giving you more green in your wallet AND your garden!

The only type of leaf to avoid mulching are from black walnut trees. The leaves from walnuts can be toxic to some plants, so you want to avoid leaving them on your lawn or putting them in your garden.

Be-leaf me, if you are interested in having a greener lawn and garden next year, consider using the abundance of Mother Nature’s fallen fertilizer from your trees.

XOXO, Millie



## MAYOR’S MESSAGE JEFF SILVESTRINI

### Thrifty Elections and a Frugal City Hall

**CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**  
Residents of City Council Districts 2 and 4 will choose their Council representatives in the upcoming municipal election. These residents will get to experience “ranked choice” voting this fall for the first time ever. This new way of voting will still use a mail-in ballot, as before. Voters will rank the candidates running in their council district by expressing a “first,” “second,” “third,” etc. choice among the candidates who have filed. If, after the ballots are first counted, one candidate wins by a majority of votes cast, that candidate wins the election. If however, the first place candidate fails to garner a majority after the first count, then the last place finisher is eliminated and each vote cast for that candidate will be transferred to the voter’s second-ranked choice among the remaining candidates. This elimination process will continue until one candidate receives a majority and is deemed the winner.  
This manner of voting saves Millcreek taxpayers money because it eliminated the need for a primary election to narrow the several candidates who filed in each council race to two. Instead, the city only has to pay for the general election, saving half of the cost, or in this case, about \$67,000 of your tax dollars. Before adopting ranked choice voting, the City Council held a public meeting and we heard from dozens

of Millcreek residents. They were near-unanimous in asking us to adopt this method for this election. Proponents of ranked choice hope that it will make for a more civil campaign, as candidates will have an incentive to woo voters enough that they still may be selected as a voter’s “second choice” pick.  
Ballots will be mailed to registered voters



by the County Clerk in mid-October and must be postmarked on or before November 1 (the day prior to Election Day), if mailed. On Election Day (November 2), voters may drop off their ballots at the collection box which will be located outside the UPD Precinct Office at 1580 E. 3900 South.

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# The Magic of Maliheh in Millcreek

By Dr. David Miner, Medical Director  
Mary Lucero, Executive Director



out of a sense of pity, but of plenty, a firm conviction and gratitude for God's abundance and blessings. The clinic stands as a tribute to her and the many members of our community for whom service to others is not only a calling, but also an affirmation of our oneness as members of the human family.

The MFC is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2005 by an emergency room physician concerned about the impact of the working poor and uninsured seeking primary care services in the emergency room because they had no other options for care. Over the last 16 years, his vision to provide consistent care to those in need has evolved into an organization that is well respected in the community for providing high quality medical care to those most in need.

The clinic is a 2020 Standards Gold Rated member of the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) and currently serves approximately 6,000

in podiatry, behavioral health, and physical therapy also provide invaluable services to our patients.

We place a strong emphasis on training the next generation of medical providers, while simultaneously serving those most in need. The clinic maintains significant, longtime partnerships with Brigham Young University, Westminster College, Salt Lake Community College, Rocky Mountain University, and both the University of Utah's medical school physician assistant program and nursing school. The clinic has over 100 volunteer medical providers, and over 450 general support volunteers. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the clinic remained open and ended the year with 14,855 patient visits and over 27,000 donated volunteer hours.

At Maliheh we believe that the most worthy calling in life is that in which an individual can best serve their community. The noblest aim in life is to strive to live to make

The Maliheh Free Clinic (MFC) promotes economic and community development through health and wellness to underserved individuals in our community by offering a wide range of medical services to those most in need.

The mission of the clinic is to provide free, same-day access to high quality urgent medical care for all qualified patients. The MFC was founded with the sole purpose of rescuing those members of our community who are in the most critical need of our help.

The clinic is named after Maliheh Abdollahi "Modar joon," the grandmother of founder and benefactor, Khosrow B. Semnani. Maliheh believed in helping the poor, not



individuals and families along the Wasatch Front annually. Maliheh provides patients with expert, comprehensive care for all of their healthcare needs, including in-clinic access to volunteer specialists in cardiology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, dermatology, gastroenterology, hematology, oncology, nephrology, neurology, gynecology, otolaryngology, and general surgery. Additionally, volunteers

other lives better and more fulfilled. Service to others is what helps keep our own lives in the proper perspective. Service truly rewards the servant. You can volunteer your time or money to help improve the health of our community by visiting [malihehfreeclinic.org](http://malihehfreeclinic.org) or calling (801) 266-3700. We encourage you to come discover the "Magic of Maliheh" for yourself.

