



STATE OF THE CITY

MAYOR JEFF SILVESTRINI



On February 26th, Mayor Silvestrini opened the regular City Council meeting at City Hall with his 2024 State of the City Address.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Millcreekers! It is a privilege to serve as your mayor and to

work with such a dedicated and collaborative city council and city team that "plays to win" every day for Millcreek residents and to lead such a great community!

Welcome to those of you in attendance this evening, our terrific city department heads and staff and to other elected

officials and partners in this work. The Millcreek City Council and I are pleased to welcome you to the Community Forum in our new community building, also known as Millcreek City Hall.

This has been an eventful year for our city and the coming year is full of promise- might I say Millcreek Promise! I am pleased to report that the state of our city is sound, in fact it's awesome. We are healthy fiscally, socially and physically; and we are working hard for you, to make Millcreek even better.

Millcreek will be better if there is no large gravel pit in Parleys Canyon. I am happy to say that with the help of our partners, the League of Cities and Towns, Salt Lake County, and Draper Mayor Troy Walker, this year's gravel bills were defeated except to put the issue off to interim study, *cont. on page 2*

Here's Millie!



MILLIE MILLCREEK

I'm in SUCH a good mood now that spring is here, and I want to celebrate not only the beauty of nature, but also the beauty of what PEOPLE make too. I'm in awe of the artistic talents of others, whether it be visual, musical, theatrical, literary, you name it!

I hope everyone already knows about the Millcreek Arts Council and all the amazing events they host for our community. Milford and I have recently been attending an event that the Arts Council holds monthly called Getting Visual at the Library. On the first Friday of each month, the Arts Council holds an open house at the Millcreek Community Library to introduce the featured artist whose art will be displayed at the library for the month. There's always live music and refreshments, and I love getting to talk to the artist in person! The Arts Council holds several events at the library throughout the year, so make sure to check the Salt Lake County Library online events calendar to find more fun events that get your artistic juices flowing!

Speaking of the library, I loooooove books! I'm a reading MACHINE, so I quickly run out of books to read. Luckily for me, we have the wonderful Marissa's Bookstore close by for me to indulge my habit! I particularly love looking through used book sections. No matter what bookstore you go to, you can find so many used books in FABULOUS condition! They're often cheaper than buying brand new, and really, "used" just means "pre-loved!!" If you follow Marissa's Instagram account, @marissasbookstore, they frequently advertise when they'll have local authors in to do book signings, and they let you know when they get new shipments of books in. Um did I mention that they have a book club?? Sign. Me. Up!!

I could go on and on about all the ways I enjoy art, but if you have a favorite local spot or if you've picked up a new artistic hobby that you want to share, please let me know!!

XOXOXO, Millie

Community Champion Awards

On February 26th, Mayor Silvestrini and the City Council presented the 2024 Community Champion Awards to five outstanding community members who have contributed to the success of our city. Each Champion is from one of Millcreek's four City Council districts and were nominated by their respective councilmember. The following are those deserving recipients:

DR. HAMID ADIB - NOMINATED BY MAYOR JEFF SILVESTRINI

Dr. Hamid Adib is a pillar of our Millcreek business community and a truly generous and giving fellow. He 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 which 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 *cont. on page 3*

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where hopefully we will be able to continue to advocate for a sane policy which protects our airshed and the Great Salt Lake.

Last year, with a great deal of help from mother nature in the form of a slow melt, we weathered the largest accumulated snowfall and flood risk in memory, greater even than the catastrophic year of 1983 when in spite of many of us filling and lugging sandbags, Mill Creek still flooded causing great damage to our homes and property. This past year, Millcreek volunteers by the thousand helped us prepare in a spectacular demonstration of the resiliency of this community. We filled tens of thousands of sandbags. Our emergency management and public works team worked with residents to strategically place sandbags to control anticipated flooding. Our EM and public works folks monitored stream flows, culverts, and other high-risk areas daily, even hourly, to keep watch for problems and to address them where necessary. Our EM team provided thousands of our volunteer-filled sandbags and volunteer coordination to our neighbors in Salt Lake City when they experienced flooding along 1700 South, paying it forward in the event we needed help as the melt proceeded to the higher elevations of Neffs and Mill Creek Canyons. We fortunately never needed that, but I am still so very impressed with what our Millcreek city team and our community volunteers did to protect this community we love and avoid catastrophe.

