

12/30/22: YEAR IN REVIEW; CANYON RIM PLAYGROUND;
PROMISE PROGRAM SERVICES; XMAS TREES; etc.

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Councilmembers Tom DeSirant and Cheri Jackson, left, join Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Councilmember Silvia Catten and City Manager Mike Winder last spring to break ground for Millcreek's new City Hall.



NEWS

Millcreek Year in Review

Announcements

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Millcreek Community Council

Tues., 1/3/22, 6 pm

City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E

Or join virtually [HERE](#)

Canyon Rim Citizens Association

Wed., 1/4/22, 7 pm

City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E

Or join virtually [HERE](#)

East Mill Creek Community Council

Thurs., 1/5/22, 6:30 pm

City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E

Or join virtually [HERE](#)

MILLCREEK. As 2022 comes to a close, we at City Hall have taken time to reflect on all the remarkable things that happened in our city this year. While it was difficult to narrow this list, we have come up with four special events that absolutely put smiles on our faces.

1. Construction Begins on the New City Hall. When Millcreek incorporated six years ago, work began right away on the [Millcreek General Plan](#). Extensive public outreach efforts were made to be certain to capture what residents felt most important for our new city. Time and time again the message came through that what Millcreek was lacking was a downtown or "City Center" to represent Millcreek's new standing as a city of around 63,000 people. We sent out a poll created by Y2 Analytics to get feedback from residents as to what amenities they would like to see in their new City Hall.

Our current "strip mall" City Hall has worked well for our needs over the years, and our landlord has been more than generous. Ultimately we, and the residents of Millcreek, determined that that it would be more fiscally responsible to own our own building.

More than 70% of city residents surveyed said it would be important for the new City Hall to be centrally located. 63% agreed that "Millcreek City Hall should be a part of a mixed-use building that would also offer business space potentially resulting in cost savings." 92% noted that it would be important for the new City Hall to be a wise investment of tax dollars.

As a result, city leaders worked with development company Cottonwood Residential to design a mixed-use project on the west side of Millcreek Common's skating loop that includes ground floor retail, residential units, and city offices. Additional savings will be accrued by building a joint parking structure, also helping to satisfy the needs for adjacent Millcreek Common.



Artist rendering of the soon-to-be-completed Millcreek City Hall.

The ground floor marketplace will host a coffee shop (Millcreek Coffee Roasters) and a local restaurant (Kafe Mamai), and will have rotating vendors including a seasonal farmers market. The second floor will be the lobby for City Hall and UPD and will also house the new City Council Chambers. The third floor will be home to the Millcreek UPD Precinct—a badly needed improvement from its current offices on 39th South. The fourth and fifth floors will be city offices. The sixth and final floor will be the Community Room, which will be available for rent to the public and will have fantastic mountain views.

After years of planning, an official groundbreaking was held on March 17, 2022. The building is well underway and is slated to open in August 2023.

2. Millcreek Common Opens. People can't stop talking about the opening of Millcreek's new city center. As mentioned previously, the Millcreek General Plan specifically outlined the need for a central city gathering place in the heart of Millcreek where we could all enjoy a sense of community and common identity. After years of planning, an official groundbreaking ceremony to build the Millcreek Common took place in March of 2021. The first phase officially opened to the public last June.



While only in its first phase, the Common is already a huge success. It has been host to weekly DJ Skate Nights, Food Truck Thursdays, public markets, job fairs, and much more. The Millcreek Magic Ice Show kicked off ice skating season with a bang with nearly 6,000 attendees over three days. As we construct Phases 2 and 3, residents can expect to see more green space, natural water features, additional retail, public art installations, and more.



3. Juneteenth Celebration. Millcreek hosted its first ever Juneteenth celebration on June 19, 2022. Hundreds of people from around the state celebrated Black culture (and this momentous date in our country's history) with live music, poetry, a fashion show, and free roller skating.

Millcreek was settled by free Black pioneers. The Chambers family in particular has a rich history here. Samuel Chambers moved his family to what became known as "The Hill", where they farmed a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. The Chambers' 30-acre farm produced a surplus that was sold to regular

customers in the Mill Creek area and Holladay. This area later became the Evergreen Avenue area of Millcreek, where descendants of the Chambers family still live. We were proud to honor the Chambers' legacy and all Black pioneers that have considered and continue to call Millcreek "home".



4. Millcreek Elementary Outdoor Classroom. The Millcreek Promise Program helped Millcreek Elementary to create its Outdoor Classroom. The space served as a hands-on classroom where students could learn about nature in an educational setting. Unfortunately, the Granite School District recently voted to close Millcreek Elementary, but we will be transporting the outdoor classroom to a new location or leasing the space where it now sits so it can still be enjoyed.

Stay posted. We can't wait to see what 2023 has in store!



Canyon Rim Park Playground Construction

MILLCREEK. Residents will soon be seeing temporary fencing being installed around the existing playground at the east side of Canyon Rim Park in preparation for new playground equipment. If all goes according to plan, a shiny new playground will be ready early next spring. Please remember to keep your little ones away during the demolition and construction phases.