## Millcreek Makes the Most of Halloween

This is the ultimate trick & treat experience. A Halloween party in/out of your car with lots of twists-and-turns. An entertaining evening for all ages.

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

Five MillCreep Car Tours (Capacity is limited, per tour)

4:00 – 6:00pm

5:00 – 7:00pm

6:00 – 8:00pm

7:00 – 8:00pm

8:00 – 10:00pm

**LOCATION:** Various locations in Millcreek

**FEE:** \$25 per vehicle

**WHO:** All ages

**REGISTER:** [VentureOut.org](http://VentureOut.org) (Save your spot soooooon!)

**ENTERTAINMENT SCAVENGER HUNT HIGHLIGHTS:**

Honk-A-Long

# Millfreaks

- Comedy Show
- Fright Jam
- Themed Performances
- Challenges, Trivia, and Contests
- Costumes & Car Decoration (highly encouraged and fun )
- Lots of Treats & Tricks

If you are a business or organization who wants to get involved and have community exposure during this event, please email [aimee@ventureout.org](mailto:aimee@ventureout.org)

# Two Water Conservation Incentives



## The Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) has announced the launch of two new water conservation programs: Flip Your Strip & Localscapes Rewards.

Cash incentives are available to residents who want to become more water wise by replacing their lawn or turf-prevalent landscapes and/or park strips. The CUWCD's mission is to responsibly plan for the future by developing, delivering and efficiently using our limited water resources. Founded in 1964, the CUWCD manages and operates a network of facilities including water treatment plants, major storage reservoirs and extensive convey-

ance systems. Any qualifying owner-occupied single-family household in Millcreek, whether they receive water from Salt Lake City Public Utilities or Jordan Valley Water, are now eligible for these programs. "We can't ignore outdoor water waste, and with our rapid growth we need to focus on more sustainable landscapes that not only save water but look good too," said Gene Shawcross, General Manager of the CUWCD. "Central Utah Water is committed to water conservation and continues to offer and develop programs to ensure we can extend our limited water supply."

### FLIP YOUR STRIP

The Flip Your Strip program entails removing lawn from your park strip and replacing it with water-efficient plants and a drip irrigation system

According to the CUWCD, doing so will save an estimated 5,000-8,000 gallons of water each year - and

homeowners can get cash for doing it with an award of \$1 per square foot (\$1.25 per square foot if a free park strip class is attended) of lawn converted to a water-wise design.

### LOCALSCAPES

Localscapes is a landscaping approach that uses a series of patterns and practices well suited for Utah's unique climate.

Homeowners looking to install a new landscape or revamp an existing one can qualify for Localscapes Rewards. The reward amounts will vary based on lot size, project size, and overall water savings. Those interested in Localscapes Rewards must attend a free Localscapes class, offered in various locations and by various organizations throughout the growing season.

You can learn more about Flip Your Strip and Localscapes at [utahwatersavers.com](http://utahwatersavers.com).

**Gettin' Visual at the Library!**

Call for Millcreek Artists!  
The Millcreek Arts Council is working in collaboration with the Millcreek Salt Lake County Library to resume our community monthly visual art display.

#### THE MILLCREEK ARTS COUNCIL IS WORKING WITH THE MILLCREEK LIBRARY TO RESUME OUR COMMUNITY MONTHLY VISUAL ART DISPLAY.

If selected, your artwork will be displayed at the library for a month. Additionally, we will fund a reception, open to the public, with refreshments and music.

##### We're looking for:

- **Local Millcreek City visual artists**
- **About 6-10 pieces to be placed on public display (2D & 3D art welcome)**
- **Artwork that is ready for display by this fall/winter**

If interested, please fill out the Getting Visual at The Library form on the Millcreek Art Council's website: [millcreekartscouncil.org](http://millcreekartscouncil.org)



## BUSINESS CORNER

### A Safe Place for Kids to Share Their Grief

In operation since 1993, the Sharing Place has provided grief support services to youth, teens and their families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Our mission is to provide a safe and caring environment for grieving children, teens and their families to share their feelings while they heal themselves. We provide a safe and caring environment in which youth can vocalize their feelings. Participants develop coping skills through a variety of mediums including art, play and physical activity. In our 2019-20 program year, we provided services to 506 youth and their families from across the state of Utah. Since 1993, we have made a tremendous impact on the lives of over 4,534 Utah youth by facilitating quality grief support services.

