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MEET MILLCREEK'S NEW MAYOR— CHERI JACKSON

At a special council meeting on November 3, Councilwoman Cheri Jackson was appointed to complete the remaining two years in Mayor Jeff Silvestrini's term. The outgoing mayor and the other members of the city council made their decision after considering the resumes and interviews of Jackson and four other candidates: Jamie Walker, Gardner Reid, Jacob Richardson, and Curtis Larsen. Mayor Jackson was sworn in as Millcreek's second mayor on November 10, the day Mayor Silvestrini's resignation took effect.

"When Mayor Silvestrini announced his decision to retire, I decided to apply to serve as mayor so I could continue the work our council has begun—and to help carry forward the vision our residents helped us create," said Mayor Jackson. "I am deeply grateful for the council's trust in me, and I am excited to continue leading Millcreek in the community-centered direction that has made us one of Utah's

most innovative cities," she said.

Mayor Jackson was born and raised in Millcreek and loved growing up among the beauty and strong sense of community here. She graduated from Skyline High School, earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Brigham Young University, and later completed a Master of Public Administration from Utah Valley University. After her husband, Romm, completed his military service, they chose to return home to Millcreek in 1995, where they raised their four sons on the same street where her parents lived. The Jackson family has now expanded to include three grandchildren.

For decades, Cheri Jackson has given back to her hometown—from helping to form Impact United Soccer Club to co-founding Canyon Rim Academy, where she helped draft the charter, secure state approval, and serve on the Board of Trustees. She has also been active in the PTA and local scouting programs.



She was elected to the first Millcreek City Council and has continuously served the past nine years, working with her colleagues to establish policies and ordinances, hire necessary staff, and learning from residents what they hoped for in the new city. "Working with my fellow council members to build our city from its inception has been one of the most incredible experiences of my life," she said. "It was challenging, time-consuming, and truly rewarding work."

As a city councilwoman, she has been Millcreek's representative on both the Unified Fire Authority and Unified Fire

Service Area Boards and also served as City Treasurer. She also worked with the Millcreek Emergency Resilience Committee, Utah 100 Communities Renewable Energy Design Committee, Millcreek Promise Executive Committee, Millcreek Miracle Business Committee, and as the liaison for the Millcreek Youth Council.

"Serving Millcreek has been an extraordinary honor," said Mayor Jackson. "I look forward to continuing this work as your new mayor -- ensuring our city remains a thriving, welcoming, and resilient community," she said.

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Millcreek, UT 84106



Every year brings change—some expected, some surprising. We experience it in our personal lives and in every level of government. In Millcreek, one of the most heartfelt transitions this year is the departure of our remarkable Mayor, Jeff Silvestrini. We thank him for his years of service. His leadership has been steady—transparent, responsive, and compassionate. I've seen it firsthand during crises like the apartment fire and ICE-related incidents. His presence was never performative; it was personal.

Though saddened to see him step away, we fully support his decision to

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Gratitude Through Change: A Reflection from Millcreek

prioritize health and family. That, too, is leadership. As we welcome a new Mayor, I remain hopeful. Millcreek's story is one of resilience, and good things will continue to unfold.

Change is bittersweet. For some, it brings renewal; for others, discomfort. This year, we've felt both—in our city and our homes. But through it all, I choose gratitude. Change invites reflection, growth, and appreciation for what matters most.

As we enter the holiday season—a time of gathering, giving, and grace—I'm reminded of the blessings in my life.

My son, Xane Tauteoli Uipi. His name carries the legacy of my uncle, my brother, and my mother's maiden name. In our culture, a name tells a story—of the village you come from, the values you carry, and the hope you'll live up to it. Raising him with the support of my village—family and community—is my greatest joy.

My parents, *cont. on page 12: Council Corner*

Congratulations Photo Contest Winners!

Globetrotting Millcreekers Are Honored At City Work Meeting.

This was our very first travel-themed photo contest, and we loved seeing where our Millcreek residents have explored around the world.

We have 12 winning photos, now on display on the second floor of Millcreek City Hall for the next six months. Stop by to check them out and get inspired for your next adventure!

All of our talented winners call Millcreek home- congratulations again!

