



Ned and Susan Leggroan, residents of the Millcreek area during the late 1800s. Photo courtesy [Utah State Historical Society](#)



NEWS

Announcements

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mt Olympus

Community Council

Mon., 2/6/23, 6 pm

Churchill Jr High

3450 E Oakview Dr

Millcreek Community

Millcreek Honors its Predecessors During Black History Month

*By Ryan Lufkin, Vice Chair, Millcreek Historic
Preservation Commission.*

MILLCREEK. As February marks Black History Month across the United States, it provides a chance for Millcreek residents to reflect on our shared history and celebrate the contributions of Black members across our community.

Council

Tues., 2/7/23, 6:30 pm
City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E
Or join virtually [HERE](#)

Historic Preservation Commission

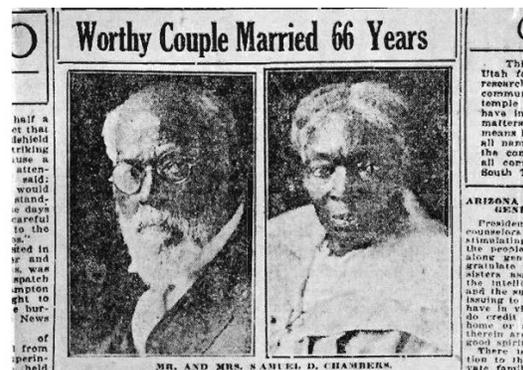
Thurs, 2/9/23, 6 pm
City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E
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Black settlers began to establish a presence in the Millcreek area in the 1870s after slavery was abolished. The Chambers and Leggroan families were among the first Black farmers in the area, with [Samuel Davidson Chambers](#) purchasing property in 1875 and [Ned Leggroan](#) in 1889. For Black farmers, buying land in Millcreek would have been an important symbol of newfound freedom, stability, and independence in the aftermath of the Civil War.

This Millcreek settlement would become known as “The Hill” to its African American residents and quickly became a center of Black life and culture in the Valley. The waters of Mill Creek made this settlement possible. See [Utah Humanities Beehive Archive, *Water Shapes Utah's First Black Community: The Hill at Millcreek.*](#)

Black families on “The Hill” built bountiful orchards and farms, often selling produce to raise money that would help reunite their families in Utah after being separated under slavery. The land near today’s Evergreen Avenue proved ideal for growing small fruits like currants, grapes, cherries, and gooseberries. Farmers were frequently recognized at local fairs for their outstanding produce.

By most oral accounts the Black families of Millcreek lived next to white families in relative harmony. Descendants of Black settlers lived and farmed in Millcreek until the middle of the 20th century when many families moved elsewhere to pursue jobs and economic opportunities outside of farming.

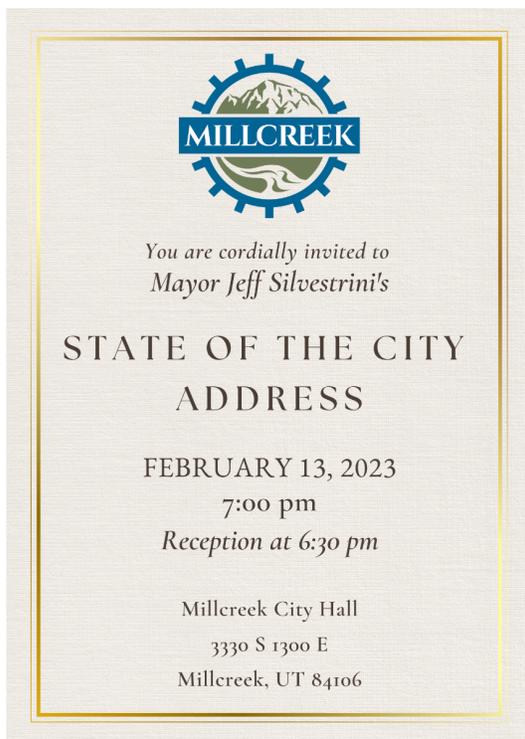


"Chambers Avenue" in Millcreek's Town Center was renamed in 2020 by the City of Millcreek to honor Samuel and Amanda Chambers and the 50 years they lived, farmed and contributed to our community. Both are buried in the Elysian Gardens cemetery, not far from "The Hill" they worked so hard to build. Chambers Ave. will be the address of Millcreek's new city hall.

The Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Millcreek are continuing to research the many ways Black residents have contributed to the history of Millcreek and to recognize and celebrate those contributions.

State of the City and Community Champions Awards

MILLCREEK. You are invited to attend Mayor Silvestrini's State of the City Address and presentations of the first annual Community Champion Awards. The events will take place at City Hall on February 13th, at 7 pm. Reception beforehand at 6:30 pm.



City Council Asking for Feedback

MILLCREEK. The City Council is seeking feedback on ranked choice voting (instant runoff voting) — the process used by the City in the 2021 election.

Millcreek opted into the pilot project for this form of election for the 2021 election for Districts 2 and 4. Districts 1 and 3 were not up for election in 2021. The city has the opportunity to opt into the program again this year for the 2023 election for the Mayor and Council Districts 1 and 3. Before making that decision, the council would like to hear from you.



Complete the Survey

Please take a moment to respond to the City's survey by clicking the button below or scanning the QR code.

More information on ranked choice voting and the election can be found on the [Millcreek website](#).

Take the Survey [HERE](#) or Scan the QR Code



MILLCREEK
TOGETHER
CODE UPDATE



Let's talk!

Millcreek is updating its zoning and subdivision codes. The draft chapters about landscaping, parking, and subdivisions are out and we want to hear your thoughts and answer your questions about the proposed changes. Come have some hot cocoa, do a bit of ice skating, and talk about what the updates will mean for Millcreek. Please join us:

Friday January 27, 2023, from 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Saturday February 4, 2023, from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

At Millcreek Common (1354 E Chambers Ave.)

Find out more at the project website:

millcreek.us/466/Zoning-Code-Update



MILLCREEK YOUTH COUNCIL

DONATION DRIVE



THE SHARING PLACE

The Sharing Place is a safe environment for grieving children, teens and their family



THINGS TO DONATE

- Individual packaged snacks (ex. granola bars, chips, fruit snacks)
- Large ziplocs
- Toilet paper
- White copy paper
- Paper towels

Competition between Olympus, Skyline, and Cottonwood high schools for most donations

Donations accepted through February 28th

Donation boxes found in Olympus, Skyline, Cottonwood high schools' main office

If you have a student that attends Skyline, Olympus, or Cottonwood High School, encourage them to get involved!

DONATIONS NEEDED!



Give a little. Help a lot.

THE TEMPORARY OVERFLOW SHELTER IS IN NEED OF:

- **MEN'S COATS***
- **BLANKETS***
- Feminine Products
- Socks
- Scrubs or Sweats
- Gloves and Hat
- Bottled Water
- PPE Equipment
- Ground Coffee
- Paper Coffee Cups

**DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS TO
MILLCREEK CITY HALL**



The shelter is still in need of donations! Due to the freezing conditions we've been experiencing lately, they are especially in need of men's coats and blankets.

2022 City Departments' Year In Review (Part 3)

For this week, please take a look at the lists below from the Building and the Communications Departments. (Part 1 can be viewed [HERE](#), Part 2 can be viewed [HERE](#)).

