

# MILLCREEK NEWS



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## Millcreek's Wellbeing Measured in Study

Millcreek is one of 49 cities who participated in the Utah Wellbeing Survey Project conducted by the Utah State University in 2024. This project is designed to assess the wellbeing and local perspectives of city residents and to provide information to city leaders to inform general planning processes.

Millcreek advertised the survey for residents largely through social media and newsletters. All city residents age 18+ were encouraged to take the online survey. Survey participants were asked about their overall personal wellbeing and overall community wellbeing in Millcreek.

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## Here's Millie!



*Millie Millcreek*

As the holiday season approaches, I find myself swept up in a whirlwind of excitement and nostalgia. The air is filled with a sense of magic, and I can't help but reflect on the traditions that make this time of year so special in Millcreek.

Whether you're a longtime resident or a newcomer, there's something magical about this time of year in our beloved community. Here's a few of my family's favorite events to attend.

Ever since the skate loop at Millcreek Common was completed, we love watching the Millcreek Magic Ice Show. The performances are mesmerizing and I can't wait to see their Myths themed performance this year on 12.5-12.7. Speaking of Millcreek Common, the Millcreek Community Theater is having their annual performance at The Grandview this year. This year's play is, 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,' and I can't wait to watch. Another favorite is always the Holiday Luminary at Wasatch Lawn & Memorial Park on 12.14.

Milton and I love trying new traditions, too. We heard there's a wreath-making class at Blooms and Co. on 12.7 from 11am-3pm that we're excited to try. We're also looking forward to taking our grandkids to the Millcreek Library for the Grinch Movie and Craft event on 12.7 from 2-4pm.

Millcreek offers an abundance of activities that celebrate togetherness, joy, and the spirit of giving. I'd love to hear about your favorite family traditions and holiday activities. Whether you're enjoying the twinkling lights, shopping at our one-of-a kind local business, or participating in community events, there's no shortage of festive fun to be had. Embrace the magic of the season and make unforgettable memories in our vibrant town. Happy Holidays!

XOXOX,  
Millie



# DEC 31 BIG BOOM BASH

**EARLY EVE:  
6-8 PM**  
DJ, Games, Dance Party, Arcade. \$5 per person, kids 2 and under are free.

**OUT LATE:  
9 PM-12:30 AM**  
Live music, Games, Dancing, Arcade, 21+ Drinks, Fireworks show and countdown at midnight! \$25 per person. All ages welcome

**GET TICKETS AT:  
MillcreekCommon.org**

**NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN AT MILLCREEK COMMON AND THE GRANDVIEW**

## RING IN 2025 WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT MILLCREEK'S SPECTACULAR BIG BOOM BASH.

For those of you who like to turn in early, join us for Early Eve. There will be a DJ, games, a dance party, arcade, food, and fun. There will even be a fireworks show and countdown at 8pm! You can even tuck in the kids at home, put on your New Year's Eve best, and come back for Out Late. The fun begins again at 9pm with live music, dancing, 21+ drinks, classic arcade games, and a fireworks show and countdown at midnight. Early Eve from 6 pm-8 pm and is \$5 per person. Out Late fun is from 9 pm-12:30 am and is \$25 per person. All ages are welcome at both events. Resolve to have more fun and sparkle in the new year starting with the Big Boom Bash. Tickets at millcreekcommon.org.

## COUNCIL CORNER THOM DESIRANT COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

### Playing to Win



We've long heard of the benefits of play for healthy childhood development. According to the National Institute for Play, it's also crucial for adults, too. Having some downtime and fun, especially outdoors, does wonders for our mental health, brain function, creativity, productivity, and physical health, too, they say.

So as Millcreek's District Two Councilman, I'm encouraged by the many efforts in Millcreek right now to encourage us all to PLAY! In my district, we have repaved the Scott Avenue Park parking lot, making that special open space more accessible and enjoyable.

