

MILLCREEK NEWS



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We Have Amazing Volunteers in Millcreek

In November, The Grandview atop City Hall was the venue of choice for a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet to honor the many residents who give their time and efforts to building community through volunteerism in Millcreek in 2024.

Millcreek residents get involved in the work

of the city in several ways—from helping with large service projects such as the warm winter clothing drives and the Canyon Rim Cares event to serving on councils, coalitions, committees, and more. The banquet honored these volunteers with a dinner and speeches of gratitude from the city manager and the city council. Two were bestowed special honors. *cont. on page 8: Volunteers*



ELECTRIC ALLEY
ARCADE

AT MILLCREEK COMMON

Jan 1-11
OPEN DAILY 11 AM - 9 PM

AN ELECTRIFYING WAY TO PLAY!

Let's resolve to play more in 2025! The Electric Alley Arcade in the Public Market at Millcreek Common is the perfect place to start. From January 1-11 we're bringing back classic arcade games like pinball, bubble hockey, Skee-Ball, and more. For kids, and the kid in all of us! We're here for a GOOD time, not a LONG time, so don't miss out. January 1-11 from 11am-9pm daily. Admission is \$5.

JAN 8, 13, 22

Millcreek Common Skate Loop
7:00 pm-7:30 pm
Gorgeous performances from some of the best figure skaters anywhere.

National Figure Skating Month Exhibitions

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1330 E Chambers Avenue
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE JEFF SILVESTRINI

Our Public Works Has Been Working Hard For You



In this edition of Millcreek News, we delve into the impactful projects undertaken by our city's Public Works Department over the past year. I want to take a moment to thank our residents for their patience—both in awaiting these critical improvements and in navigating the inevitable challenges of the construction process. Your

understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to commend Public Works Director John Miller for his exceptional leadership. John brought a wealth of expertise to Millcreek upon its incorporation, from his extensive experience with UDOT, Salt Lake County Public Works, and the private sector. Under his guidance, the Public Works Department has consistently demonstrated a steadfast commitment to enhancing safety, modernizing infrastructure, and delivering lasting benefits to our community.

We are fortunate that a substantial portion of our funding comes from county, state, and federal sources, enabling us to maximize the impact of our budget. Millcreek continues to excel in securing competitive grants to advance our many projects. For example, the 900 East Safety Improvement Project benefited from \$6.3 million in federal funding, facilitating comprehensive roadway reconstruction

as well as pedestrian and cyclist enhancements. Similarly, the 1300 East project, bolstered by \$3.2 million in federal funds, introduced critical safety and accessibility upgrades, including a crossing signal to stop traffic for pedestrians.

This year, the Public Works Department enhanced 11 miles of Millcreek roads through crack sealing, slurry sealing, overlays, and micro-paving, significantly improving road quality and longevity. Key safety initiatives included the Neffs Lane Phase II project, which provided sidewalks, curbs, and ramps to enhance pedestrian accessibility, alongside ongoing upgrades to sidewalks and ramps in the Green Valley Drive neighborhood.

The Stormwater Utility Fee, implemented in 2020, continues to play an essential role in protecting homes and roadways from flooding while maintaining vital infrastructure. Projects on 3100 East and Hale Drive addressed longstanding flooding concerns, *cont. on page 8: Public Works*

Millcreek's Zoning and Subdivision Code Update

Your Input Is Wanted. See Box Below For Ways to Share.

For the last two years, Millcreek planners have been working hard on updating the zoning and subdivision code to include better standards and practices to help Millcreek thrive. We inherited a land use code from Salt Lake County, some of which is 70 years old, and an update to the land use standards will help us meet the needs of existing and future residents and businesses.

THE CODE UPDATE WAS DESIGNED TO:

- Expand incentives for waterwise landscaping and adopted better landscaping standards
- Promote community health and local air quality.
- Streamline the approval process for minor subdivisions.
- Protect Millcreek's hillsides and other sensitive lands.
- Create a transparent process for the adoption of new village center plans.
- Update standards for our single-family neighborhoods.
- Establish better design standards for commercial and multifamily buildings.
- Write clear, easy-to-understand language regarding fences and ADU's.
- Ensure compliance with State law.
- Craft updated definitions, provide images for clarity, and simplify application procedures.
- Support affordable housing through incentives for affordable housing development along corridors and in centers.

