



STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini Looks Back and Looks Forward

Millcreek is eight years old following incorporation, and I am pleased to report to you that the state of our city is sound. In fact, you don't need to take my word for it. An independent Utah State survey of Millcreek residents found that Millcreekers' sense of well-being in our community was well above average, both for a city our size and overall. Eighty-four percent of us reported our well-being as a 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale with 1 being "poor" and 5 being "excellent." Seventy-four percent of respondents reported they felt connected with Millcreek as a community. This is welcome news.

Despite unprecedented progress (and expenditures) on capital improvement and infrastructure projects in 2024, the city's fund balance, or "rainy day" fund, remains near the state-imposed maximum of 35% of our budget. In 2025 we will continue to improve Millcreek's infrastructure with significant projects, and we will be launching a new era for our city center by breaking ground on Millcreek Common Phase II. We are accomplishing these projects by scouring for grant funding at every opportunity to ease the burden on Millcreek taxpayers, wherever possible to extend the impact of general fund dollars.

In 2024, we negotiated the successful separation of our Unified Police Department from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. While the separation caused a loss of efficiencies and some adjustments to staffing levels, I am pleased to report that the UPD is as strong as ever. The department has successfully recruited new officers to fill vacancies

caused by the split, so that as we enter 2025, the mandatory overtime imposed upon our officers in order to keep shifts at full strength when the department had open vacancies is no longer necessary and has been lifted. To save taxpayer dollars, UPD moved its headquarters into surplus space on the third floor of our city hall and relocated other operations into space provided by our partner cities, Holladay, Midvale, and Kearns. This means we have an even larger police presence on Millcreek Common, in the heart of Millcreek. The whole affair was ably supervised by UPD Chief Jason Mazuran with help from UPD Command Staff, including our own marvelously capable Precinct Chief, Christine Petty-Brown. UPD is on a stable footing and continues to do an exemplary job in Millcreek and throughout the UPD footprint.

In 2024, the city council appropriated an extra million dollars beyond the total of gas tax-generated Class B and

see a map of our progress on the city's web page at <https://www.millcreekut.gov/173/Public-Works>

We also delivered a complete reconstruction of 900 East from 4500-3900 South and the same on 2000 East from Sigvard Drive north to 3300 South. In 2025, we will complete the reconstruction of 2000 East from 3300 South to the Salt Lake City border, installing new pavement, piping the irrigation system, and installing new sidewalks, bike lanes and lighting.

In 2024, we finally built 10 new pickleball courts at Canyon Rim Park, and we resurfaced the parking lot at Scott Avenue Park. This summer, we will be installing new playground equipment at Fortuna Park, assisted by a generous contribution from Elway Porsche and United Construction.

Also, this year, we will break ground on Millcreek Common Phase II. This project will deliver the greener part of the Common residents asked for in the planning process.



C road funds toward secondary street pavement maintenance. Our Public Works Department contracted for and supervised overlaying or installing life-prolonging surface treatments on over two million square feet of Millcreek roads. In 2025, given promising sales tax receipts in Millcreek, we hope to continue that extra funding. You can

We have secured grant funding which will pay nearly 85% of the cost from the state, county and federal governments. Like Phase I, Millcreek residents will enjoy Millcreek Common while paying only a small fraction of the cost through their sales-tax dollars.

Millcreekers are enjoying *cont. on page 8: State of the City*

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Improvements Coming to Mill Creek Canyon



The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Central Federal Lands Highway Division is working with Salt Lake County, Millcreek, and the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to upgrade the top 4.6 miles of the Mill Creek Canyon Road.

The project aims to enhance safety for users, increase access to recreational areas, and improve water quality that has been affected by erosion and inadequate drainage. The improvements will cover the area from the

Winter Gate parking lot to the Upper Big Water Trailhead at the end of the road.

The Winter Gate parking lot and the road above the Winter Gate will be closed from May 2025 (depending on weather conditions) through the fall of 2026 to allow safe and efficient construction. The construction team will notify the public through updates at the canyon, on websites, and via social media. Signs will be posted on trails about detours and closures.

Some trails will be open throughout the year, and specific trails will provide detoured routes. The canyon road will also open for winter recreation during construction pauses.

USE QR CODE OR GO TO [SLCO.TO/FLAP](https://slco.to/flap) FOR MORE INFO, Q&A, AND PROJECT UPDATES



Sign That Doxie Up!

SAT. MAR 29
MILLCREEK DOXIE DERBY



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- Register Wieners at MillcreekCommon.org
- Free to enter
- 3:00 PM Check In
- 4:00 PM First Heat Starts

Mercantile Opens Inside Public Market

A Permanent Place to Shop Small, Local Merchants



“We are especially excited to highlight new and emerging products before they hit the broader market,” said Lacy Gill, Public Market Manager. “The Mercantile augments the growing selection of restaurants at Millcreek Common and is a benefit for employees of City Hall and the many visitors coming to Millcreek Common for skating, climbing, events, and other markets.”

