



## An Inauguration Celebration to Remember



The Inauguration of Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, District 1 Councilmember Silvia Catten, and District 3 Councilmember Cheri Jackson took place on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024. The event will not soon be forgotten. The celebration was kicked off by a snow squall that knocked out the power to the building and the Common. Our new building is an emergency center, *cont. on page 8: Inauguration*

## Here's Millie!



### MILLIE MILLCREEK

When I think of spring, one of the first words that comes to mind is "FRESH." Nature starts to shake off the cold, dreariness of winter and starts fresh with new flowers and clear skies! I started thinking about how I could start fresh for spring, and here's what came to mind:

**Fresh Food:** Tropical fruits, brassicas (a fancy word for plants in the cabbage family), and root vegetables are all in season during March. When you cook with fruits and vegetables that are in season, they're going to be high in nutrients and taste their absolute BEST! Some of my favorite ways to use this in season produce are in a tropical fruit salad with a Greek yogurt dressing, tropical smoothies like Pina Colada or Mango Pineapple, roasted Brussel sprouts with bacon, or beef and broccoli stir fry! Mmmm, I'm drooling just thinking about the tasty meals I could make!!

**Fresh Ideas:** After being stuck indoors for several cold, gray months, seeing the first signs of spring gives me spring fever! Just like the beautiful, fresh flowers starting to bloom, I like to look for ways that I can freshen up my home! I like visiting a local Millcreek nursery and picking up a new plant to place in a bare corner of a room, or on the entryway table. Live plants are an excellent way to bring "fresh" into a home! They improve air quality, and have been known to reduce stress, and boost productivity! Milford and I also like to get together in the spring and make a list of unfinished house projects we've been putting off, or projects we would like to start, and we get to work!

**Fresh Look:** Every spring, my family and I go through all our closets and drawers and make a pile of clothing that we can donate. Donating clothes instead of throwing them out helps reduce your carbon footprint by keeping it out of the landfill, and into the hands of new consumers to be reused! If you want to fill that now-empty closet space, you don't have to spend hundreds of dollars on new outfits, you can find a fresh new look by thrifting, it just takes a little patience!! I also enjoy getting a new haircut in the spring since the winter air makes my hair soooooo dry. There are so many excellent barbers and salons throughout Millcreek that would love to help you feel and look your best!

XOXOXO, Millie

## Come Climb City Hall!

**CLIMBING WALL GRAND OPENING**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Thanks to a \$200,000 Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant, Millcreek City Hall will soon offer the tallest outdoor climbing wall in the state. The north and east sides are 81 vertical feet, while the south side will provide a 55-foot high Olympic-regulation speed climbing wall.

USA Climbing CEO Marc Norman, who attended the groundbreaking of City Hall said: "This amazing facility smartly complements Millcreek's

access to the world-class climbing opportunities in our neighboring canyons." USA Climbing is the national governing body of the sport of competition climbing in the United States. They are optimistic about our area helping to train future Olympians.

**10:00 AM: Ribbon Cutting**  
See first speed race with... Milo-the-Moose

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## COUNCIL CORNER

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DISTRICT 1

### Reimagining Malls for a New Generation



Long before we had Millcreek Common, the Greeks had agoras, the Romans had forums, the Renaissance had plazas, and the postwar generations had malls. A new kind of town square, malls were the modern epicenters of commerce and culture. They were more than a place to buy things, lest we forget, they were once a distinct feature of American teen life.

Brought to us by the postwar suburban sprawl, malls and strip malls were a stronghold in serving the consumerist necessities (and impulses) of a new middle-class. The proliferation of malls hit a peak in the 1990s, but by the end of the 20th century, the landscape for mass consumerism, and largely, online retail, had changed so much that malls were quickly deserted.

As a Millennial, I know malls well. A common setting for scenes from my youth, it was a place parents would drop off their tweens and teens for several hours and let them experience a taste of social independence, among other things. Kids without parents meant excessive meandering and loitering, eating junk at the food court, and perusing goods that I absolutely didn't have enough cash to buy.

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# Millcreek Promise Program Awarded

The Millcreek Promise Program was awarded a Silver designation for Volunteer Programming for Maximum Impact (VPMI) by UServeUtah.

This award is given to organizations that provide volunteer programming that has been strategically created and organized to have a great impact on both the community that it is serving as well as the volunteers that come through the organization.