Planning & Zoning

- **2.6** additional miles added to Millcreek's trail network
- **376** business licenses reviewed
- **746** planning and engineering building permit reviews completed
- **150** new affordable housing units entitled (500 since incorporation)
- **1,158** new multifamily/townhome units entitled
- **32** new single family homes approved
- **17** retaining walls permitted
- **924** square feet of billboard rights eliminated
- **159,389** square feet of commercial space approved in Millcreek City Center
- **54** potential historic sites or neighborhoods identified
- **31** new residential or duplex lots created
- **9** new implementation strategies adopted to advance affordable housing in Millcreek
- **22** zoning compliance letters written
- **440** spaces approved in an agreement for a shared public parking structure on Millcreek Common
- **14** conditional use permits issued
- **45** new signs approved

Community Life

- **\$316,746** Adventure Hub (Millcreek Common) revenue
- **19** Events at Millcreek Common
- **153** Event Series at Millcreek Common
- **86** sport development classes
- **18** city wide events
- **\$77,121** Venture Out! Revenue
- **54.8k** Venture Out! social media accounts reached in December
- **80.6k** Millcreek Common social media accounts reached in December

It is difficult to list all of the things that each department does on one page but these reports should help understand what each does. If you have questions or comments about this information, please contact Rita Lund at rlund@millcreek.us.



Getting Visual At The Library

Join us tonight, 2/3/23, from 6 - 7 pm at the Millcreek Library to celebrate the Millcreek Arts Council's February 2023 artist Gayle Allen.

Refreshments will be served.

MILLCREEK. Gayle Allen is an accomplished watercolor artist, who is Millcreek Arts Council's February 2023 artist of the month. Gayle started her painting career in oil and acrylic. About 30 years ago she discovered watercolor and everything changed for her. She says that watercolor became magic.

Gayle was President of the Utah Watercolor society and was a Grand Prize Winner in 1999. She continued to win watercolor awards from the Utah Watercolor Society through 2019 and has won awards from other art shows in Utah and Idaho.

Gayle has taught and continues to teach art classes. She enjoys painting landscapes and animals.

Gayle lives in Millcreek with her husband and enjoys spending time with her family and painting from photographs she has taken.



Joining tonight's reception at the Millcreek Library are award winning singer/songwriter Anke Summerhill and Utah State Guitar Fingerstyle winner Matthew Seabury, who will perform Acoustic Americana, instrumental original and cover music.



Skyline "Team Blue", comprised of (left to right) Jenna Trang, Indy DeBirk, Ivy Zhao, Maylan Jessop, Lewis May, Roya Mares, Tyler Le, and team advisor attorney Jonathan Jemming, reached the quarter finals of the 2023 Utah State Bar's statewide Mock Trial Competition.



Skyline "Team Yellow" (left to right) Jack Barklow/J Dawg, Hyrum Gonzalez, Margot Zollinger, Jack Catten (J-Cat), Kyle Linnhan, Arivan Verma, and Sebastian Lee. (Not pictured is Joyce Wang).



Skyline "Team White" (left to right) Jonathan Su, Valencia McCarthy, Jarius McCarthy, Theo Devries, Pax Ferguson, Elise Whitehead, Anhkhoa Le, Hillary King (Attorney Coach) team advisor attorney Hillary King

Skyline Mock Trial Teams Take the Competition to Court

MILLCREEK. This week, three Skyline High School Mock Trial teams had the privilege of competing in the 2023 statewide Mock Trial competition hosted by the Utah State Bar. The team of Indy DeBirk, Maylan Jessop, Roya Mares, Lewis May, Jenna Tran, Ivy Zhao and Tyler Le made it to the quarter finals to stand in the top eight of 36 teams statewide.

The teams are coached by Jonathan Jemming, a longtime Millcreek-based lawyer, and Hillary King, a Millcreek resident and trial lawyer with the Legal Defenders Association.

The mock trial program is five years old, and has grown from six in its first year to 23 students in 2023. Participating on the Mock Trial teams is challenging work. We celebrate their hard work and their pursuit at Skyline of an education in the legal world. Go Eagles!



The Amanda Conk Best House, located at 3622 S 1100 E, was built in 1896. Also known as the Boyle House, the Beal House, and the Aoki House, the structure is a brick Queen Ann style that was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 2008.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OPENING

MILLCREEK. There is an opening on Millcreek's Historic Preservation Commission. Please consider applying if you have experience in a field related to historic preservation (history, archaeology, architecture, planning, artifact curation, etc.). This is a volunteer position. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to apply.

Meetings With the Mayor

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



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