According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry ([aacap.org](http://aacap.org)) children that do not have access to grief support programs and services are much more at-risk to develop emotional, psychological and even physical health issues.

Peer-support groups such as those facilitated by the Sharing Place allow a larger number of youth to access programs that promote coping skills and resilience. Families who have benefited from peer support groups point out the



effectiveness of peer-support groups at reducing stigma and increasing coping mechanisms. Finally, "Many experts believe the need for these kinds of services will expand exponentially as more family members emerge from

pandemic-inspired shock and denial." (Graham, 2020).

Nationally, 1 in 20 children experience the death of one or both parents by the time they are 15 years old (U.S. Census Bureau). Grieving children are more likely to experience symptoms of depression and anxiety compared with their non-grieving peers (Koblentz, 2015). Moreover, once they lose a parent, youth face risk factors such as the following:

- 5 times more likely to commit suicide.
- 9 times more likely to drop out of high school.
- 10 times more likely to use drugs.
- 20 times more at risk for behavior disorders.

The Sharing Place is available for grief support groups, as well as community education services, consultations and as a resource for those looking to learn more about grief. We can be reached at 801-466-6730 or [thesharingplace.org](http://thesharingplace.org).

*The Sharing Place is a non-profit where people don't pay for services. Families can donate if they want to, but it is offered to anyone in need without an expectation of paying.*

# Elections cont. from page 1

**Council District 2 and Council District 4 seats (4-year terms) are up for election this year. The General Election will be held November 2, 2021.** For more information on Millcreek's Municipal Election, visit Millcreek's

website, [millcreek.us/161/Elections](http://millcreek.us/161/Elections). Millcreek utilizes vote by mail through Salt Lake County. Active registered voters in Millcreek will be mailed their ballots the week of October 11th. Once completed, ballots can be returned to Salt Lake County by mail with the United States Postal Service before Election Day, by drop box (the one in Millcreek is located outside of the Unified Police Department Millcreek Precinct at 1580 E. 3900 S. in the

southeast corner) up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, or they can be taken to a vote center during the early voting period or on Election Day during polling hours. Registered voters may also forfeit their mailed ballot and vote in person. A list of voting centers can be found on the Salt Lake County Clerk's website, [slco.org/clerk/elections/voting-in-person/election-day-vote-centers-2021/](http://slco.org/clerk/elections/voting-in-person/election-day-vote-centers-2021/).

## Meet the Candidates!

### Millcreek City Council District 2



#### LYNDA BAGLEY-GIBSON

I was raised in Millcreek and have spent most of my life living here. I am the mother of six beautiful children that I raised here and one stepson. I believe that our city is an excellent place to raise my children as it was mostly a family environment. I have spent years volunteering in different avenues, most recently on the Millcreek Community Council and working on emergency preparedness, but I'm most proud of my work at Millcreek Elementary creating a drama club. I would love to see Millcreek stay family-oriented and Together with Nature!

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#### THOM DESIRANT

Millcreek was my first introduction to Utah and the reason why I chose to move to the state. As our community grows, I want to make sure Millcreek stays a city where we can all live. That's why I am running for City Council District 2.

My priorities as your council member will be to maintain our streets and sidewalks, keep the city fiscally responsible, and increase park access. I also have great plans for how the city can better keep residents updated – you can read more about them at my website.

[votethom.com](http://votethom.com)  
 385-202-4594  
 Schedule a Meeting: [calendly.com/thomd](https://calendly.com/thomd)



#### ANGEL VICE

I am a mother, wife, social worker, artist, friend and activist. Millcreek was more than a group of neighborhoods when we incorporated. We were, and we are a community of people who care about one another and the environment around us. I believe in our Moto "Connected by Nature" and know that we can make it a reality and not just a nice idea.

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#### JEREMIAH CLARK

I love Millcreek! My wife and I were raised here and were active citizens in the city's incorporation. I am keenly interested that its government serves our community well, manages growth carefully with total transparency, and makes itself easily accessible—ensuring that every voice contributes. I'm a professional educator (BS; MA; PhD), mostly in educational administration. I have prudently overseen large budgets and many construction projects, developed master plans, and fostered unity and progress in countless committees and councils. I am fiscally conservative. I resist raising taxes—looking first for no-cost or low-cost solutions. I'll work to keep Millcreek wonderful.