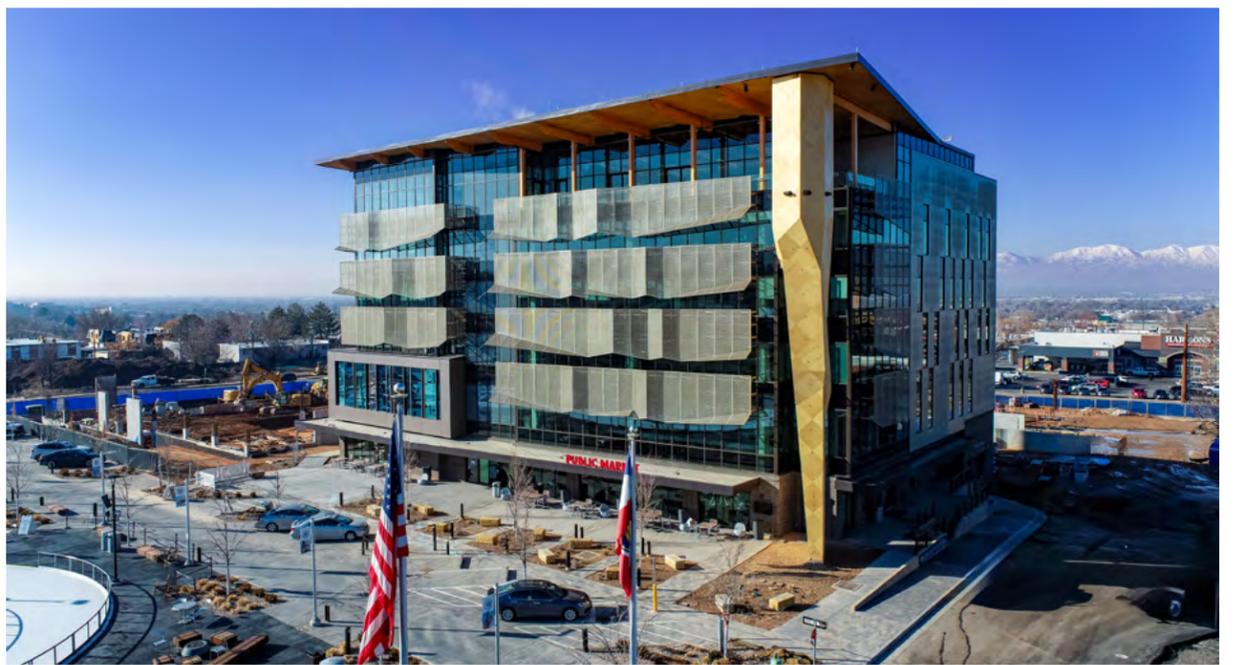
This past year also we completed and celebrated the opening of our new City Hall in the heart of Millcreek's new civic center, anchored by Millcreek Common. I am so proud to deliver the city hall Millcreek residents asked us for when we surveyed them a few years before our former thrift store lease expired. As I mentioned, Millcreek residents told us they wanted a community building, not just a government building. Our city employees are so grateful to have windows and heat in the work space where they serve our residents. Our Millcreek Precinct UPD officers are similarly pleased to move from sharing space in a dental office to having a fully functional headquarters with modern technology and room to be able to serve and protect us even better, with a presence in the very heart of our community.

There were a number of other capital improvement projects we delivered to our city. A new roundabout to improve traffic flows getting onto I-215 by our soon to be newly rebuilt Skyline High School; new sidewalks on 3300 South and along Neffs Lane and in other areas; new multi-use path on western 3900 South, to make it easier for our Meadowbrook and Sunnyvale neighborhoods to walk to TRAX; storm water improvements and pavement preservation—particularly in the heart of the old Millcreek community area between 900 and 1100 East.

We will see even more substantial capital projects constructed this year. The reconstruction of 900 East between 3900 and 4500 South is underway, and we will see new pavement, sidewalks, streetlights and bike lanes there. The same will be true for 20th East from Siggard to 3300 South. Don't worry Canyon Rim--20th East north of 3300 South to the SLC border is coming next. We are building 10 new pickleball courts in Canyon Rim Park which should be completed this summer. New trailhead improvements on our Jordan River Trail project will be worked on. We are planning and have funding for a bike lane along Wasatch Blvd. throughout Millcreek and Holladay. We will build a new sidewalk and a signaled crossing across 1300 East to provide better pedestrian access to Big Cottonwood Park. We will continue storm water improvement projects like we did on Hale Dr. in the Mount Olympus neighborhood, including projects slated for Scott Avenue, Upland Dr. and Neffs Lane. Some of these are your storm water utility payments at work to improve Millcreek's infrastructure. Due to the mild snow year in the valley this winter, we have saved compared to what we had to pay last year for salt and overtime for snow removal, so we should be able to more aggressively address pavement preserva-

tion on neighborhood streets with slurry and chip seals and overlays where appropriate.

