

# MILLCREEK NEWS



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## Millcreek Remains With UPD



### The Unified Police Department will continue to provide Millcreek with policing services.

In 2023, the Utah Legislature mandated that the relationship between the UPD and the Salt Lake County Sheriff be dissolved by no later than July 1, 2025. Some thought that would be the demise of the UPD. But hard work on the part of the remaining participating entities, including Millcreek, led by then-newly-appointed UPD Chief Jason Mazuran, has belied that prediction.

At its meeting on Monday, March 25th, the City Council approved a new interlocal agreement between UPD member cities and

towns, ensuring the continuation of the UPD following the County Sheriff's exit from the department. In addition to Millcreek, the other UPD members are Holladay, Midvale, Magna, Kearns, Brighton, Copperton, White City and Emigration Canyon.\*

Chief Mazuran reported to Millcreek's City Council that the same agreement is being circulated amongst the other UPD members, with all of them expected to have completed the ratification process by the second week in April.

The City Council is pleased to be able to reassure our officers that their employment will remain stable. The UPD will continue

to provide quality policing to Millcreek residents through one of the largest and most professional police forces in the state. UPD is more robust and offers services that smaller departments simply cannot afford.

The services UPD members share, such as a forensics lab, an accident reconstruction unit, a robust K-9 unit, and larger motorcycle speed enforcement unit, may not be needed in any given jurisdiction of any particular day. However all of these services are available to UPD communities when they are needed.

UPD members also enjoy economies of scale by sharing common human resources, training, legal, financial accounting and command functions. Some of these services will also now be housed in Millcreek's new city hall. Others will be incorporated into city offices in Holladay, Midvale and Kearns.

Mayor Silvestrini and the council are pleased to have been able to negotiate, through restructuring, the survival of our police department and the jobs of our valued officers after the state mandated requirement that the county sheriff no longer participate in UPD.

\* In the 2024 legislative session, a bill passed that converts the former Metro Townships into cities or towns, depending upon population. As cities or towns, these communities will have the ability to collect the taxes other cities use to fund services like UPD.

## Here's Millie!



### MILLIE MILLCREEK

I swear the school year ends earlier and earlier each year!! I still have a couple teenage boys at home, and school getting out early means I have to keep them entertained earlier than planned! The hardest part is trying to find activities that teenage boys are into—particularly activities that get them away from screens. Luckily, we live in a BEAUTIFUL city that's perfectly situated for so many outdoor adventures! Here are a few fun, outdoor activities that my kids love, and hopefully yours will too:

**Conquer the Climbing Wall:** City Hall's new climbing wall has been a HUGE hit with my boys!! I tried my best to join in on the fun, but I'm a liiiiiittle bit of a scaredy cat when it comes to heights. The staff is very friendly and knowledgeable, and I've seen brave climbers both young and old scale the wall, so I know you can do it! If you, your little ones, or your teens are looking for thrills, definitely check this out!

**Take a Hike...**in a good way: I feel so lucky to live so close to Mill Creek Canyon and Neffs Canyon. It's so relaxing to get away from the craziness of life and just breathe in the fresh air and enjoy the stunning views! There are plenty of trail options for more casual hikers like myself (my knees aren't what they used to be) and for more experienced hikers (or teens with LOTS of energy!). Make sure to bring plenty of snacks and water!

**Pack a Picnic:** I think there is something so simple and joyful about packing a picnic and visiting a local park! As the weather gets warmer, Milford and I love taking our boys to the park and spending time together as a family. We pack a super simple dinner and drinks, grab a few blankets, and we bring yard games like cornhole, ladder golf, or even just a few mitts and baseballs to play catch!

XOXOXO, Millie

**Driving of the Spike**  
2024 WHISTLESTOP ROAD SHOW

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity on May 10th to view the towering spike monument before it is installed at Golden Spike State Monument in Brigham City in 2025.

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## COUNCIL CORNER THOM DESIRANT COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

### How digital signs help Millcreek



As a city councilman, I applaud our city's continued creativity to think outside the box to address the many challenges a new city faces. One such effort was when a billboard stood in the way of construction for Millcreek Common. Many cities with similar obstacles have either paid to have the sign relocated to someone else's neighborhood (unfair) or spent over a million dollars to purchase away the billboard onsite (unwise).