- GEORGE A. WILLIAMS
 - MICHAEL J. MCPHARLIN
 - DAVID FANTLE
 - SARA JAVORONOK
 - JACQUELYN THIEL
 - KOEN THIEL
- SAMIU TUKUAFU
 - JUDY TUKUAFU
 - ALLAYNE C. ORR
 - DARRIS HOWE
 - ASHLEE MCDONALD
 - LINDSAY DANIELS



Extreme winners, George Williams (94) and Koen Thiel

Traci O'Very Covey

Finding Grace and Joy in Everyday Life



This year, Traci was recognized by her alma mater with the University of Utah College of Fine Arts 2025 Legacy Award, a distinction that honors alumni whose careers have brought acclaim not only to themselves but also to the programs that helped shape them.

"I feel deeply moved to know that my art and accomplishments have been recognized by the College of Fine Arts as significant contributions to the community. It is a very meaningful award to me and is a wonderful public validation of my dedication to my art and years of hard work," said Traci.

"I am grateful for my painting and graphic design professors at the University of Utah. Professors Paul Davis, Tony Smith, and Sam Wilson taught me drawing and painting. Ray Morales instilled the principles of strong design and composition, and McRay Magleby "Mac"—who was an important teacher and mentor of mine—showed me the beauty and power of distilling an idea or image down to its simplest essence and most eloquent form.

I'm grateful for Julia LaPine, who became my partner in LaPine/O'Very, our award-winning graphic design and illustration business, which we launched together two weeks after graduation from the U of U.

And, I am immensely grateful for my late husband Mikel Covey who was an amazingly talented photographer and all around artistic person. We shared our award-winning creative firm O'Very/Covey together for 30

years while also pursuing our individual fine artwork."

Her career is a remarkable blend of fine art, design, and education. In addition to her paintings and public installations, Traci has enjoyed success as an award-winning graphic designer and illustrator, and she has shared her creative expertise as an instructor at the University of Utah, Salt Lake Community College, and The Art Institute of Salt Lake City. Her biography is included in The Dictionary of Utah Fine Artists, a testament to her influence and legacy in the state's art community.

Today, Traci continues her creative practice as the Artist in Residence at the Huntsman Cancer Institute, where her art offers color, light, and hope to those navigating difficult journeys. From her busy studio, she also creates commissioned works for private collectors, interior designers, and architects—each piece imbued with her signature sense of joy and connection to the natural world.

Born and raised in Salt Lake City, Traci earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Utah. Her art continues to inspire and uplift, transforming both private and public spaces into places of beauty, warmth, and wonder.

For Traci O'Very Covey, art is more than expression—it's an invitation to notice the extraordinary in the ordinary, and to celebrate the shared rhythms of life that connect us all.

Millcreek resident, Traci O'Very Covey, has spent more than four decades creating art that celebrates "the grace and joy of everyday life." A visual artist based in Salt Lake City, her work spans paintings, murals, mosaics, art glass, and metal sculptures—each piece a vibrant reflection of nature's flora and fauna and the beauty found in simple, universal moments.

Her distinctive style has become a part of Utah's cultural landscape. Traci's paintings are included in the Salt Lake County permanent art collection and have been exhibited in galleries and museums across the state, including the Springville Museum of Art, the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Utah Museum of Fine Arts. Her monumental murals and public art installations enliven city streets and buildings across Utah and beyond, with works featured in the Eccles Theater, the Mountain America Expo Center, the Salt Lake City International Airport, and even the Asante Hospital in Medford, Oregon. When asked which piece (or project) felt especially meaningful to her, Traci said "Creating the two murals—Summer and Autumn—in the Mid-Concourse Tunnel of the Salt Lake City International Airport was such a fantastic project. It is my largest work of art and in a location where it is seen by multitudes of travelers which is especially meaningful to me."



Photo: Stuart Ruckman

PAVE THE WAY TO MILLCREEK'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A DOWDLE PUZZLE

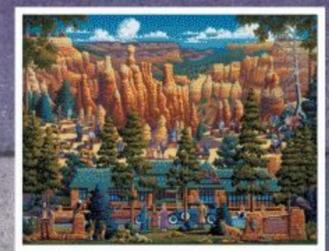
Millcreek is turning 10—and we've created three unforgettable ways for you to be part of the celebration and show your love for Millcreek.