While our infrastructure is always a priority, we did not forget our social responsibilities and efforts to lift up all Millcreek residents and include them in our community. Our Promise Program continued its after-school efforts in partnership with Asian Association of Utah, relocating the program from Millcreek Elementary when it closed, to William Penn Elementary where many kids who were in the program transferred. We also continue to partner with the Asian Association and the International Rescue Committee to support efforts at the Sunnyvale Neighborhood Center. In partnership with the Millcreek Business Council, Millcreek Promise collected 3500 warm coats and other clothing items to distribute to 10 agencies to help those with less stay warm. We continued to support food pantries and instituted a creative food share program for residents' excess home-grown produce. Significantly, Promise assisted 60 families who were required to move from affordable housing at Holladay Hills to find new affordable hous-



ing options, and with a grant program, assisted families with new deposit requirements for new housing.

Millcreek also led out among Salt Lake County communities in hosting a temporary winter overflow for our unsheltered community. Working with other partners, Salt Lake County, Switchpoint, the state and UPD, we were able to host 1200 shelter nights during cold winter months. The immediate neighborhood saw a reduction in crime and calls for service outside of the facility during its operation and many of the residents returned night after night because the facility was so well managed and they felt safe there. I am proud that our city has been willing to participate in solutions to homelessness, both because it's the right thing to do, but also because working to solve this intractable problem will pay so many benefits to us as taxpayers, to reduce petty property crime and improve the quality of life for everyone, unsheltered or not.

Our Community Life Department keeps hitting it out of the park with our new Millcreek Common facilities. I have to admit being scared when I saw the size of the crowd for our Independence Day festivities and drone show on the Common, but the thousands in attendance loved the drone show and other entertainment. It has been great to see this space unite our community and celebrate Millcreek's rich diversity: Pacific Islander skate night, Juneteenth celebrations, Hispanic/Latinx skate night, LGBTQI skate night, and our Menorah Lighting celebrating Channukah. We've had a "Utah's Own" Market, an "old school" pinball arcade, the Art Market with live music and dancing in the Public Marker and New Year's Eve partying on the 6th floor Grandview Room, community forums discussing civil engagement—all manner of things which build and unite our community and enable us to learn about all of the richness our community members offer each other when we gather.

These things actually barely scratch the surface of what we have done the past year and what we will be up to in the coming year. But I am proud to say that we are doing all of these things, acting boldly and much faster than what we see other places doing, on a sound fiscal footing. Out tax revenues in Millcreek have remained steady or even increased slightly in the case of sales taxes and permit fees. Of course, as from the beginning of our city, all of the property tax the city collects goes to pay for public safety in our UPD contract. Due to prudent financial planning, we did not need or enact a tax increase last year. With the changes to UPD mandated by the state, we are probably going to need an increase this year. However, our city fund balance (or rainy day fund) remains strong and near the state-limited maximum of 35%. Our budget is balanced and actually relatively lean. Our terrific city employees multi-task and work hard to do more with fewer employees than other cities our size. Our debt load also compares favorably to our peer cities and we are not highly leveraged. In short, due to a disciplined council and an extremely capable

finance staff, our finances are sound.

We will have some challenges in the coming year. I have been working hard with the other members of the Unified Police Department to ensure our police department remains robust and one of the best departments in the state, following the mandate for the exit of the County Sheriff and Salt Lake County coming July 1. We selected a new Precinct Chief in Christine Petty-Brown, following Steve DeBry's retirement, and she is doing a terrific job. She is a great resource as we navigate the coming transition. The City Council and I remain committed to UPD and the UPD shared services model to provide us a robust police force with capabilities we would not be able to afford on our own. I am confident we will navigate this challenge without a diminishment in the service Millcreek residents want and expect from their police force. In other news, our creative police had the idea to use Millcreek's beer tax funds to purchase and outfit an ice cream van. You can see it parked across the Common. They use it to travel to Millcreek schools and apartment complexes, to educate kids about the importance of avoiding underage drinking and drug use and to be good citizens. Our police force is doing much to advance community-oriented policing, getting to know members of our community and being effective cops on the beat. You can join them some morning at City Hall for "coffee with a cop." Now that they are here on Millcreek Common, you will see more of them. Say hi to them.

As I conclude, I reflect upon the reasons our city is making such strides and is a great place to live and raise a family. I think it's because in Millcreek, we are intentional about building community and caring about and including everyone. We have a wonderful staff and energetic volunteers, people who care and who love this place. Because of them, we have a great future ahead. Go Millcreek! Play to Win!"

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and even weaving it 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 which is occurring in our city center business district.

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 served the greater Millcreek community 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.

His 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 evident 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 ceased to approach any issue with a critical but constructive eye toward building a community we can all be proud of.

