



MILLCREEK NEWS

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Get Ready Millcreek! National Preparedness Month Is Here

September is National Preparedness Month and Millcreek is dedicated to ensuring our community is ready for any disaster. This month is a great reminder to prepare your home and family for emergencies. Here are some essential tips and activities to help you stay safe and prepared.

- **First aid kit:** Include any necessary medications
- **Whistle:** To signal for help
- **Dust masks:** To help filter contaminated air
- **Plastic sheeting and duct tape:** For shelter
- **Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties:** For personal sanitation

PREPARE A 96-HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

A well-stocked emergency kit can make all the difference during a disaster. Here are some items to include in your 96-hour kit:

- **Water:** One gallon per person per day for at least four days
- **Food:** Non-perishable items and a can opener
- **Battery-powered or hand-crank radio:** To stay informed during an emergency
- **Flashlight:** Extra batteries are also essential



Here's Millie!



Millie Millcreek

September is a fun month because it is full of ends and beginnings. Summer comes to an end, days end sooner, and the garden starts to wind down production. School begins and brings along a feeling of fresh starts and possibilities, but also a nostalgic time as we celebrate homecoming weekends and catch up with old friends. Speaking of Homecoming Weekends, Skyline's game is on September 6th and Olympus is on September 20th.

Here are a few more things I'm looking forward to this month.

- Hike in Mill Creek Canyon to see the beautiful fall colors.
- One last s'mores night in the backyard.
- Stroll along the Jordan River to celebrate the, 'Get to the River Festival.'
- Start planning my costume for MillFreaks!
- Pick the last of my backyard produce and check out what the local growers at the Millcreek Farmer's Market have to offer.
- Apple picking and preserving.
- Buying school supplies.
- Tailgating at a college football game.
- What are your September traditions?

XOXO Millie

Beautiful Box Art For Roadside Walk Park



One of the earliest requests that the City Council heard from residents after incorporation was to develop a linear park along the east side of Highland Drive between 3010 & 3115 South. The park that was developed has been appreciated and well used by neighbors. What was

once a used car parking lot with bushes that caught on fire a couple of times every summer, is now a beautiful linear park with benches, lighting, and a pleasant walking path. The improvements required the city to bury the power lines overhead that distracted from the area.

Now that the power lines have been

Vita Rice is a Utah based painter creating idyllic and ethereal dreamscapes meant to entrance the viewer and instill a sense of invigoration. Deeply philosophical and metaphysical at its roots, her work utilizes intricate brushwork and vivid colorways to explore concepts around eternity, spirit, chaos theory, environmentalism, and principles of energetics.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE JEFF SILVESTRINI

About Millcreek's 2024-2025 Budget



Millcreek's city council adopted a new budget for the fiscal year which began on July 1 and runs until June 30, 2025. The annual budget establishes the city's priorities for the year and determines important things for Millcreek residents, such as which major projects will be undertaken and whether a tax increase will be required to fund them. Good news, Millcreek—the new budget

does NOT require a city property tax increase.

One of our biggest challenges for the new budget was how much our policing costs would change given the state-mandated split of the Salt Lake County Sheriff from the Unified Police Department. Until July 1, the sheriff was the CEO of UPD and she used UPD officers to fulfill many of her state-mandated sheriff's duties. These were paid for by the county using funds from its general fund—meaning that all Salt Lake County taxpayers contributed, not just residents of areas served by individual UPD precincts. These were for county-wide services, such as search and rescue in the canyons, the Metro Gang and Drug Enforcement Administration Task Forces and miscellaneous other services which benefited the entire county. These county-wide services were more efficient, because administrative costs, like finance, legal and human resources, were shared pro rata with UPD Pre-

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MILLCREEK BUSINESS COUNCIL

Get to know 40+ Millcreek Businesses for an evening of socializing, networking, community, and lots of activities.

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MILLCREEK PROMISES KEPT

Millcreek Promise Represented at Young American Leaders Program

Each year United Way forms a Salt Lake City cohort to attend the Young American Leaders Program at Harvard University. This year, Collyn Mosquito, Millcreek Promise Economic Wellbeing Coordinator, was selected to attend. The Salt Lake City cohort has decided to develop a youth-led mental health campaign at Cottonwood and West high schools to promote ways to reduce mental health crises and increase social connection.