The Mercantile at Millcreek Common is officially open inside the Public Market on the first floor of Millcreek city hall; the first permanent storefront inside the market.

Designed around the success of the local food pop-up markets, the space showcases local food, beverages, and snack items and a limited selection of gifts and hand-crafted kitchenware.



The Mercantile operates under a consignment model that Millcreek manages with a central checkout, shelving, display, and refrigeration. While consignors are responsible for delivering products and restocking inventory, Millcreek’s consignment model allows makers to build their businesses without worrying about staffing their stores.

The Mercantile is open every day from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Purveyors and crafts are scheduled to change on a rotating basis, so the selection of items will never get old.



The Mosquitoes Are Coming! Here's What You Can Do About It.

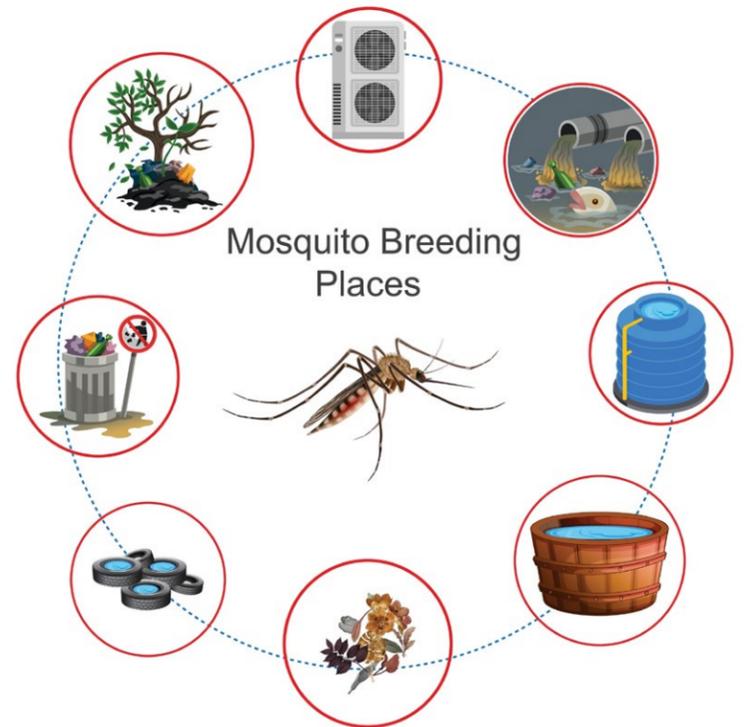
Spring is just around the corner with an official start date of March 20th. Gardens are being planned, and homeowners are starting outdoor spring cleanups. Soon people will begin participating in all sorts of outdoor activities with friends and families gathering outdoors. As these plans for gathering are being made, it would be wise to consider how to reduce the presence of some truly undesirable, uninvited guests—mosquitoes. Now is the time to begin planning mosquito prevention on your property.

The World Health Organization has reported that mosquitoes are one of the deadliest animals on Earth because of the diseases these insects spread. The incidence of mosquito-borne disease in the Salt Lake Valley, however, is less alarming. In Utah, and specifically within the boundaries of the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District (SSLVMAD), the most prevalent mosquito-borne disease in recent years has been West Nile virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most West Nile virus infections in humans do not result in symptoms, though some people infected experience fever and other flu-like symptoms. In a small percentage of cases, West Nile virus infection can even be fatal.

You can help control the mosquito population by taking one easy and critical action on your property—eliminate standing water. Empty and refresh desirable standing water at least weekly, treat ornamental ponds with mosquito control products or introduce species that feed on mosquitos. And if you notice long-term standing water elsewhere, please report it to the SSLVMAD.

When the mosquito population rises along with the temperature, remember to use mosquito repellents approved by the EPA. You can also wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible when outdoors.

Many services are available through the SSLVMAD. For information, mosquito control, or to submit a service request, please visit sslmad.org.



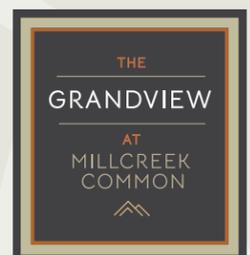
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- Rent the Skate Loop and/or climbing wall with friendly, expert staff
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Millcreek Common—uncommonly perfect for events. Come, gather, grow closer.



Millcreek Community Life

here's millie!

Millie Millcreek



Let's "March" right into history and celebrate women who shaped Millcreek.

Did you know Utah was the first place in America where a woman legally cast her vote? In 1870, Seraph Young, a schoolteacher in Salt Lake City, stepped into the history books. Utah also claims the title of having the first female state senator, Martha Hughes Cannon. These milestones set the stage for Utah's legacy of strong, trail-blazing women—including those in Millcreek's rich history.

When the first settlers arrived in the Millcreek area in 1848, Mary Fielding Smith, a widow and single mom of 5, was among them. Despite her husband's death, she led her family westward and established a home on her 40-acre farm in Millcreek. Her house is on display today at, "This Is The Place," a Utah State Park.