ROBERT "COACH" BROUGH – NOMINATED BY DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMEMBER THOM DESIRANT



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

Beginning as a school custodian, Robert Brough coached wrestling, boys volleyball and track at Churchill Junior High. In 1993 he was hired as a full-time teacher at Olympus Junior to teach English and PE, and coach volleyball and wrestling. Coach Brough inspired multiple generations of young wrestlers with his motto "I am my team, my team is me." They went on to win 20 Granite School District wrestling championships. His volleyball teams won five GSD Championships and three high school titles.

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. In 2001 he was recognized by the Granite Education Foundation as an Outstanding Educator. 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 over 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 Nelson's 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.

KUMAR SHAH (POSTHUMOUSLY) – NOMINATED BY DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMEMBER BEV UIPI



Kulbhushan Kumar Shah, 82, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2023. He was born on July 21, 1941 in Agra, India.

Kumar 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.

He 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.

ART EVERY DAY.

GETTING VISUAL AT THE LIBRARY!

Call for Millcreek Visual Artists!
The Millcreek Arts Council is working in
collaboration with the Millcreek Salt Lake
County Library to resume our community
monthly visual art display.

Have you heard of the "Getting Visual at the Library" Program?

It is a collaboration between the Millcreek Arts Council and the Millcreek Branch of the Salt Lake County Library to get local artists' work displayed for the community. We invite an artist to display their work at the library for a calendar month. At the beginning of the month, usually the first Friday, we have a reception for the artist with a local musician performing and light refreshments served. Think you'd like to join us? Here's the schedule for the rest of 2024!

Receptions run from 6-6:45 PM at the Millcreek Branch at 2266 Evergreen Ave.

May 3rd Kate Orange artist, Austin Stoddard musician

June 7th Forever Young at Art artists, Jason Dreher musician

July 12th Brooke Elayne Hargis artist, 2 Old Guys musicians

August 2th Mary Phillips, artist, Annie and Daniel Eastmond musicians

September 6th Salt Lake Eastern Arts Club artists, Koan Laros musician

October 4th Suzy Barton artist, Zac Parish musician

November 1st Wendy Reed artist, Nathan Spenser musician

December 6th Marianne Bauman artist, Katy Watson musician



UFA Pancake Breakfast

April 13th | 8-11 AM
Station 106 (1911 E 3300 S)

FREE to the public!
Grab a stack and
meet your local
firefighters.



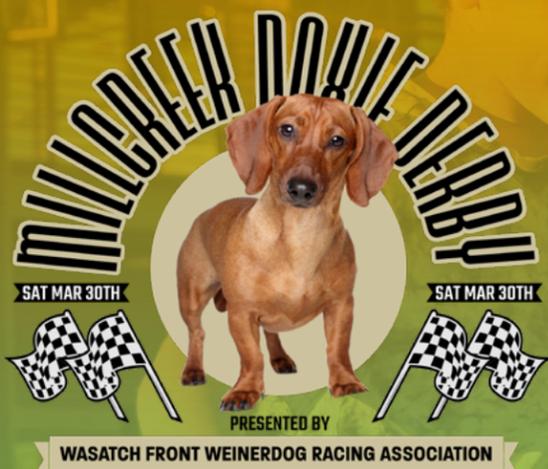
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Enjoy these upcoming events:



MILLCREEK DOXIE DERBY

Sat. Mar 30 (3:00 – 6:00 PM)
3:00 PM Register your Doxie
4:00 PM First Heat Starts

Wasatch Front Wiener Dog Racing Association presents the first annual Millcreek Doxie Derby. Local Dachshunds (aka Doxies or Wiener Dogs) will race for glory, prizes and belly laughs at this friendly competition on the Skate Loop! Don your derby-attire, celebrate the end of winter, and join us for an unforgettable race. Go to millcreekcommon.org to register your Doxie.

All racers must be 100% Dachshund. No Chiweenies! No ImPAWsters! All dogs are welcome on leash.



Enjoy Dawgs. Sauce. Good times

EAST MILL CREEK LIONS CLUB'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

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

Grab your basket for an Eggstastic Hunt.

LEGENDARY SKATE LOOP ROLLOUT

Sat. April 6
(7:00 – 10:00 PM)

It's a skate party! The new 2024 Skate Loop Legends will usher in roller skating at the Common. The evening will be full of fun and surprises, vinyl records, DJ, prizes, food, and most importantly, LEGENDARY roller skating performances!



MILLCREEK'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Sat. April 20 (2:00 – 6:00 PM)

Planet VS. Plastics community art project unveiled to celebrate Earth Day and our connection to nature with family and friends.

SPIKE BALL TOURNAMENT

Sat. April 27 (Start Time - 9:00 AM)
Big Cottonwood Park - 4215 S. 1100 E.

Join Utah Round Net as they host the USA Round Net Super Major Tournament. If you are a seasoned team or new to the sport, there is a game for you! Register at utahroundnet.com.

