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Amanda Conk Best, one of Millcreek's early residents. Photo Courtesy Family Search



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The House that Millcreek Women Built

PUBLIC MEETINGS

By Tiffany Hunter Greene

*Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission***

Mt. Olympus

Community Council

Mon., 3/6/23, 6 pm
Churchill Jr High
3450 E Oakview Dr

MILLCREEK. Can the history of Millcreek be told in one building? The story of the Amanda Conk Best house comes rather close to answering that question in the affirmative.

Millcreek Community Council

Tues., 3/7/23, 6:30 pm
City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E
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The Queen Anne style structure, located at 3622 S 1100 E, has been home to owners and renters, life-long Utahns and temporary transplants, and farmers and business owners. Built in 1896 as a single-family house, it has also been reconfigured into multi-family units. Many of the residents over the years have been Millcreek women.

Historic Preservation Commission

Thurs., 3/9/23, 6 pm
City Hall, 3330 S 1300 E
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Agenda below

Amanda Conk Best took out a mortgage from Rhoda P. Farmer in 1896 and constructed the home, which was unique in its ornamentation and high style amidst the farmhouses that dotted the landscape of the Millcreek area at that time.

By this time in her life, Amanda's children were mostly grown. Her youngest child, Meribah May, was her only child to ever live in the house. Amanda never shared the residence with her husband, Alfred Best. For many couples like the Bests, who had lived in plural marriages, the LDS Church's 1890 Manifesto that officially ended the practice created unique living conditions, and many women like Amanda became the sole head of house for their families.

By 1901, Meribah May Best had married Albert Boyle and lived in her own home in Millcreek. When her mother passed away and left the home to her, Meribah rented it out for many years rather than live in it herself. Relatively large for its time and place, the house was put to great use in the late 1920s by renters Toyo Mayobayashi Aoki, her husband Peter, and their eleven children. Toyo and Peter ran a Japanese Farm Truck in the Millcreek area. Toyo passed away in 1936.

In the 1940s, the property again changed hands. Ethel Rhosed Pehrson and her husband Cecil bought the home and turned the second level into a separate apartment, which they rented out to other couples. Eureka Watrous

bought the home and surrounding land in the 1950s and further divided the home into four apartments, which she mostly rented out to women. Eureka sold off much of the surrounding acreage.



Amanda Conk Best home Photo courtesy Utah Division of State History

By the 1990s the home was once again restored to a single family residence and owners began the process of returning the building to its 1896 character. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.

The Amanda Conk Best house and the stories of women who have lived there serve as a microcosm of Millcreek and its rich history.

***The Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission seeks to protect and preserve historic resources in the city, and share the rich history of Millcreek with its residents.*



HAM radio operators at work with Wasatch 100 Race. Photo Courtesy Dave Christensen

HAM Radio is Essential to Emergency Prep

HAM radio is an abbreviation for "amateur radio." HAM operators are licensed by the US government and authorized to use radio frequencies for communications. HAM Radio is an essential component of community emergency preparation and will play a vital role in establishing and maintaining communication following a disaster.

With a license and some equipment, a HAM radio operator can communicate locally, interstate, or internationally. Not only is amateur radio used during emergencies, but operators can also provide service to the community by assisting in events like parades, races, and search and rescue. HAM operators can use satellite communication, transmit photos, send email without the Internet, keep track of the location of vehicles or people carrying equipment to transmit their location, and much more.

So, what does it take to get a license? There are no age restrictions, but you must take a multiple-choice exam and pass with a 70% or better score. There is a small fee to take the exam and a license cost is \$35 for a ten-year period. Classes are taught online and in person.

Is it worth it? YES! Communication is one of the most important tasks we can do in an emergency. If you are licensed, a Ham Radio Net is operated in Millcreek on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm on the 146.740 MHz repeater which requires a 114.8 Hz tone. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you are interested in learning more about HAM radio or want to reach out to the Millcreek HAM radio team, send an email to: millcreekham@gmail.com. You can also find local classes here <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class> and additional information on what Ham radio is by visiting <http://arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio>.

Green Waste Guide

Only items listed below, must be **UNBAGGED** and produce stickers **REMOVED**

Fridge
Friendly Guide

Fruits & Vegetables



Eggshells, Coffee Grounds & Tea Bags



Lawn Clippings, Weeds, Tree Branches & Leaves



 **Plastic Bags**

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District
604 West 6960 South, Midvale, Utah 84047
Phone: (385) 468-6325 • Fax: (385) 468-6330
Info@wasatchfrontwaste.org • www.wasatchfrontwaste.org

**WASATCH FRONT**
Waste & Recycling District

Green Waste Program Resumes

MILLCREEK. The weekly Green Waste Collection Program will resume beginning the week of Monday, March 13th for Millcreek residents. Millcreek currently has 2,774 out of the 10,477 district-wide subscribers.