The updated zoning and subdivision code created new standards for each zone in the city, but left the allowable

densities and requirements intact for each zone. In some cases, the new code combines two zones, such as the R-1 Single-Family Residential Zone and the Residential Compatibility Overlay Zone, into one zone, to make the standards easier to read and understand.

Much of the code has already been reviewed in chapters by the community councils, Planning Commission, and City Council in a series of public meetings held from February 2023 until November 2024. The final series of public meetings and hearings will consider the new code as a whole.

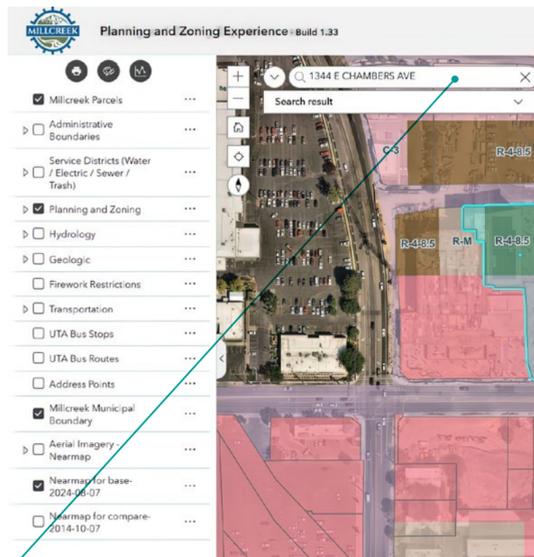
LEARN ABOUT THE CODE

We published the code in its entirety on our website, which you can access at the following URL: bit.ly/3Z5jktz

Each chapter includes a brief summary indicating proposed changes, as well as what is remaining the same from our current code.

LEARN MORE ABOUT A PROPERTY'S ZONE

Each property in Millcreek has a zone. You can learn more about your property's zone or another property by accessing the Millcreek Planning Map at the following URL, and by typing the address in the upper left hand corner of the map: maps.millcreekut.gov/



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We anticipate formally adopting the updated zoning and subdivision code in March or April, 2025. As we prepare for that, we want to hear from you. You are encouraged to participate in any of the following public engagement opportunities:

Chat With A Planner

Millcreek City Hall – 6th Floor Community Room
 Saturday, January 11, 2025 – 10:00 am to noon
 Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 1330 East Chambers Avenue

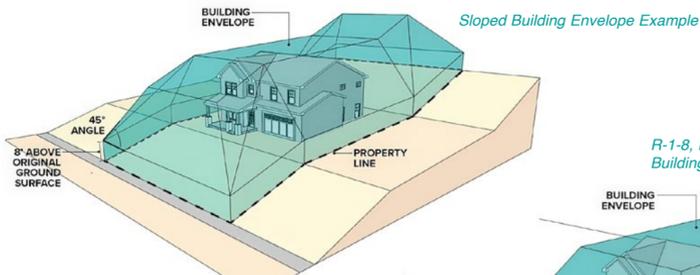
Attend A Community Council Meeting

- Mount Olympus Community Council**
 Monday, February 3, 2025 – 6:00 pm
 Churchill Junior High School Library
 3450 East Oakview Drive
- Millcreek Community Council**
 Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – 6:30 pm
 Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub
 1354 E Chambers Ave, 2nd Floor Conference Rm
- Canyon Rim Citizens Association**
 Wednesday, February 5, 2025 – 7:00 pm
 Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub
 1354 E Chambers Ave, 2nd Floor Conference Rm
- East Mill Creek Community Council**
 Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 6:30 pm
 Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub
 1354 E Chambers Ave, 2nd Floor Conference Rm

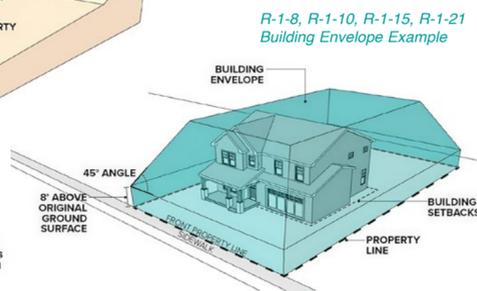
Attend A Planning Commission Public Hearing

Millcreek City Hall – 2nd Floor Community Forum
 Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 5:00 pm
 1330 East Chambers Avenue

If you have any questions about the zoning and subdivision code update, or to leave a comment, please email filily@millcreekut.gov or visit: millcreekut.gov/466/Zoning-Code-Update



