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S P E C I A L E D I T I O N

# 2022 City Council Redistricting

## Why Redistricting and Why Now

Every ten years, after the completion of the Census, cities are required to adjust council district boundaries to ensure that each district has roughly the same population. State law mandates that the City Council must adopt new district boundaries within six months after the Utah State Legislature completes its redistricting process.

Millcreek needs to adopt new district maps by May 16, 2022.

City staff has prepared three proposals as a starting point for the conversation. Please look at the maps on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. Then give us your feedback by scanning the QR code or email your thoughts to Francis Lilly at flilly@millcreek.us. Or call your city council representative. Presentations on the maps will also take place at each of the four community councils. Dates and times of these meetings are listed on page 4. Your timely feedback is very important. A final council decision must be made on May 9th, 2022.

**PLEASE PROVIDE FEEDBACK**

IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Scan the QR code on page 2
- Email Francis Lilly at flilly@millcreek.us.
- Call your city council representative. Page 4
- Attend a map presentation at any one of the four community council or city meetings. Details on page 4.



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE JEFF SILVESTRINI

### We Want to Hear From You

When Millcreek incorporated, we chose a form of government where we elect four City Council members from districts, and a Mayor at-large. After each United States Census, state governments, municipalities, and other public entities are required by law to adjust the district boundaries for their elected offices to ensure that each district has roughly the same amount of people in it.

As you probably know, this nationwide redistricting effort has been in the news lately. Recently, the Utah State Legislature approved new Congressional districts that give Millcreek the distinction of being the only city in Utah to have four members of Congress.

State Law requires that the City Council adopt new district boundaries within six months after the

legislature completes its redistricting process. Although we hear stories across the country of voters feeling disenfranchised through a redistricting process they had little control over, the City Council and I believe that voters should choose their representatives, and not the other way around. We want to make sure that you have an opportunity to weigh in the potential changes to Millcreek's Council districts before the City Council adopts a new district map on May 9, 2022.

The proposed changes discussed in this edition of the newsletter are a response to growth that has happened in Millcreek in the last ten years. Most of that growth is occurring west of Highland Drive, which is resulting in Districts 1 and 2 becoming smaller in area than they have been up to now. Since the law

requires each district to be roughly equal in population, this change is unavoidable.

We asked city staff to prepare redistricting maps for you to review, using the guidance from the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission. Please review these maps, they divide population roughly equally and are proposed as a starting point for our community discussion. They can be modified but the goal is to implement best practices of nearly equal populations, logical and understandable boundaries and hopefully keeping incumbent council members representing as many of the people who elected them as possible.

This is your opportunity to let us know how you want your new City Council district boundaries to look like for the next ten years.

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# Current Boundary Map and Possible New Maps

