



Announcements

**NO PUBLIC
MEETINGS**

NEWS

Discounted Rain Barrels Available

MILLCREEK. Millcreek is once again partnering with the Utah Rivers Council to bring residents a limited number of discounted rain barrels.

To help combat the extended drought in Utah, the Utah Rivers Council has been sponsoring the RainHarvest Utah program for almost a decade.



Happy St. Pat's

The program gives residential property owners a chance to affordably conserve water through rainwater collection.

The barrels collect rainwater that falls on rooftops for later use on lawns and gardens. They help reduce municipal water demand and improve the water quality of local streams, rivers, and lakes, by decreasing polluted runoff.

Why collect rainwater? Rainwater harvesting is legal in Utah, and with ongoing extreme drought conditions, there has never been a better time to start collecting your own water. Not only does rain harvesting reduce demand on municipal water systems, it also reduces the amount of pollution that enters the Great Salt Lake and local rivers from urban runoff during storm events.

How do I collect rainwater? During storm events, the rain that falls on rooftops flows through rain gutters and downspouts and is collected by 50-gallon rain barrels. User-friendly and made of 100% recycled plastic, the barrels come with a locking lid, a mosquito screen, a 3/4" valve that can be connected to a garden hose and linking capability to connect multiple barrels together.

When can I purchase a rain barrel? Starting on March 14th at 12pm, residents of Millcreek are invited to order these \$55 rain barrels (limit of 1 subsidized barrel per household) at <http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/urc>, while supplies last. There are a limited number of \$55 barrels. Once the subsidized barrels run out, \$83 rain barrels are available for purchase by any member of the public. The sale window will remain open until late April, 2023. The barrels will be distributed at a one-day, in-person, event in Millcreek in mid-May. Rain barrels will not be shipped to residents.

Please note, purchasing a barrel is a two-step process:

- The **first step** is to enter your address into the online form which will then be verified to ensure you are eligible for a subsidized barrel from Millcreek. Then you will be redirected to a page where you will receive a discount code.

- The **second step** is to enter this discount code into the purchasing website and finalize your barrel purchase. It is important to note that receiving a discount code is *not* confirmation of a purchase.

Purchase Rain Barrels [HERE](#)



UPD CANINE UNIT IS "OFFICER OF THE MONTH"

MILLCREEK. The ten officers (five dogs and their handlers) of the Unified Police Department's Canine Unit were honored earlier this week as the Millcreek Precinct's Officers of the Month. These dogs and their handlers are a very important crime fighting tool, running into danger and convincing the bad guys to surrender. Chief Steve DeBry has said that sometimes the dogs do not even have to be let out of the vehicle, when a canine officer and his handler show up at a crime scene—an immediate surrender often happens. We appreciate and thank these officers for the great service they provide our community.



Ranked Choice Voting Will Be Back for Millcreek's 2023 Municipal Elections

MILLCREEK. The Millcreek City Council unanimously decided earlier this week to opt into the Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, otherwise known as Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), for the 2023 city election.

RCV saves taxpayer dollars by eliminating the need for a primary election and empowers voters to express their first choice, second choice, and so on for each office. If no single candidate wins a majority in the first round, the lowest vote-getter is eliminated and the ballots are recounted based on the next preference ranking. The process continues until a candidate emerges that is preferred by a majority of voters.

The Council was optimistic about using RCV this year after its success in the city's 2021 council elections. Public comments for and against RCV were received, with the majority in favor. In one survey, 68% of Millcreek voters found RCV to be very easy to use. Overall, in that survey, 66% of Millcreek registered voters preferred ranked choice voting over traditional voting (see full survey results [HERE](#)).

This year, Districts 1 and 3, and the mayoral 4-year seats will have races. Eligible candidates can declare their candidacy in person at City Hall, during regular office hours, from August 8-15. Candidate qualifications, declaration procedure information, and more information on ranked choice voting can be found on Millcreek's website at: <https://millcreek.us/161/Elections>.