Mary Ann Neff, daughter of John Neff—builder of one of Millcreek's first mills—carved her own niche in history. The Neff family's contributions went beyond milling; they embraced Brigham Young's vision of self-sufficiency by planting mulberry trees to raise silkworms. Though the experiment yielded only about 100 yards of silk, the trees remain as living symbols of their ingenuity. Residents strolling near 2661 Evergreen Avenue can still enjoy their fruit and reflect on this bold pioneer endeavor.

If there's one name that embodies the grandeur and opulence of Utah's mining boom, it's Susanna Bransford Emery Holmes Egeria Delitch Engaliltcheff. Susanna's rise to fame began when she inherited a fortune in silver stocks from her first husband. Her savvy investments made her one of the wealthiest women in the West, earning her the moniker "Silver Queen."

Susanna's East Mill Creek summer home was a spectacle of luxury, boasting the area's first electric lights! By 1894, her home dazzled visitors with hundreds of illuminated decorations. Her soirées were legendary, drawing guests from across the valley to marvel at the lights and revel in her hospitality. Today, the beautifully restored house still stands at 2610 Evergreen Avenue. Milton and I enjoy walking by and we imagine what it used to be like.

Millcreek's early women pioneers weren't just settlers; they were visionaries, entrepreneurs and community builders. As we celebrate Women's History Month, let's honor these incredible women who helped shape Millcreek into the vibrant community it is today. Their stories remind us that history isn't just in textbooks—it's in the streets we walk, the homes we admire and the mulberry-stained sidewalks that lead us back to our roots.

So, take a stroll through Millcreek this March and let the echoes of these remarkable women inspire you. Who knows? You might just uncover the next chapter in your own story.

XOXO,

Millie



SATURDAY SPIN-OFFS AT VINYL REVIVAL 3.1 & 3.29

1:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Public Market at Millcreek Common

Two additional pop-up markets bring even more vinyl, memorabilia, and music to celebrate every music genre. Browse collectors' special edition records and enjoy sets from local DJs inside the Public Market.

3.1 ICON NIGHT: CHAPPELL ROAN SING-A-LONG



7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at The Grandview at Millcreek Common

We're gonna keep on dancing at Millcreek's Pink Pony Club! Join us in celebrating the iconic Midwest Princess, Chappell Roan. Get hot to go and ready to strut your stuff at our runway competition. Best dressed wins a prize. 16+ event. Music, DIY glam stations, collaborative lyric mural, trivia, photo booth. Tickets are \$10.00 at Millcreekcommon.org



THE MELTER 3.8

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Skate Loop at Millcreek Common

Help us commemorate the end of another ice season with activities and games to warm your hearts for the new season. FREE SKATING from 6:00 - 10:00 pm

3.15 CLIMBING WALL OPENS



11:00 am - 9:00 pm, Climbing Wall at Millcreek Common

Climb Utah's tallest outdoor climbing wall! The climbing wall is 65 feet high and was built to amplify Millcreek's climbing culture. Use online code CLIMB25 to book your session on 3.15 and get \$2 off admission.



NATIONAL SCROLLATHON WITH AMERICA 250 UTAH 3.15

Story/Art Sessions at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm
The Grandview at Millcreek Common

Millcreek Common is a host site for the National Scrollathon, a multimedia collaboration that brings together people to share their personal stories and dreams. Creative expressions from over 250,000 people will be part of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in Washington D.C. in July 2026. Participants at Millcreek Common will get to keep their scroll-stories in a special souvenir tin. Free to participate, but registration is limited. Register at MillcreekCommon.

3.19 PRIZE BINGO NIGHT: LUCK OF THE DRAW



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

"Get Lucky with Bingo!" hosted by the charming @shannanigans_slc, @melonmonologues, and Big Bad Bill. Win a 40-inch Smart TV this month! Let's see who's got the luck of the Irish! 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.



2ND ANNUAL MILLCREEK DOXIE DERBY 3.29

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Skate Loop at Millcreek Common

After last year's howling success, the Doxie Derby returns...bigger, better, and setting new records in wiener dog racing. Local Dachshunds aka Wiener Dogs aka Doxies will race for glory, prizes and belly rubs at this friendly competition on the 75-foot track. So, is your wiener a winner? Don your Derby attire, celebrate the end of winter, and join us for an unforgettable race. Free to enter but registration is limited. Register your Wiener at MillcreekCommon.org

4.1 ROLLER SKATING BEGINS



Open Daily, Skate Loop at Millcreek Common

The Skate Loop at Millcreek Common is ready for the 2025 roller skating season. Season Passes are available to purchase. Join us!



POLLINATOR PALOOZA MARKET 4.3

11:00 am - 9:00 pm, Public Market at Millcreek Common

You've probably heard the buzz, and it's true! Beautiful butterflies are returning to Millcreek Common to hold in your hand along with many other fun ways to celebrate the arrival of Spring and our beautiful environment.



Come Play!

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

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.