In response to numerous requests from the community, Millcreek recently completed a project to replace the aging tennis courts at Canyon Rim Park and transform them into 10 new pickleball courts. These are some of the best pickleball courts in the state (with some of the best views, too)!

In 2023, community residents reported unsafe conditions of the playground equipment at Fortuna Park. This was confirmed by Salt Lake County experts and the playground was removed to eliminate the potential risk. Residents should see a new playground next summer, thanks to a line item in the city budget.

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# MILLCREEK PROMISES KEPT

## Millcreek Promise Year in Review

Millcreek Promise is so grateful for the relationships and partnerships we have had throughout this year. This Year in Review highlights some of the work we accomplished together this year.



**1 FEBRUARY: INTERFAITH HARMONY EVENT**

Millcreek Promise in collaboration with Community Life and the Mayor's Interfaith Council hosted a night of performances to celebrate Interfaith Harmony Week



**3 MAY: BIKE RODEO**

The Promise Safety committee showed up for kids that attend James E. Moss Elementary by teaching bicycle safety tips and even giving away bikes and helmets!



**2 APRIL: RESOURCE FAIR**

We showed up for the Bud Bailey community again this year by hosting a resource fair full of fun for the whole family and connection to many different agencies and resources in the community.



**4 JULY: CANYON RIM - LETTERS TO VETS**

As a mental health initiative, Millcreek Promise hosted a table where residents could write letters to veterans at the Canyon Rim Care Day of Service



**5 SEPTEMBER: 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE**

The Millcreek community came together to do service projects at multiple locations throughout Millcreek for the National 9/11 Service Day.



**6 OCTOBER: WRAPPED UP DIGITAL SKILLS COHORT**

October marked the end of a year long initiative to provide digital literacy skills and laptops to residents.



**7 NOVEMBER: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT**

Millcreek Promise thanked its volunteers for showing up for the community this year.

## 2024 Garden for Good is a Win for Millcreek

This summer Millcreek Promise operated a citywide produce collection and share program called "Garden for Good," having piloted the program in summer of 2023 with WasteLess Solutions, a local non-profit specializing in food rescue.

This year, the program ran from June through mid-October, and eight residents at their homes, plus City Hall, hosted weekly collection sites. People from all over Millcreek contributed surplus fruit and vegetables. Volunteer drivers collected it and delivered to Maliheh Clinic, Bud Bailey Apartments, and Jewish Family Services Food Pantry. All of these Millcreek organizations are uniquely situated to provide fresh produce to those who can use it in our community.

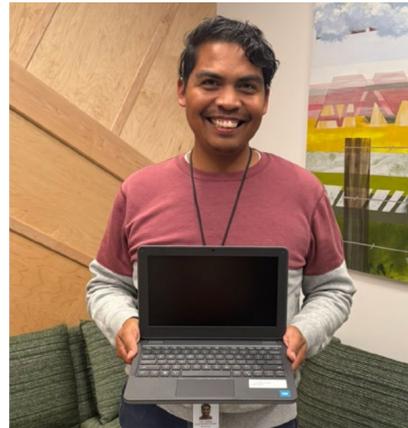
"Our clients so appreciate the Garden for Good program in Millcreek bringing us fresh produce all summer. We receive donations of more "shelf stable" foods regularly from the Utah Food Bank and others, but the beautiful homegrown fresh fruits and vegetables have been a wonderful "plus" for our clients," said Claudia Cruz, Jewish Family Services Food Pantry Coordinator.

Not everyone has the space, time, or money to grow a garden. Those Millcreek residents who do, however, truly came through. Over one ton of fresh produce grown in Millcreek found its way into Garden for Good coolers this summer. It was shared with others, instead of going to waste. Thank you to all who contributed. Thanks also to the volunteers who hosted coolers weekly at their homes, and to our cadre of volunteer drivers who drove collection routes and got the food to our partner agencies. Millcreek Promise plans to continue Garden for Good again in 2025 as we seek to improve food security in our community. Watch for program updates in the spring of 2025!



