



Watch the full State of the City Address and Community Champion Awards here.



**Public Meetings**

**Mount Olympus**

**Community Council**

Mon., 3/4/24, 6pm

Churchill Jr. High

3450 E Oakview Drive

**Millcreek Community**

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## NEWS

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### **2024 State of the City and Community Champions Headline City Council Meeting**

MILLCREEK. This past Monday, Millcreek's regular City Council meeting opened with Mayor Silvestrini's 2024 State of the City address and a presentation of Community Champion Awards to five Millcreekers.

**Council** - Due to conflict with political caucuses, this meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday March 12th

**Canyon Rim Citizens Association**

Wed., 3/6/24, 7pm  
Granite Credit Union  
Adventure Hub  
1354 E Chambers Ave

**East Mill Creek Community Council**

Thurs., 3/7/24, 6:30pm  
Granite Credit Union  
Adventure Hub  
1354 E Chambers Ave

Here's a short synopsis of the Mayor's report:

In his State of the City address, the Mayor first praised "a dedicated and collaborative city council and city team that 'plays to win' every day for Millcreek residents." He went on to report that the city is "healthy fiscally, socially and physically." He expounded on several topics, including the status of the Parleys Canyon bill, the outstanding volunteer effort in which Millcreek citizens engaged to meet last spring's threatened flooding, the opening of City Hall and completion of 2023's capital improvements, and the activities and progress that the Promise Program and the Community Life Department have made in the last 12 months. You can click [HERE](#) to read the text of the speech, or listen to it live in the above video.

Five Millcreek residents were then presented with Millcreek's **2024 Community Champions**: Quentin Wells, Robert (Coach) Brough, Jim and Traci Nelson, Kumar Shah (posthumously), and Dr. Hamid Adib. Each was nominated by a member of the city council; you can read each nominator's presentation below and you can watch them in the above video. Many thanks to the 2024 Community Champions for their efforts in making Millcreek a better place.

**Quentin Wells**

*nominated by District 1 Councilmember Silvia Catten*



Quentin Thomas Wells is a 50-plus-years resident of Millcreek. A civically active and involved community member, he has been serving the greater Millcreek community since long before Millcreek became a city. Quentin was

the first Chairman of the Millcreek Community Council in the 1970s, and after a successful professional career, he rejoined the Community Council in 2016.

Quentin's personal and professional accolades are many. He is the published author of several novels, tech books, and biographies and is a seasoned genealogical researcher. He has worked as a business owner and consultant and previously served as President of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a film and video producer and expert and was the former Director of the Student Media Center for Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) where he retired in 2008. Quentin is also a skilled professional investigator and a former CIA Officer. Beyond his impressive resume, Quentin is also a compassionately astute neighbor and friend to all.

After more than 50 years of civic engagement, Quentin is hanging up his Community Council hat, but will forever be a stalwart of our city, as evidenced by his long-time dedication and commitment to serving his fellow community members. In his time serving Millcreek, Quentin has been a highly respected and well-reasoned voice on the Community Council. He is a thoughtful communicator, a forward-thinker, and never ceases to approach any issue with a critical but constructive eye toward building a community of which we can all be proud.



## **Robert (Coach) Brough**

*nominated by District 2  
Councilmember Thom  
DeSirant*

For more than a quarter-century, Coach Robert Brough built a dynasty of wrestling champions at Olympus Junior High.

Beginning as a school custodian, Robert Brough was invited by the principal to teach P.E. and help out as the wrestling coach. Coach Brough inspired multiple generations of young wrestlers with his motto "I am my team, my team is me." They went on to win more than 20 Granite School District wrestling championships.

Coach Brough built boys into champions by helping them focus on the basics, practice longer, and work harder. The positive attitude and work ethic hundreds of young people learned from him resulted in innumerable successes in college, missions, careers, and life. Now retired from his illustrious career with Granite School District, Coach Brough's impact on the young people of this area will never be forgotten. A longtime Millcreek resident, Coach Robert Brough also gave back through service on the Millcreek Community Council.

## **Jim & Traci Nelson**

*nominated by District 3  
Councilmember Cheri  
Jackson*



Jim and Traci Nelson have a passion for their community. Whether through their real estate business, connecting people with their dream homes, or with their side gig as the founders, directors, and creative minds behind the Millcreek Community Theater.