SEEDLING SAVINGS PROGRAM

Save for your future with an IDA Savings Account!

Qualifying individuals will have their deposits matched dollar for dollar, allowing you to save for a house, education, a new business, and more.



The Millcreek Promise Program is helping qualifying individuals to open an Individual Development Savings Account. The funds can be saved toward one or more of the following goals: home purchase, small business development, post secondary education or training, or an automobile for employment purposes.

[Click here](#) for more information about IDAs. To sign up or receive more info, contact Collyn Mosquito at cmosquito@millcreek.us or [801-214-2612](tel:801-214-2612).



Millcreek Promise in Partnership with Tax
Help Utah brings you:

MILLCREEK VITA TAX CLINIC

Will open February 2nd from 3:30-7pm at 3970 S Main Street. To volunteer for
one hour shifts contact Collyn Mosquito at cmosquito@millcreek.us or 801-
214-2612

Christmas Tree Collection

We will be collecting Christmas trees during the month of January. Visit our website to schedule a pickup. Place your undecorated trees on your curb and they will be collected the day after your regular collection day during the month of January. If we don't get your tree one week, we will be back the following week.



For collection:

- Please remove all snow off the tree
- We cannot accept trees with decorations, lights, tree stands or flocking.
- Do not place the tree in your garbage, recycling, or green waste can.
- If the tree is over eight feet tall, please cut it into smaller sections.
- We cannot accept artificial trees

Submit Your Pickup Request [HERE](#)



MILLCREEK ARTS COUNCIL

in collaboration with the Millcreek Library presents

Getting Visual at the Library

January Artist: Anne Becker

Save the date! Anne Becker will be presenting her oil paintings of the local flora during the month of January. <https://www.annebeckerart.com/> Come meet her at our public reception on January 6 from 6-7 PM. Musical accompaniment will be provided by classical accordionist Felicia McFall. Light refreshments will be served.

Millcreek Library - 2266 E Evergreen Ave, Millcreek 84109

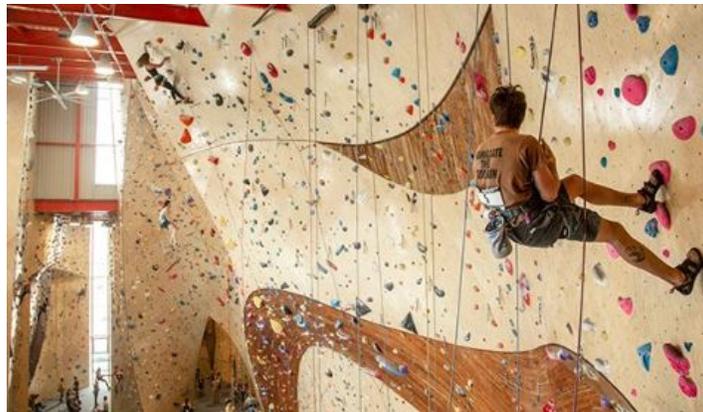
For more information visit millcreekartscouncil.org



New free-at-home COVID tests now available.

Earlier COVID at-home test kits are reaching their expiration date. New free at-home tests are now available. Four tests per family will be mailed to you. You can place your order at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Before discarding your tests, please check [HERE](#), as the expiration date has been extended on a number of them.

The Front Climbing Club, a Millcreek business, will be hosting a couple of events in the new year and asked us to send this message out to the climbing community.



“Here at The Front Climbing Club, we pride ourselves on being so much more than just an indoor rock-climbing club. We are a community-oriented organization focused on providing experiences that foster a sense of belonging for our members and for the community at large. We have three locations, one situated in the heart of Millcreek (4140 South Main Street). At our gyms, we offer daily fitness and yoga classes, we support local nonprofit organizations

and match member contributions dollar for dollar, we put on amazing events year-round, and that's just the start! Below are a few upcoming events where Millcreek residents could have the opportunity to get involved and engage with our community:

- *Jan. 10-14 – Join us for our biggest bouldering competition ever, Di'namik! We are looking for local businesses to sponsor routes by donating a prize valued between \$50 to \$100. All competitors who climb your sponsored route will have the opportunity to win the prize. Email events@thefrontclimbingclub.com if you're interested in sponsoring or participating in the event in another way.*
- *Feb. 18 – We are hosting Climbing Up For Air (CUFA) in partnership with Jared Campbell and the Up For Air Series. CUFA is an endurance challenge that raises awareness and funds for Breathe Utah and Utah Clean Energy in an effort to make a difference in our air quality. Check out our website - <https://thefrontclimbingclub.com/southmain/> - for more information!*

Ongoing, we are also always looking to expand our community of artists for events such as our Maker's Markets. If you make something awesome and would like to be involved with these type of events, email events@thefrontclimbingclub.com with a description of your craft.”



Join the Millcreek Team

[Adventure Hub Zamboni Driver](#)

Meetings with the Mayor

Due to the holidays and other conflicts, Mayor Silvestrini will be unavailable for the next several weeks for his regular Friday meetings with citizens.

Call [801-214-2700](tel:801-214-2700) for an appointment on or after January 13th.

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