DUTCH KING'S DAY

Sat. April 27 (11:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

WEAR ORANGE to join the party and celebrate Dutch King's Day (Koningsdag). This free, family-friendly event showcases the culture and traditions of the Netherlands with food, drinks, crafts, games, vendors, and bicycle fun ride. Learn more at dutchsocialclubutah.com

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

Sat. May 4 (4:00 – 10:00 PM)

This free, all-ages fiesta includes roller-skating, live music, Latin heritage performers, authentic food, Mexican snacks, games and a giant piñata!

SKATE LOOP

ROLLER SKATING BEGINS APRIL 1

SPRING SCHEDULE
April 1 - May 26

Sunday thru Thursday
11 AM – 9 PM

Friday & Saturday
11 AM – 10 PM

Friday & Saturday DJ Skate Nights
7 PM – 10 PM

Admission \$7
Skate Rental \$5

Group reservations available online at
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Get your Roller Skating season pass today

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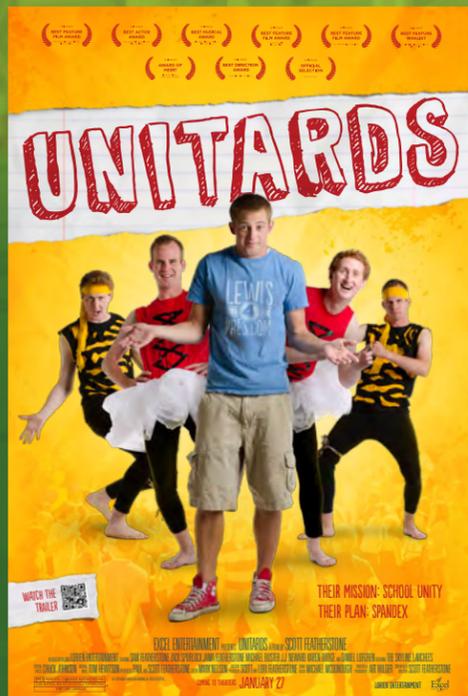
Schedule is subject to change. Please visit
@millcreekcommon on social media

SKYLINE SUPER REUNION – FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fri. May 17 (7:00 – 10:00 PM)
Skyline High School – Football Field

All are welcome to watch locally made Unitards movie that follows student-body president Lewis Grady, and his two odd-ball friends, to bring school spirit back to Skyline High School with an all-male dance group.

Learn about ALL super reunion activities on
May 17 & May 18 at SkylineAlumni.org



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COME CLIMB CITY HALL!

CLIMBING WALL GRAND OPENING SAT, MARCH 23
10:00 AM Ribbon Cutting

Reserve your spot online
at Millcreekcommon.org

- Free Climbs All Day
- Free Top Rope Belay Classes

More Fun:

- Meet Pro-Climbers
- Break in lead-wall at 5:30 PM
- Connect with Climbing Clubs
- Giveaways, Games and Food



Millcreek Climbing Wall Open Daily

Opening Sat, March 23
Sun-Thurs

11:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Fri & Sat

11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

(Closed on Easter, Mar 31)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MILLCREEK

1ST FLOOR OF CITY HALL PUBLIC MARKET 1330 EAST CHAMBERS AVE



Records & Memorabilia

VINYL REVIVAL
 MARCH 25-APRIL 6 | OPEN DAILY 11AM-9PM | FREE ADMISSION
 SATURDAY SPIN-OFFS FEATURING SPECIAL RELEASES AND DJs
March 25- April 6
 Open Daily 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Saturday Spin-Offs - 3/30 & 4/6
 Special releases, DJs, Food, and more.



Spring Boutique

Sat. April 13, 11-7 PM
 Sun. April 14, 11-6 PM

Come support the Spring Boutique and enjoy arts, crafts, clothing, beauty, and food vendors. This boutique is a fundraiser for senior center activities. Funds support Birthday Tuesdays, excursions to Millcreek Canyon, local parks, and live music.



Pollinator Palooza

April 19 – 21
 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

We're buzzing with excitement! Learn about the incredible world of pollinators at Millcreek's Pollinator Palooza. Enjoy a live butterfly experience, exhibits, pollinator artisan market with native plants, local honey and more.

Millcreek Summer Camp at Millcreek Common

Online registration opens April 1st at 10:00 AM at millcreekcommon.org

Campers will enjoy roller skating, climbing wall instruction, and other activities on the Plaza at Millcreek Common. Activities are led by Millcreek's recreation managers who are specially trained in their respective fields.

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 weekend campsites and cabins opens online
 April 1st at VentureOut.org Dates: July 26-28 Aug 9-11 Aug 30-Sept 2

Venture out this summer and camp overnight at Camp Tracy in Millcreek Canyon. Days are action-packed with unique adventures, demos, and lots of hands-on activities.