ICE SKATING TILL MARCH 8TH

Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday & Saturday: 10:30 AM-10:00 PM

CLIMBING WALL OPENS ON MARCH 15TH

Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday & Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

ROLLER SKATING OPENS ON APRIL 1ST

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

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MARCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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



Sundays until 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.



Every day until Mar 30 11 am - 9 pm

The 2nd annual Vinyl Revival pop-up market will feature vinyl records and music memorabilia for every genre. Collectors will also offer special edition records. Audiophiles can explore music in the listening lounge in the Public Market.

Pollinator Palooza



April 3 - 9 11 am - 9 pm

We're buzzing with excitement! Learn about the incredible world of pollinators at Millcreek's Pollinator Palooza. Enjoy a live butterfly experience, exhibits, pollinator artisan market with native plants, local honey, and more.

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.**



DON'T MISS THESE!



Vinyl Revival Special Saturday Spinoffs

3/1 & 3/29, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Public Market at Millcreek Common

Come inside the Vinyl Revival at Millcreek Common in the Public Market where DJs will be spinning with their vinyl collections. Shops will offer additional special edition records.



Icon Night: Chappell Roan Sing-A-Long

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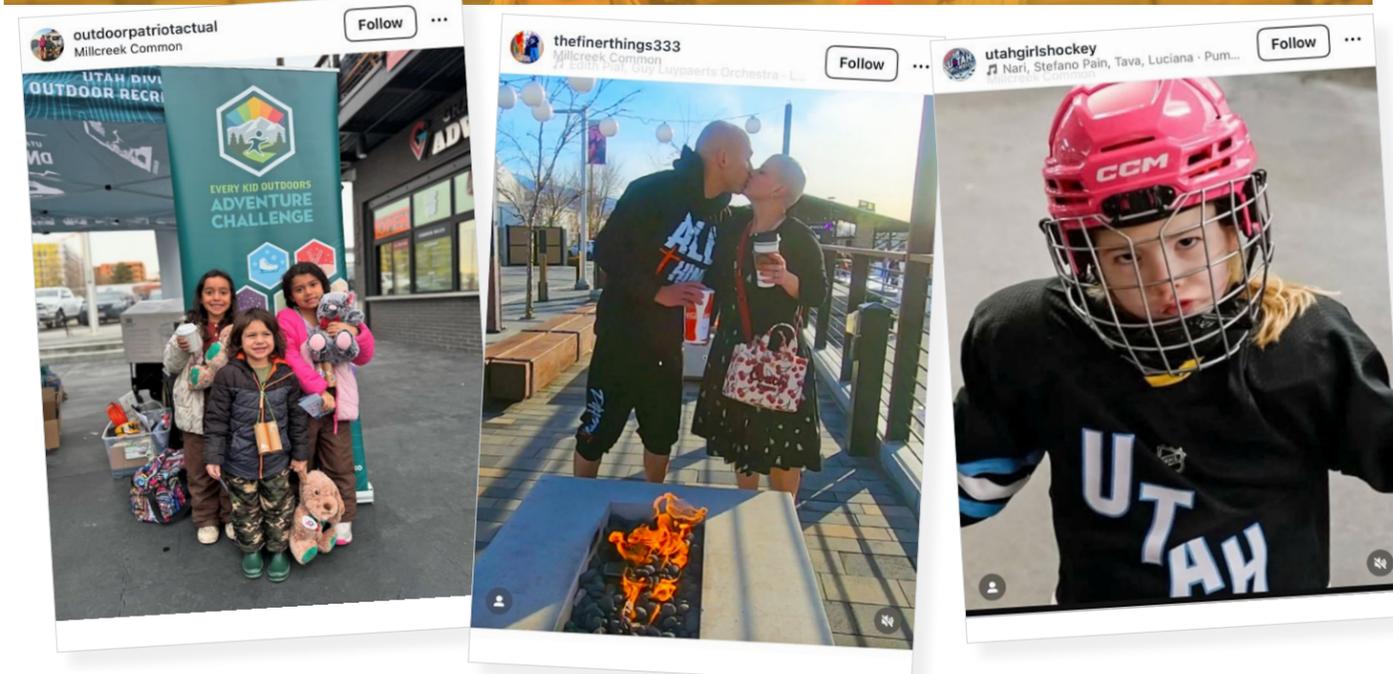
Millcreek Doxie Derby

3/29, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 Skate Loop at Millcreek Common

Watch or race your wiener dog at Millcreek Doxie Derby. Emceed by Bad Brad Wheeler in association with the Wasatch Wiener Dog Racing Association. Free to enter but registration is limited. Register at MillcreekCommon.org. 3:00 PM Check-In. First Heat Starts 4:00 PM

**Coming in April!
 Friday Nite Food Trucks & DJ Skate Nights!**

COMMONLY SCENE



VOLUNTEER FOR FUN AND PERKS

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

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

SUMMER DAY CAMP

at Millcreek Common



A 5-day camp for youth ages 6 to 12 to learn, explore, and play.