We are excited about this project as many Millcreek students attend Cottonwood High School and some may be helped through the program that is developed by the many skillsets represented by this group. Besides the Millcreek Promise representative, the SLC cohort included Caitlin Schneider, Promise Partnership Utah, Sarah Young, Chief of Staff of the Utah State Board of Education, Hoang Ngyuen, Sapa Investment Group, Nubia Pena, Senior Advisor on Equity and Opportunity with the Governor's Office, Bryant Krongard, Goldman Sachs, Michaela Pratt, Call to Action Foundation, Kiera Schlansky, MD, Psychiatrist, Christey Thuet, MD Pediatrician, and Shaleane Gee, Zions Bank.



Promise Program Writes Cards for Veterans



The 7th annual Canyon Rim Cares event was held on 7.20 at Canyon Rim Park. Several community organizations provided on site service projects for residents to take part in including the Millcreek Promise Program who helped attendees create cards for veterans at the VA in Salt Lake City. Children, teenagers, and adults wrote words of gratitude and encouragement, as well as drew heartfelt pictures. In all, participants created around 200 cards for Promise to give to the VA. Thank you for the support, Canyon Rim!



Every Third Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Win big! Enjoy playing with your neighbors and the expansive view from the 6th floor of city hall. Proceeds benefit Millcreek's Promise Program to improve the safety, health, education, and economic well-being of Millcreek's youth and families.

**Huge prizes. Everyone eligible to play and win.
\$5 suggested donation per bingo card.**



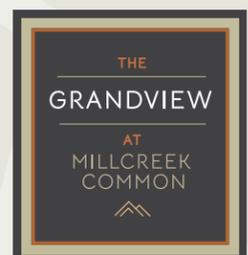
THE GRANDVIEW. CREATE EVENTS LIKE NOWHERE ELSE.

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
1354 E Chambers Avenue | Millcreek, UT 84106 millcreekcommon.org

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



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buried, it was time to deal with the large unsightly green utility boxes that are required to be installed when power lines are buried. Thanks in part to a grant from the Utah Division of Arts and Museums, those previously ugly boxes now provide visitors with beautiful art produced by local Millcreek artists to enjoy as they stroll along the walkway.

Thanks also to the Millcreek Arts Council, who assisted with a call for artists and chose the art for the boxes. Four selected artists submitted the art that now adorns four of the utility boxes. We appreciate the skill of these artists, Cara Jean Hall, Vita Rice, Durgha Ekambaram, and Kaylee Rakowski are helping beautify Millcreek one utility box at a time.

We encourage all residents and visitors to take a stroll along the Mountain Streetscape and enjoy the beautiful art.



Kaylee Rakowski is a "down to earth" self-taught artist. She specializes in wet-on-wet nature oil paintings. In Kaylee's earlier years, she was an amateur photographer, a coach, an outdoor enthusiast, and professional athlete. Her heart always remains true to the sights and sounds of nature.

Following a trail injury in early 2021, Kaylee found solace in watching Bob Ross paint on PBS and was inspired to try painting. While in recovery with zero experience painting, she taught herself how to use oils on canvas. Now, she uses modified styles and techniques of some of the greatest wet on wet oil landscape and floral artists.

Currently, Kaylee is filming tutorials for her YouTube channel @kayleerakowskiart, where she shares her passion for wet-on-wet nature oil painting. She also paints live while selling her work at art festivals and national street fairs, often completing a painting in under 3 hours.

You can follow her on Instagram @kaylerakowskiart.



Cara Jean Hall's figurative works are highly narrative and combine realistic painting techniques with surrealist subject matter. They explore the human experience and have covered topics such as mental health, the plight of women, and musical performance. Her abstract nature works sample colors and compositions from nature and present them with planned composition, hard lines, basic shapes as well as happenstance, organic forms, and painterly strokes. They are typically large scale and very colorful.

Her work can be found at Salt Lake Community College, Park City, Daybreak, Millcreek, and The University of Utah. She spent the first 15 years of her adult life raising a family then later received her BA from the University of Houston. She resides in Millcreek where she works in public art and studio painting.



Durga Ekambaram is a multi-media artist who loves expressing her aesthetic tendencies and ethnic background through her art. Exploring new mediums is a liberating process for her, and she particularly enjoys creating art with different textures using materials like clay, mirrors, and paper.

Her art has been displayed at several venues in Salt Lake, including the Children's Museum, main street (BLOCKS), Utah Cultural Celebration Center, Rose Wagner, Millcreek Library, and South Jordan City Hall. She has also performed at the Utah Arts Festival, demonstrating a unique painting technique known as upside-down painting.