While Millcreek Promise Program is not entirely a volunteer organization, they do hold many volunteer opportunities and activities. The Promise Program is committed to ensuring that all Millcreek community members have opportunities in the areas of health, safety, education, and economic well-being.

In the past year, the Promise Program helped lead

out on several volunteer activities ranging from pulling puncture vine on elementary school playgrounds, promoting blood drives for the Red Cross, helping to organize and clean local food pantries, and partnering with the Business Council to conduct a large coat drive during the winter months.

Each year, the Promise Program seeks to improve upon the volunteer experience it provides for both the recipient and the volunteer. The Promise Program looks forward to the volunteer activities planned for 2024, which have been expanded to include more partners and even activities to thank volunteers that offer their time and efforts. Please contact Kiana Dipko at [kdipko@millcreekUT.gov](mailto:kdipko@millcreekUT.gov) if you would like more information about volunteer opportunities.



## Housing Fair Helps With Fair Housing



On January 17, 2024, Millcreek Promise, in partnership with Francisca Blanc from the Renters Justice Coalition (RJC), planned and coordinated a housing fair for residents at Holladay Hills apartments.

This fair happened because residents in this apartment complex had to suddenly find new housing when they learned their apartments were being

renovated in November 2023. Millcreek Promise quickly mobilized and has been working to bring housing partners together to meet all the unique needs of the residents.

RJC brought in partners from Utah Community Action, Utah Fair Housing and EMG management to the state office building on Highland Drive to talk to residents. Each of these partners connected residents to different parts

of the process for finding housing. Millcreek Promise, in partnership with Promise Partnership Utah, was able to offer deposit assistance to residents who needed it.

We are grateful to all our community partners who came together to provide our Holladay Hills residents with much needed assistance during this difficult transition.

## Skyline High Students Perform ASL Play To Deaf And Low-Vision Children

Meant to engage the deaf, deaf-blind, and deaf-low vision community, Skyline High School students enrolled in American Sign Language courses performed a unique and inclusive play on January 11, 2024.

The performance of "Dorothy in Wonderland", a children's theater play that combines the characters of "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Wizard of Oz," was meant for a primarily deaf audience, with voice actors off stage while the on stage actors delivered their lines in sign language. For those in attendance who had both hearing and sight impairment, Tactile Signing was used. With tactile signing, the deafblind person places their hands over those of the



signer to follow what's being communicated through touch and movement. Even the play's backdrop was designed to reduce visual distractions so those who rely on lip reading, signing and expression could follow along.

Every year, the students in the ASL 3 Honors class perform a play in American Sign Language, but this year they wanted to include more children who might not have the opportunity to enjoy live theater often.

## Churchill On Parade



On January 17th, families of current and future Churchill Jr. High students attended the annual "Churchill on Parade" event at the school.

The event is an opportunity to meet the principal, hear from teachers, learn about extra-curricular programs, tour the school, and more.

Churchill is one of the top schools in the Granite School District and has been named a PTSA National School of Excellence for two years in a row. The school offers a unique engineering pathways program to support students who are interested in future STEM classes and careers. Students who attend Churchill are on track to eventually



attend Skyline High School, which is the highest performing traditional high school in the state.

Teachers and administration at Churchill thoroughly enjoyed this event and are always excited to engage with families of current and future students to share what makes Churchill an amazing place to attend Jr. High.

# Skyline Alumni Plan a Super Reunion

In the fall of 1962 the first classes of Skyline High School marched through its doors.

Some 60 years, and more than 40,000 students later, the original building will be demolished to make way for a new facility built for 21st century learning. To commemorate this event, alumni, teachers, and a team of DECA students at Skyline High School have planned a Super Reunion for graduates and their guests.

"My grandmother, mother, myself, and my two children will all be Skyline graduates," said Syd Lott, Skyline social studies teacher. "Our Super Reunion committee is planning activities for all age groups who want to revisit the school and reconnect with their class."

## SUPER REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

**3:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Laser Tag inside the original Skyline High School

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM** Movie Night at the football stadium



### SATURDAY, MAY 18

**9:00 am** 5K Run

**10:00 am - 12:00 PM** Brunch with Your Favorite Teacher, past and present Skyline faculty as well as former students are invited

**10:00 am - 1:00 PM** Alumni Football Games at the football stadium

**10:00 am - 6:00 PM**

Building Walk Through of the original Skyline High School only

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM** Skyline Under the Lights, music program and fireworks over the football stadium

**For more information and to register for the Skyline Super Reunion, visit [skylinealumni.org](http://skylinealumni.org).**



## Amazing Facts About SL County Animal Services

In 2023, our partners at Salt Lake County Animal Services, the largest no-kill municipal animal shelter in Utah, has remained a bustling hub for a diverse range of animals. The dedicated staff encountered 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 last year.