## Collyn Helps Close the Digital Literacy Gap

### Millcreek Employee Celebrates Successful Year in Digital Inclusion Fellowship



In a world increasingly dependent on digital connectivity, one Millcreek employee is dedicated to closing the digital literacy gap.

Collyn Mosquito has marked the conclusion of a year-long fellowship with the national organization, NTEN, turning an initial idea from October 2023 into a thriving reality. Over the past year, Collyn has taught digital skills to 85



residents across the city, equipped them with laptops and developed a six-week basic digital skills course designed to empower community members.

"I could not have done it without Comcast, who donated 100 laptops worth \$25,000 and Google Fiber who provided \$5,000 to start the program," said Mosquito.

The initiative provides essential resources and has

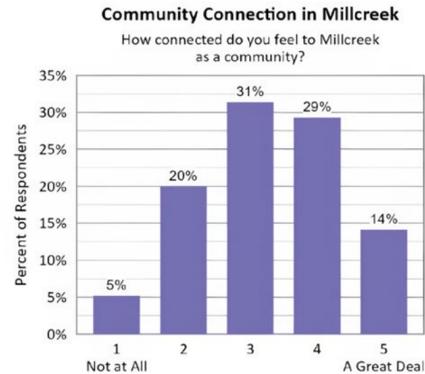
inspired personal success stories. At the Dominguez Park Senior Community, a resident expressed heartfelt gratitude to Collyn and fellow volunteer Kiana, describing them as a blessing in his life. Armed with a new laptop, the resident is using his newfound digital skills to learn to read. Similarly, a 19-year-old immigrant from Peru found the Excel skills taught in the course invaluable in her quest for office employment.

During the fellowship graduation, Collyn received the 'Inspirational Leader Award,' a recognition bestowed by fellow participants. "The real inspirations were the students I was honored to interact with and the other fellows in my cohort," he noted humbly.

As Collyn looks forward to continuing Millcreek's work in improving digital literacy, he remains committed to making technology accessible and beneficial for all community members.

"People want to learn these skills, young and old, especially amongst the New Americans community," he said. "People are so grateful for these laptops and being able to continue learning."

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tors were both measured on a 5-point scale from poor (1) to excellent (5). The average personal wellbeing score in Millcreek was 4.23 with 83% of respondents indicating their wellbeing at a 4 or 5 on the 5-point scale. The average score for community wellbeing in Millcreek was 3.82 with 68% of respondents indicating community wellbeing at a 4 or 5 on the 5-point scale. ZIP code 84124 had statistically higher

overall personal and community wellbeing scores than ZIP code 84106.

**COMPARING WELLBEING ACROSS UTAH**

The Utah League of Cities and Towns clusters cities and towns into five different categories based on size and growth rates. We utilize these clusters in our analysis. Millcreek is classified as a City of the 1st and 2nd Class. Some cities may fit within more than one cluster.

Within the more Urban city cluster, Millcreek was well above the average overall personal wellbeing score and slightly above the average overall community wellbeing score.

These graphs are just two of many indicating Wellbeing in Millcreek as compiled through the USU Survey. The entire report is available on the Utah State University website at [usu.edu/Utah-wellbeing-project/](http://usu.edu/Utah-wellbeing-project/). Although there were not as many respondents as hoped, we thank the USU staff who collected and prepared the information that was presented to the city council. This overview will be helpful in conversations about the direction of our city.