Campers enjoy daily roller skating and climbing wall instruction, plus unique activities like pizza making, water games, movement, storytelling, and more.

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
Weeks available in June, July, and August.
\$185 per kid/per week.

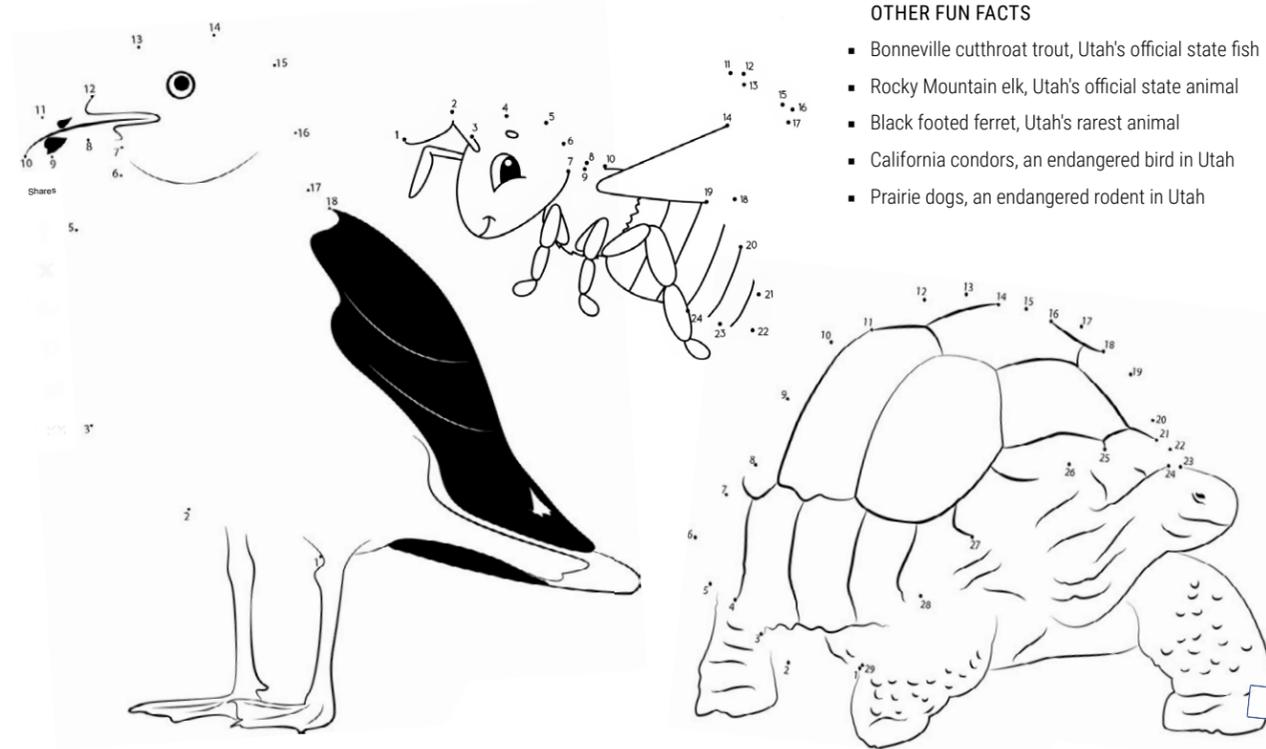
Register at MillcreekCommon.org



Milo Connects the Dots for March

Meet my friends and let's celebrate World Wildlife Day on March 3 by discovering the amazing animals and plants that call Utah home! We can all learn to protect and conserve them for the future. Color the official state animals below!

- Utah's official state Insect- honey bee
- Utah's official state bird- California gull
- An endangered reptile in Utah- desert tortoise



OTHER FUN FACTS

- Bonneville cutthroat trout, Utah's official state fish
- Rocky Mountain elk, Utah's official state animal
- Black footed ferret, Utah's rarest animal
- California condors, an endangered bird in Utah
- Prairie dogs, an endangered rodent in Utah



MILLCREEK PROMISES KEPT

Library Fines Covered By First Utah Bank

In an inspiring act of generosity, First Utah Bank donated enough funds to completely cover the outstanding library fines at James E. Moss Elementary, a Title 1 school in Millcreek. This donation not only erases financial burdens for families but also highlights the bank's commitment to supporting education and community well-being.

While library fines at the school never prevent students from checking books out, this does still relieve a financial burden for the families. This allows parents to focus solely on the education and development of their child.

Principal Adams expressed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the school community: "When partners come to us eager to help and understand our needs, amazing things can happen. This generous donation supported our school's specific needs and made a big difference for our students and their families. We truly appreciate when partners approach us with a genuine desire to collaborate with our school community."

Access to books is a cornerstone of literacy and academic achievement, and initiatives like this help foster a love of reading in children. By removing financial barriers, First Utah Bank



ensures that students can continue to explore, learn, and grow.

