

NEWS

Community Input Sought for the Residential Zone Code Update

Announcements

Public Meetings

Historic Preservation Commission

Tues., 12/19/23, 11:30am
City Hall, 6th floor
1330 E Chambers Ave
Agenda below

Planning Commission

Wed., 12/20/23, 5pm
City Hall, 2nd floor
1330 E Chambers Ave
Watch livestream [HERE](#)
Agenda below

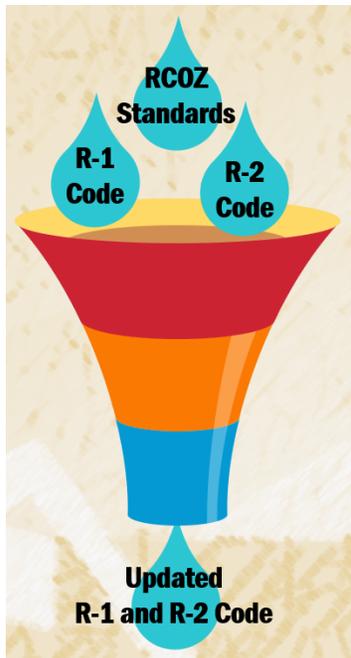
MILLCREEK. Millcreek staff has been exploring potential changes to the Single-Family (R-1) and Two-Family (R-2) zone as part of a broader effort to update the City's zoning codes.

Before we incorporated, local residents expressed concern about new homes being built that were dramatically out of character with homes in established neighborhoods. Those concerns led to the County's adoption in 2009 of a Residential Compatibility Overlay Zone (RCOZ) that applied only in Millcreek Township. RCOZ superseded R-1 and R-2 zones in our area. The idea was to strike a balance between the interests of existing homeowners to protect what makes their neighborhoods desirable, while promoting



opportunities for existing and new residents to expand or build new homes in Millcreek.

We inherited these zoning ordinances upon incorporation. But because RCOZ is listed in a separate part of the Code, many applicants in R-1 and R-2 zones did not realize that they also had to consider RCOZ when they were planning construction.



The changes the planning staff is proposing are designed to make the code easier to understand and implement while keeping the balance intact between growth and preserving the unique character of our neighborhoods.

While it is the intention to preserve the RCOZ standards, some steering committee members (including many residents) have proposed updates based on experience, particularly when applying the standards to small abnormal lot sizes where they have restricted and prevented homeowners from simply remodeling or modestly expanding.

One crucial aspect under scrutiny is building height (or elevation). The current RCOZ standards permit primary residential structures to be as high as 28 to 30 feet depending on the zoning designation. Staff is recommending a small modification, advocating for an adjustment from the current 28 feet maximum to a proposed 30 feet elevation for primary structures within R-1 and R-2 zones.

Staff notes that its recommendation for an increase in elevation originates from reviewing hundreds of building permit applications for single-family dwellings over the last five years. Modern homes often feature taller ceilings to enhance interior aesthetics and create a spacious feel. To accommodate a pitched roof, a two-foot increase in building elevation may be necessary.

The proposal to adjust the maximum building height has been discussed at length by Millcreek's four Community Councils, the Planning Commission, and the residents who attended the many meetings that have so far taken place. While the majority of those have agreed that the two-foot increase does not

negatively affect the aesthetic integrity of our residential areas, the Millcreek Planning Commission at their meeting on July 19, 2023, voted to further increase the building height for primary structures from 28 feet to 32 feet, indicating their thought that 30 feet was not enough of an increase. However, some critics express concerns about the potential impact on neighborhood charm and the character of existing communities. They worry that taller structures might cast shadows, reduce sunlight and alter the overall aesthetic appeal of residential areas. Preserving the identity of neighborhoods was the original impetus for RCOZ, and any adjustments to the zoning codes must carefully consider these concerns.

The ongoing review of residential zoning codes, specifically the height limits, presents a unique opportunity for our city to evolve thoughtfully and together. Staff presented the proposed R-1 and R-2 zoning code update to the Millcreek City Council for a first reading on November 7, 2023. The Council members voted to continue the agenda item and instructed staff to revisit the topic of building elevations with each of the four Community Councils before coming back for official adoption.

The Council's decision to continue the agenda item stems from their commitment to exhaust community feedback on proposed changes to code, particularly a change that would increase the potential elevation of single-family dwelling, which has been a touchy subject historically. Millcreek's City Council encourages public participation and welcomes feedback from its residents and the Community Councils as they play a pivotal and fundamental role in shaping how these decisions are ultimately made and eventually adopted.

For more information on dates of meetings and to make comment, please contact Robert May at rmay@millcreek.us



Lighting the menorah at the second annual Hannukah celebration at the Millcreek Common.

