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Mayor Silvestrini Announces Retirement

A message from Mayor Jeff Silvestrini:

In September, I had an opportunity to take a vacation with my wife, Leslie, and some close friends. The purpose of our trip was to celebrate my friend and law school classmate Bill's retirement. Vacations are a time for rest, renewal and reflection, and I particularly did the latter.

In the past year, I celebrated my 71st birthday. I lost my 97-year-old dad, the last of his generation in my family, and I experienced some health issues. I needed two surgeries and within the past six months, I learned that I also have leukemia and a "hopefully" benign pancreatic tumor. While both conditions hopefully will turn out to be things I die with, rather than from, they have the potential to become life-threatening. They are a sobering reminder of mortality and that life can be cut shorter than we plan.

As we celebrated Bill's imminent retirement on our trip, I recalled and reflected upon my own former goal of taking an early retirement with my wife. We postponed that when we decided I would run for mayor and enter public service. My nine-year career as mayor of the city I love has been a happy and gratifying diversion from our earlier goal, which we both worked hard through our careers to be able to realize. However, seeing my friend retire and contemplating my adverse health news, I began to see that my remaining opportunity to enjoy a robust retirement may be much more limited than I imagined. After nearly a decade in this position, I realize it is time for me to do what will make Leslie and me happiest.

Therefore, today, September 23rd, I have tendered my resignation as Millcreek's mayor, to be effective on November 10, 2025. This allows our council adequate time under state law to advertise the position for the required time, to receive applications and to interview and appoint my successor before

that date to ensure a smooth transition of the office of mayor.

It has been the honor of my life to serve as Millcreek's first mayor and I have very much enjoyed my time in this office. I am so appreciative of Leslie's love and support and her sacrifice agreeing to become a politician's spouse, which is no easy thing. This is to say nothing of her volunteered hours both acting as our City Recorder during the first few months of incorporation and editing our weekly eNewsletter for the past nine years.

I thank the residents of this city for the confidence they placed in me, allowing me to serve for nine years over two and one-half terms. I have been blessed to work alongside so many wonderful, talented and dedicated people—on our city council, on our city staff, and in other city, county, state and federal government roles. It would take too long to recognize each of you here, but I want to thank you for your help, wisdom and support in this journey.

I am also very proud of what we have been able to accomplish in nine years as a new city. Starting from scratch, we assembled an incredible team, delivered road, storm water and sidewalk improvements across Millcreek, reformed outdated codes and built a marvelous civic center and gathering place to serve Millcreekers which is the envy of the state. We expanded park and open space and amenities and built new trails on both the east and west sides of Millcreek.

I am also proud to have shepherded this new city with bold action yet financial prudence, even obtaining this year the highest-possible AAA bond rating for Millcreek—in an incredibly short time for such an accomplishment.

Through our efforts, we have elevated our city on the municipal stage in our state, becoming a leader in creating much-needed housing, including affordable and owner-occupied housing; doing our part to address the needs of the unsheltered and medically vulnerable; and leading regionally through the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Wasatch Front Regional Council. These efforts greatly benefited our city through well more than a hundred million dollars in grant funding and more than half a billion dollars in economic investment over my tenure.

We have contributed to maintaining and reorganizing the best police and fire departments in our state to serve and protect our community.

We have also worked hard to show compassion and unite our whole

community through Millcreek Promise. This is probably the thing I am most proud about. We are well on our way (as I have often pledged) to bridging divides, building community and lifting all boats in this city. I do hope my successor(s) continue these efforts.

My successor will be different and need to be his or herself in this job. But if I have any advice, it would be this: Be bold and continue to cultivate and seize opportunities when they arise. We have never been limited by “the way things have always been done,” and you don’t have to view your actions through that lens. Be a “problem solver,” not a “bureaucrat” and “Play to Win!” God bless you all and God bless Millcreek. Know that I will always support you.

Mayor Silvestrini's replacement will be selected by the city council. Here is the timeline:

Mon., Sep. 22: Public announcement of retirement

Tue., Sep. 23: Formal submission of resignation, effective Nov. 10

Sep. 30 – Oct 14: Application deadline for mayoral candidates

Mon. Nov. 3: Special City Council meeting to interview candidates and select new mayor @ Millcreek City Hall

Wed. Nov. 5, 4pm-6:30pm: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini Retirement Reception @ The Grandview, 6th floor, Millcreek City Hall, 1330 E. Chambers Ave. Public invited.

Mon. Nov. 10: Effective date of Mayor Silvestrini resignation, swearing-in of new mayor at the City Council meeting

Watch this newsletter on Friday Sept 26th for more information and the link to the application.

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