The James E. Moss Elementary community extends its sincere thanks to First Utah Bank for its generosity and for reinforcing the importance of collaboration between local businesses and schools. Funding is processed through the Granite Education Foundation, which is the nonprofit that supports initiatives like these and whose mission is to reduce barriers to

learning and increase access to opportunities for students and teachers in the Granite School District. Together, they are making a lasting impact on the lives of students and families.

Join Us for 2025 Promise Volunteer Opportunities!



Millcreek Promise offers a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the year, all conveniently located on our GivePulse page. (Use the QR code below to view.) Whether you're passionate about supporting local events or making a difference in your community, there's something for everyone!

Here's a peek at what's coming up in 2025:

- Resource Fairs
- Youth Field Trips
- Bike Rodeo
- Garden Share
- 9/11 Day of Service
- Winter Clothing Drive
- And More!



givepul.se/ckf13i

We are deeply grateful to our incredible community for stepping up and supporting these events and programs. Your time and effort make a lasting impact! Ready to get involved? Visit the link at the QR code shown here to explore and sign up for upcoming opportunities!

Sergeant John Shire—Millcreek Officer of the Month



Sergeant Shire has encountered several challenges supervising the afternoon patrol shift during December, which is the busiest shift in Millcreek. Due to vacancies on his shift, Shire has faced tre-

mendous manpower difficulties. However, he was able to navigate these barriers as the afternoon shifts were filled with Officers from other precincts. These Officers from other precincts may not be as proficient navigating the broad geography of Millcreek City or familiar with some of UPD's (Unified Police Department) regular customers. Sergeant Shire demonstrated exceptional leadership and management of these officers, to ensure they were safe, effective and efficient in patrolling Millcreek City and providing the citizens with the service they are accustomed to.

Sergeant Shire exemplifies the UPD VISION—to be partners with the community, providing the highest quality law enforcement services to minimize crime and maximize confidence, safety, and quality of life.

Thank you Sergeant Shire for representing Millcreek Community and the UPD in a positive, professional, and uplifting manner.

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

Millcreek Coffee Roasters
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NON EMERGENCY Number
801-840-4000

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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

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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

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Outages
877-508-5088

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Waterline break emergency
801-483-6700

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Surveying, Boundaries, Parcel Maps
385-468-8240

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385-468-6325

Why Harvest Rain With A Rain Barrel?



Why should I use a rain barrel?

Stormwater is water that does not infiltrate into the ground; it flows across the ground and impervious surfaces into streams, rivers, lakes, etc. Homeowners can implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the amount of stormwater leaving their property.



Installing rain barrels under downspouts is one low-cost BMP that can help reduce runoff. Rain barrels collect rainwater from rooftops during each rain event. The collected water can then be used around the landscape. You can use the water to water gardens and lawns, clean garden tools, fill fountains, extinguish campfires, etc.

Benefits of using a rain barrel

- Reduces runoff and non-point source pollution: Rain barrels will capture rainwater from the roof that would otherwise become runoff. Stormwater runoff picks up pollutants such as soil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, trash, animal waste, road salts, chemicals, etc. and transports them to waterways. These pollutants impair waterways and can harm aquatic life and human health.
- Reduces erosion and flooding: Increased amounts of stormwater runoff increases erosion and flooding. Capturing some of the water will reduce velocity and peak flows.
- Saves drinking water resources and money: According to the US EPA, 30% of daily water use is used outdoors. Using the rain barrel's stored water around the landscape saves water resources

and reduces the amount of water purchased from municipal sources.

- Good water source for plants: Rainwater is healthy for plants. It is often softer than tap water and does not contain chlorine.

Rain barrels vary in size and are suitable for homes and larger buildings. To accommodate runoff from larger rooftops, multiple barrels can be connected to capture more water. Every rain barrel should have an overflow. Be sure to direct the overflow to a garden or lawn, rather than to an impervious surface like a sidewalk or driveway. Rain barrel maintenance is minimal but important. Check parts routinely and disconnect and clean the barrel once per year. Be sure there is no exposed, standing water where mosquitoes can breed. During winter months, disconnect the barrel and store it in a shed or garage or keep the faucet open so water does not freeze causing the barrel to crack.

Millcreek is again participating with the Utah River Council in a rain barrel distribution program, RainHarvest. This year, the distribution date will be in early May but sign ups for the program are open now. For more information about the RainHarvest event or to sign up to be notified when the program launches, visit utahrivers.org/rainharvest.

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For all community council meeting times and locations please Visit millcreekut.gov and go to calendar



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Millcreek Business Council Launches New Board

Millcreek's Business Council has new leadership with the January organization of a Board of Directors. Instead of a chamber of commerce collecting dues, all licensed Millcreek businesses are automatic members of the Millcreek Business Council, which 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 Woman) 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 rep. 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 finds 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@millcreekutah.gov.

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The Children's Service Society of Utah (CSSU) is recognized for its unwavering dedication to supporting children and families across the state. As a leading nonprofit, CSSU provides vital services such as adoption support, family strengthening programs, and foster care initiatives, all with a deep commitment to the well-being of Utah's youngest residents. Their compassionate work helps build stronger



communities, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive in a safe, loving environment. Millcreek honors CSSU for its outstanding contributions to the lives of Utah's children and families.