Instead, the Millcreek City Council approved an agreement with Reagan Outdoor Advertising removing the billboard in the way AND the equivalent of two additional billboards, requiring Reagan to construct a quarter-million-dollar digital sign with brick and quality materials, and to allow the city to utilize the new sign 40% of the time for free. It didn't cost the city a penny and has resulted in a highly effective digital sign on 3300 South. The city will also own the sign free and clear at the end of the lease term to Reagan. The city should pursue similar agreements where they make sense for the following five reasons:

**1. Old billboards can be removed this way, cleaning up our city.** The city has spent considerable resources cleaning up the Mountain Streetscape on Highland Drive, burying power lines, and establishing a welcome marker with a mill wheel. Sadly, the northern entrance to our city center is marred by double-decker billboards. Trad-

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# PROMISE PROGRAM REPORT

## Millcreek Promises 100% Graduation for Cottonwood High School Students

On February 2nd, Millcreek Promise hosted an event with Promise Partnership of Utah, a unique partnership of nonprofits, government, corporations, and individuals to create long-term change. The event was held to launch Promise Partnership's 100% graduation initiative—a collaborative effort between several groups to create an environment that would lead to a 100% graduation rate of students at Cottonwood High School.

School district employees, nonprofit workers, government employees, and more were brought together to discuss what students need to be successful in school. Promise Partnership of Utah led several activities and discussion groups, allowing the attendees to discuss the problems that they were seeing in each of their sectors and discuss potential solutions. Attendees each pledged their individual "promises" to help reach the goal



of 100% graduation, while representatives of Millcreek and South Salt Lake City each pledged the support of their respective cities.

## Read Across America Day



Mayor Silvestrini, Councilwoman Cheri Jackson, and members of the Millcreek Business Council celebrated literacy with Read Across America Day (RAAD) at James E. Moss Elementary on March 1st! Business Council members from Maid Brigade joined as a part of the Millcreek Miracle initiative to encourage businesses to be active in the community.

RAAD is celebrated nationally and is a weeklong celebration of reading to educate youth and families about the benefits of it! Staff and volunteers at Moss Elementary celebrated by reading with youth, passing out donuts, and making



bookmarks to help cultivate a lifelong love of reading. Millcreek's City Council and Business Council love to show up for the community, especially when it comes to youth education!

## Comcast Donates New Laptops to Digital Skills Course Students

For the last several months, Millcreek Promise has been lucky to have had our Economic Wellbeing Coordinator, Collyn Mosquito, selected as a digital inclusion fellow with NTEN, a national digital inclusion organization based in Portland, Oregon. As part of his fellowship, Collyn started a digital inclusion pilot program in February teaching a six-week digital skills course to residents across the city based on curriculum from Microsoft and with seed funding from Google Fiber. Unexpectedly though, our friends at Comcast recently donated a very generous number of laptops to the program that Collyn now gives out to students who successfully complete the course.

These brand-new Dell Latitude 3140 laptops come with Windows 11 and one free year of Office 365 on them, which has given students an opportunity to learn on an operating system and software that most employers use daily. This has also made it easier for students who may not have a laptop to come join the class and learn basic digital skills on a well-functioning device.

Many residents who recently moved to the United States or have lower incomes typically access the internet through their phones often doing their work and school assignments on them, making their digital participation clunky and sometimes unreliable. With this donation from Comcast, many Millcreek residents will now have a reliable device to access the internet wherever they are and better participate in the economy. Promise thanks Comcast for their continued support of Millcreek and its residents!



### UNIQUE EVENT AMENITIES FOUND NOWHERE ELSE

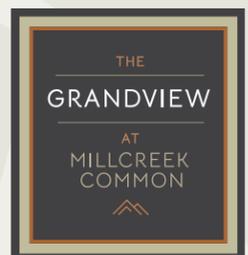
From corporate seminars to retreats, weddings to special anniversaries, our team creates memorable events using our excellently staffed amenities.