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COMMONLY SCENE



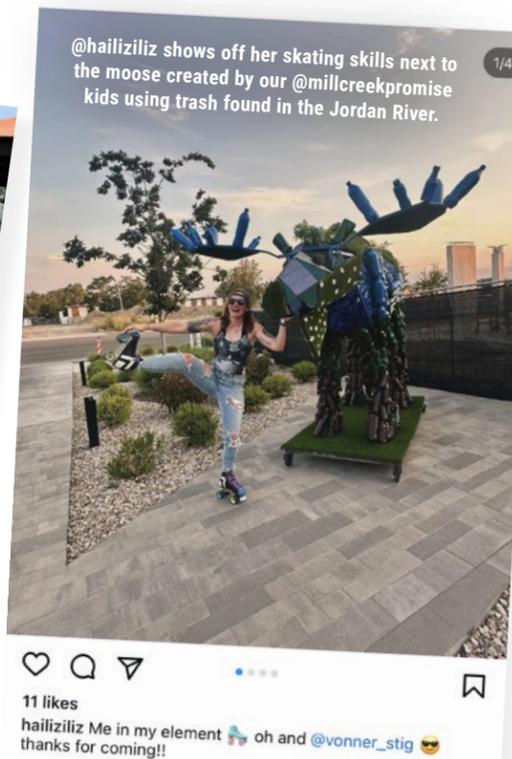
@ljchristensen enjoying some skating, @normal.club ice cream, and nostalgia

Liked by catpalmerphotography, millcreekcommon and 112 others
ljchristensen Flashbacks of 4th grade! ❤️❤️



@dplover1 captured this nail biting rodeo scene at the Millcreek Common Splash Pad on Pioneer/Pie and Root Beer day. Yeehaw.

35 likes
dplover1 The July 24th rodeo at Millcreek Commons was a thrilling edge of your seat experience!



@haililiz shows off her skating skills next to the moose created by our @millcreekpromise kids using trash found in the Jordan River.

11 likes
haililiz Me in my element 🙌 oh and @vonner_stig thanks for coming!!



@thejazzbandart Jamming on the first floor of city hall.

49 likes
thejazzbandart **Learn about comping rhythms... more
July 23



Millcreek Summer Camp attendees moose-ing around with @millcreekut Mayor Jeff Silvestrini and City Manager Mike Winder.

Liked by millcreek_silvia, cityofholladay and millcreekut Millcreek Kids Camp sporting their 'Moose antlers' with Mayor Jeff Silvestrini in the Mayor's Office.
Have you heard about Millcreek Common Summer Camp? Designed for Kids 5-13 years old- it's not too late to enroll- link in bio and info at millcreekcommon.org



@blakersenairplane shows off the mini track he helped set up for the @millcreekpublicmarket's Hobby Market. Follow the public market on Instagram for the latest.

7 likes
blakersenairplane I helped setup the Mini-Z track yesterday for this coming Saturday at @millcreekcommon in the @millcreekpublicmarket It will be a blast to see everyone racing their sweet sweet Mini-zs on the track! It's setup in HFAY (How Fast Are You) #2 track like you would see on a club night with Salt Lake Mini-Z!

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September Events At A Glance

8.29 MILLCREEK BREAKS GROUND ON PHASE II

10am-11am, Millcreek Common
Celebrate and preview the public amenities of Phase II: Skate Canyon, Milo's Mini Golf, Splash Creek, Green Space, and Playground.



TRASHION- CELEBRATE FASHION AND SUSTAINABILITY 8.29

6-9pm, Millcreek Common
Calling all trash-ionistas! Join 1330 Design Collective designers to celebrate and support the intersection of fashion, art, and the environment. Show your eco-chic fashion flair here!

8.30-9.2 CAMP TRACY WEEKEND III

Perfect Labor Day Weekend getaway. If you love Venture Out events, you'll definitely love our camp in Millcreek Canyon. \$10 day pass tickets at VentureOut.org. Kids under 3 are free.



GET TO THE RIVER FESTIVAL 9/1-9/30

A month of events and activities in September throughout the 50-mile Jordan River Parkway. Details at JordanRiverCommission.com/get-to-the-river-festival/

9.2 LABOR DAY CHEAP SKATE

11am-10pm at Millcreek Common
\$2 off skating admission. \$5 quad skate rentals.



ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER UTAH BLOCK PARTY 9.6

5:30-9pm at Millcreek Common
Food trucks, beer garden, live music, games, and entertainment for children and adults. Enjoy connecting with various orgs.

9.7 SPIKE BALL!

Big Cottonwood Park- 4215 S 1100 E
Utah Round Net hosts the USA Round Net Super Major Back to School Spike Tournament. Newbie or expert, there is a game for you! Go to utahroundnet.com to register.



MILLCREEK INTERFAITH COUNCIL'S 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE 9.11

6-9pm Millcreek Common Plaza
Join Millcreek's Interfaith Council and Promise Program to help out The Sammy Center, Volunteers of America, The Other Side Academy, and the Asian Association of Utah. Register to serve at www.millcreek.givepluse.com

9.12 FALL IN LOVE WITH LOCAL BUSINESS MARKET

5-8pm, Millcreek Common
Get to know 40+ Millcreek Businesses for an evening of socializing, networking and community. Food trucks, delicious desserts, skating, climbing. Fun for all ages.



PRIZE BINGO NIGHT AT THE GRANDVIEW 9.18

Millcreek Common, 6th Floor
6:30pm Doors Open, 7:00-8:30pm Games
A lively night and fundraiser to benefit the Millcreek Promise Program. Everyone welcome. suggested donation is \$5 per Bingo card.

9/19 AN INDIGENOUS WELCOME TO OUR IMMIGRANT FRIENDS

6-9pm, Millcreek Common
Enjoy ceremony and celebration as our Native and Immigrant/Refugee communities offer music, dance, art, and food. Food trucks, skating, climbing, etc. Fun for all ages.



CURBSIDE THEATRE 9.20

8pm, Millcreek Common
Join the Curbside Theatre for a free performance at the center of the skate loop for a performance made for adult minds, but kid friendly. Follow @sbdanceco on Instagram for updates and more information.



9.21 ROLLING ROUNDUP: SK8 RETREAT WEEKEND

12-4pm, Millcreek Common
The Houston Rolling Committee brings its talent to the Rocky Mountains for a Sk8 weekend to remember. Skate workshop from 1-3pm. Join us! Workshop not included in skate admission.



MI GENTE: A CELEBRATION OF LANTIX & HISPANIC HERITAGE 9.21

5-10pm, Millcreek Common
Celebrate Latinx and Hispanic dance, art, and cuisine. Free roller skating admission and cultural activities for all.

10.2 PICKLEBALL COURT GRAND OPENING

11-2pm, Canyon Rim Park 3100 S 2900 E
Come play! Ribbon cutting event at noon.



ANNUAL MILLFREAKING FUN 10.6

Fun starts at 5pm
An Entertainment Scavenger Hunt for all ages in Millcreek. Enjoy live music, animal shows, street performances, games and contests. Register at VentureOut.org, a \$25 flat fee for everyone in your car.



Come Play!

Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub
1354 E. Chambers Ave., Millcreek

millcreekcommon.org @millcreekcommon

SUMMER CLIMBING WALL

Daily 11am - 9pm
\$7 admission, \$5 equipment rental

SUMMER SKATE LOOP

Daily 11am - 10pm
\$7 admission, \$5 quad skate rental

SPLASH PAD

Daily 10am - 10pm
Free!

EXPLORE MORE!
Visit millcreekcommon.org
for more event details.

Community Life

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

AT MILLCREEK COMMON



Sundays, 11am-4pm

The Bazaar at Millcreek Common is Utah's newest weekly Sunday flea market that features a variety of unique local vendors. You can find vintage clothing, unique art, and eclectic handmade crafts. We hope to build community while promoting shopping locally and sustainably.



Sept 9–Oct 20, Daily, 11am-9pm

This collection of local, handmade products represents the best of Utah's DIY makers. Shop the Public Market daily from 11 am - 9 pm, and follow us @millcreekpublicmarket for events and workshops to inspire the maker within.



— MILLCREEK —
FARMERS MARKET

FRESH & LOCAL AT THE COMMON



Wed, Now–Sep 25, 5-8pm

It's peak harvest and the stands at the Millcreek Farmer's Market are filled with fresh, local produce, artisan foods, and chef-prepared meals for sale.

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS 5-8PM

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



VOLUNTEER FOR FUN AND PERKS
You are wanted as ambassadors of fun and community. Apply at MillcreekCommon.org to be a volunteer.