**From January 1, 2023, to December 1, 2023,** Salt Lake County Animal Services achieved remarkable milestones, **over 2000 wonderful pets have found forever homes** through adoptions, while **more than 600 ani-**

**mals were successfully placed** with reputable rescue organizations. **The in-house clinic 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. **Dedicated volunteers and fosters devoted an incredible 43,000 hours** to the well-being of shelter pets. Furthermore, the exceptional **Animal Control Officers responded to over 18,000 calls,** showcasing their commitment to the welfare of animals in our community.

**To discover more** about opportunities for involvement, licensing, microchipping, donating, or to find your new furry best friend, please visit [AdoptUtahPets.org](http://AdoptUtahPets.org)



## BUSINESS CORNER

# Become a Millcreek Business of the Month!



Apply for the Millcreek Business of the Month! This great program sponsored by Granite Credit Union and Hometown Values Magazine showcases Millcreek's best businesses.

The applications for 2024 are now open, and we want to recognize your business in the City Newsletter, Millcreek Business Council E-newsletter, Millcreek Business Council Social Medias, Hometown Values Magazine Front Page, on the 33rd South Digital District Sign, and have your business meet the Mayor. Apply today by using the QR code above.

# Don't Miss This!



## Millcreek Coffee Roasters

had their ribbon cutting on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

They opened their first location in Millcreek at the new Millcreek City Hall on the 1st floor located at 1330 East Chambers Avenue. Try one of their delicious coffees, teas, hot chocolate, sodas, sweets, treats, scrumptious sandwiches, and more.

# Come Play!



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1354 E Chambers Avenue  
Millcreek, UT 84106

**LEARN MORE AT**  
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## Put these events on your calendar:

### ART MARKET AT MILLCREEK COMMON

Open Now until March 17  
Public Market (1st Floor of City Hall)  
Open Daily 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Thursdays: Art/Live at the Common  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Each week enjoy live music and art from local talent. Charcuterie bites provided and adult beverages (21+) will be available for purchase.

**Saturdays: Saturday Market**

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Includes food and craft artisans selling local products. Come hungry!

**Sundays: The Bazaar**

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
The perfect place to find high-quality, vintage, handmade crafts, and art. Vendors rotate weekly.

### INTERNATIONAL MARKET AT MILLCREEK COMMON

Call for vendors, online at  
millcreekcommon.org

Open Daily 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
Market Opens – April 26



### VINYL REVIVAL

MARCH 25-APRIL 6 | OPEN DAILY 11AM-9PM | FREE ADMISSION  
SATURDAY SPIN-OFFS FEATURING SPECIAL RELEASES AND DJs



### VINYL REVIVAL

Record & Memorabilia Pop-Up Shop

Open Daily 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Public Market (1st Floor of City Hall)

Mar 25 – April 6

Saturday Spin-Offs - 3/30 & 4/6

Special releases, DJs, and more.

### CLIMBING WALL GRAND OPENING

Sat. March 23, 10:00 AM  
Ribbon Cutting & First Speed Race with Milo-the-Moose

10:30 AM – 8:00 PM  
Climbing Wall Open to the Public (See schedule and hours in box below)

### EAST MILL CREEK LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT

March 30 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
Evergreen Park (2266 E Evergreen Ave)

## SKATE LOOP

ICE SKATING THRU MARCH 16  
Make reservations online at  
millcreekcommon.org

### SPECIAL ICE SKATING EVENTS



Skate Loop Ice Troupe Show  
Thurs. Feb 29, 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

Adults Skate Too!  
Wed. March 6, 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Ice Theatre of Utah Show  
Fri. March 15, 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM



Last day of ice skating party!  
Sat. Mar 16, 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM

ROLLER SKATING BEGINS APRIL 1  
Put it on your calendar!



Sat. April 6, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Join the Skate Loop Legends to usher in roller skating season at the Common.