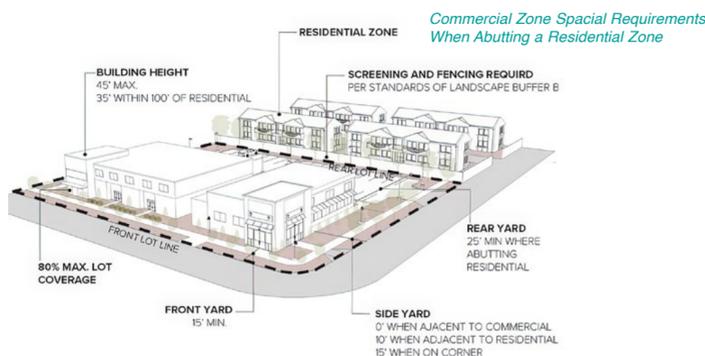
Sloped Building Envelope Example



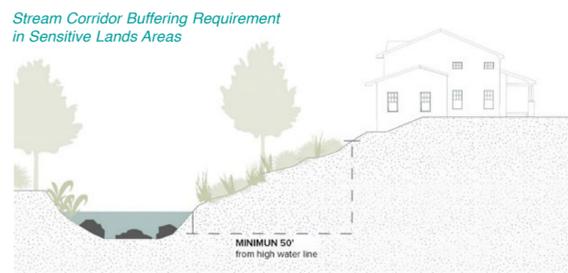
R-1-8, R-1-10, R-1-15, R-1-21 Building Envelope Example



Rooftop Patio and Buffering Requirements Between the RM Zone and Single-Family and Duplex Neighborhoods



Commercial Zone Spacing Requirements When Abutting a Residential Zone



Stream Corridor Buffering Requirement in Sensitive Lands Areas

Millcreek Community Life

here's millie!



This Winter Season, Snow Can Help Us Learn to Pause

Ah, January in Utah—a month of fresh beginnings and frosted enchantment. As the new year stretches its arms, Millcreek becomes a canvas for winter's most glorious artistry. The Wasatch Range, capped in shimmering white, welcomes all who dare to brave the outdoor cold.

Millie and I spend many mornings hiking the canyon to watch the morning sunlight dance off the snow on Millcreek Canyon's beautiful trails and listen to the silence. It's no wonder Millcreek's slogan is, "Connected by Nature." The beauty is all around us.

I LOVE Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," that explores themes of solitude, duty and the allure of nature. The poem describes a quiet moment where the speaker pauses to admire a snowy forest, but it also invites deeper interpretation, reflecting on the tension between taking time for oneself and fulfilling one's responsibilities, capturing a universal human experience.

But winter in Millcreek isn't all about solitude; there's laughter in the air, too! Take to the slopes at nearby resorts or gather with friends and head indoors to the Electric Alley Arcade at Millcreek Common during the month of January—only \$5.00 per person. Tie up your skates and take a turn or two around the Skate Loop.

Whether you enjoy the snow or prefer to avoid it, it's easy to forget the lessons snow quietly imparts. It's sense of wonder invites us to pause and watch, "woods fill up with snow." Let's take the time to pause and enjoy the Winter season.

Happy 2025,
 XXXOX,
 Millie

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

WINTER SKATE LOOP HOURS

Book tickets in advance at millcreekcommon.org. Full skate schedule is online. Please note: sessions may sell out, or the Skate Loop may be closed for special events.

Through January 4: 10:30 AM-10:00 PM
January 5- March 8th: Sun-Thurs, 11:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday & Saturday: 10:30 AM-10:00 PM

For the most up-to-date ice skating information, visit millcreekcommon.org

FRI, FEBRUARY 14

Hearts a Fire

AT MILLCREEK COMMON

6-11 PM | TICKETS AND REGISTRATION AT MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG

MENORAH LIGHTING 12.29

6:00 pm at Millcreek Common Plaza

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 and The Grandview

Two fun ways to count down to 2025. Tickets at MillcreekCommon.org

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!

NATIONAL FIGURE SKATING MONTH EXHIBITIONS 1.8, 13, 22

7:00pm - 7:30pm at Millcreek Common Skate Loop

Enjoy beautiful performances from the best figure skaters around.

1.15 PRIZE BINGO NIGHT: DEFROST FOR FUN

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at The Grandview at Millcreek Common

So much fun! Doors open at 6:30 pm, Games 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Everyone is eligible to play Bingo, 5 per card. Proceeds go to helping local nonprofits and community groups.