PUBLIC MARKET OPPORTUNITIES! PARTNER WITH US TO SELL YOUR WARES DIRECTLY

Markets will be hosted on the Millcreek Common Plaza and on the 1st floor of City Hall. Apply at MillcreekCommon.org to be a seller.

LOOKING FOR PURVEYORS OF LOCAL PRODUCE, YUMMY BAKED GOODS, DIPS, SALSAS, AND SPECIALTY ARTISAN GOODS

Sept event series AT MILLCREEK COMMON

FREE FARMERS MARKET WORKSHOPS
Every Wednesday 5:30 start time
Looking for ways to preserve the summer harvest flavors? Sign up for one these expert workshops:
9/4: Fermentation Tips with Urban Pioneer
9/11: What's the Buzz is about? Bee there for beguiling beekeeping demos
9/18: Quick Pickle with Slow Food Utah
9/25: Bold Flavored Vinegars with Craft Lake City. Make your own flavored vinegar
Register at MillcreekCommon.org

YOGA ASSETS
Sundays on the Skate Loop 8:30am-9:30am
Yoga benefits the body and mind in so many ways in life. FREE weekly classes teach the transformative benefits of yoga.

THE BAZAAR
Sundays 11am-4pm
Flea Market for local creatives
Shop local Vintage, Art, Handmade crafts

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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LEARN TO SKATE WITH SPARKILL
Mondays, 6pm-7pm
New to skating, or just want to brush up on the basics? Join SparKill for beginner roller skate lessons, which are free with skate admission.

SKATING FUNDAMENTALS!
Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm
Learn new skate skills, fun tricks, and unique dance moves with Millcreek's Skate Loop Legends.

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES WITH CHRYSTINE GONZALEZ
Saturdays on the Skate Loop, 8:30am-9:30am
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.

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS
5-8pm
The Valley's best food trucks are serving culinary delights at Millcreek Common every Thursday evening.

FARMERS MARKET
Wednesdays, Now - 9/25, 5-8pm
Millcreek now has it's very own venue to purchase fresh produce from local farmers.



The White Irrigation Ditch

We're excited to announce the completion of long-awaited improvements on the south end of 2000 East. These upgrades include piping the historic White Irrigation Ditch, allowing for a new bike path and sidewalk on the west side of the street. Next year, similar improvements will be made to the north end of 2000 East, including piping that section of the ditch. Despite being covered, the ditch will continue to supply water to water-share users throughout Millcreek.

The White Irrigation Ditch holds significant historical value for Millcreek and the neighborhood north of 3300 South between 2000 East and 1700 East. In 1866, Edward White and his family claimed homestead rights for 160 acres in this area, which was then barren, covered only with sagebrush and desert grass.

To maintain their homestead rights, the Whites needed to show improvements to their property, primarily through access to water. Mill Creek was half a mile to the south and lay about 30 feet below the grade of their land. Edward White and the watermaster devised a plan to install a diversion dam with control gates near the east end of what is now Evergreen Park. Edward and his sons dug the irrigation ditch by hand, nearly three-quarters of a mile long. This brought water to their land, making it cultivable and habitable for themselves and future residents.

Even though the ditch will soon be out of sight, the legacy of the White family endures in Millcreek through various street names on the old homestead property. These include White Ave., White Circle, Edward Ave., Mary Dott Way, Kenwood Street, Horn Ave., Ida Circle, LaRue Lane, and Bosham Lane. Many of these names honor family members, while Bosham is the town in England where Edward White was born.

Millcreek, a new city with a rich history, owes much to early settlers like Edward White and his family, who laid the groundwork for our community. We are grateful for their contributions and for the many White family descendants who have continued to enrich Millcreek over the generations.



POLICY MAKER FORUM



SENATOR NATE BLOUIN

We expect the electric grid to work all the time, no matter what, and rarely give a second thought to what happens when we flick on the lights or plug in our phone to charge. But we shouldn't take the grid for granted, and due to policies passed by the legislature, Utahns can expect rates to increase in the coming years.

Rocky Mountain Power, the utility that serves most of Utah and Millcreek, recently announced their intention to seek a 30% rate increase due to rising fuel costs and needed infrastructure upgrades that have been delayed as a result of legislative inaction. Additional increases are on the horizon as the utility will ask ratepayers to chip in for wildfire insurance costs.