**Overall Personal Wellbeing Scores from Participating Utah Cities (2024)**  
(On a scale from 1=Poor to 5=Excellent)

Cluster	Cluster Average	City	Score
Cities of the 1st & 2nd Class	4.23	Millcreek	4.23
	4.18	Sandy	4.18
	4.13	South Jordan	4.13
	4.05	Chrom	4.05
	4.01	West Jordan	4.01
	3.96	Layton	3.96
Established/Mid-sized Cities	4.33	Cedar Hills	4.33
	4.29	Cottonwood Heights	4.29
	4.22	Draper	4.22
	4.22	West Bountiful	4.22
	4.13	Bountiful	4.13
	4.08	North Salt Lake	4.08
	4.07	Pleasant Grove	4.07
	4.04	South Ogden	4.04
	3.94	Cedar City	3.94
	3.71	Midvale	3.71
3.66	Logan	3.66	
Rapid Growth Cities	4.40	Ivins	4.40
	4.27	Providence	4.27
	4.26	Mapleton	4.26
	4.24	Wellsville	4.24
	4.23	Hyde Park	4.23
	4.22	Vineyard	4.22
	4.17	West Haven	4.17
	4.14	Nibley	4.14
	4.10	Spanish Fork	4.10
	4.10	Hyrum	4.10
4.07	Clinton	4.07	
4.05	Lehi	4.05	
4.02	Saratoga Springs	4.02	
3.97	Herriman	3.97	

**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

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

# Millcreek Community Life

December Events At A Glance

**11.30 HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & THEATER FUNDRAISER**



4pm-8pm, Millcreek Common & Public Market  
Ho-Ho-Holiday fun with Santa, photo booth, cookies, and hot cocoa. Tree lighting at 7:30pm. All free! AND Millcreek Community Theater presents a keepsake star craft, gift basket raffle, and more. Proceeds benefit the Millcreek Community Theater.

**SINTERKLASSEEST IN THE HOLIDAY SHOPPES 12.3**



6-9pm at Public Market  
Join the Dutch Social Club of Utah to celebrate Sinterklaas, the patron saint of children. In the Netherlands, December 5th is the big day for gift giving during the Dutch winter holiday season.

**12.5-12.7 THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER**



**The Grandview at Millcreek Common**  
Presented by our own Millcreek Community Theater. More info in ad on page 8. Tickets at Millcreektheater.org

**MYTHS: MILLCREEK MAGIC ICE SHOW 12.5-12.7**



Dec 5-7, 5:30pm & 7:00pm, Millcreek Common  
Celebrate the timeless power of storytelling and the artistry of ice skating. More info on Page 5.

**12.15 WORLD ICE SKATING DAY**



7-9pm, The Skate Loop at Millcreek Common  
Celebrate ice skating around the world. See a parade of skaters 7:00pm-7:30pm free skating session (first-come, first served). After the parade (7:30pm-9pm) Skate Loop admission and ice skate rentals are free to the public.

**LIGHT CELEBRATION 12.21**



7:00 PM-8:00 PM. Millcreek Common FREE!  
Celebrate the shortest day of the year by bringing more light to the world! Come light a luminaria for hope in the new year, dance around the fire, and enjoy poetry. Write down things you want to let-go on a mini scroll to toss into the burning bowl.

**12.21-12.22 WINTER SOLSTICE BAZAAR**



(12.21) 5-9pm (12.22) 11-6pm The Public Market at Millcreek Common  
An eclectic gathering of local makers and creatives vending handmade wares, holiday gifts, vintage collections and artisan foods. Last minute shoppers rejoice and stuff your bags with unique offerings.

**MENORAH LIGHTING 12.29**



6 PM at Millcreek Common  
Join Rabbi Spector of Kol Ami, Mayor Silvestrini, and the Millcreek City Council, to light the menorah to celebrate Hanukkah with good company, hot cocoa, and donuts.

**12.31 BIG BOOM BASH: EARLY EVE & OUT LATE**



Millcreek Common & The Grandview  
Early Eve: 6 PM-8 PM \$5 per person, kids 2 and under are free. DJ, Games, Dance Party, Arcade. Fireworks show and countdown at 8 PM!  
Out Late: 9 PM-12:30 AM \$25 per person. All ages welcome. Live music, Games, Dancing, Arcade, 21+ Drinks, Fireworks show and countdown at midnight!  
Tickets at MillcreekCommon.org

**Millcreek Common Come Play!**  
Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub  
1354 E. Chambers Ave., Millcreek  
millcreekcommon.org @millcreekcommon