ICE SKATE ON MLK HOLIDAY 1.20

11:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Millcreek Common Skate Loop

No school? Come skate with us and celebrate equality for all people. \$2 off admission (Online Code: MLK25). Book your session in advance at millcreekcommon.org.

1.24 ADVENTURE CHALLENGE KICK-OFF EVENT WITH EVERY KID OUTDOORS (EKO)

2:00 - 5:00 pm at Millcreek Common Skate Loop

Kick off the year with free ice skating, prizes, hot cocoa, and a Skate Loop Ice Troupe performance. Kids can earn their first Adventure Challenge sticker for the year. The EKO initiative encourages youth to spend time outdoors engaging in activities that benefit physical health.

ART MARKET WONDERS OF WINTER ARTIST RECEPTION 1.24

6:00 - 8:00 pm at Millcreek Common Public Market

Meet participating artists and browse their work produced in a variety of mediums. Light hors d'oeuvres and an activity to reflect on the beauty of the northern lights. A string quartet will accompany the evening.

1.27 ADULTS SKATE TOO!

6:00-8:00 pm at Millcreek Common Plaza

Ice skating is for everyone, regardless of age. See fabulous 21+ skaters entertain and showcase their unique skills and tricks. The skaters and audience alike will enjoy these thrilling performances. Remember...if you've always dreamed of gliding across the ice, it's never too late to start learning.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 1.31

6:00-8:00 pm at Millcreek Common Plaza

Celebrate the Year of the Snake at Millcreek Common—dancing, games, and traditions for luck in the new year. Remember to wear red!

JANUARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

AT MILLCREEK COMMON



1.1 - 1.11 11am - 9pm

Back by popular demand! The Electric Alley Arcade features classic pinball, bubble hockey, skee ball, arcade games, and more. Admission is only \$5 for unlimited play. Ice skating admission includes a wristband to the arcade. Come play!



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, and more. Explore emerging artisans and new works from renowned professionals as the community gathers to celebrate visual art.



Sundays 1.19 - 3.16 11 am - 4 pm

This cozy Winter indoor flea market celebrates local creativity with a rotating lineup of vendors specializing in vintage treasures, original art, and handmade crafts. Perfect for those with eclectic tastes and a love for shopping locally, it's a vibrant space to discover one-of-a-kind finds and support talented artisans.

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

SEEKING UTAH-BASED PRODUCERS AND MAKERS

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.



January 6-February 12 (Choose classes for Mondays OR Wednesdays). **\$80 for six 30 minute classes. Rentals are included.** Classes are taught by Learn to Skate USA certified instructors.

Beginners/Intermediate: SESSION I 5:00-5:30 PM
SESSION II 5:45-6:15 PM. Free time for 1 & 2 5:30-5:45 PM

Advance: SESSION III 6:15-7:00 PM

Skate rentals are included. Register at millcreekcommon.org

Prize Bingo Night is Back Beginning 1.15

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 local nonprofits and community groups.

Every third Wednesday
Doors open at 6:30
Games go from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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

DEC 31
EARLY EVE: 6 PM-8 PM
DJ, Games, Dance Party, Arcade. \$5 per person, kids 2 and under are free. 21+ Drinks. Fireworks show and countdown at 8pm.

OUT LATE: 9 PM-12:30 AM
Live music with Senxao, Games, Dancing, Arcade, 21+ Drinks, Fireworks show and countdown at midnight!

GET TICKETS AT: MillcreekCommon.org \$25 per person. All ages welcome.

Instagram post 1: [whats_her_bucket](https://www.instagram.com/whats_her_bucket) - Photo of a family ice skating.

Instagram post 2: [nisalant](https://www.instagram.com/nisalant) - Photo of a child ice skating with caption: "You know you've set the bar low when NOT having a meltdown and actually trying are the signs of a successful skating seesh! But seriously, proud of this kid - his legs moved fast and pushed hard today. #toysteps"

Instagram post 3: [cyprushighball](https://www.instagram.com/cyprushighball) - Photo of a group of people with caption: "Last weekend, we reunited one last... more"

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

Milo Apologizes for December's Unsolvable Word Search



Photo credit: Reddit/u/The_Portals

I'm so embarrassed for the consternation and confusion last month. I could blame it on a power surge, a moon phase, or that I was busy shedding my antlers and my mind was foggy, but I left a line and a column off making the puzzle partly unsolvable. I heard an earful from friends who told me that this mistake logged a lot of funny comments from puzzle enthusiasts on Reddit and Newsweek. I apologize profusely but am actually delighted to hear how many of you are working to solve the Milo's Corner puzzles and games. Thanks so much, loyal readers, and I promise to be more careful in the future. I do have to say the publicity was kinda fun though.