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

New Americans International Market

April 26 - June 23
 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

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This market is for refugee, immigrant, and resettled entrepreneurs to showcase and sell culinary and handcrafted goods inspired by their native countries. Selling will be managed by the Public Market's central checkout.



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Millcreek Common—uncommonly perfect for events. Come, gather, grow closer

Millcreek Market Nights

May 3 – June 28, Fridays, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Market will be hosted on the Millcreek Common Plaza. We are looking for vendors that provide global food flavors, arts, crafts. Vendors will sell directly to customers at the market. Apply at MillcreekCommon.org to be a vendor.



Detective Stephanie Warden Honored as Millcreek Precinct Officer of the Month.

Det. Stephanie Warden was assigned follow-up on a stalking case. Over a span of a few weeks, the victim in the case was receiving text messages from an unknown person. The suspect listed specifics about the victim's school and residence. The situation escalated with gifts being delivered to her home. The messages came from numerous numbers, and one such message indicated he would "steal her." The suspect was told to stop, but the messages and gifts continued. These unsettling events forced the victim from her home and into hiding.

Det. Warden, formerly a violent crimes detective with UPD, was assigned follow up. The suspect had been using several phone numbers, but the suspect's actual number was quickly identified, along with his identity. Det. Warden located an address for the suspect, responded to the location and took the suspect in for questioning.

The suspect was questioned and discovered to be a former schoolmate of the victim, which was ten years prior, and neither interacted with each other while in school. The suspect had an infatuation with the victim and began acting out by sending unwanted texts and gifts. Through the interview, Det. Warden learned of other concerning behavior and gained probable cause the suspect was stalking the victim.

Det. Warden successfully identified the suspect, collected evidence, located, and detained the suspect, conducted an interview, established probable cause for stalking and booked the suspect into jail all within one working day. The expedient and thorough manner in how this investigation was handled was impressive and required a great deal of skill. More importantly, the victim was able to return to her home and regain a sense of safety. Det. Warden is a great asset for the citizens of Millcreek. It is for these mentioned actions and her daily commitment as an investigator that Det. Warden was nominated as Officer of the Month.



The Villa Theater

With the generous donation of a one-of-a-kind rug that now hangs over the fireplace in Millcreek City Hall by Dr. Hamid Adib, this seems a perfect time to recount the history of Millcreek's historic cinema and its journey to its current use as Adib's Rug Gallery.

Located in the heart of Millcreek on Highland Drive at about 30th South stands the iconic Villa Theater. First opened on December 23, 1949, this year will mark the 75th birthday of this historic Utah gathering place. Seating over 1,000 movie-goers, The Villa became renowned for its constant innovation, pioneering new advances in audio and cinematic technologies to ensure its patrons had the most immersive experience possible, and drawing movie-goers from across the west.

With its generous capacity and elegant lobby, The Villa became the go-to site for blockbuster movie premiers in the Salt Lake Valley, and the classic theater thrived until the explosion of megaplex theaters in the late 1990s. In 2001, even as the theater was struggling to keep her doors open, USA Today named The Villa Theater to a list of ten great classic theaters across the United States. On February 18, 2003, The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers became the last movie



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shown at the grand theater.

A number of failed purchase and use proposals followed, until finally in 2004 the theater was purchased by Dr. Adib. Luckily for Millcreek, Dr. Adib had a vision to create a museum-like atmosphere, where customers could enjoy the elegant beauty of his Persian and Oriental rugs while preserving the history of the grand theater. His substantial investment in renovating and preserving this iconic structure has ensured it will be around for Millcreek residents to enjoy well into the future.

Look for more Historic Spotlights highlighting Millcreek's rich past throughout the coming year, brought to you by the Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission!



Millcreek Interfaith Comes Together In Harmony

Millcreek hosted a spectacular Interfaith Harmony event on February 1st on the 6th floor of City Hall. The occasion brought together various churches from the city, showcasing a rich tapestry of musical performances. The evening started with a performance by "Hinge Point," a trio of talented young sisters from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Following that, the Bell Ringers from Christ United Methodist Church performed mesmerizing sounds using the bells. The musical journey continued with a wonderful collaboration between Kelly

Richardson on the violin and Julia Richardson on the piano. Lastly, we had Katie Ann Powell's performance on the harp, as well as a beautiful song. The event was more than just a musical event; it was a celebration of Millcreek's diverse religious landscape. By bringing together performers from different churches, the evening highlighted the city's commitment to fostering understanding, respect, and cooperation among its residents of varying faiths. The interfaith event underscored the belief that, despite differences in religious practices, there is a shared

sense of community and togetherness that can be celebrated through music. Millcreek Councilwoman, Silvia Catten, commended the organizers for orchestrating such a beautiful evening that showcased the city's commitment to unity and harmony. In a world often divided by differences, Millcreek City's interfaith event on February 1st served as a powerful reminder that music can bring people together. They carried a message of love, understanding, and shared humanity.