Sat. Mar 30 (3:00 PM – 6:00 PM)  
Watch or race your wiener dog.  
Register at Millcreekcommon.org  
Free to enter. 3:00 PM Check-In.  
4:00 PM First Heat Starts.



Enjoy Dawgs. Sauce. Good times.

### From Page 1: Come Climb City Hall

SAT, MAR 23: CLIMBING WALL OPENS TO THE PUBLIC  
10:00 AM Ribbon Cutting—See first speed race with Milo-the-Moose  
10:30 AM – 8:00 PM Celebrate the Sport of Climbing—FREE ALL DAY  
11:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM Top Rope Belay Classes  
5:30 PM Meet pro-climbers and watch them break-in the lead wall  
■ Connect with Climbing Clubs and Vendors in the Public Market  
■ Enjoy Giveaways, Games and Fun  
■ Great Food Trucks  
Registration opens on March 1st. Space is limited! Reserve your spot for climbing activities. Go online to millcreekcommon.org



### Millcreek Climbing Wall Hours

OPEN DAILY  
Starting March 23  
(Closed on Easter, Mar 31)  
Sun-Thurs  
11:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Fri & Sat  
11:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Questions? Email  
hello@millcreekcommon.org

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

IN MILLCREEK

## New! Millcreek Summer Camp at Millcreek Common

Online registration opens April 1st at 10:00 AM at [millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org)

### Join us for outdoor recreation camps at Millcreek Common.

It's a unique chance for youth to learn, explore and play. Campers will enjoy roller skating, climbing wall instruction, and other activities on the Plaza. Activities are led by Millcreek's recreation managers who are specially trained in their respective fields.

Camps are half-day, 5-days a week. Daily, campers will learn the basics of skating and climbing in a friendly and encouraging environment. Throughout the week, campers' skills will grow and become refined.

To mix it up, campers will cool-off on Water Wednesdays and enjoy other fun and games. When caregivers pick up campers at noon, they can join Millcreek's weekly Playtivities with their camper. Playtivities provides free crafts by the splash pad, Monday – Friday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM starting on June 3rd and ending on July 27th.



**SIGN UP**

**Two Age Groups:** 5-8 & 9-13    **Weekly Fee:** \$185  
**Times:** Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM  
*(Early drop off available starting at 8:30 AM)*  
**Sessions:** **June:** 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-28  
**July:** 8-12, 15-19, 30-Aug 2



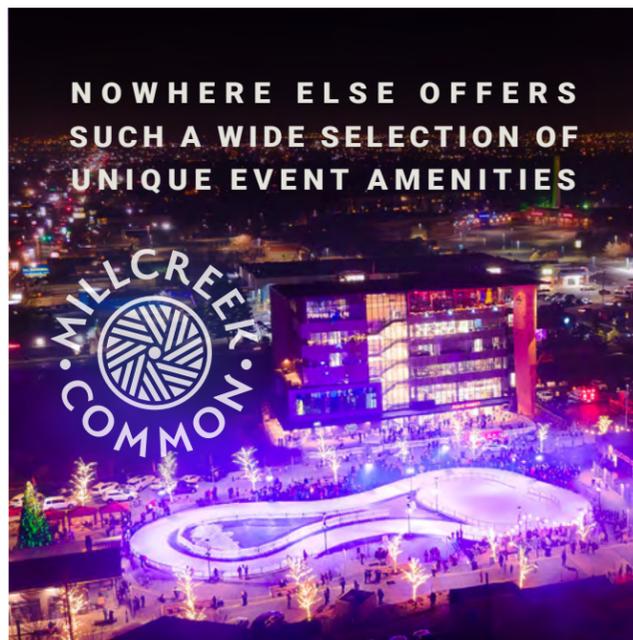
## Camp Tracy Adventure Weekends

Reservations for campsites and cabins opens online April 1st 10:00 am at [VentureOut.org](http://VentureOut.org)

Venture out this summer and camp overnight at Camp Tracy in Millcreek Canyon. The camp was established by the Boy Scouts in 1918. It's a beautiful location and offers guests a quintessential camp experience. Days are action-packed with unique adventures, demos, and hands-on activities.