1 MILLCREEK DOWDLE FOLK ART PUZZLE
Commemorate our city's milestone with a limited-edition Millcreek folk art puzzle painted by artist Eric Dowdle. The puzzle will officially be unveiled and available for pick-up on Saturday, February 7, 2026.
\$25 for a 500-piece or 1000 piece puzzle. You choose.

2 MILLCREEK COMMON PLAZA PAVER
Leave your mark on Millcreek! Buy a custom-engraved plaza paver. A legacy for your family, business, or community group. Inscription is three lines, each with 15 characters (including spaces).
\$250 for custom-engraved paver installed at Millcreek Common, summer 2026

3 GIVE THE GIFT OF A PUZZLE AND PAVER
This holiday season, give the meaningful gift of a commemorative Dowdle Millcreek Puzzle and a custom-engraved paver.
\$275 for custom-engraved paver and your choice of a 500 or 1000-piece Millcreek Dowdle Puzzle. Paver installed summer of 2026

Pre-order puzzles and pavers today at MillcreekCommon.org. Order by December 15th, and you'll receive a digital commemoration certificate—perfect for printing to share as a holiday surprise for loved ones.



Millcreek Rocks The Jansons



POLICY MAKER FORUM



SAHARA HAYES
REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 32

Happy holidays, everyone! While I'm currently focused on spending time with loved ones, the 2026 General Session of the Utah Legislature is right around the corner. Starting January 20th, the legislature will be in session for 45 days, passing bills and budgets that will impact your lives.

What my colleagues and I need from you is your involvement and feedback. A great resource for this is the legislative website, le.utah.gov. This URL will help you find your representative or senator, their contact information, and everything you need to know about the bills being run. You can also use it to live stream committee meetings and floor debates and provide virtual public comment on bills. Finally, my favorite feature of the website is the ability to track bills. Once you log in you can select bills that you want to track, and you will be sent an email whenever their status changes.

While the website is a great tool for residents to follow along, we won't know about the issues you care about unless you tell us. Please contact your legislators when there are topics that come up that concern you or that you love. Our job is to represent your voice in the legislative process, and my colleagues and I want to do it well. By letting us know when you have thoughts on a bill we can make more educated decisions.

So for now, enjoy the holidays, and I look forward to hearing from you in January!



Community Choice Awards and Millcreek Business Council Gala



Vote for your favorite Millcreek business!

Show your support for local businesses by casting your vote for your favorites! The winning businesses will be recognized at the Millcreek Business Council Gala, featuring an awards ceremony, luncheon, and a silent auction benefiting Millcreek Promise.

Want to be part of the celebration?
Email esummers@millcreekut.gov to reserve your tickets today.

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Millcreek City Hall | 6th Floor
Individual Tickets: \$35

Join us for an afternoon of celebration, delicious food, and great company as we honor the best of Millcreek's business community!

Join Us For a Day On the Hill



Spend an exciting and instructive day with the Millcreek Business Council at the Utah State Capitol!

Enjoy a guided tour, lunch with legislators, and valuable networking with fellow local business leaders.

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026
Time: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Utah State Capitol
Cost: \$25

To reserve your spot, please email esummers@millcreekut.gov for tickets.



NOVEMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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Hometown Values

Rocky Mountain Bully Chews has been proudly serving our furry friends for the past five years, creating the freshest, most natural dog chews available for your loyal companion. The company is committed to quality by offering USA-sourced and processed, single-ingredient dog chews made from beef, pork, rabbit, sheep, salmon, and elk antler.

Their chews are locally sourced, processed, and crafted to provide a natural, healthy treat that dogs love. You can find Rocky Mountain Bully Chews at local farmers markets, dog-friendly community events, and on their website. They offer nationwide shipping as well as local pickup options.

In 2024, the company reached an exciting milestone—expanding into a new processing facility to better meet the growing demand for their products. This new space allows them to efficiently process and store both raw and dried products, ensuring top quality and freshness for their customers.

Rocky Mountain Bully Chews is proud to call Millcreek home and looks forward to continuing to grow and serve even more customers in this amazing community.

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Millcreek Community Life

here's millie!

Millie Millcreek



There's something about December in Millcreek that makes my heart swell a little. Maybe it's the glow of twinkling lights reflecting off fresh snow, or maybe it's the way our little city seems to hum with kindness this time of year. Whatever it is, Millcreek shines brightest during the holidays—not just from the lights strung along our streets, but from the people who make this place feel like home.