Residents can sign up and help divert green waste from the landfill to be processed into mulch that can be purchased for use from the Salt Lake Valley and Trans-Jordan Landfills. There is a onetime start-up fee of \$70 to pay for the

can and at \$126 per year, a green waste can is less expensive than an additional black garbage can at \$234 per year. For more information on this program, visit wasatchfrontwaste.org.



WATER MANAGERS ANTICIPATE HIGH SPRING RUNOFF

SALT LAKE COUNTY. Salt Lake County Flood Control and the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) are monitoring the snowpack in

Parleys Canyon. SLCDPU supplies most of Millcreek with water.

To have capacity to manage flows in Parleys Canyon in light of the significant snowpack along the Wasatch Front this year, SLCDPU started controlled releases from Little Dell and Mountain Dell Reservoirs on Tuesday, February 28. The releases initially consist of 10-20 cubic feet per second (cfs), which will be increased to a sustained flow of 55-60 cfs; however, flows may need to be increased later in the spring.

Laura Briefer, Director of SLCDPU said, “It is important for our teams to be proactive in anticipation of this year’s high spring runoff. SLCDPU operates and maintains Little Dell and Mountain Dell Reservoirs for water supply and flood control. We appreciate the continued close coordination with Salt Lake County Flood Control in the planning and reduction of flood impacts.”

Kade Moncur, Director of Salt Lake County Flood Control said, “With this planned release and increased flow, Parleys Creek will be moving fast, and the water is cold. We ask residents to please be careful around creeks and rivers. Be sure to keep a close eye on your kids and don’t let them play too close to the water.” Water experts are also reminding all pet owners to keep their dogs away from fast moving waters: Parleys Creek, Emigration Creek, Millcreek, Red Butte Creek, and City Creek. Parleys Creek runs through Sugarhouse Park, along with Parleys Historic Nature Park, which encompasses a popular off-leash dog park.

Children and dogs should be kept away from any waters affected by rain and snow runoff because of strong currents that can lead to drowning. Even where the water looks calm, underlying currents can quickly wash a child or dog downstream.

Salt Lake County Flood Control Engineering and SLCDPU continue to remove debris from creeks and canals and monitor water flows and snowpack levels.

Spring runoff safety tips:

- 1. When spending time outdoors, tell someone where you are going or go with a partner.** Let someone know when you expect to return and leave a note on your dashboard.
- 2. Don’t forget the power of the current.** The river is strong, and the water is high, extremely cold, and incapacitating during spring runoff.

3. **Know your surroundings and know what to do.** Check the weather ahead of time. If you are caught in water, float feet-first in a half-sitting position.
4. **Reach or throw, Don't Go.** If someone is caught in water, reach out or throw something in. Don't go in the water yourself, or you may also be swept away. Call 911 as soon as possible.

REMEMBER - Spring runoff is on the way. Take some time to clear out the storm water grates near your house and keep ditches clear so that the water can run freely into the storm drains.

A little effort now can save some costly consequences later!

A promotional graphic for a blood drive. The background is a soft-focus image of pink and orange tulips. The text is centered and reads: "Spring into life." in a green script font, "Give blood." in a dark grey sans-serif font, "Millcreek City Hall" in a white bold sans-serif font, "3330 S 1300 E, Millcreek UT" in a white bold sans-serif font, and the website URL "www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Millcreek20" in a smaller white sans-serif font. At the bottom right is the American Red Cross logo, which consists of a white cross on a red circle followed by the text "American Red Cross" in a white sans-serif font.

Spring into life.
Give blood.
Millcreek City Hall
3330 S 1300 E, Millcreek UT
www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Millcreek20
American Red Cross

Blood Drive - March 21st, 9 to 10:30 am

Make Your Appointment [HERE](#)

MILLCREEK EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND
CANYON RIM IS COMMUNITY PRESENT:

What's the SCOOP on POOP?



For community members who want to learn how to keep hygiene and sanitation after a major disaster, prevent sewer gas backup, and dispose human waste properly!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH @ 7:00PM
CANYON RIM ACADEMY
3005 SOUTH 2900 EAST



CANYON RIM
IS COMMUNITY



Digital Needs Assessment

MILLCREEK. The Millcreek Promise Program and Promise South Salt Lake have completed a final draft of a [digital mobility report and plan](#) in an effort to increase digital equity in our region. To expand upon the work we have done, Millcreek Promise is conducting a survey of the residents in both cities to learn more about their digital needs. If you are a resident of Millcreek, we invite you to complete a quick, 16-question survey using the link below. Please also send

the link to anyone you know in South Salt Lake. If you have any follow up questions or comments, please contact Collyn Mosquito at cmosquito@millcreek.us.

Take the Survey [HERE](#)



Enjoy Art by Amy Pernich

Presented by the
Millcreek Arts Council



MILLCREEK. Please join the Millcreek Arts Council on March 3rd from 6 to 7 PM to enjoy the art of Amy Pernich. We will host a reception for Amy at the Millcreek Library at 2266 E Evergreen Avenue. Music will be provided by Jason Dreher and light refreshments will be served. Amy's art will be on display throughout the month of March.