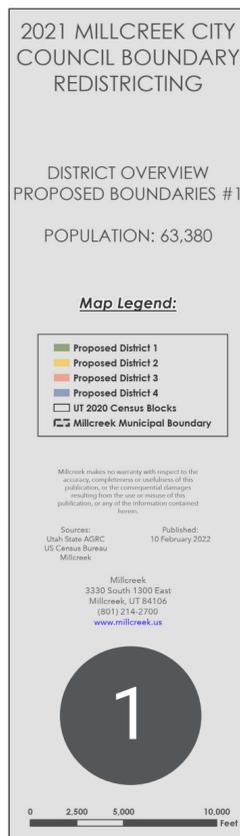
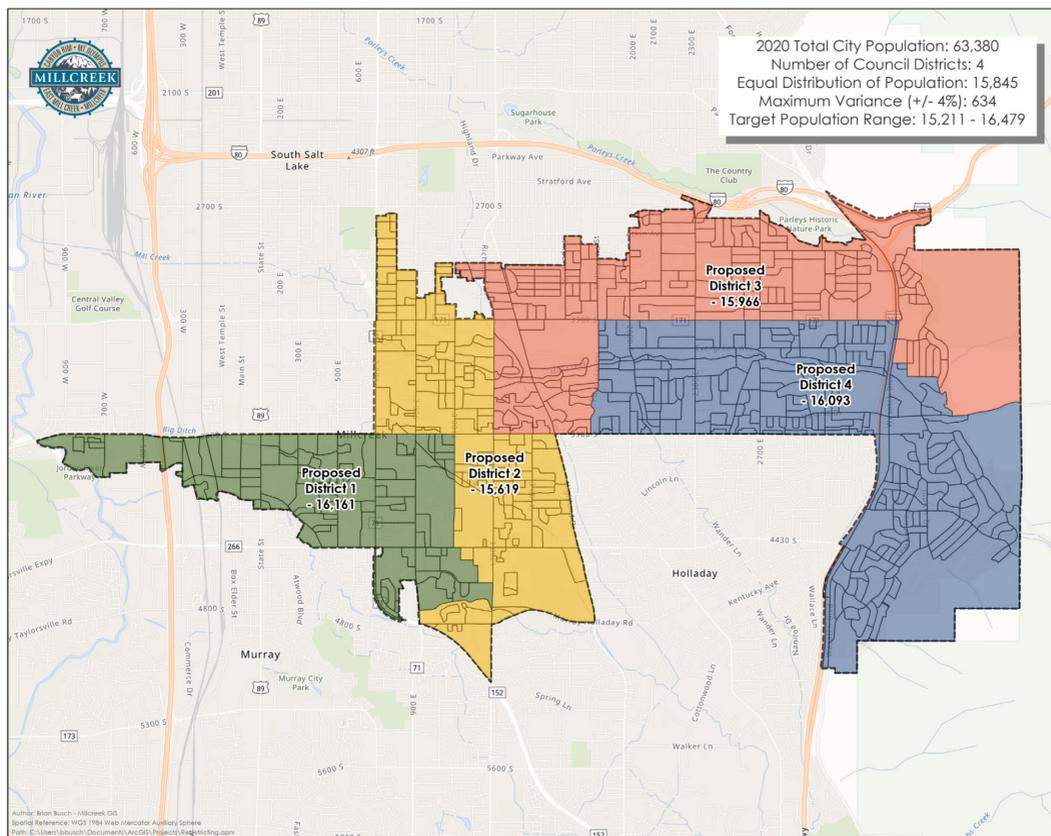
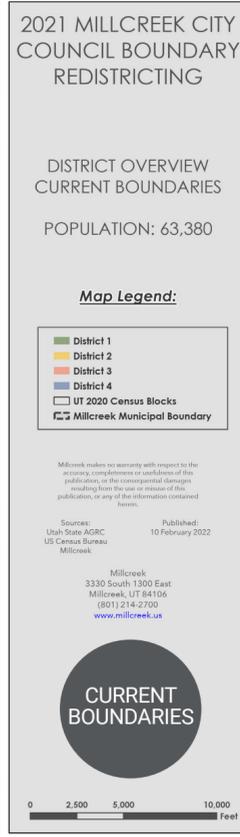
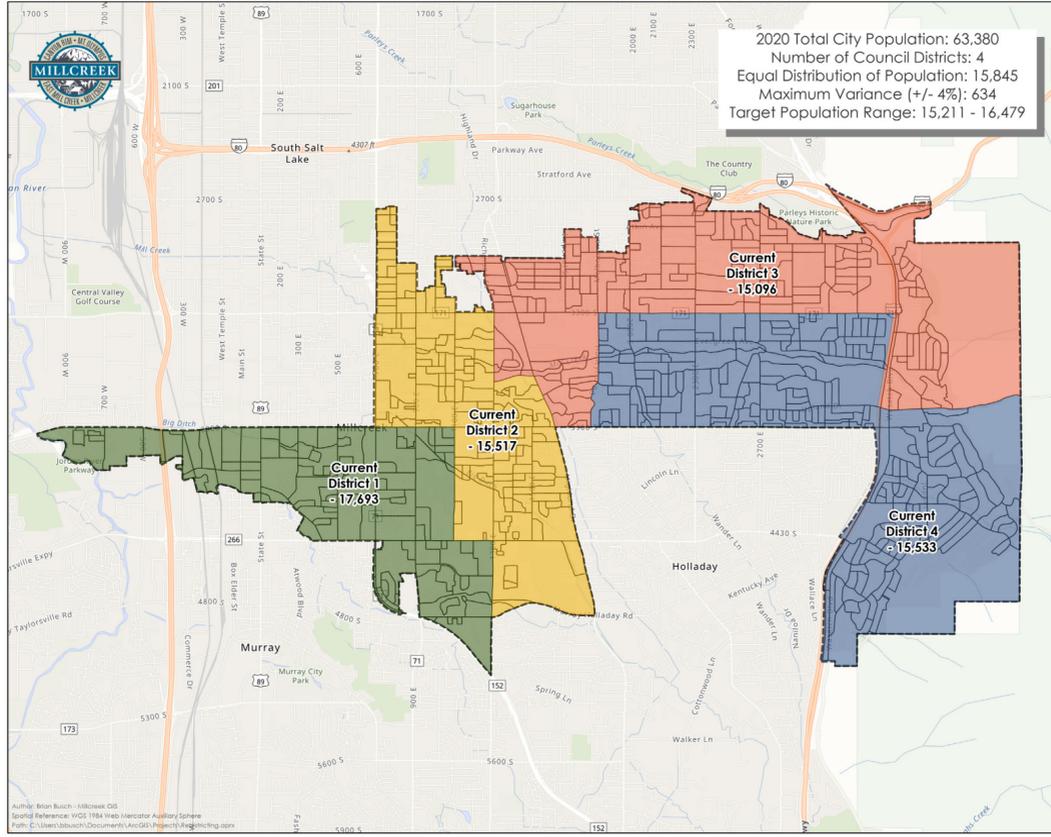
## We would love to hear your feedback!