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### Millcreek City Council District 4



#### BRUCE PARKER

My wife, JaNae, and I have been residents of Millcreek for over 30 years. We raised our family here. As a resident and small business owner, I am committed to following the City's General Plan. I love our community and know you do too. As the District 4 City Council member, I will listen, work tirelessly and vigorously for you, and inform and communicate regularly with you. Together, we can achieve great things for the City's present and future generations. I look forward to meeting you in the weeks ahead. Bruce Parker for Millcreek City Council District 4.

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#### BEV UIPI

Bev Uipi is seeking re-election November 2021. She's lead for the Policing in Millcreek matters and serves as Mayor Pro Tem. The Uipi family has lived in Millcreek District 4 for forty years. Bev is a proud, single mom of 17-year old, Xane. Bev is a dynamic leader and brings 20 years of experience in leadership having served as Deputy Director for the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole; led the Millcreek Community Center to accreditation, and Community Relations for Mayor Peter Corroon; with a B.S. degrees from the University of Georgia and Master's from the University of Utah.

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#### REX WILLIAMS

Being raised in Millcreek, attending Rosecrest Elementary, Evergreen Jr. High, and Olympus High makes Millcreek home. With the honor of raising two children in Millcreek, the opportunity for involvement in our community cannot be squandered. Millcreek is unique as a brand new, but well-established city. It takes care and consideration to incorporate innovation and progress, while maintaining heritage. Millcreek's history and suburban feel is critical to our culture. Updating open spaces, attracting new businesses, refurbishing or rebuilding homes, and improving infrastructure will help maintain Millcreek's upward trajectory. This can be accomplished by making decisions using objective data with subjective considerations.

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#### BEVERLY BOYCE

Hello, I'm Beverly Boyce, candidate for Millcreek City Council District 4. This bio will inform you about who I am and what I hope to accomplish, if I'm elected.

I'm a "young" 71; married, a mom and grandma. I'm retired from the State of Utah.

I love our beautiful city and state. I'm interested in helping to manage our growing city, and all that entails. I have an active interest in water conservation, clean air, and global warming.

I want to learn about the issues important to you, voters and residents. I'll represent all views accurately, and help where I can.

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# Sprucing up Sunnyvale Park

While park ownership throughout Millcreek can be confusing, there is nothing confusing about the improvements Millcreek has made in Sunnyvale Park.

Within our city limits there are several parks with a mix of ownership. As an example, the largest park in the city, Big Cottonwood Park, is owned and operated by Salt Lake County. The same is true of Evergreen Park. Tanner Park, although it seems to be in Millcreek, is actually in Salt Lake City limits but is also owned and operated by Salt Lake County. Parleys Historic Nature Park, just to the north is a Salt Lake City owned and operated park.

When Millcreek became a city, we gained ownership of four parks within our boundaries: Canyon Rim Park, Fortuna Park, Scott Avenue Park and Sunnyvale Park. The city contracts with Salt Lake County Parks Operations

to provide maintenance for these green spaces. Of the four, it became immediately apparent that Sunnyvale Park, located at 4013 S 700 West, was in dire need of improvements. This park serves a large immigrant and refugee community and was not a particularly safe place for these families and children to gather.

The rusty baseball backstop was removed allowing for a better place for the local kids to play soccer, their preferred activity. But many more improvements were needed. The playground equipment required some upgrades and the park needed better lighting for safety.

The city applied for and was awarded grants for two phases of park improvements for Sunnyvale Park. The first phase has been completed and included installation

of much-loved futsal courts with support from Real Salt Lake and community garden boxes.

Phase two was completed this summer and included installation of lighting, playground equipment upgrades, an improved soccer field and refurbishment of the pavilion.

The community



garden boxes have been very popular and in the summer were overflowing with nutritious vegetables for the gardeners who reserved and cultivated their individual box, for their families.

providing fresh produce

The area around the park lacks grocery outlets where residents can purchase fresh produce and is known as a “food desert” so the ability to grow fresh vegetables is very important. In addition to providing fresh vegetables for their families these gardens provide the ability to grow produce that recent immigrants are familiar with from their home countries.

We are excited to see the community garden boxes flourishing, the new lighting and playground equipment completing phase two of the improvement project and making this park a welcoming and safe green space for the community.