Welcome Millcreek Pizza House!

This February, City leaders, some hungry staff and, of course, Milo, helped the brand-new Millcreek Pizza House cut their grand opening ribbon at Millcreek Common. They were wowed by the fantastic food.

Located just south of the Skate Loop to the east of the Splash Pad, Millcreek Pizza House will provide patrons with whole pizzas, pizza slices, and salads. Don't forget—after you have enjoyed some great pizza, you can stop in at the Normal Ice Cream truck next door for a delicious dessert!!



MILLCREEK

POLICY MAKER

FORUM

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



SENATOR
STEPHANIE PITCHER

The 2024 Utah legislative session has been busy but productive. Legislators have considered over 700 bills exploring a variety of issues, including several that have a notable impact on our Millcreek community. Among these, I've been particularly interested in our efforts to improve the state's water management and increase water levels at the Great Salt Lake. A good bill, HB61, would make improvements to the process for measuring and managing water in Utah. This bill passed the legislature and is awaiting the governor's signature. Another good bill, HB401, would impose restrictions on watering established turf in counties within the Great Salt Lake Watershed. This bill did not advance this year.

In addition to water legislation, a couple bills were introduced that would have made it very difficult for local governments to stop or regulate gravel pits anywhere in the state. This includes the proposed gravel pit in Parley's Canyon. One bill, SB172, did not come to a vote this session. The other, HB502, became a study. I am glad these efforts did not advance as initially written. Dust that blows from the gravel pits is as much of a health hazard as other types of pollution. I believe local governments should have a say in and determine the parameters for such projects that have a considerable impact on their communities.

Finally, the legislature continues to hear measures that impact our air quality. This session I introduced SB142, a bill that would provide a 30% tax credit for electric-powered lawn equipment. Two-stroke engines are a leading environmental polluter, so incentivizing Utahns to get off two-stroke engines would make a big difference in our fight for cleaner air. SB142 has a high fiscal note and this year's budget is tight. Therefore, I sent the issue to interim for further study and discussion.

It truly is an honor to represent Millcreek at the legislature. I look forward to continued conversations over the interim on ways we can improve our community and keep Utah the best place to live, work, and play. Please reach out with any questions or concerns, I would love to hear from you.

Senator Stephanie Pitcher
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Rock and Roll with Milo

It's roller-skating season, and Milo is ready to hit the Skate Loop. Are you? Please add some color to our city mascot as he celebrates springtime on Millcreek Common!

Color Milo and bring this page to the Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub on Millcreek Common for ONE FREE ROLLER-SKATING SESSION (including skate rental). Offer only good until April 30.

Careful What You Recycle

On Tuesday, January 30th, a fire occurred in the cargo bed of one of the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) trucks on the east side of Millcreek. Fortunately the driver was not injured thanks to the quick response of the Unified Fire Department to extinguish the flames.

Pam Roberts, General Manager & CEO of WFWRD, reflected: "I am so thankful that our driver was not injured and I thank the Unified Fire Authority and Millcreek teams for acting so quickly dousing the flames and keeping everyone safe." She added "This is an example of why waste and recycling collection is such a dangerous job. The truck got so hot that the CNG Tanks off-gassed as they are designed to do, so the tanks did not explode."

Ms. Roberts said that their inspectors determined that the cause was not mechanical or a truck malfunction.

The cause appears to be an item inappropriately tossed in a blue recycling can. WFWRD has not been able to identify the item but common causes for fires in recycling trucks are batteries. Any type of battery can may spark as the truck compacts the materials. Other items that have been known to cause fires in recycle and garbage trucks are empty propane tanks, hot ashes from fireplaces or barbecues, or chemicals such as household hazardous waste (HHW).

Not everything marked recyclable is recyclable through WFWRD blue bin pickup. Information on what to recycle and where to recycle unusual materials like batteries can be found in the WFWRD guide at wasatchfrontwaste.org.

Batteries in particular can be difficult to dispose of. Although recyclable, they should not be placed in your blue or black can. There are locations that accept used batteries,



such as Home Depot. Please take the extra time to dispose of them properly. They also are toxic for landfills.

The action of a resident who thoughtlessly or unknowingly placed the wrong item into their recycling can caused a very dangerous and expensive problem. The initial estimate from the manufacturer for repairs to the truck body is \$110,000 to \$125,000. A new truck runs around \$400,000.

Fortunately this fire did not cause injury to the driver or any bystanders or cause any property damage besides the truck. Please think carefully about what you place in your garbage, recycling, or green waste bins. Ms. Roberts said these fires, called "Hot Truck Loads," happen more often than we know. Please help keep it from happening in your neighborhood by being responsible waste managers.