I love how the season seems to bring out the best in us. Neighbors shovel each other's sidewalks, local schools gather donations for families in need, and you can't go far without bumping into someone offering a warm smile—or a plate of cookies that were "just slightly" burned on the bottom. Our small businesses dress up their windows like they're competing in a friendly holiday showdown, and honestly, I think they all win.

And then there's Millcreek Common, the heart of it all. The ice loop fills with skaters bundled in scarves and laughter. You can smell hot cocoa in the air, hear carolers singing by the fire pits, and feel the cheer ripple through the crowd. I'll be taking my grandkids to Photos with The Grinch and Storytime with Cindy Lou Who on Dec. 13. Our community gathers again for the Menorah Lighting Dec. 21. Need any last-minute gifts? You'll find one-of-a-kind items at the Winter Solstice Bazaar Dec. 20 and 21.

Of course, I can't forget about New Year's Eve at Millcreek Common—BIG BOOM BASH—where we bundle up and ring in the new year with live music, fireworks, and (if you're me) an accidental drop of hot chocolate on your coat. Milton insists it's "for good luck," though his definition of luck usually involves finding a food truck still open after midnight. One year, he even brought his own folding chair—said it was for "back support," but I caught him napping ten minutes before the countdown.

What I love most about the holidays in Millcreek isn't just the lights or the events—it's the feeling. It's knowing that we're part of a community that shows up for each other, that celebrates big and small moments side by side. It's the volunteers who make the magic happen, the city staff who hang the decorations, and the residents who fill every gathering with joy.

So, as we head into this season of giving and gratitude, I hope you'll take a moment to look around and feel it too—that special, unmistakable warmth that makes Millcreek's heart shine brightest in December.

Happy Holidays, from my home to yours (and from Milton, who's already eyeing Milo's Moose Munch I just made. Recipe is in the Milo section).

Xoxo, Millie

11.28-11.30 MILLCREEK MAGIC ICE SHOW: INTERGALACTIC

5:30pm & 7pm, Millcreek Common Ice Loop
The award-winning, Millcreek Magic Ice Show returns with an Intergalactic, blast off into a universe of twirls, flips, and dazzling starlight. Glide along with Milo the Moose as they zoom through space, meeting new friends and discovering wonders among the stars. See ad on page 7 for tickets and more details.

MILLCREEK COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS ANNIE 11.28-29, 12.1

8pm, The Grandview at Millcreek Common
The beloved tale of an orphan girl performed by our own very own remarkable community theater. Saturday (11.29) matinee at 2pm. More information and tickets available at MillcreekTheater.org.

11.30 COSMIC COLLECTIONS: THE FUTURE OF FASHION

12pm-5pm, The Grandview at Millcreek Common
Step into a galaxy of curated vintage, upcycled, and handmade designs that shine with individuality and prove sustainability is the future of fashion.

PHOTOS WITH THE GRINCH & STORYTIME WITH CINDY LOU WHO 12.13

11am-4pm, Public Market, Millcreek Common
Don't be a Grinch—join us for a day of merry mischief and Whoville wonder! Snap a free photo with the mean green himself, then settle in for story time with Cindy Lou Who (stories on the hour, every hour).

12.14 WORLD ICE SKATING DAY

7pm-9pm, The Skate Loop at Millcreek Common
Celebrating ice skating around the world. Ice skating admission/rental is free, first-come, first-served. See the Parade of Skaters on the Loop from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm

SOLSTICE CELEBRATION 12.20

7pm-8pm, Millcreek Common Plaza
Celebrate the shortest day of the year by bringing more light to the world! Light a luminaria, dance around the fire, and enjoy poetry. Write down things you want to let-go on a mini scroll to toss into the burning bowl. All are invited to this free event!

12.20 & 12.21 WINTER SOLSTICE BAZAAR

5pm-9pm (12.20), 11am-5:00pm (12.21), Millcreek Common
Ice Skating begins and the Holiday Tree will be lit. Cookies and cocoa served at 6:00 pm. Session schedule and pre-booking info online at millcreekcommon.org. \$7 admission, \$5 ice skate rental. Groups of 25 or more receive a \$2 discount for each admission.

HANUKKAH 12.21

6pm, Public Market at Millcreek Common
Gather for a beautiful evening of light and community with the lighting of the menorah. Experience the glow of tradition with music, storytelling, and shared treats—including warm cider and classic raspberry-filled sufganiyot (jelly donuts).