While many states around us transition to cleaner sources of energy and invest in a grid that's better-connected with neighbors to alleviate the risks of extreme weather or volatile energy prices, many of my colleagues in the legislature are focused on the continued operation of expensive coal plants while turning Utah into an "energy independent" state that assumes risks like those that have plagued Texas in recent years.

It's time to rethink how utilities operate here in Utah. While shareholders of utilities like Rocky Mountain Power will profit from increasing rates, ratepayers like you and I are burdened with the costs and risks of failing to make needed upgrades to the grid as we see a changing system and changing climate. I'm proud to be your voice in the State Senate and will continue working to bring affordable, reliable, and clean energy to all Utahns. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns on this or any other issue! NBlouin@le.utah.gov

BUSINESS CORNER MILLCREEK BUSINESS COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH
 AWARD SPONSORED BY **Hometown Values**
 GRANITE CREDIT UNION

Fall in love with **Local**
 September 12, 2024 5-8 PM
 FOOD TRUCKS, ROLLER SKATING
 CLIMBING WALL, LOCAL SHOPS
 40+ LOCAL BUSINESSES
 GIVEAWAYS EVERY HOUR
 Millcreek Common
 1354 E Chambers Ave, Millcreek, UT 84106

TRUST LOVE GRATITUDE JOY PEACE
WATER & WELLNESS
 3673 S, 900 E Millcreek, Utah 84106

Alex Hoggan, the founder of our business, envisioned starting a water store after experiencing a severe kidney stone in December 1995. With support from his father-in-law, Harold Wittke, Alex was driven to provide the highest quality drinking water and educate others on the importance of hydration and the contaminants present in municipal water. In 1997, Ramon, our longest-serving employee and dear friend, joined us. He has been a beacon of positivity in our store. Walter Hoggan, Alex's son, took over the business in 2016. Our primary focus is to offer the cleanest, non-toxic drinking water and to guide our community on their health journeys.

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Mark your calendars! Join us on September 12th, 2024, from 5pm to 8pm for a spectacular event. Support local businesses, win exciting prizes, enjoy rock climbing and roller skating, and indulge in delicious fare from our lively food trucks. Don't miss out on the fun!

Get To The River—Festival



Did you know that Millcreek stretches all the way from the Wasatch Mountains to the Jordan River?

The Millcreek portion of the Jordan River Trail is still under construction (and we'll be having a celebration when it's complete) but you can still enjoy this year's, 'Get to the River Festival,' hosted by the Jordan River Commission.

The Get to the River Festival is 30 days of river-focused celebrations and conservation activities hosted by partners and communities along the Jordan River. The 2024 festival will have activities and events to bring together communities, businesses and local governments to celebrate, restore, and recreate on the Jordan River corridor.

Thousands of people each year turn out to celebrate the many wonderful

things the river has to offer, as well as volunteer to help clean up and restore the river to make it a destination for all to enjoy for generations to come.

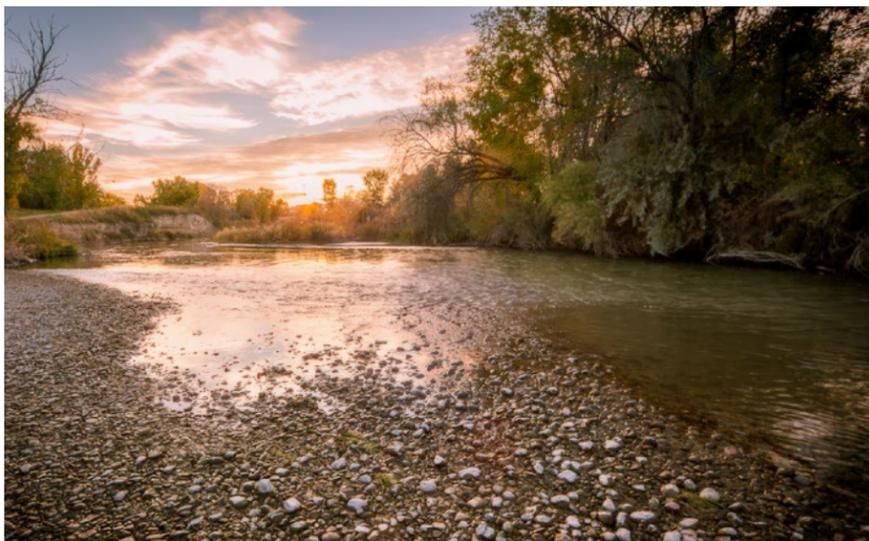
The Jordan river flows for over 50 miles through the Wasatch Front and was neglected and abused for many years. It has recently found new life and appreciation for its beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities.