# HAVE A HEALTHY SUNDAY

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH  
8:30 AM-12:00 PM  
CHRIST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
(2375 E 3300 S)**



**Christ United Methodist Church is hosting their annual Heathy Sunday. Doors will open 8:30 am in the church gym. All members of the community are invited.**

**Some of the services provided will include:**

- Free shots through Community Nursing Services
- Free bike helmets for kids
- Free smoke detector through American Red Cross
- Vision check through Friends of Sight
- Hearing test through University of Utah
- Dental consultations
- Blood sugar/cholesterol consultations

**Snacks, masks, and hand sanitizer will be available. For further questions, please contact Christ United Methodist Church at 801-486-5473.**



**The Salt Lake County Urban Wildlife Assistance Program is ONLY for the removal of skunks and racoons within the designated areas below. It is operated by APHIS U.S. Department of Agriculture.**

- BLUFFDALE
- DRAPER
- MIDVALE
- MILLCREEK
- MURRAY
- SALT LAKE CITY
- GREATER SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT
  - METRO TOWNSHIPS
  - UNINCORPORATED SLCO
  - TOWN OF BRIGHTON

*If your city is not listed above you will need to contact a private business for removal.*

**Salt Lake County  
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**FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 385-419-3405**

- Leave a message before 9am for faster response.
- Education and Trapping Service Monday - Friday
- Do not trap over the weekend.

*For more info visit: [aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage](http://aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage)*

# MILLCREEK CITY HALL

## 5 NOTES OF PROGRESS



### 1. FUNDING FOR CITY HALL IS IN THE BANK

Impressed with Millcreek’s fiscal responsibility, our city received an AA+ bond rating from Standard & Poor’s—the best rate a city of our size/age can get! This caused our municipal bonds to fund city hall to sell out quickly and provide us a low interest rate of 2.4%. The money arrived in the bank early August, and we are pushing forward with construction planning.

### 2. DESIGN MOVING FORWARD

Design is moving forward fast and furiously for this 70,000 square foot project. MHTN Architects has a dedicated team leading this design, including the firm’s president. With their years of experience and track record of successful projects in their portfolio we feel like we are in good hands and off to a great start. They have held meetings with elected officials, community members, and the Millcreek Arts Council to solicit input. They have presented several floorplan suggestions and examples

and are forever helping us find the best mix of space, function, and balance.

### 3. CONTROLLING CONSTRUCTION COSTS

This is a crazy time to be in the construction business, but Okland Construction has given us confidence that with a good design and a solid scope, our new city hall will be a success, financially and aesthetically. They are one of Utah’s largest and most decorated construction firms and are helping us anticipate raw material price increases while providing some tremendous economies of scale in purchasing. They have presented and framed the overall cost and scope of the project along with construction scheduling and timeline.

### 4. NEW CITY HALL GOING GREEN

City leaders have insisted that for a community “connected by nature” that the new city hall be environmentally sustainable. Architect MHTN is also an advocate of sustainability and are helping us look at solar panels to help supplement

our electric usage, geo-thermal heating and cooling, and WELL Environmental Standards that help set a standard for clean air and wellbeing in an office setting.

### 5. MUCH MORE THAN JUST A CITY HALL

Beyond housing city offices after our current lease expires in summer 2023, the new city hall will incorporate the Millcreek Precinct of the Unified Police Department, a public market on the ground floor, a community room on the top floor, and a climbing wall on the outside. The community room on our sixth floor will be a beautiful open room with incredible views of not only the Wasatch Mountains east of Millcreek, but all the events, views, and activities in our adjacent Millcreek Common below.



# MILLCREEK COMMON

## TWO THIRDS DONE

Some call it a town square for Utah’s newest city. Others refer to it as sorely



needed open space. Designers call it a plaza unlike anything in Utah.

But we simply call it Millcreek Common, and with construction nearly 2/3 done we can’t wait for it to open around New Year’s 2022!

The restaurant pad on the Common is well on its way and the construction can be easily seen from 3300 South. This building will house the second location for the popular 9th and 9th Neapolitan style pizzeria Pizza Nono, as well as a premium ice cream vendor.

Custom Ice Rinks out of Ontario, Canada has been here recently laying the coolant system for the ice-skating rink and ribbon. Allowing for ice-skating when 55 degrees or colder, this concrete path will also be available for roller skating in the warmer months.