HANNUKAH CELEBRATED AT THE COMMON

MILLCREEK. We had our second annual menorah lighting ceremony on Millcreek Common Thursday night celebrating Hannukah. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini and Councilmembers Silvia Catten and Cheri Jackson, along with Congressman Burgess Owens's District Director Casey Saxton, joined Rabbi Samuel Spector and Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy of Congregation Kol Ami in the special moment.

"We were pleased to host Millcreek's Jewish community to light a candle for the final night of Hannukah," said Mayor Silvestrini. "This celebrates the triumph of light over darkness. May we always denounce anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in all their forms. May this be a season of peace and love for all."

MILLCREEK. The Millcreek election held on November 21, 2023 was the second time Millcreek opted into ranked choice voting (RCV), also known as instant runoff voting. The RCV voting method gives voters the freedom to rank candidates in order of their preference.

[Proponents of RCV](#) explain that, "[V]oters rank their choices, first, second, third and so on. If someone wins over 50% during the first round, that's your winner. But if no one crosses that threshold, the last place finisher is eliminated, and that candidate's supporters are reallocated to their next backup choice. That process is repeated until someone wins over 50% of the votes."

The 2023 race for City Council District 3 utilized RCV. Re-elected City Council Representative Cheri Jackson received a majority of votes in the first round, thereby rendering any subsequent rankings unnecessary.

Millcreek residents are invited to participate in a follow-up election survey online, which can be found by clicking the button below.

[Take the Election Survey HERE](#)



Click [HERE](#) to see the Houses

Click [HERE](#) to Vote

OPEN DAILY!



Check Out the Holiday Shoppes at Millcreek Common

Give the gift of Utah's Own this season at the Holiday Shoppes at Millcreek Common. **Open daily November 16th - December 30th from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm** inside the Public Market at Millcreek City Hall.

Shop products produced by local food artisans and farmers. When you buy Utah products, you support small businesses, protect and preserve the environment, and build healthy communities.

Also come by to enjoy these events:

Nosh & Shop. Every Wednesday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Come meet the makers behind the Holiday Shoppes at Millcreek Common,

Saturday Market & Activities. Join us tomorrow from 11 AM - 3 PM for a festive weekly market nestled within the Holiday Shoppes at Millcreek Common. Perfect for gift giving or self care, this Saturday features a mix of local vendors selling handmade crafts and artisan food. Free gift wrapping is available to customers.

Food trucks. Bruges Waffles & Frites and Taste of Louisiana will be serving hot food to keep you fueled as you shop or skate the day away. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate in the free craft activities curated by the amazing team at Venture Out!

12/16 Kids Craft: "Snow" Much Fun. Tea light snowman ornament

THURSDAY



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FREE SALT LAKE COUNTY REC CENTER PASSES STARTING IN JUNE

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ANIMAL SERVICES

In 2023, Salt Lake County Animal Services, as the largest no-kill municipal animal shelter in Utah, has remained a bustling hub for a diverse range of animals. Our dedicated staff encounters an array of creatures throughout the year, spanning from horses and goats to pigs, snakes, pet spiders, turtles, and, of course, the more conventional dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and rabbits. Amid this lively mix, here are some delightful Fun Facts from this year.

From January 1, 2023, to December 1, 2023, Salt Lake County Animal Services has achieved remarkable milestones. We proudly announce that over 2000 wonderful pets have found forever homes through adoptions, while more than 600 animals were successfully placed with Reputable Rescue Organizations. Our in-house clinic has sterilized over 3,500 pets, contributing to responsible pet ownership. The Humane Educator engaged with thousands of children in Salt Lake County, imparting valuable lessons on Responsible Pet Ownership and How to Approach a Dog. Our dedicated volunteers and fosters have devoted an incredible 43,000 hours to the well-being of our shelter pets. Furthermore, our exceptional Animal Control Officers responded to over 18,000 calls this year alone, showcasing our commitment to the welfare of animals in our community.

To discover more about opportunities for involvement, adoption, licensing, microchipping, or donating, please visit AdoptUtahPets.org.



Join the Millcreek Arts Council

We have available volunteer opportunities to join the Millcreek Arts Council! The following are volunteer roles that are available immediately. Please reach out if you are interested.

Artist Relations Assistant

This position entails working extensively with the Millcreek Art Council, the Artist Relations Committee, and other local artists and community partnerships.

The purpose of this role is to support the organization of art council events as well as engage with local artists and connect them to creative opportunities.

Requirements

- 2-5 hours per week (slower in the winter months, busier in the summer)
- 12-month minimum commitment
- Excellent communication, organizational and follow through skills
- Flexible and community oriented
- Adherence to designated procedural guidelines
- Familiarity with Gmail and Google Drive

Please send a CV and cover letter to Rachel Becker if interested.

artistrelations@millcreekartscouncil.org

Vice Chair of the Millcreek Arts Council

This volunteer position is a Millcreek Art Council Board position. The Vice Chair is responsible for keeping the board and committees organized, on budget, and on schedule.