12.29 ELECTRIC ALLEY ARCADE OPENS & PINBALL WIZARDS TOURNAMENT

1-4pm Kids Tournament, 5-8pm Open Tournament
Sign up before the start time to play! Participants must purchase a \$5 wristband. Top four winners of each tournament will score some amazing prizes. All participants are entered into a drawing for prizes. Contest details at millcreekcommon.org.

BIG BOOM BASH: EARLY EVE & OUT LATE 12.31

The Grandview & Plaza at Millcreek Common
Arcade games, entertainment, DJ, dancing, food, fireworks. Celebrate without the midnight meltdown with EARLY EVE from 4pm-8pm. Or stay OUT LATE from 9pm-12:30am and party hearty until the new year comes. See ad on page 7 for details.

Come Play!

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

Roller Skating closes November 1 | Climbing Wall closes November 15 | Ice Skating Opens on November 14

<p>ICE SKATING OPEN DAILY Sun-Thur: 11 am-9 pm Fri & Sat: 10:30 am-10 pm</p> <p>HOLIDAY HOURS 11.26 11am - 4:30pm</p> <p>11.28-30 Millcreek Magic Ice Show: Skating session unavailable from 4pm-8pm</p>	<p>\$7 admission, \$5 skate rental</p> <p>Season Passes available to purchase.</p> <p>Best to book tickets in advance. Some sessions may sell out, or the Skate Loop may close for special events.</p>
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DECEMBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

— ART MARKET APPLICATION —

Seeking Collections From Established And Emerging Utah-Based Artists In Varying Mediums To Apply!

Go to Millcreekcommon.org/artmarket



HOLIDAY SHOPPES AT MILLCREEK COMMON

GIVE THE GIFT OF Utah's Own
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

11.1-12.24, 11am-9pm

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

— MORE GREAT UPCOMING PUBLIC MARKET OFFERINGS —



Winter Solstice Bazaar

12.20, 5:00-9:00pm • 12.21, 11:00am-5:00pm

Join us to celebrate the end of fall and the true beginning of winter. You'll find unique holiday gifts, vintage items, and handmade artisan food.



Electric Alley Arcade

12.29-1.10 • Open daily • 11am-9pm

Back by popular demand! The Electric Alley Arcade features classic arcade games like pinball, bubble hockey, skee-ball, and more. Come play!



Art Market

1.19 - 2.15 • Open daily • 11am-9pm

The Art Market features local, Utah-based fine artists that work in a variety of mediums including painting, photography, sculpture, and woodwork.



MERCANTILE
AT MILLCREEK COMMON
sweet • savory • sundries
Open Every Day at the Public Market 11 am - 9 pm

Local food, beverages, snack items, small gifts, and limited handcrafted wares with a culinary theme plus local artisans selling smaller, boutique items are now available every day in the Public Market at Millcreek Common. More at millcreekcommon.org/mercantilepurveyors.

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MILLCREEK MAGIC ICE SHOW

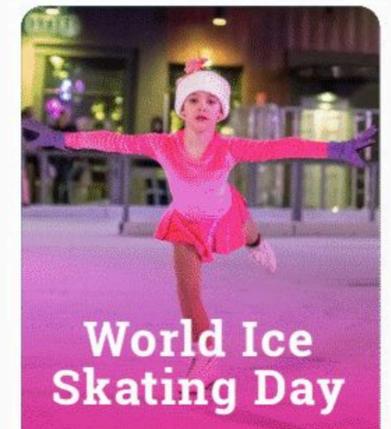
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5:30 PM & 7 PM | MILLCREEK COMMON ICE LOOP

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Tickets are just \$5 at millcreekcommon.org. Ice shows are 30 minutes. Children 2 and under are free.

TICKETS & INFORMATION AT
MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG



World Ice Skating Day

7PM-9:30PM
Millcreek Common Skate Loop

Join us as Millcreek Common celebrates World Ice Skating Day! Witness top-tier athletes fly around our skate track at blazing speeds.

The fun doesn't end there. Enjoy our dazzling skater's parade. Widely considered the most beautiful sport on earth, one just can't look away from our graceful participants.