To learn more, visit cssutah.org, or 655 East 4500 South, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84107. Or call (801) 355-7444.

POLICY MAKER FORUM



NATALIE PINKNEY
COUNTY COUNCIL AT-LARGE C

I am honored to serve as your representative on the Salt Lake County Council. Raised in Las Vegas, I moved to Salt Lake County 10 years ago and quickly fell in love with the people, the vibrant communities, and the breathtaking beauty of our valley. While earning my Master's in Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah, I met my husband, and together we've built a life here that we cherish deeply.

With a background in Psychology from Marquette University and a passion for public service, I am committed to making Salt Lake County a place where every family can thrive. On the Council, my work focuses on key issues like housing, homelessness, childcare, and financial empowerment. I serve on the Clark Planetarium Board, the Library Board, the Emergency Management Advisory Commission, and the Council of Governments, where I'm able to support and connect with our community in meaningful ways.

When I'm not working on the Council or publishing, you can find me spending time with my husband, our cats, and our friends, or enjoying the beautiful Wasatch Mountains.

Salt Lake County is not just where I live; it's my home, and I'm passionate about making it the best it can be. If you have questions, ideas, or concerns, I'd love to hear from you. Please email me at npinkney@saltlakecounty.gov or give me a call at (385) 468-7455.

New Social Worker to Assist UPD



In response to requests from residents and concerns across the country related to police responses to mental health crises, the Millcreek City Council has provided funding to the Unified Police Department (UPD) to hire a civilian licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) to augment UPD's uniformed mental health team. Due to the training and professionalism of our UPD officers, they have not been

involved since our incorporation in any officer-involved critical incidents when responding to mental health related calls for service in Millcreek. However, UPD officers are called often to intercede with individuals experiencing mental health crises.

These calls are always difficult and often delicate, and they can require an extra degree of mental health expertise to successfully resolve or diffuse. Further, UPD's mental health team regularly follows up with these cases to try to assist individuals in our community to get the help that they need or to stay with a program. This actually reduces the number of times calls for service for the same individual or issue occur, conserving police resources overall.

Beginning on January 28th, Millcreek and the UPD were happy to report that Gregg Golden, MSW, LCSW, is on board to assist our Millcreek Precinct officers.

Gregg brings expertise and significant relevant experience to this position. He will be an invaluable addition to our Millcreek team's mental health initiative. In particular, he will assist Detective Tracy Creno, the lead on Millcreek's mental health detail, to increase the department's capacity and options for addressing mental health con-

cerns in our city.

Gregg holds a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a Certificate in Criminology from the University of Utah, as well as a Master of Social Work from the University of Nevada, Reno. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Gregg is currently licensed in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Florida, reflecting his broad expertise and dedication to helping individuals across state lines.

Gregg has extensive experience in assisting individuals facing challenges such as depression, anxiety, trauma, PTSD, personality disorders, and mood disorders. His professional background includes valuable work with the Salt Lake City Police Department's Community Connection Team, as well as roles at Intermountain Medical Center, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, Avalon Valley Rehab & Wellness, and state departments in Wyoming and Utah.

With Gregg's contribution to our UPD Precinct, Millcreek residents can have greater confidence that someone with expertise and compassion is working to address mental health concerns in our community, providing help to troubled individuals, and ultimately conserving police resources to save taxpayer dollars.



HISTORIC SPOTLIGHT

A Legacy of Water: Millcreek and its Canals

By Ryan Lufkin, Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission

When settlers first arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, they faced an arid desert landscape with little natural water flow to support agriculture or homes. Ingenious and determined, they built an intricate system of canals to carry fresh water from Utah Lake and nearby rivers across the valley, including the area now recognized as the city of Millcreek. These canals became the lifeblood of the early communities, sustaining crops, livestock, and families as the region grew.

One of the most notable projects was the Jordan & Salt Lake City Canal, constructed in the 1850s. This canal brought vital water from the Jordan River—flowing out of Utah Lake—to Salt Lake City and its surrounding areas. Millcreek farmers depended on this and other local canal

systems to irrigate their fields, turning dry desert soil into productive farmland that fed growing families and communities. The canals also supported orchards, livestock, and the iconic brickyards that helped Millcreek develop its unique neighborhoods and personality.

By the late 1800s, the canal systems were expanded and improved, ensuring better flood control and water management. Projects like the Jordan Surplus Canal helped regulate overflow from the Jordan River while delivering water to more distant parts of the valley. In



Millcreek, these systems not only shaped the city's agricultural roots but also laid the groundwork for its residential development and thriving neighborhoods we know today.

While modern pipelines and infrastructure have replaced many of the original canals, remnants of this historic water system still exist throughout Millcreek. These canals are a reminder of the ingenuity and perseverance of the valley's early settlers, who transformed a harsh desert landscape into a flourishing community. As we enjoy the green spaces, parks, and neighborhoods of Millcreek today, we honor the essential role these canals played in shaping our city's history and success.