- Outdoor/Indoor facility rentals, including The Grandview at the top of City Hall
- Rent the Skate Loop and/or climbing wall with friendly expert staff
- Catering options, sound system, and customizable interactive lighting

**CURIOS? CONTACT US AT 801-214-2613 OR HELLO@MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG**

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



# May Is International Building Safety Month

**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2024**

**MISSION POSSIBLE**

**Week 1**  
Understanding the Mission

**Week 2**  
Preparing a Building Safety Plan

**Week 3**  
Learning from the Pros

**Week 4**  
Engaging Your Community

**Week 5**  
Celebrating Success in Building Safety

Show your commitment to building safety and become a Building Safety Month sponsor. Visit [buildingsafetymonth.org/become-a-sponsor](https://buildingsafetymonth.org/become-a-sponsor) to learn more.

[www.buildingsafetymonth.org](https://www.buildingsafetymonth.org) #BuildingSafety365

International Code Council family of solutions

Building Safety Month is an international celebration that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety.

Sponsored by the International Code Council, the goal is to help educate individuals, families, and businesses on what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures, reinforce the need for adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes, and highlight the well-trained professionals who work year-round to ensure our safety.

**WEEK 1 - MAY 1-5 - THE BASICS OF BUILDING SAFETY**

Week 1 kicks off the "Understanding the Mission" theme by covering the basics of building safety - building safety is the responsibility of us all, we count on everyone to help keep the places where we live, work, and play safe! Evidence of "building safety" is all around us. From an individual level, building safety can include installing smoke alarms in your house or giving portable heaters at least three feet of space. From a community level, building safety can include adopting modern building codes or enacting sustainability initiatives.

**WEEK 2 - MAY 6-12 - PREPARING A BUILDING SAFETY PLAN**

Week 2 of Building Safety Month focuses on how building safety impacts everyday life and highlights the things everyone can do at home to stay safe from fire and water hazards, learn home maintenance best practices, prepare for a disaster, and how to plan ahead to limit damages to buildings from natural hazards.

Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside every bedroom and test them regularly. Keep batteries fresh by replacing annually.

Make an escape plan so everyone knows how to get out fast. Pick a meeting place outside your home where everyone will meet.

Portable heaters need their space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away. Keep all items that can burn away from your home, clean leaves from gutters and clear dead leaves and branches from shrubs and trees.

**WEEK 3 - MAY 13-19 - LEARNING FROM THE PROS**

Building safety professionals are the silent defenders of public safety. They provide guidance and advice to architects, engineers, and contractors to help them bring buildings to life while ensuring safety for occupants and residents. Building safety professionals also help keep existing buildings safe by conducting inspections and adopting the latest building codes.

**WEEK 4 - MAY 20-26 - ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY**

We all have a part to play in making sure the places where we live, work, and play are safe. During this week, the ICC will provide educational resources to get residents involved in Building Safety Month. Everyone is encouraged to have a family plan that includes the best way to exit the home safely in the event of a fire, having an emergency supply kit, using Energy-Star or Energy Guide certified appliances, using LED bulbs, keeping power cords organized, having a fire extinguisher, smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector as well as checking for any leaking faucets.

**WEEK 5 - MAY 27-31 - CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN BUILDING SAFETY**

During week 5, the ICC will be highlighting individuals and communities who are making a difference in building safety all year long.

Learn all about Building Safety Month on the International Code Council website at [www.iccsafe.org](https://www.iccsafe.org). You can learn safety tips for you and your family as well as find out how public safety officials keep our communities safe.

# Book Buddies For Children And Cats

A fantastic opportunity for lonely felines to hang with kids who could use more reading time and less screen time. Created for children under 18 to come read to the cats at the Salt Lake County Animal Services. Here's how it works:

1. Come to Salt Lake County Animal Services (511 W 3900 S, Millcreek) between 10 AM - 6 PM, Tue-Sat.

**Book Buddies**  
Children Read to the Cats & Kittens  
at Salt Lake County Animal Services

- 2. Children must always be accompanied by an adult.
- 3. Bring a book (or 3) to read, or read one in the cattery "library."
- 4. Sign in and sign out on the clipboard in the cattery. This is logged as volunteer time!

The program will help children improve their reading skills AND will help the shelter pets with socialization. Animals find the rhythmic sounds of a voice very soothing. Similar programs at other shelters across the country have seen the benefits this program offers.