Traci has a BFA in Theater with an emphasis in Education from the University of Utah. She taught high school and middle school drama for a decade and has directed shows for more than 25 years. Jim is a performer and writer. Eight years ago, after recognizing that there were no options for community theater on the east side of Salt Lake, they decided to start the Millcreek Community Theater. The Nelsons' goal was to create an inclusive community theater group that welcomed anyone who wanted to participate without fees or charges. Jim and Traci work to make each production enjoyable and affordable so that everyone can have the opportunity to see live theater.

Their productions have featured seasoned performers and first-time thespians. The Millcreek Community Theater allows everyone to participate in theater and experience the joy of performance art. Traci and Jim believe that success is not just about achieving their own goals, but also about making a difference in the lives of others. We are fortunate that through the talents and work of both Traci and Jim, Millcreek residents can participate as actors or patrons of a live

theater production and have the pleasure of sharing this experience every Christmas season.



## **Kumar Shah (posthumously)**

*nominated by District 4  
Councilmember Bev  
Uipi*

Longtime Millcreek resident and volunteer Kulbhushan Kumar Shah, 82, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2023.

Kuma was born on July 21, 1941 in Agra, India. He received his education from Agra Elementary and Bombay High School and later moved to the University of Surrey England on scholarship to pursue his Masters degree in Electrical Engineering. He then fulfilled his lifelong dream and came to America with his wife Madhuri, where he started working in Buffalo, New York while Madhuri completed her second residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Kumar then moved with his wife and daughters, Meeta and Geeta, to Salt Lake City in 1979.

Kumar worked at L3 Communications and Acme Electric as senior staff engineer. He mentored younger engineers and motivated colleagues. In his personal life, Kumar was devoted to Madhuri and daughters Meeta and Geeta and cherished his two grandsons, Rohin and Ravi Nguyen. Kumar's optimistic outlook on life was a constant source of inspiration to those around him.

Kumar was a dedicated member of the Mount Olympus Community Council, the Unified Police Citizens Advisory Committee, Salt Lake County CDBG Citizens Review Board, that evaluated grants for social services providers, and his positive outlook and insights were invaluable. He was heavily involved in the Millcreek community and was a well-respected amongst city staff and fellow councilmembers.

Kumar's legacy of hard work, optimism, and dedication will continue to inspire

generations to come. He definitely left his lasting imprint with our Millcreek community. He is loved by many and will be missed.



## **Dr. Hamid Adib**

*nominated by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini*

Dr. Hamid Adib, a truly generous and giving fellow, is a pillar of our Millcreek business community.

Adib acquired the shuttered Villa Theater building and rehabilitated it into Utah's premier rug gallery to house his internationally known business. By preserving the Villa, Dr. Adib saved a Millcreek architectural landmark, which contributes to our streetscape, preserves Millcreek history and serves as a touchstone for many of us who have fond memories of that place as our lives evolved.

Dr. Adib is also a Millcreek resident and he has contributed to our civic dialog to improve his own neighborhood and our city at large. He has proven to be a generous benefactor of our city.

He has shown his love for Millcreek by donating the exquisite, elaborate rug that hangs above the fireplace in the Public Market at our City Hall. The rug commemorates our city motto, "Connected by Nature," by depicting a forest of colorful trees and even weaving the motto into the rug's design, in Farsi, the language of Adib's youth. The rug also incorporates our city's seal. This rug reflects our city's rich diversity and its prosperity. The city council accepted this gift, valued at \$65,000, making it the largest private donation to our city to date.

In spite of enduring multiple car break-ins in this high crime area prior to its revitalization, and construction interruptions on Highland Drive in front of his business during that process, Dr. Adib has ever been cooperative with the city and his neighbors and unwavering in his support for our city and the revitalization occurring in our city center business district.

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# TOMORROW



**THE SATURDAY MARKET  
WITH LOCAL FOOD & CRAFT ARTISANS**

11 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturdays until March 16

**19 Vendors this week!**

The Saturday Market returns in conjunction with the Art Market at Millcreek's Public Market. This weekly market is a roster of food and craft artisans selling local products.

Come hungry and try some of the amazing new products launching at the Market.

Stay awhile and enjoy a Valentine's themed water color activity.