Volunteers Needed for Salt Lake County Sandbagging Event

SALT LAKE COUNTY. Salt Lake County Emergency Management has changed its activation status to Enhanced Watch for possible flooding. The county is holding a volunteer sandbagging event on Friday and Saturday. Please help spread the word.

March 17-18, 8 a.m. – 4 pm

Flood Control Sandbag Shed at Midvale Operations public works yard
604 West 6960 South (North of main bldg.)

Bring shovels, work gloves; Bottled water will be provided

Questions: 385-468-6600

Click [HERE](#) for information on how to properly fill a sandbag.



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

Make Your Appointment [HERE](#)

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



3900 SOUTH and HILLSIDE DRIVE

MILLCREEK. Millcreek will be performing upgrades on the Hillside Drive storm drain to connect with the 3900 South trunk line. The work will take place on March 20, 2023, weather permitting, and will last two weeks. Hillside Dr. will be closed from 3820 South to 3900 South but will be open to local traffic.

Pride Construction, the project contractor will conduct pipe trenching during this time and will need one day where access will be limited near the southeast and southwest corners of Hillside Dr. and 3900 South.

Please expect a southern traffic shift on 3900 south, with only one traffic lane open east and westbound.

For more information, please contact Rita Lund, Director of Community Relations, Millcreek, at 801-214-2707 or at Rita.Lund@millcreek.city.org.



UDOT 1300 E BRIDGE OVER I-80

SUGAR HOUSE. UDOT is replacing the 1300 E bridge over I-80 in Sugar House. Using the innovative Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) method, the new bridge is being built next to the existing bridge.

As the team builds the new bridge, crews will intermittently close lanes on 1300 E and close the I-80 on- and off-ramps at 1300 E. Drivers should plan ahead and check current traffic conditions on [UDOT Traffic](#) before traveling.

When the new bridge is finished, crews will demolish the existing one and slide the new one into place. This work will require a long weekend closure of I-80 between 700 E and Foothill Drive and a seven-day closure of 1300 E over I-80.

The 1300 E bridge demolition and slide will occur in March or April 2023. To stay in the loop, sign up for updates at udot.utah.gov/saltlakeeast. Contact the project team with any questions at saltlakeeast@utah.gov or [844-909-3278](tel:844-909-3278).



Millcreek Emergency Manager Andrew Clark Introduces Kathryn McMullin "First Responder Mom", an expert on home sanitation during an emergency at "The Scoop on Poop" training event.

The Scoop on Poop

MILLCREEK. More than 85 residents attended a presentation by the First Responder Mom, Kathryn McMullin, at the Canyon Rim Academy this week. Residents learned how to build a kit and instructions on how to prepare for an emergency when water and sewer lines are out of service. You may be able to live in your home but what do you do with the doo-doo?

Here are some great instructions on how you and your family should prepare:

TO PREVENT HYDROGEN SULFIDE & SEWAGE BACK-UP IN YOUR HOME:

(Do this for all floor drains in your home, including non-tub shower drains)

1. Find the floor drains in your home.
2. Remove the Drain Cover.
3. Insert the Test Plug.
4. Twist clockwise to tighten.
5. Keep all other sink and tub drains closed and secured.



TO CONVERT YOUR TOILET TO A DRY POTTY:

(The toilet is a source for fumes and vermin to enter our home)

1. Turn off water.
2. Remove water from tank and dry.
3. Remove water from bowl and dry.
4. Sanitize entire toilet thoroughly.
5. Make your toilet airtight & water tight.



To plug the hole – place a racquetball in a tube sock and cover in grease. Shove the racquetball deep in the opening until tight. The sock is there in order to aid in removal.

6. Bag the bowl.

***If each of us solves this problem just for our own family,
we'll still have a cross-contamination problem.***

***This problem needs to be solved as a neighborhood and a
community. Talk to your friends and family to keep them safe.***

Pesticides:

I recommend that you determine what pesticides are right for your family. There are many sustainable options for traps and many ways to deal with insects.