**WINTER ICE SKATING HOURS!**  
November 15-December 4  
Sun-Thur 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 10:30am-10pm  
11/28/2024 CLOSED  
December 5-7  
10:30am-4pm\* and 8pm-10pm  
\*Last day-time session starts at 2:30pm  
Closed between 4pm and 8pm for the Millcreek Magic Ice Show.  
Show tickets available at millcreekcommon.org  
December 8-19  
Sun-Thur 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 10:30am-10pm  
December 20-January 4  
Every Day 10:30am-10pm  
12/24/2024 Last Session at 3:00pm, 12/25/2024 CLOSED  
OPEN LATE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE!

**EXPLORE MORE!**  
Visit [millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org) for more event details.

**Skate School Session!** SKATE LOOP

Taught by Learn to Skate USA Certified Instructors  
Dates and Times:  
January 7-February 13 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)  
5:00pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm, and 6:30pm  
Cost: \$80 for 6 30 minute classes  
Skate rentals are included  
Registration required at millcreekcommon.org

**LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY** SKATE LOOP

Taught by the Utah Hockey Club  
Dates and Times:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays January 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30.  
5-7 years old: 5:00-6:00pm, 8-11 years old: 6:00-7:00pm  
Cost: \$250 for 8 on-ice sessions. One hour classes.  
Registered players will be fit with head-to-toe hockey gear and a jersey. USA Hockey registration included  
Must be 5-9 years of age to participate  
Register at [bit.ly/millcreekhockey](http://bit.ly/millcreekhockey)

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

**HOLIDAY SHOPPES AT MILLCREEK COMMON**

**11.1 - 12.24 11am - 9pm**  
Millcreek's holiday market returns from November 1 to December 24 in the Public Market at Millcreek Common. Shop local this season with Utah's Own products from farmers and food artisans. Shoppers can buy items to enjoy or build a customized gift box, perfect for memorable gifting to neighbors and friends this season.

**ELECTRIC ALLEY ARCADE AT MILLCREEK COMMON**

**12.31 - 1.11 11am - 9pm**  
Back by popular demand! The Electric Alley Arcade features classic arcade games like pinball, bubble hockey, skee-ball, and more. Come play!

**art market at millcreek common**

**1.18 - 2.17 11am - 9pm**  
Art Market Wonders of Winter features local, Utah-based fine artists who work in a variety of mediums, including painting, photography, sculpture, and woodwork. Explore emerging artisans and new works from renowned professionals as the community gathers to celebrate visual art.

**VOLUNTEER FOR FUN AND PERKS**  
You are wanted as ambassadors of fun and community. Apply at [MillcreekCommon.org](http://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](http://MillcreekCommon.org) to be a seller.

**SEEKING UTAH-BASED CREATORS AND ARTISANS**

**12.5-12.7 MYTHS** MILLCREEK MAGIC ICE SHOW

TICKETS & INFORMATION AT [MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG](http://MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG)

Don't miss this years "mythic" ice show! Myths come to life on a stage of ice as skaters dazzle and delight in the Millcreek Magic Ice Show. This ice-skating adventure will immerse you in a world of wonder and imagination.

From December 5-7, two enchanting 25-minute performances each night at 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM will showcase captivating costumes, breathtaking choreography, and mesmerizing music.

This year's theme celebrates legendary tales and will take you into the heart of your favorite myths and stories. Limited tickets are available so secure your seats early to experience this extraordinary event.

**COMMONLY SCENE**



social media posts from sallysuesteel, rosabdominguez, and millcreekcoffee.

**Winter Solstice BAZAAR**

HOLIDAY GIFTS. VINTAGE. HANDMADE ARTISAN FOOD.