Finally, it's your turn to hit the ice! Skate free ice from 7:30-9:00pm. Grab your skates and let's celebrate! Don't have skates? Rent a pair at the Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub.



DEC 31 BIG BOOM BASH
NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN AT MILLCREEK COMMON AND THE GRANDVIEW

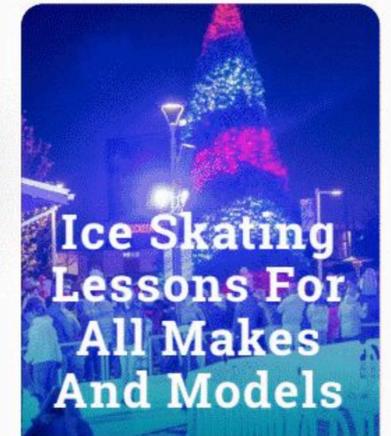
EARLY EVE
4 PM-8 PM

Celebrate New Year's Eve early! From 4-8 PM, enjoy family games, arcade games, live performances, an ice show, and a DJ dance party. End the night with party favors and a sparkling fireworks display—perfect fun for all ages before bedtime! Food and 21+ drinks available. Early Eve tickets are \$5. Want to ice skate? Admission is \$7, and \$5 for skate rentals.

OUT LATE
9 PM-12:30 AM

Welcome the New Year with wonder and joy! Dance to the vibrant sounds of SENXAO, uncover mysteries with lip readers and fortune tellers. Enjoy a custom poem written just for you, and help create a sparkling collaborative art piece. Enjoy games, delicious bites, and festive drinks before the night bursts into color with a dazzling midnight fireworks finale. Food and 21+ drinks available. Out Late tickets are \$25 and available at millcreekcommon.org. Want to ice skate? Admission is \$7, and \$5 for skate rentals.

The Grandview & Plaza at Millcreek Common
INFO & TICKETS
millcreekcommon.org



Ice Skating Lessons For All Makes And Models

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

LEARN TO SKATE

Whether it's your first time on skates or you're just looking to improve your skills, our Learn to Skate program has something for everyone. This six-week program is one of our more popular programs, so move fast to reserve your spot on the ice.

TINY TOTS

It's never too early to learn! Millcreek Common is proud to present our ice-skating Tiny Tots program for children 2-6, as well as a parent or guardian, to an exclusive learn to skate program tailored specifically for your little one.

VISIT MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG FOR DATES, TIMES, AND AVAILABILITY.



Milo's Moose Munch Recipe

A PLACE TO PLAY

Ingredients

- 2 3-ounce bags microwave popcorn (lightly salted), popped
- 1 cup cashews
- 1 cup whole almonds
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1/3 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 ounces white chocolate, melted
- 2 ounces dark chocolate, melted

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 250 degrees F, and lightly grease a baking sheet.
- Place the popcorn in a large mixing bowl, along with the nuts.
- Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over low heat.
- Stir in the brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt.
- Increase the heat to medium and bring the mixture to a boil, stirring.
- When the caramel comes to a boil, reduce the heat to medium low and allow to simmer, stirring, for 3 minutes (or until the temperature registers about 235 degrees F on a candy thermometer).
- Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the vanilla and baking soda (the mixture will foam up).
- Slowly drizzle the mixture over the popcorn, while stirring/tossing the popcorn to coat it with the hot caramel. (It might be easier if you have a kitchen helper. One can pour while the other stirs.)
- When the popcorn is well coated with caramel, spread it out in an even layer on a greased baking sheet.
- Bake for 1 hour.
- Allow to cool completely, then drizzle with melted white chocolate and melted dark chocolate.
- Let the chocolate set, then break the moose munch into chunks and enjoy!

Grab an adult and make my favorite holiday treat!




Millcreek Hosts Welcoming Week

Welcoming America is a nationwide network of communities committed to making their neighborhoods welcoming places for all. Through an initiative called Welcoming Week, organizations and communities "bring together all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity."

Millcreek was proud to join Salt Lake County in this effort to provide a welcoming space for those who are newcomers to our country. Through a celebration of culture, Millcreek Promise hosted an event with a resource fair showcasing resources within our focus areas of health, economic wellbeing, education, and safety. The highlight of the event came towards the end through beautiful cultural performances from Nepalese Association of America, The Karen Community of Utah, The Ukrainian Ensemble, Malialole Dancers, Dancing Feathers, and Iranians of Utah. Local DJ, DJ Nour hosted the night with eclectic music and enthusiasm.