**Weekend Dates:** July 26-28    Aug 9-11    Aug 30-Sept 2

*Day passes will be available again this year on selected dates.*



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- Rent the Skate Loop and/or climbing wall with expert staff for large parties and corporate events
- Flexible catering options, state-of-the-art sound system, and customizable interactive lighting

Curious? Contact our Community Life Events Planning Manager at 801-214-2613 or [hello@millcreekcommon.org](mailto:hello@millcreekcommon.org)  
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*Millcreek Common—uncommonly perfect for events. Come gather and grow closer.*



## Detective Ryan Warner Honored as Millcreek Precinct 2023 Officer of the Year

Det. Ryan Warner is the current Millcreek Precinct Domestic Violence Detective and has served in this role for the past eighteen months. Prior to joining UPD, Det. Warner was a longstanding special victims' detective and sergeant with Tooele City PD. Det. Warner is responsible for reviewing and investigating all domestic-related crimes occurring in Millcreek. He is tasked with interviewing victims, witnesses, suspects, reviewing 911 calls, bodycam, collecting medical records, authoring warrants, communicating daily with the District Attorney's office and victim advocate, apprehending outstanding suspects and ensuring proper charges are filed in a timely manner.

Domestic violence tragically affects many people from all walks of life and in every community. These unfortunate and needless crimes are complex in nature, are often repeated by the perpetrator, and can be deadly to the involved persons and Officers responding to these incidents. The physical and mental scars left upon the victims can make investigating these cases difficult on many levels. Victims of domestic violence can be reluctant to divulge what occurred and it is understandable as to why.

Det. Warner has an impeccable ability to connect with victims and is an accomplished interviewer. Whether in person or over the phone, Det. Warner listens intently, is compassionate, genuine and shows the utmost respect for victims. Det. Warner's expertise, experience, and investigative patience is invaluable. He is certified to interview children, speaks several languages, authors warrant affidavits with ease and has established connections with numerous partner agencies. All these mentioned skills and abilities are utilized often and directly assist with suspect accountability and case resolution. In several instances last year, Det. Warner was assigned combined cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse. In each case, and because of his experience and expertise, Det. Warner skillfully investigated and completed these complex cases.

Det. Warner's positive attitude, ability to build up, mentor, and assist those around him is noticed by all. Det. Warner is highly approachable, always willing to take a phone call, even after hours, from a fellow Officer or victim. Det. Warner clearly understands patrol officers are those responding to these complex and dangerous cases and makes it a priority to communicate with officers letting them know how well they have done with their cases and ensures their supervisors are aware as well.

Since May of 2022, Det. Warner has reviewed, investigated, and filed criminal charges on over 500 domestic related cases. Though this number is telling, it is how Ryan respectfully treats victims, co-workers, and anyone else he encounters that makes him such an asset to Millcreek, friend, and wonderful human. It is for these mentioned reasons Det. Ryan Warner has been selected Millcreek Precinct Officer of the Year for 2023.

# Millcreek Engages With The Legislature

The 2024 Utah Legislative session is close to conclusion, and Millcreek's city leaders have been deeply engaged with the process. The city's elected officials and city management huddle with our area's senators and representatives prior to the session to discuss bills that may affect Millcreek. Then, during the session, city leaders are often at the state capitol testifying in committees for or against bills, meeting legislators in their offices, and strategizing with other city leaders on common concerns.

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini has been particularly involved this session in his role as immediate past president of the Utah League of Cities and