December 21st 5pm - 9pm  
Dec. 22nd 11am - 6pm

**WINTER SOLSTICE LIGHT CELEBRATION**  
SATURDAY, DEC. 21 | 7-8PM

Celebrate the shortest day of the year by bringing more light to the world! Come light a luminaria for hope in the new year, dance around the fire, and enjoy poetry. Write down things you want to let-go on a mini scroll to toss into the burning bowl. This is a free event, and all are invited!

# BUSINESS CORNER



## Millcreek Business Milestones

The Millcreek Business Council celebrates Millcreek businesses when they have an important milestone. In October, members of the Business Council and City Council participated in ribbon cuttings for two of our businesses, Hotworx and Millcreek Meadows.

We are thrilled to have these businesses in our city. Give them your business!

**OCTOBER 20TH, 2024**  
**HOTWORX GRAND RE-OPENING**  
 3941 WASATCH BLVD, MILLCREEK  
 801-676-9918 | HOTWORX.NET



Check out Millcreek's top infrared fitness center, HOTWORX Millcreek! Our 24/7 studio features 12 unique workouts, including high-intensity interval training (HIIT) and isometric sessions.

**OCTOBER 26TH, 2024**  
**MILLCREEK MEADOWS GRAND OPENING**  
 4535 S 1500 E, MILLCREEK  
 MILLCREEKMEADOWS.COM



Whether it's a home school, nature school, or public-school setting, kids need to experience the possibilities that nature and animals provide. Equine therapy offers a powerful and transformative experience through the lens of connecting as individuals with horses.

### DECEMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH




Cameron Wellness & Spa brings together an environment of healing, relaxation, renewal, and rejuvenation, with the most innovative alternative medical technology and expertise. During medical school and residency Dr. Cameron and his wife Jennie, envisioned a clinical practice that included general naturopathic and specialty medical services combined. In 1997, Dr. Cameron and his family returned to Utah and established one of the first Complementary and Alternative medical clinics in Utah. Today, the Cameron Wellness Center remains a safe, healing oasis.

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Hometown Values

## PRIZE BINGO! NIGHT

AT THE GRANDVIEW

**Prize Bingo Night is Coming Back in January!**

A big win for the new year! Keep enjoying the great view from The Grandview on the 6th floor of city hall. All while having fun and helping 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.

### GOT BOOKS?

## Millcreek Promise Book Drive

Help us provide books for the community!

Drop off your donations at the Millcreek City Hall on the first floor by the East entrance from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday  
 Address: 1330 E Chambers Ave, Millcreek, UT 84106

Questions? Contact Kristy at kparajuli@millcreekut.gov



### MILLCREEK OFFICER OF THE MONTH



### SUCCESS STORIES

#### DETECTIVE TRACEY CRENO

On September 21st, 2024, a road rage incident occurred near 4500 South and 1500 East where a shot was fired at another driver. The initial officer had only recently finished field training and requested assistance.

Detective Creno was very supportive and helped guide the newer officer through the initial investigation. With her assistance, information was gathered that helped identify the suspect shooter. Creno's knowledge and experience proved invaluable as well as her willingness to assist newer officers.

Additionally, during the 2024-2025 training period, Detective Creno developed and taught a Mental Health training class for the entire Unified Police Department. Preparation and teaching for the class took a considerable amount of time and effort. She had to accommodate each precinct and every shift department wide. Detective Creno not only managed to take on this very large extra task, but she also did so while maintaining her current work queue and assisting patrol with calls for service.

Thanks to Detective Creno's outstanding work ethic combined with her mental health knowledge, training and experience, as well as her willingness to help others, she was able to inform, train, and help members of our organization in dealing with mental health related issues. For this, Detective Tracey Creno is the September Officer of the Month.



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

### MORE NEWS EVERY FRIDAY

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# HISTORIC SPOTLIGHT



## Big Cottonwood Park Pavilion

By Ryan Lufkin, Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission

Perched on a hilltop on the north side of Big Cottonwood Regional Park – Big Cottonwood area, high above the Larry H Miller Softball Complex, stands a structure many have likened to a spaceship ready to blast off for another world! This dynamic structure is a cherished piece of historical architecture designed by renowned Utah architect, L. Keith Sorenson.