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their new gathering space at Millcreek Common. Our Public Market is generating revenue for hundreds of local artisans and craftspeople. Over 10,000 climbers scaled our city hall climbing wall between March and November. Tens of thousands more either roller or ice-skated on our skate loop and even more enjoyed a wide variety of events, from a weekly farmers' market to the Doxy Derby where wiener dogs ruled the day. Events on the Independence Eve, Christmas and Hannukah celebrations, Juneteenth, and Hispanic, Pacific Islander and refugee skate nights among many others brought the rich, varied elements of our community together and ensured that everyone feels welcome in Millcreek.

Our new city hall keeps winning awards from building and architectural trade groups and has been used by governmental entities, private parties and all of Millcreek. It is the toast of the state. We have given tours to dozens of city council members from all over the state and they are envious. Our foresight in building a unique and creative space for our residents at an affordable price (which will be paid over 30 years at 2% interest) has created a Millcreek legacy that will endure. I smile when I think of all the childhood memories we are creating and the sense of real community that we are engendering in our young ones at our civic center.

Despite this good work, we have much to do. Our state continues to suffer from a housing shortage, particularly around home ownership opportunities. Our governor said, "We must build!" The housing shortage affects everyone; renters paying skyrocketing rents, young people who want to build wealth through home ownership but now cannot afford it, as well as us older folks--some of us on fixed incomes—who see our taxes escalate as our properties appreciate relative to others in less desirable places to live. The problem is also increasing our unsheltered population, since housing has become so expensive for them too. This price spiral is unsustainable. Due to Utah's incredible growth, it is fundamentally a supply and demand problem. We all must recognize that the governor is right. We must build housing.

Millcreek has launched an initiative to permit denser housing, housing on smaller lots and incentives for owner-occupied product instead of just rentals. Although

we need more of all types of housing, we are focused upon encouraging development of "missing middle", owner-occupied housing, which is more affordable for folks with modest incomes. We are permitting more density in exchange for deed restrictions which ensure the new units will be sold to the people who live there, not retained or sold to investors for rentals. Not only will this be better for our resi-



dents who want to live or stay in Millcreek, but it is a means to reduce congestion and improve air quality when we reduce vehicle travel miles to get to work or school. It is a fallacy to think Millcreek is immune from the pressures of growth or that all the needed housing can or should be built elsewhere. If we were to do that, we would just have more people driving through Millcreek, resulting in more congestion and worse air quality than if we allowed folks to live closer to work and school. More density makes transit viable and takes cars off our streets. We have enough water for this development, particularly as we encourage new development and existing property owners to observe water-wise landscaping practices and convert agriculture to water-wise techniques. As we grow, we will see changes along our corridors and in our centers, but we are still preserv-

ing the core of our great Millcreek neighborhoods. Change can be hard, but change is coming whether we like it or not. Let's make the best of it through planning and building centers which can be connected by transit.

It is also important to note that state and federal grant funding for roadways and other projects is now tied by state law to our city's progress implementing moderate

smooth operations and so we can address and mitigate any problems as they arise. So far there have been very few issues, but we have addressed concerns when they do arise. As a result of these efforts, more than 100 people who need care are receiving it and they are no longer living on our streets or causing problems. I am proud of our efforts to be a good partner in this work, which ultimately improved the quality of life for all and meets a moral imperative to care for those that will accept help.

Our Millcreek Promise Program continued to "lift all boats" through various programs and partnerships in 2024, including after or out-of-school programming at Sunnyside Neighborhood Center, William Penn Elementary, Evergreen Jr. High and Cottonwood High School. Thanks to our partners, United Way of Salt Lake, Promise Partnership Utah, Granite School District, and the Asian Association of Utah, Millcreek Promise has been able to touch the lives of hundreds of our school kids and community members. Promise has operated a garden share program, digital education, tax return assistance, a massive warm clothing drive, and much more.

The state of our city is indeed strong, and as your mayor I am pleased with how far our community has come in eight short years. I appreciate the taxpayers of Millcreek—residents, businesses, and visitors—as well as the outstanding staff and partners we have that help us implement our shared vision. Let us move through 2025 with the same wisdom, prudence, and optimism that has brought Millcreek so far!

income housing strategies to increase housing supply. Performing well on these metrics, as Millcreek has, means priority funding from these agencies. We could not afford to lose these grant opportunities, as grant funding nearly doubles our city budget. It's indispensable to enable us to maintain and improve our city's infrastructure.

Millcreek continues to lead on mitigating the problem of homelessness. While our city has not hosted a temporary overflow shelter the past two years, we have permitted two permanent supportive housing facilities, one for men and another for women with mental health challenges. Despite neighborhood concerns, these facilities are operating with little impact upon their neighbors. The city, in partnership with mental health teams, UPD and our staff monitor these facilities and meet regularly with their service providers to ensure

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.