This position will entail collaborative work within the art council, local artists, and community partnerships.

Responsibilities:

- Create monthly board agenda
- Meet with the financial committee to ensure the council is on budget
- Collaborate with the art council committees to support upcoming events

Requirements:

- Attend monthly board meeting (first Tuesday of the month at 7pm)
- 5-10 hours per month (September-May), 10-15 hours per month (June-August)
- 2-year minimum commitment
- Familiarity with Gmail and Google Drive

No prior art or board experience required. Current vice-chair will help with all training required. Please send a CV and cover letter to Kate Scribner if interested. vicechair@millcreekartscouncil.org

ZAP Liaison Volunteer

This volunteer position will be part of the Millcreek Arts Council financial committee. This volunteer will be trained on the Salt Lake County Zoo Arts and Parks (ZAP) requirements and be asked to attend board meetings (first Tuesday of the month) when ZAP details are being discussed as well as occasional ZAP meetings.

Responsibilities:

- Organizing and submitting our annual ZAP financial application (due in April each year)
- Connecting with the ZAP organization throughout the year as required
- Validating we are meeting the ZAP requirements throughout the year

Requirements:

- 1-5 hours per month (specifically around Feb-Apr)
- Collaborative efforts between the Millcreek Arts Council and ZAP
- Excellent communication, organizational and follow through skills
- Interest in supporting the Millcreek arts
- Familiarity with Gmail and Google Drive

No prior grant writing or board experience required. Please send a CV and cover letter to Kate Scribner if interested. vicechair@millcreekartscouncil.org

Grant Writer of the Millcreek Arts Council

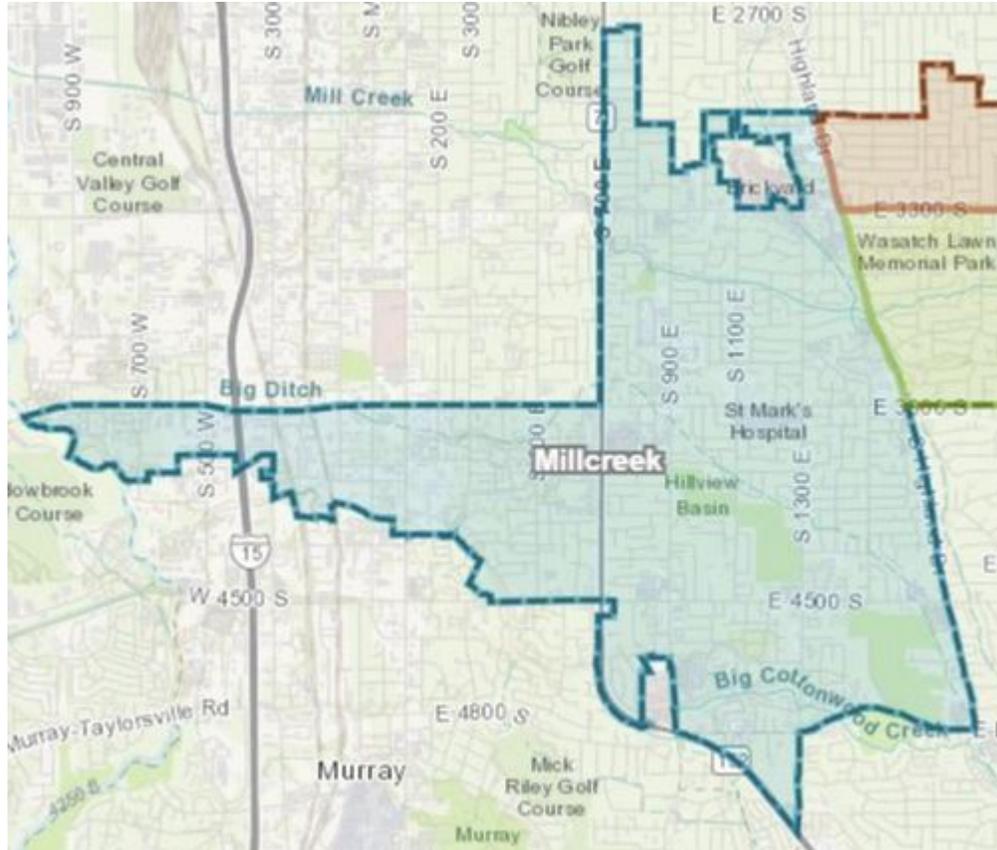
This volunteer position is a Millcreek Arts Council board position. We are looking for an additional grant writer on our financial committee. Grant writers will be responsible for seeking out funding opportunities and applying for grants to fund the Millcreek Arts Council's mission to support, strengthen, and promote the arts, culture, and creativity within the City of Millcreek..