Questions? Email [animalvolunteer@slco.org](mailto:animalvolunteer@slco.org) or visit [AdoptUtahPets.org](https://AdoptUtahPets.org).

**Coffee WITH A COP**  
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 specialty 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](https://coffeewithacop.com).



**SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**  
WALK THE HALLS OF SKYLINE ONE LAST TIME  
**FRIDAY, MAY 17 AND SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
SEE THE NEW SKYLINE ALUMNI WEBSITE FOR DETAILS  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

# Millcreek Common

## May Events At A Glance



### CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA 5.4

4-10pm  
Live music, food, and a giant piñata!  
FREE SKATE ADMISSION.  
\$5 quad skate rental.

### 5.6 SPLASH PAD OPENS

10am-10pm, Daily  
Splish and Splash all day long at the FREE splash pad!



### GOLDEN SPIKE WHISTLESTOP AND SKATE SHOW 5.10



12:30-9pm  
A mobile monument and history lesson. See the 43 foot tall, gold leafed spike before it is installed in Box Elder County. Go to Spike150.org for information.

### 5.11 GOLDEN SPOKE RIDE WITH JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION

11:30 am  
Grandeur Peak Face Trailhead to Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center.



### FAMILY DISCOUNT SKATE DAY 5.11



11am-10pm  
\$2 off skating admission.  
Grab the fam and have some fun!

### 5.17 SKYLINE SUPER REUNION MOVIE NIGHT \$2

On the field: Unitards. Get all the event details at skylinealumni.org



### SKYLINE SUPER REUNION 5.18

5k, alumni football, Skyline under the lights. Get all the event details at skylinealumni.org

### 5.27 MEMORIAL DAY SKATE DISCOUNT

11am-10pm.  
Make some amazing memories.  
\$2 off skating admission.



### MILLCREEK BUSINESS COUNCIL MARKET 5.30



11am-10pm  
Shop, Eat, and Meet local business owners. Email Elise Summers for more info. esummers@millcreekut.gov

### EXPLORE MORE!

Visit [millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org) for more event details.

### PUBLIC MARKET OPPORTUNITIES!

Markets will be hosted on the Millcreek Common Plaza and on the 1st floor of City Hall. Apply at [MillcreekCommon.org](http://MillcreekCommon.org) to be a seller.

Partner with us to sell your wares directly



### VOLUNTEER FOR FUN AND PERKS

You are wanted and needed as ambassadors of fun and community. Apply at [MillcreekCommon.org](http://MillcreekCommon.org) to be a volunteer.



## Come Play!

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1354 E Chambers Ave  
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LEARN MORE AT  
[millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org)  
[@millcreekcommon](https://twitter.com/millcreekcommon)

## MAY

## event schedule AT MILLCREEK COMMON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

### FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

Starting May 2, 5-8pm  
The Valley's best food trucks are serving culinary delights at Millcreek Common every Thursday evening.

### FRIDAY NIGHT MARKET

5-9pm Starting May 3  
Inspired by Night Markets in Asia. We invite you to spend your evenings strolling, shopping, and savoring at Millcreek Common Plaza -global food flavors, arts, crafts.

# Community Life

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

AT MILLCREEK COMMON



## New Americans International Market

From now until 6/23

Open Daily 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Celebrate food and handicrafts from across the globe made by New Americans in Utah. New Americans are immigrants, refugees, and resettled individuals living in our state.



## Food Truck Thursdays

Starting 5/2

5pm – 8pm

The Valley's best food trucks are serving culinary delights at Millcreek Common every Thursday evening.



## Friday Night Market

5/3-6/28

5pm – 9pm

Inspired by Night Markets in Asia. Spend your evenings strolling, shopping, and savoring a variety of global food flavors, arts, and crafts on the Millcreek Common Plaza.

## SPRING CLIMBING WALL HOURS

Now Open: Sun-Thu 11am - 8pm

Fri-Sat 11am - 9pm

\$7 admission, \$5 equipment rental

## SPRING SKATE LOOP HOURS

Now Open: Sun-Thu 11am - 9pm

Fri-Sat 11am - 10pm

\$7 admission, \$5 skate rental

## SPLASH PAD HOURS!

Opens May 6 Daily

10am - 10pm

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Friday	Saturday
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### DANCE FITNESS CLASSES WITH CHRYSTINE GONZALEZ

Saturdays Starting 5/4 at 9am

Bring a friend to shake it on the Skate Loop at our weekly dance fitness classes. FREE!