Below is the entire word search as it should have appeared.

Love, Milo

BTW: If you want to read that Newsweek article and some of the Reddit comments, go to newsweek.com/man-cant-solve-impossible-word-search-kids-utah-1993301

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

You are wanted as ambassadors of fun and community. Apply at MillcreekCommon.org to be a volunteer.



Winter Fun With Bingo!



Milo has come up with some fun winter activities and put them on a bingo board! Can you get a row, or even black out the entire board? Let us know which activities you do by taking a photo and tagging @millcreekut on Instagram or Facebook.



Spy Hop Visits Millcreek Afterschool Programs

Spy Hop is a local nonprofit organization that specializes in teaching youth digital media arts. At their center downtown, they provide classes for youth ages 12-19 in film, audio, music, and design. When school started back up for the 24-25 school year, Millcreek Promise worked with Spy Hop and Asian Association of Utah to bring their media arts programming to after school programs. This initiative was born out of the Healthy Millcreek Coalition that found through data collection that young people in Millcreek showed low community connection. As a department, our mission is to build community, bridge divides, and lift all boats. The coalition, made up of community members, leaders in other community-serving organizations, and Salt Lake County Health Department underwent a strategic planning process to move the needle forward in improving health outcomes for the community. One health outcome they wanted to work on was youth mental health. This partnership between multiple agencies is one small step toward improving youth prosocial involvement.



These programs were piloted at two after school programs that are operated by Asian Association of Utah. In all, the program was provided to 20 young people from many different racial and ethnic backgrounds. All youth were between the ages of 11-15. The youth has the option of many different types of creative activities to give them a taste of different media. For example, youth tried their hand at photography, film-making, and scrapbooking. The program was wrapped up with a field trip to the community center that houses an impressive array of state-of-the-art equipment, an experience that Spy Hop reports to make a huge impact on kids when they can see all the equipment and opportunities in on building. One of the mentors from Spy Hop had this to say about the program: "I noticed the students really resonated with anything photography! They enjoyed being in teams or groups, and also had a strong bond with each other having fun taking photos of each other and other subjects. They also made some short films one day, which was exciting for them as well as making themselves scrapbooks in which they included things they like or enjoy in their book/journal." Millcreek Promise hopes that this was a step in building friendships and exploring passions through creativity and mentorship.

Mike Curley—Millcreek Officer of the Month



The driver of the Jeep initially stopped and got out of his vehicle, but then got back in and drove off before the Officer and medical personnel arrived.

Officer Curley interviewed multiple witnesses, including one who was able to provide dash-camera footage of the crash. This along with video footage obtained from the Barbary Coast led to several names for the possible suspect. Through his thorough investigation, Officer Curley was able to obtain the license plate for the Jeep and positively identify the driver.

Officer Curley attempted to locate the Jeep and the suspect on numerous occasions but was not successful, and it was apparent that the suspect was trying to evade capture. However, Officer Curley did not give up, and after a considerable amount of time and effort, and through outstanding investigative means, Officer Curley located the Jeep driving on Gordon Lane. Officer Curley conducted a traffic stop and successfully took the suspect into custody and booked him into jail and felony charge for Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Serious Bodily Injury.

Thanks to Officer Curley's interview and investigative skills, along with his determination to locate the driver, the victim of the hit and run was provided with the needed insurance information, and the suspect was held accountable for his actions.

First Tuesday of Every Month
8:00 to 9:00 AM

Millcreek Coffee Roasters
1330 E Chambers Ave 1st Floor



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

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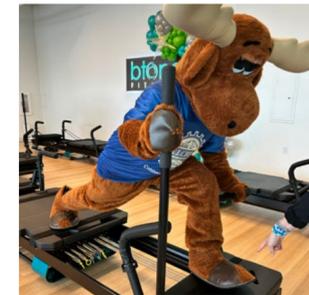
City Hall: 1330 E Chambers Ave
Millcreek, UT 84106 Main: (801) 214-2700
millcreekut.gov



More Millcreek Business Milestones

The Millcreek Business Council recognizes two more Millcreek businesses investing in our community. Please check them out and give them your business.