Amy is a Salt Lake City based artist who works mainly in watercolor. Amy has had an interest in art since she was very young. She sketched and painted with oils in her youth. Her interest in watercolor painting began after she took a community school watercolor class as an adult. She is currently taking watercolor classes from Richard Vroom, Rockwood Artist Studios. He has taught her many things, but mostly to loosen up, add a suggestion of detail (but not too much), and have fun while painting!

Amy loves to paint flowers, leaves, trees, rocks, and anything in nature, especially from unique angles or perspective. Subjects with strong light, shadows, and reflection are fascinating to Amy. She likes to convey a feeling or a mood in her paintings, and watercolor is the perfect medium, with its luminosity, transparent washes, and layering effects.

Contact Amy at apernich@msn.com

Instagram: [apernich_watercolors](https://www.instagram.com/apernich_watercolors)



Jason Dreher started playing music at age 11, receiving private music tutoring after school on the trombone. He picked up the guitar at age 14. After high school, Jason moved from his home state of Wyoming to California to study for two years at Musicians Institute in Los Angeles.

Jason has played many styles of music throughout the years including jazz, country, rock, gospel, and classical. Jason is currently a junior at the University of Utah pursuing a bachelors degree in jazz guitar performance.



MILLCREEK PROMISE VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENT

Bud Bailey Apartments, located at 3790 South Main Street is home to market rate tenants, as well as immigrant families, formerly homeless youth, and elderly/retired folks. The resident community is diverse and vibrant. Its members contribute to Millcreek in all sorts of ways: as entrepreneurs, part of the workforce, parents, students, and taxpayers.

On-site English as a Second Language (“ESL”) classes are conducted for tenants who want to learn or improve their English **every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:30-11AM in Building C of the Complex**. The ESL students are typically stay at home parents with young children below school age. Millcreek Promise seeks to initiate a twice-weekly child care program on site, in Building C, at no charge to residents, so that those attending class can focus on class work. Learning English will undoubtedly make these adults more secure and able to prosper in our community.

If this is a volunteer opportunity of interest to you, please contact Millcreek Promise, mrdrapeer@millcreek.us to sign up. We will schedule a group visit to Bud Bailey for

interested persons in early March.

The Details

Target start date: March 21.

A Team Approach: volunteers will work together, in teams of 2 persons

The children: infants to children aged 5. (Currently 6 children, with the potential to grow, at which point more volunteers will be added.)

Diapering/Toileting/Snacks: No diaper changes or trips to the bathroom on the part of volunteers...if those needs arise, parents will be summoned from class. No snack will be served, to avoid choking and food allergy questions. Care will be provided in a gated environment.

Lesson plans/Activity rotations: Volunteers will not need to create activities to engage the children. Lesson plans, supplies & age-appropriate toys/games provided.

Timing: volunteer for one or two sessions per week, on Tuesday and/or Thursday, as frequently as you would like. Arrive at Bud Bailey by 9:15 AM and conclude by 11:45 AM

Substitutes: Millcreek Promise will set/manage the volunteer schedule. If a volunteer cannot make a scheduled session, it will be their responsibility to give Millcreek Promise advance notice

On site management will always be present during childcare

Criminal background check: must be successfully completed by all volunteers. Millcreek Promise/SL Housing Connect can help with the process of completing the background check

Age: Volunteers must be 18+ years of age (or if a minor wishes to volunteer, they must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian)

Commitment: 3 months minimum preferred



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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**Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Agenda**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Historic Preservation Commission of Millcreek will assemble in a regular public meeting on Thursday, **9 March 2023**, at City Hall, 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, Utah 84106, commencing at **6:00 p.m.**

Documents:

[HPC 3-9-23 AGENDA.PDF](#)

[HPC 2-9-2023 DRAFT MINUTES.PDF](#)

6:00 p.m.-- Regular Meeting

1. Mountair Acres Reconnaissance Survey Update
2. Scope of Collections Update
3. Discussion of Nominating a Local Restaurant for a Grant Opportunity from the National Trust
4. Updates from the Historic Preservation Commission Sub-Committees
5. Staff Updates
6. Approval of February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
7. Adjourn

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

The meeting will be live streamed via the City's website at: <https://millcreek.us/373/Meeting-Live-Stream>. Public comment can be submitted before or during the meeting via the City's website at: <https://millcreek.us/FormCenter/Contact-Us-5/Public-Comments-61>.

The Commission may convene in an electronic meeting. Commissioners may participate from remote locations and may be connected to the electronic meeting by GoToMeeting, Zoom, or telephonic communications. The anchor location will be City Hall.

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

DATE: March 2, 2023

CITY RECORDER: Elyse Sullivan

Agenda items may be moved in order, sequence, and time to meet the needs of the Commission.

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