### DJ SKATE NIGHTS

Fridays and Saturdays, 7-10pm

Spin your skate wheels while our DJs spin your favorite tunes. All summer long.



## Sign Up for Millcreek Summer Camp at Millcreek Common

Registration online at [millcreekcommon.org](http://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 at [VentureOut.org](http://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.



BOOTH APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

APPLY HERE





# Artesian Springs Water Tower

Jutting like an Art Deco rocket ship above State Street at 4200 South stands one of Millcreek’s most historic, and unique, landmarks. But what is it?

In 1910, George N. Strike moved his growing laundry business from downtown Murray to the site of a former brickyard, recently vacated by Interstate Brick, along the banks of Big Cottonwood Creek. The site included nine artesian wells, perfect for the laundering business, and though this new site sat just inside the southern boundary of Millcreek, Strike decided to keep the Murray Laundry name.

Strike’s vision was to build a super-laundry that would serve the entire Salt Lake Valley with the most advanced technology and enormous capacity. It offered drive-up locations and delivery routes throughout the valley, promising customers that their clothes would be washed in “Rain Soft Artesian Water.” But booming business meant those artesian springs could quickly no longer keep up with the growing demand. So, in 1931, Strike built the 240,000 gallon Art Deco water tank to expand the washing capacity and topped it with a tower and bold neon signage to advertise the thriving business.

The Murray Laundry continued to operate until 1977. At which point the property and its iconic water tower fell into years of disuse and disrepair. As the cities of Murray, Millcreek



and South Salt Lake began looking to breathe new life into the FireClay District, the area between West Temple and State Street, this area became more appealing for potential residential use. In 2016 the site was redeveloped into an apartment complex and the developer preserved and refurbished the historical water tower but featuring its new name in neon; Artesian Springs.



## MILLCREEK OFFICER OF THE MONTH

### OFFICER DANIEL HAMPTON

On 02/16/24, Officer Daniel Hampton was dispatched to a Hit and Run Investigation that occurred on S Melbourne St. A passenger car had crashed into a 2014 Subaru Forester and fled. There were no witnesses, and Officer Hampton searched for camera footage from the homes nearby, but found none.

But he did find a small piece of the suspect vehicle's bumper at the scene of the accident. From that, Officer Hampton located a serial number and discovered that the bumper came from a BMW. He then spoke to several employees at a BMW dealership, and identified that the bumper came from a rare BMW I3.

After running a license plate search, officer Hampton determined the evidence pointed to a blue, 2018 or 2019 BMW I3. He began checking local addresses for any registered 2018 and 2019 BMW I3s but had no luck.

He then began checking the Flock camera system. (Flock utilizes License Plate Recognition (LPR) and video.) After searching multiple cameras, he identified a front end damaged dark blue BMW I3 driving in the area shortly after the hit and run had occurred and through the Flock system, was able to read the license plate number.

Officer Hampton then obtained and called the owner. After initially denying that she was involved in the hit and run, she ultimately confessed to crashing into the Subaru Forester then leaving the scene.

The suspect said that after she crashed into the other vehicle, she took her car to an autobody shop to repair the damage. Officer Hampton went to the shop, took photographs and measurements of the damage to the BMW's front end and determined it was consistent with the damage to the Subaru Forester.

He was then able to provide the victim of the Hit and Run with the insurance information for the BMW and issue the driver of the BMW a citation for leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Officer Hampton has consistently gone above and beyond when investigating hit and run cases. This is one great example of his skill and determination.



# A Good Solution For Your Abundant Garden

can contribute surplus produce weekly. Either Tuesday or Thursday it will be picked up and delivered by volunteers from Waste Less Solutions

to our nonprofit partners: Bud Bailey Apartments, the Hal Schulz Community Day Care, Maliheh Clinic, and Jewish Family Services Food Pantry.

Last summer the pilot program collected and distributed over 2,000 pounds of produce—from lettuce to apples to apricots to tomatoes, and much more! Program leaders hope to double that this year.