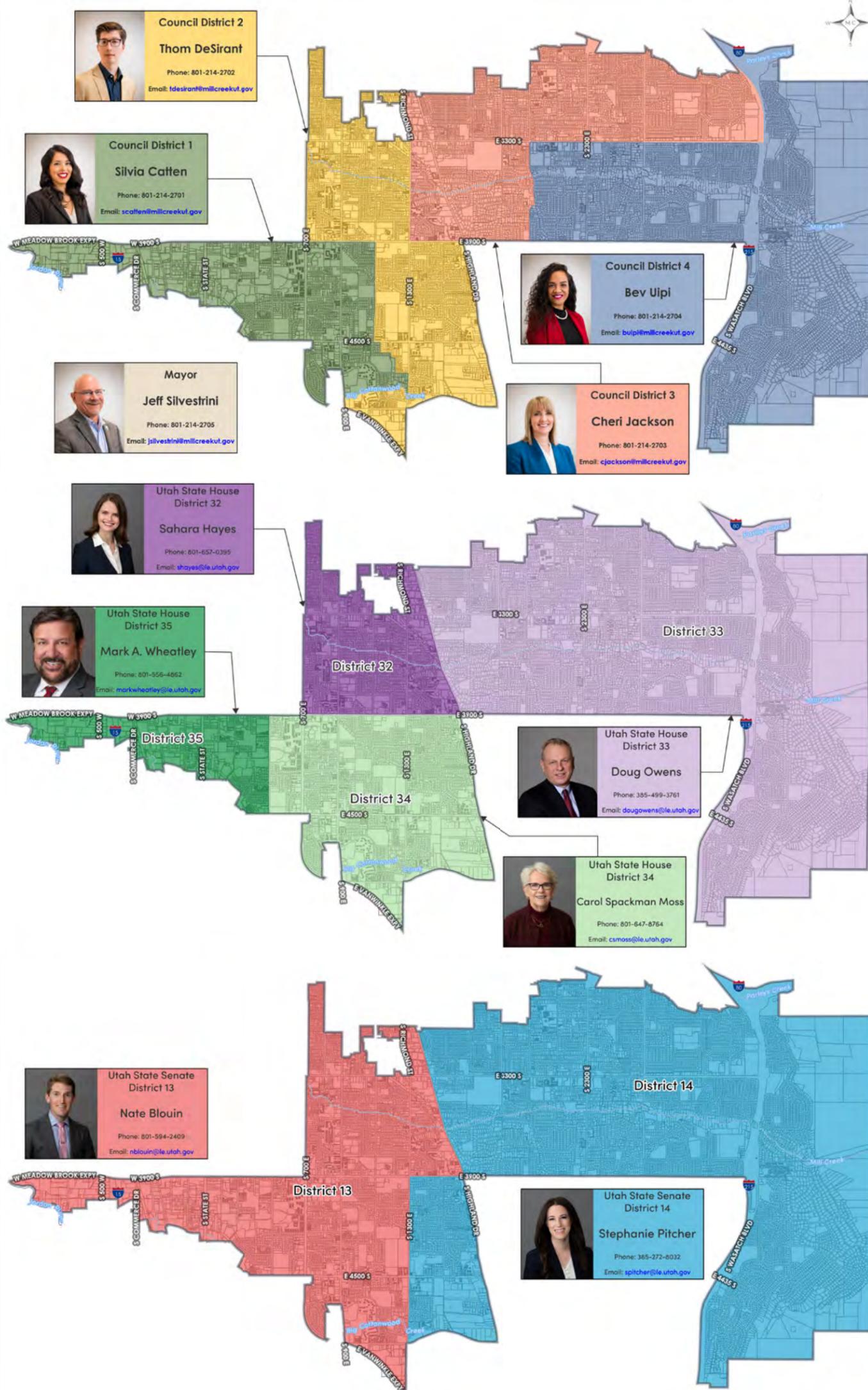
Towns, where he is also a board member. The Mayor, along with Councilman Thom DeSirant and City Manager (and former legislator) Mike Winder represent the city on the League of City's Legislative Policy Committee each week at the capitol. Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Francis Lilly has been a valuable member of a stakeholder committee shaping legislation dealing with affordable housing. City leaders took 17 members of the Millcreek Youth Council up for Local Officials Day at the capitol on January 17, and the Millcreek Business Council enjoyed their annual Day on the Hill on February 23.



Millcreek continues to be involved in actively monitoring and influencing state policy during the legislative session. The 45-day session (one of the shortest in the nation) ends at midnight on Friday, March 1.

Representing Millcreek in the State Senate: Nate Blouin and Stephanie Pitcher

Representing Millcreek in the State House of Representatives: Doug Owens, Sahara Hayes, Carol Spackman Moss, Mark Wheatley.



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# POLICY MAKER

- FORUM -

Each month, Millcreek invites a local official to share their thoughts and concerns.



REPRESENTATIVE  
CAROL SPACKMAN MOSS

## Residents of Millcreek,

This is my 24th session in the Utah House of Representatives. Before serving in the legislature, I taught English at Olympus High School for 33 years. Because of my teaching experience, my legislation has often included bills to support and advocate for teachers and students. This session I have two education bills: H.B. 264, "Health Education Amendments" that would include instruction in sexual assault resource strategies, and sexual violence behavior prevention, plus instruction on the legal implications of electronically distributing sexually explicit images. H.B. 287, "Advanced Degree Scholarship Program" would provide scholarships for teachers who want to get advanced degrees in their teaching field.