A product you may want to research is

FOOD GRADE

Diatomaceous Earth.

It has many uses as an organic pesticide as well as a preservative for your dried food storage.

Cleansers:

Due to their extended shelf life, I recommend that you store powdered cleansers.

TO CREATE A PROPER SANITATION SYSTEM IN YOUR BATHROOM:

Separate

- Use a separate bucket, seat and lid for urine or build a urinal.
- No bag needed
- Can empty urine in your yard
- Clean and dry the bucket each time you empty it.

Cover

- Once you have created a dry potty of your current toilet, bag the bowl and use this potty for solid waste.
- keep a small bucket with kitty litter, sand, dirt or sawdust and a scoop in your bathroom. Each time you go, sprinkle it with kitty litter. (Kitty Litter helps the best with odor.)

Carry

- Always use disposable gloves when handling waste.
- Place the bag in a box before you carry it outside so that you don't have accidental spills in your home. Cleanliness is of the utmost importance.

Bury

- Do not bury it in your garden due to cross contamination.
- Bury it around bushes or trees, in a future garden.
- Dig a hole 2.5 - 3 feet deep.
- Empty the bag in the hole - do not bury it inside of the bag, the waste will not decompose properly.
- Drop bag in on top of waste (do not put bag in with your normal trash).
- Cover with 1-2 inches of Kitty Litter, Peat Moss or dirt.
- Seal hole with board & multiple heavy bricks/objects.
- Keep layering until full.
- Add 2-3" Lime as Top Layer and mound with dirt to finish. (Lime prevents animals from digging and helps with decomposition)
- Always wear a mask and gloves when working with lime.

Find my educational videos on



Look up **First Responder Mom** or scan this QR code:



Supplies for a Potty Kit:

- ✓ 5 Gallon Bucket
- ✓ Potty Seat Lid
- ✓ 2 Gallon Bucket with lid
- ✓ Scoop
- ✓ Tube Socks
- ✓ Racquetballs
- ✓ Grease
- ✓ Disposable Gloves
- ✓ Face Masks

Additional Supplies Needed:

- ✓ Test Plugs
- ✓ Heavy Duty Plastic Bags
- ✓ Kitty Litter
- ✓ Hydrated Lime - Store in a sealed container properly marked.

If the Ground is Frozen:

- Use a large trash can with tight lid to store sealed bags.
- Let it freeze and bury properly when the ground thaws.





March 30th, 2023
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Millcreek City Hall
3330 South 1300 East
Millcreek, UT 84106

Guests will represent:
Utah's Water Systems
Great Salt Lake
Farmers in Utah
Utah Legislation



**Learn What is Happening From the Experts and What We Can Do About the
Threats Facing the Great Salt Lake**

March 30th, 2023, 7-8:30 pm
Millcreek City Hall, 3330 South 1300 East

Presented by [Engaged Informed Americans](#)

LANGUAGE TOOLS

at the County Library

Mango Languages and Rosetta Stone language lessons can increase your social and cultural understanding, further your career, or just challenge your mind. FREE with your County Library card. *Start learning through our website now!*

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Power of Your Purse Gala

Join United Way of Salt Lake and Women United on May 18 for an ight immersed in beautiful art at The Leonardo. Enjoy the *Something Nouveau Art Through Experience* exhibit, learn more about United Way of Salt Lake's mission, and explore ways you can support educational opportunities for students in Utah.

Thursday, May 18th

The Leonardo
209 E 500 S

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Reception-Style Dinner, Silent Auction
Exhibit Exploration & Wine Pull

Registration opens March 23rd

Event Details [HERE](#)



**Mayor Silvestrini
congratulates
Officers Jennifer
Bithell and Jinx, one
of the teams of
officers from the
UPD Canine Unit
receiving the
Precinct Officers of
the Month Award**

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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