There are three ways to participate and we would love to have your help:

1. Distribute flyers provided by Millcreek Promise in your neighborhood to inform

people about the program.

2. Work as a collection vehicle, picking up produce from designated sites, either once or twice weekly, and distributing it to our nonprofit partners.

3. Donate produce from your garden or fruit from your trees—all items are welcome beginning May 15.

Please join us to make sure fresh produce is available across Millcreek this summer for those who could really use it. And it reduces food waste. Working together we can share our abundance while making new friends and learning about our community.

To volunteer, contact Mary Draper, mdraper@millcreekut.gov. Watch this newsletter for locations of this year's collection sites and to stay informed about this worthy cause.

This summer and fall Millcreek Promise will again partner with local 501 c 3 Waste Less Solutions to share extra produce raised in Millcreek gardens for those in need. It is efficiently collected and redistributed to four Millcreek non-profit groups with the aim to reduce food insecurity and provide a source of fresh produce for Millcreek residents.

Nine to ten collection sites will be established across Millcreek where residents



# Welcome, Noodlehead!

In March, Mayor Silvestrini and City Councilmembers welcomed Noodlehead by Provisions to the first floor of City Hall with a ribbon cutting celebration.

During a recent meeting, the City Council enjoyed their fabulous food for one of their dinner breaks. The Noodlehead rounds out four fantastic food options for visitors to Millcreek Common: noodles, sandwiches, pizza and ice cream for dessert. Visit Noodlehead and Millcreek Coffee Roasters on the first floor of city hall or go outside to the south end of the skating rink for great pizza at Millcreek Pizza House. After your meal, don't forget to stop at the Normal Ice Cream truck and grab dessert.



# POLICY MAKER FORUM

REPRESENTATIVE  
DOUG OWENS



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

A few highlights and lowlights from the almost six hundred bills passed last session:

#### Help For The Great Salt Lake

Protecting the Great Salt Lake remains my highest priority. Some good work was done this session:

Speaker Mike Schultz and Rep. Casey Snider pushed through a bill limiting water use by the mineral extraction companies.

I got funding for a split-season water lease program. This will assist farmers who are finding it far too complex to sell part of their water to the state and will get the state organized to lease agriculture water on a larger scale.

My bill, HB 11, passed, requiring that government construction (including roads) limit overhead spray to areas where grass is needed for active human use. Otherwise, more efficient drip systems must be used.

**New Quarry Thwarted (For Now)** Two bills died that would have greased the skids for the proposed new quarry in Parley's Canyon. The pro-quarry effort will return next year however, so we need to stay vigilant. Thanks to Mayor Silvestrini, The League of Cities, and many tech-sector businesses who joined to oppose the pro-quarry interests.

**Air Quality** A little progress was made to improve air quality. Some of the most cost-effective action to improve our air is phasing out dirty two-stroke engines on yard equipment. (Yard equipment emits as much air pollution as 60% of all vehicles!) My request to fund an education campaign and a yard equipment exchange was not adequately funded, but at least will get us started. Sadly, there is no political support for banning the sale of these engines.

**Education** School funding was diminished through another unneeded cut to the income tax (\$3 per month for a median income individual but over \$160 million must be cut from education). An additional \$40 million will be diverted from public schools to private school vouchers and homeschoolers. Access to books will be more easily restricted, and teacher morale undermined.

**Rusty Legislative Process** We need improvements to the system! The forty-five day session was invented for a small agrarian state in the 1890's. Too many bills sail through with too little scrutiny, and the budget process needs greater transparency.

We have our work cut out for us getting ready for next year!

Representative Doug Owens

District 33

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## Let's Get Pliking!

Hello from Milo the Moose! I'm loving this warm weather and have been enjoying walking around my neighborhood and



Millcreek Canyon. I learned from the Jordan River Commission that litter in our Millcreek neighborhoods has an impact on our waterways around the state. Try PLIKING or PLALKING with your family to get some exercise, and help our waterways. Pliking or Plalking is 'Picking Up Litter while Hiking or Walking.' Bring a grocery bag to collect trash on hikes and walks with your family. It will help keep our streets and waterways healthy and clean.