Scan the QR code on the right to be taken to a short survey where you can share your thoughts on the proposed City Council boundaries.



# Story Map

For more information on how the proposed City Council boundaries compare to the current boundaries, scan the QR code on the right or visit the Maps page at millcreek.us to see our Interactive Story Map.



# Factors to Consider:

The purpose of redistricting is to create an equal distribution of population within each council district.

The Utah Independent Redistricting Commission (UIRC) has issued the following guidelines to assist cities through this process:

- When drawing districts, the official population numbers from the 2020 census must be used.
- Districts must be contiguous and reasonably compact.
- Districts must follow natural boundaries such as streets and rivers.
- Districts must be drawn to create four districts.

- Districts must be as nearly equal as practical, with a deviation no greater than +/- 4.0 percent.
- Current elected officials stay located in their designated district.

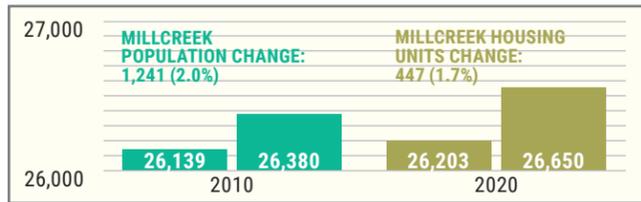
Although Millcreek is not formally regulated by the UIRC, Millcreek City Code states that "The city is divided into four (4) districts of substantially equal population, as shown on the map and district boundary descriptions on file in the city, and which are designated Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4."

# Growth in Millcreek

The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute published First Insight— 2020 Census Utah Counties and Communities, a fact sheet which contains information about growth for all cities and towns in Utah during the 10 years between the 2010 Census and 2020 Census.

According to the study, the average growth in Utah is 18.1 percent. Further, the Institute found that cities throughout the state are growing at different rates, some very minimally, and some at a rapid pace. Between the Census conducted in 2010 and the Census conducted in 2020, Millcreek grew below the average rate at an estimated 2.0 percent, whereas Herriman City grew above the average estimate rate at 153.1 percent.

Over time, city council districts become unequal in population distribution. Redistricting is required to ensure that there is an equal number of constituents in each district every 10 years the U.S. Census population data is released.



**Fact Sheet**  
August 2021

**Utah 2020 CENSUS**

**First Insights – 2020 Census Utah Counties and Communities**

The redistricting data is the second statistical release of the 2020 census suite of products. Key highlights include:

**Counties:**  
**Wasatch County** was the **fastest-growing** county in Utah at 47.9%, growing from 23,530 to 34,788.

**Cities:**  
**Herriman** added **33,359 new residents**, the most of any city, to have a 2020 population of 55,144.

**6** While six counties grew faster than the state, seven counties experienced population declines.

Six counties that grew experienced net out-migration, meaning that **all growth was contributed by natural increase** (births exceeding deaths).