Coffee WITH A COP

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. ONE CUP AT A TIME.

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation.



First Tuesday of Every Month



Millcreek Coffee Roasters
1330 E Chambers Ave
1st Floor



7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Coffee With A Cop is on a mission to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. Sitting with a cop for a conversation in a safe and equal setting allows community members to see our officers as regular people like them. And to ask questions, voice concerns, offer suggestions, and maybe even thank them for their service.

Millcreek Coffee Roasters has generously offered to provide one free regular coffee per participant, as well as 25% off of speciality drinks.

Come and have a cup of coffee with a cop. Our officers are eager to meet you. For more information go to coffeewithacop.com.



See Something, Say Something. Here's Who To Say it To.



City offices often receive phone calls from residents who would like to report a problem. We appreciate our residents who keep their eyes open and let us know when there are concerns, particularly related to safety issues such as a stop sign that has been knocked over or a big pothole that has developed in a road.

The main resource our city utilizes to keep track of resident concerns is our Report a Concern form. To access this form, go to the main page of the Millcreek website, MillcreekUT.gov, scroll down slightly, and click on the white, square button with the megaphone icon that says "Report a Concern." The Report a Concern button will take you to a page that has emergency/after-hours numbers and a checkmark icon on the left that will take you the form. There you can enter information about the concern and upload any photos or documents you might have.

Residents can use the Report a Concern form to report a variety of different concerns within the city. This includes issues pertaining to:

- Abandoned Structures
- Bikes

- Business Licensing
- Code Compliance (unkept properties)
- Crosswalks
- Illicit Discharge
- Parking
- Pavement
- Permits
- Potholes
- Sidewalk, Curb and/or Gutter
- Sign Repair
- Snow Removal
- Storm Drains
- Street Lighting
- Traffic Calming
- Trees

and any other concern not seen on this list.

If a concern is regarding a water line break, power outage, or other utility emergency, you can contact your utility provider directly. The best place to report a concern that will involve the police is UPD Dispatch at 801-840-4000.

Millcreek contracts with Salt Lake County for public works services, and in the case of roadway safety emergencies after hours, residents can call Salt

Lake County Operations at 385-468-6101. For smaller potholes or asphalt that is deteriorating, a notice to the city is helpful in order for us to get the problem on a list of repairs that is kept for this type of concern.

A code compliance report made through the website goes directly into our system and is reviewed by a code officer. There are some issues that may not be resolved immediately, so we appreciate patience as our code officers work through the proper steps required by law, including notifying the parties involved and providing an allowance of time to resolve the issue.

We appreciate the patience of residents while we work through our long list of repairs. We realize that potholes seem to crop up everywhere during the winter, and crews will work hard on repairs once the weather has warmed up.

City Hall's main phone number is 801-214-2700 and office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM.

Thanks to all our residents who keep their eyes on our neighborhoods and help us by letting us know about these problems.

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
Garbage & Recycling pickup,
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385-468-6325

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Pickleball is Coming to Canyon Rim

A long awaited pickleball court construction is finally underway at Canyon Rim Park. In the planning and funding phase since 2021, construction started in February and will continue through the summer with completion scheduled near the end of August (weather permitting).

Beginning soon after incorporation, the

city council began to receive requests from Millcreek residents to provide pickleball courts. The tennis courts at Canyon Rim Park were in terrible shape and could not be repaired and it was determined that location would be a good place for pickleball.

The courts located in the northwest corner of the park will offer eight regu-

lar and two competition sized courts for the pickleball enthusiasts in our community to enjoy.

We have had close communication with Canyon Rim Academy and a safe plan to provide drop-off and pick-up of students has been designed and appears to be working properly.

There has also been close coordination with the adjoining Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Stake Center and a new small parking area will be installed for pickleball players and other park users to mitigate any impacts to the congregation members.

Noise reducing screening is planned for the north and west sides of the courts to minimize noise impacts to the church and school.

Unfortunately, six trees had to be removed to accommodate construction and plans call for planting of 13

shade trees, 3 conifers, and various drought tolerant shrubs and grasses around the site.

Park users might also notice the newly installed playground on the east side. The final touch, a swing set installation, is complete and neighborhood kids are now enjoying the entire new and improved playground.

On our list of important projects is the installation of a new irrigation system in the park, replacing the current system that was installed when the park was originally built. The irrigation system is an extremely costly project, and the city is exploring all avenues to acquire the needed funding.

Canyon Rim Park is a jewel in our city, and we are excited to make active recreation improvements while keeping a large passive open space for residents to enjoy.

MEET WITH THE MAYOR

Meet in-person with Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
Fridays from 2-4 PM for 15 minutes.
Call 801-214-2700 to schedule.

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