We would love to recognize all Millcreek business milestones. Contact Elise Summers at 801-214-2765 to highlight yours.



BTONE FITNESS
1295 MILLER AVE, MILLCREEK
BTONEFITNESS.COM
November 12, 2024, Btone Fitness officially opened its doors! Have you ever tried a TONEY? Known for its stability and comfort, it's designed to help you focus on your breath and form. This innovative equipment combines the best of resistance training, yoga, and Pilates into one seamless workout experience.

SEVEN BREW DRIVE-THRU COFFEE
877 E 4500 S, MILLCREEK
479-358-9274 | 7BREW.COM
November 23, 2024, Seven Brew Drive-Thru Coffee celebrated the grand opening of its second Utah location. To mark the occasion, Seven Brew spread goodwill throughout the city by donating drinks all month long, offering the community a chance to enjoy their irresistible coffee and sodas.



POLICY MAKER FORUM

ROSS ROMERO
COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE

I am excited to have been recently elected to the Salt Lake County Council in District 4. I have had the honor to represent a portion of District 4 when I served in the Utah House & Senate. I served for 8 years (2005-2012). I have "grown up" in District 4, graduating from Highland High School and the University of Utah. I received my J.D. from the University of Michigan, where I met my wife. We have been married for 27 years. We have two great kids, a girl (freshman in high school) and a boy (sophomore at the U of U). I practiced law (Jones, Waldo) for a decade, was in banking (Zions Bank) for a decade, and now have a workforce inclusion consulting business, Inclusion Strategies.

I enjoyed serving on the Board of the Utah Hospital Association and Sundance Film Festival Advisory Board. Currently, I served on the Community Advisory Council of the YWCA, Utah and the Hale Centre Theatre Board.

I am excited to take my work, community & legislative experience and put them to work for the people in District 4. I plan to be a champion for the environment, especially safeguarding air quality; increasing affordable housing; and more investment in meeting our community's mental and physical health needs.

I hope you will call on me if there are issues at the County where I can be a resource or just want to share your views. I hope to have County contact information soon but, in the meantime, feel free to email me at ross@rossfordistrict4.com.

Use De-Icers Carefully

They Can Mess Up Our Water Supply



De-icing salts applied to roads or sidewalks lower the freezing point of water on the pavement. The salts then melt to prevent the formation of ice. De-icing salts can improve safety, but they also contain chemicals like chloride that can damage nearby plants, soils,

and infrastructure. When these chemicals are carried away by melting ice or snow to our rivers and streams, they can harm the water quality and wildlife. Just one teaspoon of salt can pollute five gallons of water.

Follow these tips when de-icing to help reduce pollution: Before salting, clear away as much snow and ice as possible with a shovel or broom. Apply salt sparingly on icy patches, leaving about three inches between salt grains. Focus on areas with high foot traffic. If there is salt left on the pavement after it thaws, sweep it up and apply less next time. Minimize use of sodium chloride (also known as rock salt), calcium chloride, and potassium chloride because they release high amounts of chloride when dissolved in water. Instead, consider using magnesium chloride products, which

release less chloride. A popular and relatively safe do-it-yourself de-icer uses dish soap and rubbing alcohol diluted in water.

Let's be thoughtful of what kind of de-icers we use and how much. We want to keep our water as pure as possible. Don't forget - We All Live Downstream!

And since we are on the subject of snow and ice removal—please be a good neighbor and look out for those who are challenged by the task. Elderly or physically limited neighbors can't shovel and apply de-icers without a higher risk of injury. About 100 Americans die clearing snow every year. If you can, make the time to help clear a neighbor's sidewalk.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY AND CITY COUNCILS

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CANYON RIM CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION
MIKE RUSH, CHAIR
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EAST MILL CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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For all community council meeting times and locations please Visit millcreekut.gov and go to calendar

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JEFF SILVESTRINI
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Join us for City Council meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 PM. Work meeting times at millcreekut.gov
Millcreek City Hall, 1330 E Chambers Ave
Meetings are live streamed at millcreekut.gov

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Millcreek Public Works

Looking back, Looking ahead

As we welcome the new year, let's take a moment to reflect on the significant achievements of the Millcreek Public Works Department. Our department's efforts to enhance safety, improve infrastructure, and better serve our community underscore our ongoing commitment to elevating the quality of life for all residents while laying a strong foundation for continued growth and development within our city.