Sorenson's work spans over 50 years and is noted for his work in historic preservation and community-building efforts. His work includes designing multi-family buildings, healthcare facilities, hotels, and other significant projects across the Intermountain West. He also played a prominent role in local civic projects, such as helping to found the City Council of Taylorsville, Utah, reflecting his deep involvement in urban development and preservation efforts.

In 1974, Sorenson and structural engineer Morris Page collaborated with the timberland company Weyerhaeuser to build these Modernist pavilions. There are actually three identical structures scattered across Salt Lake County: one located in Holladay at Walter Frederick Morrison Disk Golf Course at



Creekside, one in Taylorsville at Southridge Park, and ours here in Millcreek.

Sixteen curved, laminated beams, 34 feet long, each weighing roughly 5,000 pounds, make up each structure. Fabricated in Canada and trucked to Millcreek, the ribs are held together with a steel compression ring at the top and anchored by 16 concrete pillars. These structures have been compared to funnels, circus tents, volcanoes, and pagodas, but Sorenson said there were no such references in his design. They had to be big, they had to be open with no interior posts, and they had to make a statement. And 50 years later they still do!

## Calling All Artists!

The Art Market is returning to the Public Market at Millcreek Common in January, 2025. Artist applications are now open. Use the QR code or go to millcreekcommon.org/artmarket.



## Holiday Word Search

Help Milo find some of his holiday favorites! Circle the words in the puzzle and have fun!



**1. CANDY**  
**2. COOKIES**  
**3. FRIENDS**  
**4. GIFT**  
**5. ICICLE**  
**6. LIGHTS**  
**7. MILLCREEK**  
**8. MITTENS**  
**9. MOOSE**  
**10. SKATING**  
**11. SNOW**  
**12. TREE**

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# POLICY MAKER FORUM



**CELESTE MALOY**  
 U.S. CONGRESS

Millcreek is the only city in Utah that is represented by all four members of Congress thanks to the way the Utah State Legislature drew congressional boundaries. But I have not forgotten Millcreek, and I'm proud to represent many of you in Congress!

The part of Millcreek that is in my district – District 2 – includes the area between 700 East and 2000 East, north of 3900 South to the Salt Lake City boundary. I'm proud that your city center, Millcreek Common, is in my Congressional district. I was honored to personally attend the grand opening of that beautiful building just over a year ago. I've held events at Millcreek Pizza House there on the Common and met with Mayor Jeff Silvestrini and City Manager Mike Winder at the city hall just last month.

Millcreek's City Hall is unlike anything that I've seen in the nation. It offers a public market, a climbing wall, restaurants, and a community reception space (with fantastic mountain views, I might add). Congratulations on being best in class!

It's always a pleasure to visit with Millcreek's leaders, and Mayor Silvestrini and your council members are always good to call on me when they are in the nation's capital for League of Cities trainings. You are fortunate to have good, collaborative, city leaders and my office works closely with them.

I'm proud that I was able to work with the other members of the Utah Congressional Delegation and secure federal funding to help with the construction of a Neffs Canyon Debris Basin. We worked to protect the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and I helped champion a \$2.5 million Land, Water, Conservation Fund grant through the National Park Service for the city that will be a huge assist in making Phase II of Millcreek Common a reality.

A major street that runs through Millcreek, as you know, is 3900 South. In fact, this street touches all four of Utah's Congressional districts in Millcreek. I've been meeting with your city leaders and others to look at how we can get some federal funding to help add and improve bike lanes on that important corridor. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am committed to helping with this as much as I can as well as cutting any red tape that could delay projects intended to improve your city.

Thank you, Millcreek, for letting me continue to serve as your congresswoman. You are a valued and vital part of Utah's Second Congressional District. You can count on me to be your partner in DC.

If you'd like to stay up to date on my work in Congress, you can sign up for my eNewsletter or follow me on X, Instagram, and Facebook.