This was a great opportunity to celebrate the residents of Millcreek and the many cultures represented in the city.



Millcreek Promise Increases Access to Healthy Foods

The Millcreek Promise Produce Pals program ran from July 1st through October 28th this year. Over the course of the program, we gathered and distributed over 1.5 tons of fresh fruits and veggies. This program would not have been possible without the dedication of our community members. From garden to table, a volunteer was there to help.

Each week, the program started with residents placing a cooler outside their homes to collect produce from their neighborhoods, most of it grown in their own backyards. Long-time volunteers then picked up the donations on Tuesday mornings and delivered them to Millcreek City Hall early in the day. From there, Millcreek Promise volunteers sorted the produce into evenly distributed boxes to ensure each recipient site received a fair share of fresh produce. Additional volunteers then picked up these boxes and delivered them to four recipient locations, serving hundreds of people who were able to select the

fruits and vegetables they wanted to take home.

This was the third year of this garden share program, and many of our volunteers have been involved from the very beginning. Over the years, they offered their houses as collection sites, donated their own produce, and gave their time to pick up and distribute donations. This year, we added the sorting component before distributing the donations to recipient sites. It also allowed us to recruit and involve more community volunteers for this program. We were able to advertise these opportunities through Just Serve, where committed members signed up, many of them returning multiple Tuesdays to help sort and distribute the produce.

Thank you to all who made this program a success! Let's keep sharing the harvest. Keep an eye out for 2026 Produce Pals information next summer!




Learn to Play Hockey!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Utah Mammoth is proud to announce the beginning of our Learn to Play program designed to introduce new hockey players to the sport and encourage them to be Mammoth fans for life.

4-week program, Jan 6th - Jan 29th
Tues and Thurs, 5:45 pm-6:45 pm

The Millcreek \$250 registration includes a full set of hockey gear that is yours to keep at the completion of the program, along with 8 sessions of on ice instruction.

Visit millcreekcommon.org/learntoplay for more information and registration.

MILLCREEK COMMUNITY THEATER presents

Annie

NOVEMBER 28, 29, & DECEMBER 1
plus a Saturday matinee.

millcreektheater.org

ANNIE is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DECEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

1330 E CHAMBERS AVE. MILLCREEK, UT 84106




HELP US KEEP THE COMMUNITY WARM BY VOLUNTEERING TO SORT AND DELIVER DONATIONS! SIGN UP AT THE QR CODE BELOW. SHIFTS VARY



Call for PERFORMERS

MILLCREEK INTERFAITH HARMONY

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

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HISTORIC SPOTLIGHT

By Ryan Lufgren, Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission

The Roberta Sugden House

Nestled in the winding streets of East Millcreek is a treasure of modern architecture. The Roberta Sugden House is a striking example of mid-century modern architecture and local design innovation. Designed in 1955 by renown Utah architect John W. Sugden for his mother, the home embraces bold ideas of transparency and structure, employing expansive glass walls, steel framing, and concrete base.

Sugden drew upon his training under luminaries like Mies van der Rohe and Ludwig Hilberseimer to realize a residence that dissolves boundaries between inside and out. The Roberta Sugden House features a central, opaque service core around which living spaces and private zones radiate, supported by fourteen wide-flange steel columns that bear the roof, making it appear to float above the glass walls.

Over the years, the home has weathered additions and veering landscaping, but it has also been lovingly rescued and restored. One owner, Molly, purchased the house in 1993 and worked with Sugden's associates to re-establish the original vision—removing intrusive elements, pruning overgrowth,

and recovering the architectural clarity. For those efforts, she was awarded a Utah Heritage Foundation honor in 2005

Today the Roberta Sugden House stands not only as a personal monument to one family but as a lasting symbol of Utah's architectural ambition. It invites residents and visitors alike to pause, consider how design shapes experience, and celebrate the rare tension between structure and openness.



Photos courtesy of City Home Collective



THE GRANDVIEW AT MILLCREEK COMMON

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Avoid Bad Foods For Your Good Pets

With the holidays approaching, here are some quick tips on what to keep away from your pet's mouth. Those delicious, rich holiday foods might lead to upset stomachs or, even worse, a trip to the emergency vet.