Requirements

- Attend monthly board meeting (the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm)
- 2-5 hours per month

- 2-year minimum commitment
- Familiarity with Gmail and Google Drive

Grant writing experience is preferred though not required. Please send a CV and cover letter to Kate Scribner if interested. vicechair@millcreekartsCouncil.org



This depicts the boundaries of the Millcreek Community Council. Community Councils are independent organizations comprised of elected volunteer representatives who inform and advise the City of Millcreek on land use applications, neighborhood needs and concerns. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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Community Council

The Millcreek Community Council has opened up 3 seats on our council! If you or someone you know would like to be considered to serve, please email me a personal profile letter and be prepared to introduce yourself at our next council meeting in January. Once voted in, service would begin in February and length of term would be 1-3 years. We are specifically looking for individuals with technology skills, social media savvy, and an

interest in serving the members of Millcreek. Text or call me with questions. Jamie Walker / 801-699-7262 / jamiew@walkerhomedesign.com

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Come join the Millcreek team!

- [Emergency Risk/Manager](#)
- [Community Life - Business Development Manager](#)
- [Community Life - Event Production Assistant](#)
- [Public Market Sales Associate](#)



Mayor Silvestrini hosted the Conference of Mayors meeting on December 14th in the Grandview Room on the 6th Floor of City Hall. Pictured, left to right, front row: Draper Mayor Troy Walker, Herriman Mayor Lorin Palmer, West Valley Mayor Karen Lang, Taylorsville Mayor Kristie Overson, Murray Mayor Brett Hales; Midvale Mayor Marcus Stevenson; back row: Holladay Mayor Rob Dahle, Emigration Canyon Mayor Joe Smolka, Sandy Mayor Monica Zoltanski, Millcreek Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, and South Jordan Mayor Dawn Ramsey.

Meetings with the Mayor

Fridays from 2-4pm have been set aside for citizens to meet with Mayor Jeff Silvestrini. Call 801-214-2700 to schedule a slot.

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Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting Agenda

Public Notice is hereby given that the Historic Preservation Commission of Millcreek will assemble in a special public meeting on Tuesday, **19 December 2023**, at City Hall, 1330 E Chambers Ave, Millcreek, Utah 84106, commencing at **11:30 a.m.**

Documents:

[HPC 12-19-23 AGENDA.PDF](#)

[HPC 11-14-2023 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

11:30 a.m. – Special Meeting

1. Approval of November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Evaluation of Potential Sites for Historic Designation in 2024
3. Updates from Sub-Committees
4. Staff Updates
5. 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 or adainfo@millcreek.us, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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

DATE: December 12, 2023

DEPUTY CITY RECORDER: Alex Wendt

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

Millcreek Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

Public Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of Millcreek will assemble in a regular public meeting on Wednesday, **20 December 2023** at City Hall, 1330 E. Chambers Avenue, Millcreek, Utah 84106, commencing at **5:00 p.m.**

Documents:

[PC 12-20-23 AGENDA.PDF](#)

[ZT-23-012 AND ZT-23-015 STAFF REPORT WITH ATTACHMENTS.PDF](#)

[PC 11-15-23 DRAFT MINUTES.PDF](#)

5:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

1. Public Hearings

1.1 Consideration of **ZT-23-012**, Consolidation of C-1, C-2, and C-3 Zones and the Creation of a New Commercial C Zone **Planner:** Brad Sanderson

1.2 Consideration of **ZT-23-015**, Updates to the RM Zone **Planner:** Brad Sanderson

2. Continuing Business

2.1 of **CU-23-007**, Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Accommodate a Drive-Thru Coffee Shop in the C-2 Zone **Location:** 877 E 4500 S **Applicant:** Jenny Sanders **Planner:** Carlos Estudillo

3. Commission Business

3.1 Approval of November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

3.2 Updates from the Planning and Zoning Director

4. Calendar of Upcoming Meeting

- Millcreek Community Council Mtg., 1/16/24, 6:30 p.m.
- Canyon Rim Citizens Association Mtg., 1/3/24, 7:00 p.m.
- East Mill Creek Community Council Mtg., 1/4/24, 6:30 p.m.
- City Council Special Mtg. 1/4/24 8:00 a.m.
- Mt. Olympus Community Council Mtg., TBD
- City Council Mtg. 1/9/24 7:00 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission Mtg., 1/11/24, 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Mtg., 1/17/24, 5:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

The Planning Commission public meeting is a public forum where the Planning Commission receives comment from applicants, the public, applicable agencies and staff regarding land use applications and other items on the Commission's agenda. In addition, it is where the Planning Commission takes action on these items. Actions may include: approval, approval with conditions, denial of legislative items, continuance, or recommendation to other bodies as applicable.

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 or adainfo@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.

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DATE: December 13, 2023

CITY RECORDER: Elyse Sullivan

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