The Adventure Hub will be on the north end of Millcreek Common and will be where you will come to rent ice skates in the winter, roller skates in the summer, and have plentiful restrooms year-round. The Adventure Hub will also house the offices and supplies for the many activities that will happen at the Common. The basement was just poured!

Working into the elevation change from the east side



of the plaza to the west is a small stage and beautiful staircases. The stage will host concerts on the plaza or be a DJ stand for dances.

Millcreek Common is being paid for by a \$20 million municipal bond. The city is making the bond payments from the property tax increment being generated by the new developments in the area without tapping into Millcreek’s general fund budget. So basically, the developers are paying for Millcreek Common.

# Stormwater Pollution Prevention

**Q.** Is stormwater pollution prevention necessary when there's a drought?

**A.** Stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States—even in drought conditions.

While some items that end up in gutters, storm drains and stormwater are easily visible such as trash, litter and pet waste, other pollutants may not be visible but are far more harmful, such as oil and grease, dissolved metals like lead and copper, and unnatural amounts of sediment from oily driveways, construction sites, and roadways that are accumulating on the dry ground. When it does eventually rain (or snow), these pollutants are washed down the storm drains and directly into our waterways.

It's important to note that not all water is treated equally. Cities in Salt Lake County have two separate water collection systems. The sanitary sewer system collects wastewater from sinks, toilets, showers and washing machines that is transported through pipes and flows to treatment plants. Whereas storm drains carry water that remains untreated, directly into washes, parks and rivers. While both systems have extensive infrastructure, the stormwater system that includes everything from ditches and culverts, ponds and lakes, curbs and gutters, to wetlands and rain gardens, are not part of a treatment process at any point. This is why it is vital that we all do our part to protect our water and our environment by remembering "We all live downstream."



**SALT LAKE COUNTY  
STORMWATER COALITION**  
**WE ALL LIVE  
DOWNSTREAM**  
[www.stormwatercoalition.org](http://www.stormwatercoalition.org)

We can all work together to keep our stormwater free of contaminants including the following:

#### PET WASTE

Collect pet waste in a plastic bag and throw it away in a garbage can. Pet waste contains bacteria and other pathogens that are not healthy additives to our water.

#### AUTOMOBILE OILS AND FLUIDS

Properly maintain vehicles to prevent fluid leaks. Use drip pans to catch leaks. Clean up leaks and spills using an absorbent such as kitty litter or sand. Sweep up immediately and properly dispose. One quart of motor oil can contaminate over 250,000 gallons of water.



#### VEHICLE WASHING

Use a commercial or self-service car wash if possible – it is actually more water efficient. If you do choose to wash your vehicle at home, make sure you use a bucket and phosphate-free, biodegradable detergent. Direct wash water to landscaping, when possible. Dispose of wash water into a sink or toilet.

#### LAWN CARE

Use pesticides, fertilizers and other lawn care products sparingly and in accordance with label instructions. Over watering can carry pollutants to rivers and washes. Do not sweep or wash yard debris into the street. Debris can clog storm drain inlets causing flooding.

#### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

Keep chemicals in labeled, closed containers. Unused household chemicals, including paint, used oil, cleaners, and yard chemicals should be properly disposed or recycled. Take these items to a Household Hazardous Waste site or collection event.

#### TRASH & RECYCLING

Pick up any trash that has been dropped or blown into your yard, driveway or gutter. Bag and tie loose trash. Keep trash and recycling bins closed.

#### SPILL MANAGEMENT TIP:

Keep absorbents, such as kitty litter, sand or old rags on hand for cleaning up spills. Absorb spills and immediately sweep into a trash bag and dispose in the garbage.

The practice of these healthy household habits by all of us can keep common pollutants off the ground and out of our stormwater. In the end, clean stormwater is a community effort that begins long before it rains.

## STAY IN THE KNOW AND MAKE YOUR VOICE KNOWN



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## PERMITS | ORDINANCES | PROCEDURES



## BE IN THE KNOW

The city offices have seen an increasing number of calls and messages complaining about overgrown yards and vegetation blocking sidewalks. We appreciate our residents calling our attention to these issues, particularly when they involve a safety concern such as a blocked sidewalk.

The city needs its residents help in keeping Millcreek a safe and beautiful community. We understand that it is sometimes difficult to keep the vegetation along streets and sidewalks trimmed, particularly during the last few extremely hot months when it was too hot to work outside, but it is important to take a look around your property. If you notice a problem that would require a pedestrian to step into a street or off a sidewalk to pass, it is time to get out the trimmer.