**What Is Redistricting Data?**  
The redistricting data provides selected age, race, ethnicity, group quarters, and housing unit data for counties, cities, census tracts, and other areas. The first statistical release, apportionment data, indicated that Utah was the fastest growing state in the nation. The redistricting data informs governments in their decadal assessment of electoral boundaries. Additionally, the data provides the first findings for cities, towns, and counties from the 2020 census. This Fact Sheet highlights the decade's total population and housing unit changes in Utah communities.

**Table 1: Top 5 Total Population Growth and Growth Rates, Utah Counties, Cities and Towns\***

Area	Population Growth			Population Growth Rate		
	2010	2020	Change	2010	2020	Change (%)
<b>Counties</b>						
1 Salt Lake County	1,079,655	1,185,238	155,583	23,530	34,788	47.9%
2 Utah County	516,564	659,399	142,835	138,115	180,279	30.5%
3 Davis County	306,479	362,679	56,200	9,469	12,795	29.8%
4 Washington County	138,115	180,279	42,164	516,564	659,399	27.3%
5 Weber County	231,236	262,223	30,987	58,218	72,698	24.9%
<b>Cities and Towns*</b>						
1 Herriman city	21,785	55,144	33,359	139	12,543	8923.7%
2 Lehi city	47,407	75,007	28,500	21,785	55,144	153.1%
3 South Jordan city	50,418	77,487	27,069	7,598	17,014	123.0%
4 St. George city	72,897	95,342	22,445	17,781	37,696	112.0%
5 Eagle Mountain city	21,415	43,623	22,208	21,415	43,623	103.7%

\*with population of 500 or more in 2020  
Source: 2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, U.S. Census Bureau

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**JOIN US FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
 EVERY 2ND AND 4TH MON WORK MEETINGS: 5 PM, REG MEETINGS: 7 PM  
 MILLCREEK CITY HALL, 3330 S 1300 E  
 MEETINGS ARE LIVE STREAMED AT MILLCREEK.US

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<p><b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS</b></p>	<p><b>MT. OLYMPUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>DAVID BAIRD, CHAIR</b>  <a href="mailto:davidbaird70@yahoo.com">davidbaird70@yahoo.com</a>                  801-831-7943</p> <p>Meets Monday, 6:00 pm                  Churchill Junior High School or Online</p>	<p><b>MILLCREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>JAMIE WALKER, CHAIR</b>  <a href="mailto:jamiew@walkerhomedesign.com">jamiew@walkerhomedesign.com</a>                  801-699-7262</p> <p>Meets Tuesday, 6:30 pm                  Millcreek City Hall or Online</p>	<p><b>CANYON RIM CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p><b>ROBERT PETERSON, CHAIR</b>  <a href="mailto:gatelink@comcast.net">gatelink@comcast.net</a>                  801-865-7509</p> <p>Meets Wednesday, 7:00 pm                  Online Only For Now</p>	<p><b>EAST MILL CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>NANCY CARLSON-GOTTS, CHAIR</b>  <a href="mailto:n.carlsongotts@comcast.net">n.carlsongotts@comcast.net</a>                  801-582-9373</p> <p>Meets Thursday, 6:30 pm                  Millcreek City Hall or Online</p>
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**2022 COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND CITY MEETING OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK**

**YOU CAN ATTEND ANY OF THE FOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BELOW REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE.**

Mount Olympus Community Council <b>Mon, April 4th</b> 6:00 pm Churchill Junior High School or Online	Millcreek Community Council <b>Tues, April 5th</b> 6:30 pm Millcreek City Hall or Online	Canyon Rim Citizens Association <b>Wed, April 6th</b> 7:00 pm Online Only	East Mill Creek City Council <b>Thurs, April 7th</b> 7:00 pm Millcreek City Hall or Online	Millcreek City Public Hearing <b>Mon, April 11th</b> 7:00 pm Millcreek City Hall	City Council Meeting for Final Adoption <b>Monday, May 9th</b> 7:00 pm Millcreek City Hall
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