



A band of around 30 elk decided to visit Millcreek this week, leaving Parleys Canyon and risking I-80 and I-215 crossings for a more interesting and perhaps more nutritious diet.

-- Photo Credit- Kimberly Wright, via KSL



NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**City Hall Will Be Closed
on January 20th to
honor Martin Luther
King Jr Day**

No Public Meetings

Wildlife Update: Elk in Millcreek Area

MILLCREEK. On Wednesday, a group of roughly 30 elk migrated down from the foothills into Millcreek. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is aware of the situation and responded that morning. Unfortunately, they were unable to relocate the elk, but they are actively monitoring the group and working on a longer-term solution.

Over the past couple of days, residents have seen elk in their yards and scattered throughout the northeastern parts of the city. DWR believes some of the herd has migrated back up to the foothills. Two years ago when the elk came down, DWR's [first effort to herd them back](#) was only a temporary solution, with

many of the group deciding a few days later that [the golf course at the Salt Lake Country Club was a cozy place to winter](#).

While the DWR decides how to deal with the latest visitors, here are some tips they offer to keep ourselves and the elk safe:

- Slow down and watch out for wildlife on I-80, I-215, Wasatch Blvd. and Foothill Drive.
- Stay calm and keep your distance – Do not approach or try to herd the elk. They will naturally regroup and move through the area if left undisturbed.
- Do not feed the elk (or any wildlife) – Feeding can harm the animals and keep them in areas they shouldn't remain.
- Keep dogs leashed or inside – Elk may see dogs as a threat and can become aggressive. For the safety of both your pets and the wildlife, keep dogs secured while the elk are nearby.

If you see an elk on I-215 or I-80, notice one in your neighborhood that appears injured, or observe one staying in the same location for an extended period, please contact the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources at 801-491-5678.

Thank you for your patience and your commitment to living alongside Utah's incredible wildlife! 🌲 🦌 Click here [HERE](#) to see KSL interview the DWR about their efforts to come up with long-term solutions to what is turning out to be a very complicated issue.



Members of the Millcreek Business Council Board are pictured with Mayor Silvestrini, City Manager/Economic Development Director Mike Winder, and several city staff.

Millcreek Business Council Board Launched

MILLCREEK. Instead of a chamber of commerce collecting dues, all licensed Millcreek businesses are automatically members of the Millcreek Business Council. The Business Council has been governed by several committees in the past. Now, for the first time, the Business Council will be governed by a board of directors representing diverse industries, business sizes, and geographic locations throughout the city.

Suzi Sands (Aviva Wo/man) is the past chair, Michael Gura (Mansell Real Estate) was elected chair, and Steven Connors (Maid Brigade) was elected vice chair. Other directors include Mary Woodard (Granite Credit Union), Matt Hasbrouck (St. Mark's Hospital), T.J. Kropf (New Age Bodywork), Gavin Pierce (Porsche Salt Lake), Laura Clark (First Utah Bank), Cynthia Stringham (42nd Street Greenhouse), Vicki Bolt (Second Summit Hard Cider), and Ismar Vallecillos (Western Governors University).

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini is representing the City Council on the board, and Jen Holmberg is the Millcreek resident representative. City staff support for the board includes Mike Winder (City Manager and Economic Development Director), Elise Summers (Economic Development Assistant and Business Council Liaison), Collyn Mosquito (Promise Program Economic Well Being Coordinator), and Lacy Gill (Community Life Business Development Manager).

The Business Council provides networking events for city businesses like the monthly Meet-N-Eat and ways to engage the community through events such as the spring and fall business markets on Millcreek Common. Businesses are also recognized through a business-of-the-month program, ribbon cuttings, and an annual awards gala. Service projects for the business community to be involved in include Millcreek's warm winter coat drive. "We are excited for this high caliber group of leaders to help direct all of these exciting events and programs," said Elise Summers. "Our city has an amazing business community that really cares about helping each other and giving back to Millcreek," she said.

For information on getting involved with the Millcreek Business Council, contact Elise Summers at esummers@millcreekut.gov.



Fire Chief Dominic Burchett administering the oath to the 15 members of Recruit Class 58.

United Fire Authority Graduates 15 New Firefighters

MILLCREEK. We want to add our sincere congratulations to Recruit Class 58 on graduating from the Fire Academy as the Unified Fire Authority welcomes 15 new firefighters to the UFA Family. We wish you all a safe and rewarding career in the fire service. Thank you to the recruits, training division/cadre, and their families for their sacrifice and hard work during the past 14 weeks.

We had the honor of hosting the graduation at City Hall and look forward to our great continuing partnership with UFA and the work they do protecting our city.