PAVEMENT PRESERVATION
In 2024, the department concentrated on maintaining and enhancing roadway conditions, successfully treating approximately 55,000 linear feet (11 miles) of

roadway. Through various methods—such as crack sealing, slurry sealing, overlays, and micro-paving—these initiatives not only improved the quality of our roads but also extended their lifespan, fostering safer driving conditions for all travelers.

ENHANCING SAFER STREETS

We've made significant strides in enhancing street safety this year. The Neffs Lane Phase II Safety Improvement project addressed pedestrian safety concerns between 2400 East and 2445 East by adding sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and pedestrian access ramps, creating a more accessible environment for residents.

In coordination with Salt Lake County, we prioritized rebuilding pedestrian access ramps in the Green Valley Drive neighborhood. We will continue reconstructing damaged sidewalks, curbs and gutters,

alongside planned roadway resurfacing in the area through 2025.

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Since the city adopted the Stormwater Utility Fee in 2020 to maintain and improve its infrastructure, this fee has proven essential in protecting homes and roadways from flooding while ensuring the efficient operation of the stormwater system.

In 2024, the stormwater utility fee funded several vital projects. On 3100 East, between 3900 South and Upland Drive, we responded to residents' flooding concerns by creating a new storm drain system, which helped mitigate the issue during heavy rainstorms. Similarly, we made another new storm drain system in Hale Drive to alleviate flooding in Juno Circle.

The city also



Bennett Woods

Since 1995, Bennett Woods has been dedicated to refinishing hardwood floors in Millcreek homes, transforming worn, aged floors into stunning, like-new surfaces. Every wood floor tells a story, and Bennett takes pride in preserving their unique character with meticulous care and craftsmanship.

From Swedish finishes to water-based treatments, each floor receives the precise approach it needs to shine while ensuring the durability homeowners rely on. Bennett also prioritizes protecting clients' homes throughout the refinishing process, making every

project as seamless and stress-free as possible.

As Millcreek's January Business of the Month, Bennett Woods is honored to continue revitalizing the heart of local homes—one floor at a time.

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WINTER PARKING REMINDER

Stay informed, stay safe, and help us keep our community accessible this winter

Please remember from November through April, parking on the city streets is prohibited when it's snowing or if snow is already on the streets. This ordinance (11.20.130) helps keep our roads safe for everyone and ensures that snowplows can clear streets effectively.



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HISTORIC SPOTLIGHT

Robert Gardner Jr.: His House and His Canyon Accident

Peter Brinton, Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission

Robert Gardner and his family built Utah's first sawmill on Mill Creek near present-day Highland Drive. Before re-settling in southern Utah in 1861, they built other mills along Mill Creek and one near the Jordan River at present-day Gardner Village. The Gardner's 1848 Millcreek house, restored in 2018, is Utah's oldest pioneer home and is on the National Register of Historic Places. A harrowing story from Robert's "Self History and Journal of Robert Gardner, Jr." (abbreviated for print) appears to have occurred in either Millcreek or Neffs Canyon, includes a somewhat humorous interaction with one-time Millcreek resident Porter Rockwell, and exemplifies some early Millcreek neighborliness:

"In the winter time I went to the mountain on foot to slide some dry pine timber for firewood; the snow was very deep, and very cold... Not knowing that anyone was up the slide ahead of me I ascended about one fourth of a mile

when a log met me. It was running like an arrow and struck under the knee on the outside of the right leg peeling all the flesh off a place about four by six inches clear to the bone. ...The bone was not broken. ...I crawled to a high place on my hands and knees where I could see the road below me. Two men had come up the canyon. I hollered and they heard me and came to my relief... [One man] dragged me down the slide. But before we got half way down my pants were all worn out and my bare body was on the snow. And the snow ran up my back inside my shirt clear to my neck....

After a while a team came up with a sleigh... and we started home... When we got to father Neff's mill... Porter Rockwell was there... I did not want to go to anyone's house, covered with blood and snow. But I got [Porter] to go with me to my house and do the work there. So he got me down before the fire and washed



my leg and got a handful of fine salt and laid it on the bone and lapped the piece of skin in its place and commenced to sew it with silk thread....