The river is home to many different species of native wildlife including deer, beaver, fox, and many more varieties of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and birds.

Together with the Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake, the Jordan River provides a critical resting area for migratory birds as they travel from Canada to Central America across the Central North American Migratory Bird Flyway.

The Jordan River Commission seeks to restore the Jordan River and its surrounding areas to a healthy ecosystem that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

For more information visit on, 'Get to the River Festival,' events visit jordan-rivercommission.com/get-to-the-river-festival



MILLCREEK OFFICER OF THE MONTH



A SUCCESS STORY

OFFICER MICHAEL ERICKSON

On June 18th, 2024, at 1647 hours, Officers from the Unified Police Department and the City of Taylorsville Police Department were dispatched to an Ambulance Back/Suicide Attempt in the area of 817 W River Trail Terrace.

A passerby saw a male standing on the bridge with a noose tied around his neck. The male then jumped from the bridge, and he was hanging from the noose around his neck just above the deep and fast-moving river.

When Officers J. Mecham and S. Stone arrived on scene, they immediately jumped into the river and cut the rope the male was hanging from. The now unconscious male then fell into the swift moving river. Officers Mecham and Stoen jumped into the river and attempted to pull him out of the water and onto the shore, but the high and fast-moving water began talking the officers and the male down the river.

Without hesitation, Officer Erickson, who had just arrived on scene, jumped into the river and helped pull one of the officers to the bank. Officers Meacham, Stone, and Erickson were then able to pull the male out of the river and up onto the bike path, where West Valley Fire Paramedics started CPR. The male was then immediately transported to the hospital by way of ambulance.

The dedication Officers Meacham, Stone, and Erickson exhibited by putting their own lives in danger by immediately jumping into a deep and swift moving river to save a male who was trying to take his own life should be recognized. Without their heroic actions the male would have most certainly passed away prior to any life saving measures; however, thanks to their outstanding efforts, the male is alive and in stable condition.

For this incredible act of service and bravery, Officer Erickson is the June Officer of the Month for the Millcreek Precinct.

Community Health Fair—everyone welcome!

Christ United Methodist Church | 2375 E 3300 S, Millcreek
Sunday, October 13, 2024 | 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Christ United Methodist Church is back with their annual Health Fair, offering free health tests, flu shots, and other services for the wellbeing of the community. These are some of the services that will be available:

FREE HEALTH TESTS:

- Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, and Blood Pressure
- Hearing Screening
- Vision Screening

OTHER FREE SERVICES:

- CPR/First Aid demonstration
- Flu Shots
- Bicycle helmets for kids
- Smoke Detectors
- Massage Therapy
- Visit with a therapy dog

PARTICIPANTS:

- AARP
- American Red Cross
- Bicycle Enthusiasts
- Community Nursing
- Fit Salt Lake
- Harmons
- Salt Lake County Aging Services
- Utah Division of Securities
- And many more!

Milo is Wondering What You Know About the Jordan River

Did you know that Mill Creek leads to the Jordan River?

September is the Jordan River Commission's, 'Get to the River Festival,' to celebrate, restore, and have fun on the Jordan River.

Unscramble the words below for a list of fun things you can do on and along the Jordan River.

- akayk _____
- lkaw _____
- cincip _____

- gjo _____
- oecna _____
- nru _____

- kebi _____
- tenisl _____
- thawc _____



First Tuesday of Every Month
8:00 to 9:00 AM
Millcreek Coffee Roasters
1330 E Chambers Ave 1st Floor

- FROM pg1**
- **Wrench or pliers:** To turn off utilities
 - **Local maps:** For navigation
 - **Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery:** To stay connected

CHIPPER DAYS – SEPTEMBER 3RD

To help mitigate the risk of forest fires, Millcreek is organizing "Chipper Days" the week of September 3rd. Prepare your home for wildfire by removing woody vegetation from your property and bring the branches and brush to the curb for the county to pick up. This community effort will help keep our neighborhoods safe from fire hazards. Please join us and contribute to a safer environment.