Recruit Class 58:

Samantha Allen
Thomas Barney
Dominic Davila
Dillon Headrick
Dalton Hendricks
Elijah Marichal
Aiden Marin
Skyler Milne

Lindsay Rowley
Carson Russell
Alec Schaumacher
Gerry Sims
Trenton Soper
Dalton Timothy
JennaBree Tollestrup



Representatives from Western Governors University pose with Millcreek City Councilmembers and mascots Sage the Owl and Milo the Moose after the presentation of the "WGU Day" Proclamation.

January 15th, 2025, is Proclaimed "WGU Day" in Millcreek

MILLCREEK. At the City Council meeting on January 13th, 2025, Mayor Silvestrini recognized Western Governors University (WGU) for their contributions to Millcreek and throughout Salt Lake County as the nation's largest nonprofit private university. Headquartered in Millcreek, WGU offers affordable, high-quality postsecondary opportunities where Utahns can earn degrees and certificates in business, nursing, teaching, and IT through an online, competency-based model.

Thank you, WGU, for offering traditionally underserved populations in Millcreek and beyond, affordable educational opportunities.



**PROCLAMATION
WGU DAY IN MILLCREEK**

WHEREAS, Western Governors University (WGU), the nation’s largest nonprofit private university, is headquartered in Millcreek, Utah, with executive offices and a state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab, providing nearly 1,000 jobs and driving significant economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Millcreek and WGU have recently partnered to create pathways for professional development and success for City of Millcreek employees, including exclusive scholarship opportunities at WGU; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the State of Utah partnered with WGU to expand affordable, high-quality postsecondary opportunities for residents of Millcreek, Salt Lake County, and Utah; and

WHEREAS, WGU addresses critical workforce needs by offering degrees and certificates in business, health, teaching, and IT — fields essential to Utah’s local and statewide economy; and

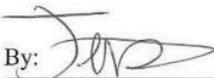
WHEREAS, WGU’s online, competency-based model empowers midcareer professionals and traditionally underserved populations to advance their education while living and working in Millcreek and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,400 Utahns are currently enrolled at WGU — including nearly 3,000 in Salt Lake County and over 450 in Millcreek — earning new knowledge and skills and helping ensure their community remains a great place to live, work, and raise families; and

WHEREAS, WGU has awarded nearly 30,000 degrees across Utah — including more than 9,200 in Salt Lake County and over 1,300 in Millcreek — producing business leaders, nurses, teachers, and IT professionals who fuel the state’s economic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, I, Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor of Millcreek, with the City Council concurring, do hereby proclaim **January 15, 2025**, as “**WGU Day.**”

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of Millcreek this day 13th day of January 2025.

By: 

Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor



Attest: 

Elyse Sullivan, City Recorder

**Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) is
Offering Christmas Tree Pickup Through the End of January**

REMINDER: Christmas Tree Collections

We offer Christmas tree removal for your post-holiday convenience. During the month of January, we will begin picking up trees from residents who complete our request form on our website (www.wasatchfrontwaste.org) or call the WFWRD office at (385) 468-6325.

We ONLY accept REAL trees – no artificial trees. Trees must be free of decorations, ornaments, lights, and snow. Please place trees curbside, not in bins.

To have your Christmas tree picked up, please ensure you remove all decorations and place your tree at the curb. Trees will be collected the day after your regularly scheduled pickup day. Due to high demand, it may take more than one week to complete all requests.

Happy New Year!



[Click HERE to Request Your Tree Pickup](#)

EVENTS

1.20



**Ice Skate on MLK Holiday
No school?
Come skate with us!
11am-9pm
\$2 off admission
(Online Code: MLK25)
millcreekcommon.org**



**National Figure Skating
Month Exhibitions**

National Figure Skating Month Exhibition at the Common

January 22nd - 7pm

Don't miss this free, family-friendly event. Bundle up, bring your friends, and enjoy the magic under the stars.



Art Market *Wonders of Winter* at Millcreek Common

Jan 18 through February 17, 2025

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Art Market *Wonders of Winter* features local, Utah-based fine artists who work in various mediums, including painting and photography. Explore emerging artisans and new works from renowned professionals as the community gathers to celebrate visual art.

Join us for the

Art Market *Wonders of Winter* Artist Reception

Millcreek Common, Public Market

January 24, 2025 - 6:00-8:00 PM

Meet participating artists and browse their work produced in a variety of mediums. Light hors d'oeuvres and a string quartet will accompany the evening.