My leg began to heal up and I began to get better... My neighbors were all very kind and would get up tea parties for me. They would come with buggies and take me and my family to their houses and bring us home again. The kindness I received often melted me into tears. I suppose their kindness was because I was President of the Branch of Mill Creek Ward, and had met with a very serious accident and was going off on a mission in the spring. They tried to make me as happy as possible and I appreciated their kindness very much and felt nothing but blessings in my heart."

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Millcreek was happy to announce COY CLAWSON as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year. Clawson has been instrumental in two of the largest volunteer efforts Millcreek undertook in the past couple of years—the building of a garden space for Millcreek elementary and the subsequent moving of that same garden space to a local daycare center. Clawson took the lead by designing the garden space, with garden boxes, awnings, and watering lines, as well as being on the ground with the volunteers for both the building and moving of the garden. Clawson's willingness to serve his community is apparent in all his work, making him a deserving recipient of the award.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

One amazing thing about Millcreek's community is the number of young people who are so willing to volunteer and help. From a robust youth council to filling roles as interns in city departments, Millcreek youth have and continue to do great work. This year's Youth Volunteer of the Year award was given to ARIVAN VERMA, who has served on the Millcreek Youth Council for several years and has worked as an intern for the Millcreek Promise Program. Verma has helped to run service projects benefiting Millcreek families, put together resource fairs for residents, and even has donned the mascot suit and performed as Milo the Millcreek Moose at events. Verma's willingness to learn new skills and give his time to the city is what earned him this award.

Thank you to all of our wonderful city volunteers!

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identified and addressed five emergency stormwater maintenance projects, tackling safety and flooding concerns across various neighborhoods.



Some of these critical projects received extra support through federal grants, further enhancing their impact. Among the most significant undertakings was phase one of the 2000 East project, between 3300 South and Siggard Avenue. The project secured \$3 million through the Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) grant from the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC). In addition to upgrading the storm drainage system, the project improved accessibility and safety by incorporating piping in the Upper Canal Irrigation Ditch, installing



curbs and gutters, adding sidewalks, and completing roadway reconstruction. Phase two of the project, between 3300 South and Atkin Avenue, is expected to begin construction near the end of 2025. We will share more information as we get closer to the construction date.

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS & PARTNERSHIPS

Millcreek's initiatives have advanced through consistent applications for grant funding. As we receive these funds, we are federally required to partner with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for each project. Noteworthy projects include:

- 900 East; 3900 South to 4500 S Safety Improvements: This safety improvement project secured \$6.3 million in federal funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) via the WFRC. It included full-depth roadway reconstruction, sidewalks, curb and gutter improvements, widened shoulders, bike lanes, and new streetlights.



- 1300 East; 4220 South to 4500 South Safety Improvement: This project received \$3.2 million in federal funding from the STP through WFRC and encompasses roadway resurfacing, upgrading sidewalks, curb and gutter, and drainage facilities, and adding new bike lanes and pedestrian safety improvements.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025

As we approach 2025, the Public Works Department has an ambitious year ahead, with several projects tentatively scheduled



for our community. We appreciate the patience and collaboration of residents, neighborhoods, and communities throughout each construction undertaking. We remain committed to informing

everyone about projects that directly impact them. To that end Millcreek has a special web page focused on past, present, and planned capital improvement projects. Use the QR code to get there.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Our partners at the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will once again provide curbside pickup of Christmas trees during the month of January.

Christmas trees will generally be picked up one business day after your regularly scheduled collection day. To receive this service, you must make a request through the WFWRD website, wasatch-frontwaste.org.

After submitting the form, please ensure the Christmas tree is left curbside and that all decorations have been removed.

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while emergency maintenance across five neighborhoods ensured community safety. Additionally, the transformative 2000 East project, supported by a \$3 million state grant, began its first phase, incorporating stormwater management alongside accessibility and roadway improvements.

We are also appreciative of our partners at UDOT, for its significant improvements to pedestrian safety by redoing accessibil-

ity sidewalk ramps and a pavement overlay to busy 3300 South through the heart of our city.

Our Public Works Department is not all business either. This year they delivered 10 new pickleball courts to Millcreek residents at Canyon Rim Park. Those are an addition clamored for by scores of residents and they are fantastic.

Looking ahead to 2025, our Public

Works Department has ambitious plans to further elevate the quality of life in Millcreek. We deeply appreciate the ongoing collaboration of our residents, and we are excited to continue building a safer, stronger community together.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on another year of progress improving our city's infrastructure.

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.