# Millcreek's Water Use and Preservation

## What You Need to Know



As part of our commitment to sustainability and compliance with Senate Bill 110, passed in 2022, Millcreek is in the process of drafting a comprehensive "Water Use and Preservation Element" for our General Plan. This essential document will address the ways we can



manage water resources effectively while planning for future development. Here's a breakdown of the primary components that are required by the legislation:

**1. Integrated Water & Land Use Element:** Examine how different development patterns impact water demand and the existing water infrastructure. This analysis is

crucial to ensure that our growth does not outpace our water resources.

**2. Reducing Water Demand:** Outline methods for decreasing water demand and per capita usage for both existing and future developments. This includes initiatives that can be implemented immediately as well as long-term strategies for new projects.

**3. Efficient Operations:** Explore potential modifications to minimize water waste, aligning our policies with our conservation goals to identify wasteful practices.

**4. Landscape Standards:** Specify landscaping options for current and future developments that do not rely on traditional lawns or turf. Establish low water use landscaping standards for various types of projects, including commercial, industrial, and multifamily housing. Currently, as part of the "Flip your Strip" program, Millcreek homeowners, HOAs, and Commercial Property Owners are able to apply for rebates to replace existing landscaping with new waterwise landscaping that is designed for Utah's climate.

These rebates are available in partnership with the Utah Division of Water Resources, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, and local water providers.

**5. Impacts on the Great Salt Lake:** Last but not least, since Millcreek is located within the Great Salt Lake Watershed, we will be considering how our Water Use and Preservation Element will impact the Great Salt Lake.

Residents are encouraged to share their insights and suggestions around water conservation strategies. As we move forward with this critical component of our General Plan, we are committed to fostering a sustainable Millcreek. Your support will help ensure that we protect our water resources for generations to come. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved! In the meantime, take a moment and review the "Water Conservation Guide" and "Sustainability Action Plan" located on the Millcreek website.

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*Active Aging, Meals on Wheels, Senior Transportation*  
385-468-3200
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*Property Taxes, Audit*  
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- Division of Wildlife Resources**  
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385-419-3405
- Flood Control**  
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# Make Your Christmas The Best Christmas Ever By Attending The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Bring the family and join us at The Grandview at Millcreek Common (1330 E Chambers Ave) for a hilarious and heartwarming holiday performance running December 5th, 6th, 7th. The show starts 8pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2pm. The Millcreek Community Theater cast of, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," consists of a vibrant group of local actors and production crafts people who volunteer their time and skills to create this wonderful show for the community. The show is directed by Millcreek resident Traci Nelson. Purchase tickets at [millcreektheater.org](http://millcreektheater.org).



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On the west edge of our city, we are working closely with Salt Lake County and the Jordan



### 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.

River Commission to create a trailhead for the Jordan River Parkway in Millcreek for the first time. In addition to parking spaces, picnic pavilions, and a boat launch, there is also a new bridge so that users can do a half-mile loop. We've been fortunate in assembling numerous grants to pay for this new access to the beautiful natural spaces along the Jordan River. Look for a grand opening in the spring!

Our city's Venture Out! program continues to be successful, and includes summertime movies in various parks around our city and the Millfreaks citywide scavenger hunt each fall. Attendance at the Venture Out! Adventures at Camp Tracy in Millcreek Canyon continues to grow each year, too.

And of course, in our city center, we are

playing to win in a very big way with Millcreek Common. Our first season with the largest outdoor climbing wall in the state was a huge success with over 10,000 paying climbers. Roller skating and ice skating on the largest outdoor ice in Utah continues to be fun for young and old.

But the best is yet to come. In April 2025, we will break ground on Millcreek Common Phase II, which will include a playground, splash creek, skate canyon, and 18-hole miniature golf course. City leaders are working hard to gather millions in federal, state, and county grants to make this magical open space a reality.

So, keep playing to win, Millcreek! We'll continue working hard to keep up.

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