THE BAZAAR

MILLCREEK COMMON

VINTAGE ART CRAFTS

SUNDAYS

11AM - 4PM

JANUARY 19TH

THROUGH

MARCH 16TH

SAVE THE DATE



January 24th

Adventure Challenge Kick-Off Event with Every Kid Outdoors (EKO)

Millcreek Common, Skate Loop & Plaza

2 PM-5 PM

Kick off the year with free ice skating, prizes, hot cocoa, and a Skate Loop Ice Troup performance. Kids can also earn their first Adventure Challenge sticker for the year.

The EKO initiative encourages youth to spend more time outdoors engaging in activities that benefit physical health.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



1.27.25 - 7pm

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.

A stylized red and white graphic of a snake, likely representing the Year of the Snake. The snake is coiled and decorated with intricate floral patterns. It is surrounded by traditional Chinese cloud motifs. The background is a solid red color.

**CELEBRATE
LUNAR
NEW YEAR
2025**
YEAR OF THE SNAKE

**MILLCREEK
COMMON**

**1.31
6-8PM**

www.millcreekcommon.org

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MESSAGES FROM OUR PARTNERS

Way to go Millcreek!!

MILLCREEK. The Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) has released the 2024 Diversion Rates and Millcreek reached a diversion rate of 24%, well over the WFWRD goal of 18%. Thank you, Millcreek, for helping divert almost a quarter of our municipal waste from the landfill. Keep up the good work!

Diversion Rate

With your help we achieved our District-wide 2024 Diversion Rate Goal of 18%!

The District's diversion rate is the percentage of residential municipal waste diverted from the landfill through reuse, reduction, recycling, and composting programs. Below are the tonnages for your community:



City	Curbside Waste	Curbside Green	Diamond Tree	Recycle	Glass	Diversion Rate
Millcreek	18197.78	1838.28	144.00	3204.50	450.15	24%

The Trans-Jordan Landfill is predicted to reach capacity in 8 years, while the Salt Lake Valley Landfill is set to reach capacity in about 40 years. After these landfills fill up, trash will need to be transported out of the valley, increasing vehicles on the road, emissions and transportation costs. Diverting from the landfill supports the longevity of the landfills and reduces our carbon footprint. WFWRD offers multiple diversion opportunities including recycling, glass recycling, and subscription weekly curbside green waste collection.

Check our website and follow us on social media to find out how you can help divert waste from the landfill: www.wasatchfrontwaste.org.

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

The advertisement features a light green background. At the top, two cartoon children are shown reading a large red book together. Below them, the text 'Book Buddies' is written in a large, bold, dark green font. Underneath that, in a smaller dark green font, is 'Children Read to the Cats & Kittens at Salt Lake County Animal Services'. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a row of colorful books. On the right side of the books, the Salt Lake County Animal Services logo is visible, featuring a stylized 'SL' and the text 'SALT LAKE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES'.

Join the Fun: In-Person Book Buddies at Salt Lake County Animal Services!

Looking for a way to make reading even more exciting? Come read to the adorable cats at Salt Lake County Animal Services! Our **Book Buddies** program is perfect for kids under 18 to enjoy some quality reading time while helping cats feel loved and socialized. It's a win-win for everyone!

How it works:

1. Visit us at **511 W 3900 S, SLC** between **10 AM – 6 PM, Tuesday through Saturday**.
2. Kids must bring along an adult buddy.
3. Bring your favorite book (or a few!) or pick one from our cattery "library."
4. Sign in and out on the clipboard in the cattery—it even counts as volunteer time!

This heartwarming program helps kids build confidence in their reading while offering soothing companionship to our shelter cats. Cats find the sound of a human voice calming, and other shelters have seen incredible benefits from similar programs. Have questions? We're here to help! Email us at animalvolunteer@slco.org or visit

AdoptUtahPets.org.

Come join us for a purr-fectly wonderful time!



Beginning Knitting Classes

Every Saturday, 10am-12pm

Knitting is creative, meditative, and good for stimulating the brain at all ages. It's also fun and portable.

The Millcreek Branch Library and the Salt Lake Knitting Guild are teaming up to offer free classes for adults and teens who are brand new to knitting or looking to improve/refresh their skills.



The County Library | Millcreek

2266 E Evergreen Ave
Millcreek, Utah 84109 | 801.943.4636
thecountylibrary.org

MILLCREEK IN THE NEWS

MILLCREEK. Millcreek's own HOTWORX 24 Hour Infrared Fitness Studio was highlighted in the Home Town Values publication. Check it out [HERE](#).

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Join the Millcreek Team!!

- [Public Market Sales Associate](#)
- [Adventure Hub Crew Member](#)
- [Event Assistant](#)
- [Adventure Hub Zamboni Driver](#)

Meetings with the Mayor

Fridays from 2-4pm have been set aside for citizens to meet with Mayor Jeff Silvestrini. Call 801-214-2700 to schedule a slot



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