JOIN THE CERT TRAINING

Millcreek is hosting CERT (Community Emergency Re-

sponse Team) training starting Wednesday, September 11th at 6pm at Millcreek City Hall. This program will run every other Wednesday and culminate with a disaster simulation on Saturday, November 9th. CERT training equips residents with the skills

needed to help themselves and others in the event of a disaster. Topics covered include:

- **Disaster Preparedness:** Understanding types of hazards and ways to prepare
- **Fire Safety:** Basic fire suppression techniques

- **Disaster Medical Operations:** Triage and basic first aid
- **Search and Rescue:** Conducting light search and rescue operations
- **Team Organization:** Effective team operations and management
- **Disaster Psychology:** Understanding the psychological impact of disasters

This training is a valuable opportunity to learn how to protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors in a crisis. To sign up for CERT training or to participate in Chipper Days, please contact Millcreek Emergency Management at CCatalano@millcreekUT.gov
Stay safe, stay prepared, and let's make Millcreek a resilient community!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- MAKE A PLAN** (Icon: House with checkmark)
- BUILD A KIT** (Icon: First aid kit)
- BE INFORMED** (Icon: Smartphone with notification)



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
801-483-6700
- Surveyor**
Surveying, Boundaries, Parcel Maps
385-468-8240
- Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling**
Garbage & Recycling pickup, dumpster program
385-468-6325

Millcreek Is Feeling More Well Than Most

Utah State University has again conducted the Utah Wellbeing Survey. This project helps track residents' feelings about community wellbeing and issues. In 2024, Millcreek participated for a second time and although the number of residents taking the survey was not as high as we had hoped, there is some very interesting information in the results. 92% of respondents listed air quality as their number one concern with 85% concerned about water supply.

A large majority of respondents felt that better public transit, more sidewalks, and protected bike lanes would enhance safety and accessibility. Recreation and nature-based activities including walking or bik-

ing in your neighborhood or gardening at home along with recreating in parks are priorities for respondents. Connection with nature, family life, leisure time, living standards, mental health, physical health, and safety and security were all rated as highly important. Comparing wellbeing across Utah cities, Millcreek was well above the average overall personal wellbeing score and slightly above the average overall community well-



being score compared to the eight cities of the 1st & 2nd class that participated in the study. You can explore the survey results at usu.edu/utah-wellbeing-project/

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cincts. Further, the county benefitted by sharing in services provided by UPD such as SWAT, K-9, Forensics and Special Operations.

Now that the sheriff has left UPD and formed her own Law Enforcement Bureau which will patrol the unincorporated canyons and the other small unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County (some 10,000 residents is all), many of these efficiencies have been lost. That increases the required budget of the county as well as the remaining communities still served by UPD after the split. All the incorporated communities previously served by UPD will continue to be served by it. UPD has downsized a bit, and the county will no longer pay its fair share of the formerly common overhead. Instead, both UPD and the Sheriff's Office will have to separately pay for this type of overhead.

The UPD board, on which I sit, has navigated these challenges and the result is just over a 6% increase in what Millcreek paid last year for policing. Fortunately, the Millcreek Council was able to budget for this increase without a need to raise property taxes. All of the property taxes Millcreek collects go to pay for policing by UPD, and this amount was augmented by the council to cover the increased costs caused by the loss of economies of scale using funds from the franchise taxes the city collects.

Because the UPD increase was modest, because the city's sales tax base has remained healthy, and because the council has exercised fiscal discipline, the council was able to fund some additional projects this coming year, including almost 1/3 more for pavement preservation treatments on Millcreek secondary streets. In addition to streets, the council funded improvements to Scott Avenue (Ben Franklin), Canyon Rim and Fortuna parks and other miscellaneous projects. The

city's "Budget in Brief" can be viewed here: [FY25 Budget in Brief.xlsx](#) (millcreekut.gov) and the complete budget can be reviewed here: millcreekut.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4397/FY25-Final-Budget

Budgeting is always a balancing act for the council. With only so much revenue, we have to prioritize projects which are most needed, considering the emergent nature of the project, if any, the cost of deferring the project, the number of people who will use an improvement, balance improvements fairly across the whole city and similar factors. At the end of the day, your City Council is satisfied with the new budget and looks forward to many projects it will fund. We are also pleased to have ensured the continued strength of our police department following the challenging reorganization of the UPD. We will continue to share economies of scale with the 215,000 residents who reside in UPD communities and benefit from a more robust police department than Millcreek could afford on its own.



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.

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