You should also take a look up. If you have trees with branches that overhang the street, they should be trimmed up to 14' to allow for clearance for the waste and recycling pickups. Remember that the snowy season is just around the corner and snow on the branches will push them further down where they can snag on the natural gas equipment on the top of the trucks. We appreciate the transition of all of the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District trucks to natural gas to help keep our air clean and want to help keep their equipment in good shape.

According to city ordinance 9.60.010, "Responsibility To Keep Property Clean. It is unlawful for any person, corporation, partnership or legal entity owning or occupying real

property in the city to let the height of weeds on such property to grow beyond the maximum permitted." In Millcreek, the maximum permitted height



of weeds is six inches and any cuttings should be removed.

Local businesses are also required to keep sidewalks and city right of way strips clear and passable. In the early stages of the COVID pandemic when our businesses were struggling, Millcreek eased back on enforcing signage concerns along streets to assist their advertising efforts. With things easing up a bit and more people out, our code officers have been contacting businesses who have signs that violate the rules to let them

## Sidewalks, Weeds and Signs



know it is important to abide by the rules. No sign should be located on public property, along the street rights-of-way or where it may pose a traffic hazard. Signs that are illegal in Millcreek include feather signs, snipe signs, blower machines/inflatables, pennants/streamers and searchlights. Our great local businesses have

been wonderful in complying and we continue to encourage everyone to "Buy Local."

Help Millcreek stay a great place by keeping these simple rules in mind. If you have a neighbor who may need help with the property, you might consider gathering a group to assist. If you encounter a property that needs some upkeep, you can report it to the city through the city website, [Millcreek.us](http://Millcreek.us), by clicking on the "Report a Concern" button.

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## MILLCREEK CITY HALL:

Millcreek's plans are on track to construct a new City Hall to replace the current space when the city's lease expires in June 2023. The city, together with its architects, MHTN



## MEET WITH THE MAYOR

Like to have a conversation with Mayor Jeff Silvestrini?

He is available on Fridays from 2-4 p.m. for 15 minute virtual appointments.

Please call the Millcreek Information Center at 801-214-2700 to schedule an appointment.

and its general contractor, Okland Construction, recently held a day-long workshop with community members and staff to consider space needs and design criteria to make the building as energy efficient and green as possible. At the beginning of August, the city was able to issue \$39 million in sales tax revenue bonds bearing a net interest rate of 2.14% for the new City Hall project. This favorable interest rate is the result of Millcreek's sound financial condition, which again resulted in the city receiving a near-perfect AA+ bond rating from Standard & Poor's. Repayment of the bonds is secured by the city's sales tax receipts, and given the city's financial condition, will not require any property tax increase for repayment. Even with these bonds, Millcreek's debt is on the low end compared to other cities in Salt Lake County. (For comparison, Murray is building their new city hall for \$35 million, however they already own all of the land for their building).

Millcreek's new City Hall will have a ground floor community market (which can expand onto the Common) and a top floor community room, which will be available for private functions as well as public uses sponsored by the city. It will house Millcreek's Unified Police Precinct as well as the city offices. By forming a public-private partnership with the mixed-use building to be constructed on the same block, the city will share

a parking structure which will provide about 200 parking spaces for Millcreek Common visitors in addition to meeting the parking needs for the city, our police officers and the private development which will wrap the interior parking structure. City vehicles and our UPD officers will have secure, underground parking for the first time.

Millcreek's City Hall has the promise to meet the city's and UPD's needs for decades to come. It will ensure a civic and public safety presence on Millcreek Common. This type of public-private partnership for parking will deliver value to city residents by reducing the overall cost of this facility. The mixed-use, privately-owned portion of the project will ensure that there are amenities such as shops and restaurants bordering Millcreek Common, to make it the vibrant gathering place Millcreek residents have told us they want for the center of our city.

Design work will be continuing and wrapped up by the end of this year. The project will go out for bid early in 2022, begin construction in the spring and be completed when the city's current lease expires in June 2023. The Council and I are excited for this new phase in the maturation of our city and we think Millcreek residents will be proud of their new City Hall.

## important PHONE NUMBERS

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

Unified Police Department  
NON EMERGENCY Number:  
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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:  
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South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District, 801-255-4651

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

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