Take a picture of what you collect on an outing and use #plikewithmilo for a chance to win climbing wall passes!

## Meet Your New Emergency and Risk Manager

### Hello, Millcreek Residents!

I'm Chris Catalano, your new Emergency & Risk Manager. With a decade of experience across diverse sectors, including public administration, real estate, and emergency management, I've joined the Millcreek team with a mission to ensure our city's safety and preparedness. My journey has taken me from the bustling streets of NYC, where I led significant community development and outreach projects, to the heart of our community here in Millcreek. My goal is to harness my skills in problem-solving, community outreach, and strategic planning to enhance our resilience. It's an honor to serve our beautiful community that is truly "Connected by Nature" as Millcreek spans from the Jordan River to Mount Olympus.

Nature surely is beautiful but can also be an unruly force. As Millcreekers, we stand on the precipice of seismic challenges, potential flooding from winter runoff, the ever-looming threat of wildfire season, and anything else this world decides to throw at us. As we reside directly atop a fault line, the reality of seismic activity is not a matter of if, but when. This is not to alarm but to motivate—a call to action for every one of us to embrace preparedness as a priority.

Many Utahns may have recently participated in The Great Utah Shakeout, which offers a prime opportunity to practice safeguarding ourselves and our community against the unpredictable nature of earthquakes. This annual drill is a cornerstone of our collective commitment to preparedness, emphasizing the critical need to review and update our emergency plans and supplies. Earthquakes strike without warning, posing significant risks to our community. Your readiness can drastically reduce injuries, save lives, and accelerate recovery efforts. It's essential to understand how to secure your home, master

the drop, cover, and hold on technique, and maintain a well-stocked emergency kit.

In times of disaster, the immediate thought often turns to who will come to our aid.

The answer, more often than not, is you. The individual preparedness of

every resident is the backbone of

Millcreek's resilience. Whether

you're a retired teacher with

the skills to comfort a child in

distress or a remote worker adept

in emergency communication, your

preparedness is invaluable.

Acknowledging the possibility of disaster

can be daunting. Yet, this awareness is the first

step towards empowerment. By preparing our-

selves, we not only enhance our own safety but also

contribute significantly to the well-being of our entire

community.

Let's unite in our efforts to ensure Millcreek stands resilient

in the face of natural disasters. Your actions today can make

a life-saving difference tomorrow. Together, we can face any

challenge with confidence and determination. As we rally

together to fortify Millcreek against the unforeseen, I extend a

heartfelt invitation to each of you to join the Community Emer-

gency Response Team (CERT). Your involvement in CERT not

only amplifies your readiness but also strengthens our collec-

tive capacity to respond effectively to emergencies. Together,

we can ensure that Millcreek is not just prepared, but resilient.

Join us in making a difference by emailing me at CCatalano@

millcreekUT.gov.

Thank you for taking this journey towards preparedness

with us. Stay informed, stay prepared, and let's work together

towards a safer, more resilient Millcreek.



## MEET WITH THE MAYOR

Meet in-person with Mayor Jeff Silvestrini on Fridays from 2-4 PM for 15 minutes.

Call 801-214-2700 to schedule.

# What you need to know about Short Term Rentals



Short-term rentals are homes or bedrooms within homes that a homeowner rents for fewer than 30 days at a time. Short-term rentals are often found on popular travel websites and apps such as Airbnb or VRBO. Many of us have used a short-term rental at one time or another as we've travelled. Because Millcreek is close to world-class ski and mountain resorts, short-term rentals are in high demand here. All short-term rentals must be licensed in Millcreek.

In response to resident concerns and questions about the impact of short-term rentals in Millcreek and after considering several options provided by staff, the City Council recently updated Millcreek's short-term rental ordinances. The changes outlined below apply to all new short-term rental licenses, as well as existing licensed that are renewed after January 1, 2025.

### Owner-Occupancy Requirements

Millcreek has limited short-term rentals to owner-occupied properties for several years. Under the new ordinance, an owner-occupant must live at the property as their primary residence, for at least 183 days in a calendar year. We will now require that both new applicants and existing short-term rental licensees provide proof of primary residency prior to getting or renewing a license.