I have two housing bills, H.B. 131, "Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Amendments" and H.B. 315, "Amending Governing Documents Modifications," an HOA bill. Both bills address our housing crisis. From improving health education to providing scholarships for educators seeking advanced degrees, I will always support public education, enhance opportunities for students and teachers, and address the need for affordable housing and the stability gained by being able to purchase a home or afford an apartment. I am always happy to hear from constituents, via email or text. Please include your name, address, the bill number and title. The title is important as we can't remember all the hundreds of bill numbers.

Representative Carol Spackman Moss  
District 34, Holladay, Millcreek, Murray  
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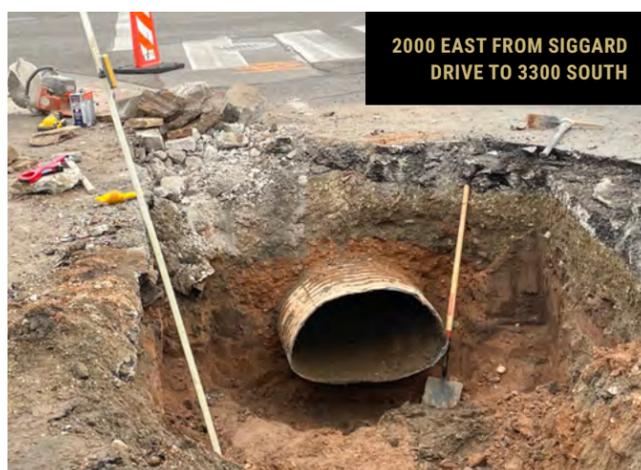
## Happy Lunar New Year!

Happy Lunar New Year! Milo welcomes the Year of the Dragon and meets a new friend. But what color will his dragon friend be? Add YOUR color and bring her to life!! What will YOU name her?

# Millcreek Stormwater Utility Fee (SWUF) Update

Funding from Millcreek's Stormwater Utility Fee (SWUF) continues to be efficiently utilized to improve the storm drain infrastructure in Millcreek. These improvements include new curb and gutter, drain inlet boxes, and piping.

One of the major drainage and irrigation improvement projects currently under construction is 2000 East from Siggard Drive to 3300 South. The existing rock lined ditch on the west side is being removed and is being replaced with concrete pipe. The piping and other irrigation improvements are scheduled to be completed by April 1st when the water is typically diverted into the system. Other improvements will be the installation of a new curb, gutter, & sidewalk and an asphalt overlay beginning in the spring and scheduled to be completed by October of this year.



The benefits of this completed project will be an improved irrigation and drainage system, a pedestrian friendly sidewalk, new bike lanes, new asphalt pavement, and an overall safer traffic corridor for all users.

Other major improvement projects funded by Millcreek's SWUF include Hale Drive from Barbara Way to Parkview Drive and 3100 East from Upland Drive. The Hale Drive project is completed with the installation of piping and inlet boxes. An asphalt overlay is scheduled for this spring. The 3100 East project is scheduled to go out to bid this year with construction beginning this spring/summer. These are areas identified as needing additional storm drain infrastructure and improvements to address flooding issues.



The SWUF is also used for emergency repairs to replace deteriorating pipes that result in sinkholes in the road and other potential catastrophes that require immediate attention.

In addition to drainage improvement projects, the SWUF is used to meet federal water quality requirements and to improve the water quality in Millcreek's creeks and rivers, which includes Mill Creek, Parleys, Neffs, Big Cottonwood, and the Jordan River.



More information about completed, ongoing, and future SWUF projects can be found by visiting our website, MillcreekUT.gov, clicking "Resident Info & Maps," then selecting the Stormwater Utility Fee Projects map.

# 'Tis The Season For Potholes And Breaking Water Mains



Winter temperatures come and go. While it is easy to think to bundle up in warm winter coats and gloves as appropriate, we don't always consider preparing for cold temperatures. Or the challenges that such temperature ranges can create for public utilities and road maintenance.

Residents should be sure their homes and vehicles are capable of withstanding prolonged freezing temperatures. We hope that by now all outside hose bibs have been turned off and covered. Furnace filters should be changed frequently (especially when the inversion settles in) to keep things running smoothly. If taking a long car trip, be sure to take a warm coat, boots, blanket, flashlight and emergency supplies along for the ride.