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# SUNDAY

THE

*Millcreek*

# BAZAAR

FREE ENTRANCE

SUNDAYS

January 21 - March 17

12 - 5pm

Millcreek Common

1354 E Chambers Ave

VINTAGE  
ART  
CRAFTS

Follow us on Instagram @thebazaar.market

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**MONDAY**



The Swing Collective  
Presents

# Parlor Swing Jam

March 4th, 2024  
@ Millcreek Commons

## Schedule

- Slow jam/Workshop 6-7pm
- Open jamming 7-9pm

[www.hothousewest.com](http://www.hothousewest.com)

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**TUESDAY**



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. ONE CUP AT A TIME.

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation.



Tuesday, March 5, 2024



Millcreek Coffee Roasters  
1330 E Chambers Ave  
1st Floor



8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

Millcreek Coffee Roasters has generously offered to provide regular coffee to participants, as well as 25% off of specialty drinks during this event.

THIS EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE:

Millcreek Business  
Council & Unified Police  
Department



UNIFIED  
**POLICE**  
GREATER SALT LAKE

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

hallen@updsl.org



coffeewithacop.com

**THURSDAY**

Join us weekly on Thursdays from 7p-9p at the Millcreek Common

**FREE & Open to the Public - ALL AGES WELCOME!**

Enjoy live music while mingling with fellow art lovers at Millcreek's Public Market.

Each week we will spotlight a visual artist selling at the Art Market.

Charcuterie bites will be provided, and adult beverages (21+) will be available for purchase.

THURSDAYS - ART/LIVE



JAN 25 - MAR 14  
7p - 9p

## FEATURED ARTISTS AND LIVE MUSIC:

### JAN 25

- Artists Becky Ruley and Vita Rice
- Music by The Pickpockets

### FEB 1

- Artist Brian Krause
- Music by Georgi and Hilary

### FEB 8

- Artists Cara Jean Hall and Natalie Grandy
- Music by Two Old Guys

### FEB 15

- Artists Diana Anderson and Susan Shambor Houghton
- Music by Lucky Find

### FEB 22

- Artists Grant Fuhst, Peter Hines, and Amy Beyeler
- Music by Susan Bush and Her Band

### FEB 29

- Artists James Shuman and Melinda Petro
- Music by Pompe N' Honey

### MAR 7

- Artists Karen Dreyfus and Schrof's Woodworking
- Music by Emily Hicks

### MAR 14

- Artists Linda Stehle and Sue Martin
- Music by Hot House West, Bluegrass Ensemble



### **Ice Skating Showcase At Millcreek Common**

There are only **two** ice skating showcases left, so don't miss your chance witness these incredible live performances! Below is the schedule for the remaining showcases:

- **March 6, 6:30 PM** - Adults Skate Too!
- **March 15, 7:45 PM** - Ice Theatre of Utah

All performances are free and everyone is invited!

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# VINYL REVIVAL

March 25 - April 6 | Open Daily 11 AM - 9 PM



**CALL FOR VENDORS**  
**CLICK HERE TO APPLY**

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# BOARD MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



## MILLCREEK ARTS COUNCIL

### Passionate about the arts?

**Love live music?**

**Just want to be part of the  
Millcreek Arts Council?**

**We're looking for Board Members  
to help with the Millcreek Arts  
Council and Volunteers to help with  
our Summer Arts Fest &  
Summer Jam Concert Series.**

**PUBLICITY AND MARKETING CHAIR – BOARD POSITION**  
3-15 hours per month

**DEVELOPMENT CHAIR – BOARD POSITION**  
3-10 hours per month

**PARTNERSHIPS – BOARD POSITION**  
2-5 hours per month

**ZOO, ARTS & PARKS (ZAP) LIAISON – VOLUNTEER POSITION**  
2-5 hours per month

**BOOKING MANAGER – VOLUNTEER POSITION**  
2-20 hours per month

**EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER – VOLUNTEER POSITION**  
1-5 hours per month

**If you are interested in any of these  
positions please apply on our website  
[www.millcreekartscouncil.org](http://www.millcreekartscouncil.org)  
or reach out to us with questions at  
[vicechair@millcreekartscouncil.org](mailto:vicechair@millcreekartscouncil.org)**

**Get involved in your community. Make new friends.**

## 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.



*Mayor Silvestrini congratulates Dr. Hamid Adib on his recognition as a Millcreek Community Champion*

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