### License Limits and Separation Requirements

Millcreek currently limits the number of short-term rentals in the city. Each City Council district is allotted 30 short-term rental licenses within the district boundary. We currently have 47 business licenses for short-term rentals in Millcreek: 7 in District 1, 9 each in Districts 2 and 3, and 22 in District 4. In order to maintain the character of a single-family neighborhood, the new ordinance also requires that no new short-term rental may be within 400 feet of another short-term rental. Current licenses that existed before the adoption of the ordinance and that are already within 400 feet of another short-term rental are exempt from the minimum separation requirement.

### Compliance Statement

Millcreek is now requiring applicants to sign a statement that indicates that the property owners are primary residents, that their property is in compliance with all legal requirements, and that the property owner will continually comply with all requirements regarding short-term rentals.

### Unlicensed Short-Term Rentals

Although Millcreek requires short-term rental owners to obtain a Millcreek business license, we know that

many short-term rentals are unlicensed. State law prohibits Millcreek from imposing penalties on people solely for the act of listing a short-term rental on a website or app, which makes the task of regulating short-term rentals difficult for city staff. Millcreek is looking at ways to ensure that short-term rentals are licensed, including working with the two major short-term rental platforms to communicate to potential hosts our licensing requirements.

Although these ordinance amendments give the city new tools to enforce against problematic short-term rentals, enforcement of any short-term rental regulations is difficult and requires significant resources. Our police and code enforcement officers simply cannot be everywhere at once, and "staking out" these properties to be able to observe violations is usually impractical. So, while the ordinance will help, enforcement is still likely to be complaint-driven. If you observe disruptive activities such as noise and unlawful parking that you believe may be associated with a short-term rental, you are encouraged to report such violations to UPD. For concerns regarding licensing and owner occupancy, please submit a report to the city through the "Report a Concern" portal on the city website.

## important PHONE NUMBERS

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**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  
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801-483-6700

**Surveyor**  
Surveying, Boundaries,  
Parcel Maps  
385-468-8240

**Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling**  
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ing old static signs like this for a modern and classy digital sign placed further from the residential neighborhoods and closer to Millcreek Common is an effective way to help clean up visual clutter on Highland Drive.

**2. This is a way to permanently remove billboards.** State law makes it very difficult for cities to remove billboards. Realistically, the only way to force a billboard out is to buy it for hundreds of thousands of dollars or more. Swapping old billboards for a digital district sign allows the city to remove billboards because the city owns the digital sign free and clear when the lease with the sign company is up.

**3. We have important public information to share.** With over 200 community events on Millcreek Common each year, we have to have effective ways to tell people about what is happening. Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth, Queer Skate Night, blood drives, coat drives, art markets, climbing wall opening, and more have benefited by the sign. These signs are invaluable



able in reaching out to everyone. **4. Local businesses need affordable ways to advertise.** Millcreek businesses also need to get the word out, and advertising on a share of digital sign rotation is more cost effective than having your own billboard or many other forms of advertising. Antica Sicilia, Granite Credit Union, Aviva Woman, Millcreek Coffee Roasters, Millcreek Pizza House, Kathmandu, and other Millcreek

businesses have all benefited from advertising on the digital sign. More than that, we have worked to make sure Millcreek businesses get a discounted price on the digital district signs. **5. The new signs reduce light pollution.** Too much city light at night contributes to light pollution and diminishing dark skies. Not only does it hide the stars, but the artificial light shooting into the sky confuses birds. If you care about

reducing light pollution like I do, you should support new digital signs replacing old static signs. The old signs have bright spotlights shining upwards on the billboard (and on into space). The new digital signs have blinders around each pixel so that they can only be seen from the roadway—not from above or from the neighborhoods to the side. Don't believe me? Visit Millcreek Common day or night and watch the image on the the screen disappear before your eyes as you walk from 3300 South away from the sign. What's more, when measured professionally to make sure the lumens are within city code, the new digital sign actually emits less light than the Home Depot and Crown Burgers signs.

I am proud of our city looking at innovative solutions that don't cost the city a penny. I encourage you all to come visit our blossoming city center—check out the latest at the Public Market, grab something to eat or drink at one of the new eateries, and enjoy the latest events on Millcreek Common. You can always know what is going on thanks to the digital sign!

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