Our engineering team wishes it was easy to prepare for the inevitable winter-time problems that show up along Millcreek roads. With cold weather, the asphalt plants must close down. That means that right at the time when potholes seem to magically appear, we are not able to obtain the hot mix that works best for repairs. Therefore, crews try to keep them filled with "cold patch." The problem is that "cold patch" does not adhere well and a patch can easily be popped out when a snowplow goes by.

If you see a pothole that should be looked at, please go to the city website, click on Report a Concern, and let us know about it. We will get to it as soon as possible.

Cold winter weather also ushers in the season of water main breaks. Our friends at Salt Lake City Public Utilities (SLCPU) encounter the same problem with "cold patch." You may see a water main break repaired with no more water leaking but the dirt filled hole and flasher barricades may remain for some time while crews work their way through required repairs. If you see a water main break, please notify SLCPU on their website, by phone at 801-483-6900, or by email at [slcpu@slcgov.com](mailto:slcpu@slcgov.com). For water main emergencies, call the 24-hour dispatch line at 801-483-6700.

Please have patience and know that our crews are working hard to keep up with the potholes and waterline breaks that old man winter brings us.



## important PHONE NUMBERS

- MILLCREEK CITY HALL**  
801-214-2700
- Unified Police Department**  
NON EMERGENCY Number  
801-840-4000
- Animal Services**  
Adoption, Licensing, Lost & Found  
385-468-7387
- Aging Services**  
Active Aging, Meals on Wheels,  
Senior Transportation  
385-468-3200
- Assessor**  
Property Taxes, Audit  
385-468-8000
- Clerk**  
Elections, Passport, Marriage  
385-468-7400
- Division of Wildlife Resources**  
Removal of live Raccoons,  
Skunks  
385-419-3405
- Flood Control**  
Creeks, Rivers, Canals  
385-468-6600
- Justice Court**  
Tickets, Small Claims Court  
801-273-9731
- Millcreek Common**  
Granite Credit Union  
Adventure Hub  
801-214-2615
- Parks & Recreation**  
Park reservations  
385-468-7275
- Public Works**  
Storm drains, Snowplowing,  
Streetlights, Pavement  
385-468-6101
- Rocky Mountain Power**  
Outages  
877-508-5088
- SLC Public Utilities**  
Waterline break emergency  
number  
801-483-6700
- Surveyor**  
Surveying, Boundaries,  
Parcel Maps  
385-468-8240
- Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling**  
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dumpster program  
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so a generator kicked in to keep many of the lights on. A reception in the lobby outside the Community Room on the 2nd floor went forward, with great food, residents stopping in to offer congratulations, and

Mother Nature howling outside. As always, the council and city staff adjusted to the moment, helping to pry open and close the automatic doors that aren't so automatic when there is no power, and our Deputy

City Recorder Alex Wendt stepping in to administer the Oaths of Office when Judge Camille L. Neider, who had kindly agreed to administer the Oaths, could not make it due to the weather. The event went smoothly, with

the weather adding extra levity to make the entire evening more memorable.

We are looking forward to getting back to work taking care of Millcreek's business.

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The mall experience brought self-determination and life-experience for the real world that would one day extend beyond the confines of a massive building. Today's kids don't have that same exposure to the mall that I did, instead, they have phones.

According to U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health, nearly 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media "almost constantly." As the mother of two

young children this data is alarming. We know kids and teens are faring worse in mental health today than any of the generations before them—there must be more opportunity for balance—and I'm hopeful.

As some recent studies suggest, short periods away from technology (extra points if it's outside with peers) can help kids immediately begin to feel happier.



And while Millcreek may not have a mall, we might have something better: Millcreek Common.

Since its opening in 2022, Millcreek Common has become a driving force for all ages to gather regularly. The skating rinks promote year-round physical activity and socialization. The Public Market is a place to buy, sell, and see unique goods and art. And the food choices within the Common easily surpass the quality and appeal of any food court. The secret weapon for consistent participa-

tion might be Millcreek's Community Life team that produces fun and appealing programming through every season.

I want my own kids to experience that free reign of activity in a relatively safe public space. It's become a priority for me to advocate for investment in spaces that provide opportunities for belonging and diverse life-experiences, especially for our youth.

When we set out to build the Common, I wasn't thinking of the underlying need for spaces like it, but what we have is a place that promotes recreation, autonomy, and face-to-face social interaction. I'm especially energized and heartened to see groups of teens meandering, eating, skating, or just hanging with friends. I think we have, in essence, built a mall for the 21st century.



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