- **Bones:** Never give your pet leftover holiday bird bones. They can splinter and cause internal injuries or even death.
- **These tasties:** Stuffing, pudding, sauces, and foods with onions, grapes, raisins, or pickles.



AVOID GIVING YOUR PET:

- **Candy:** Chocolate, especially dark, semi-sweet, and Baker's chocolate, contains theobromine, which is toxic to pets and can be lethal if consumed.
- **Fatty leftovers:** Drippings and other fatty foods can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

Some holiday foods can be given to pets in moderation before being prepared with spices. These include sweet potatoes, white potatoes, pumpkin (before adding cream or fat), cranberries, chard, kale, green beans, and a small bite of turkey, ham, or other meats. For more specific guidance, consult your veterinarian.

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Phil and Unise. They migrated from Tonga for a better life. They chose Millcreek for its safety and opportunity, sacrificing much so higher education, hard work, and possibility could shape our lives.

My siblings—John, Paul, Teresa, and Florence. They've stood by me through single motherhood, challenges, and victories. Our bond has deepened with time.

My friends. Some lifelong, some new—but all chosen family. I'm grateful for those whose values align with mine and who bring laughter and strength to my journey.

Millcreek. This community shaped me. From local schools to neighborhood ties, Millcreek taught me love, compassion, and forgiveness—for others and myself.

Millcreek City Council and staff. Jeff, Silvia, Dwight, Thom, and Cheri have been the best leadership team I could have asked for these nine years. Alongside our exceptional staff—whose dedication drives daily operations—we've improved countless lives. From planning and public works to community engagement and emergency response, their efforts keep Millcreek thriving. I'm grateful for their partnership and shared commitment to

our city's wellbeing.

My education. I'm thankful to the University of Georgia and the University of Utah—for lifelong friends, athletic scholarships, and grants that supported me as a single mom pursuing my master's. Later, I cheered as a proud mom of a Ute football player.

Millcreek's gathering places, past and present. From Crown Burgers and Citrus Grill to High & Mike's, Kin Sen Thai, Antica Sicilia, and Gurka's—these restaurants have fed more than appetites; they've nourished connection. We've bowled at Olympus Hills, shared stories at Higher Ground, and celebrated birthdays at Millcreek Pizza House and La Frontera. We've hiked Graffiti Rock, shot the tube, and sledded at Upland Terrace and Eastwood. We've cheered at Skyline football games in the '90s and lingered over fries at Arctic Circle and Iceberg. We've gathered at East Millcreek Library and Rec Center, and picked up groceries at Dan's. We've grabbed bagels at Einstein's, BBQ at Suzy's, and caught up with neighbors over coffee.

Add to that the farmers markets, Venture Out festivals,

and spontaneous meetups at Big Cottonwood Regional and Scott Avenue parks. We've danced at Millcreek Common, skated under the lights, and watched our kids play in splash pads and snowbanks. These places—past and present—are the heartbeat of Millcreek, holding our memories and milestones.

Millcreek residents. Representing District 4 has been one of my life's greatest honors. Many of you raised families here, as I have. That says everything about the belonging we've built together. As district seats evolve, I will continue to embrace change and stay engaged in the community I love.

When we look around, we see people working to live, milestones to celebrate, and quiet struggles behind closed doors. We don't always know what others carry. So, in this season of giving, let's choose compassion and gratitude. Let's check in on each other and remember those for whom the holidays may be difficult.

I choose love, tolerance, and gratitude—and invite you to do the same.

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OFFICER OF THE MONTH OFFICER KORYN NIELSON

Officer Nielson responded to Café Rio on Highland Drive for a welfare check involving a recently homeless man seeking shelter from the cold. The individual, visibly emotional, shared that he had been trying to find work but was unable to obtain identification, had nowhere to stay, and was feeling hopeless. He had come into the restaurant to warm up and purchase a burrito but fell asleep and accidentally dropped his food. Embarrassed by the attention and the mess, he tearfully began cleaning it up.

Throughout the interaction, Officer Nielson treated the man with dignity and compassion. She purchased a replacement meal for him and took the initiative to connect him with meaningful resources, including information on job fairs, available services downtown, and assistance through the Salt Lake County Jail

to help him obtain an ID. He also provided a printed list of county support programs.

The individual expressed deep gratitude for the kindness and respect he received.

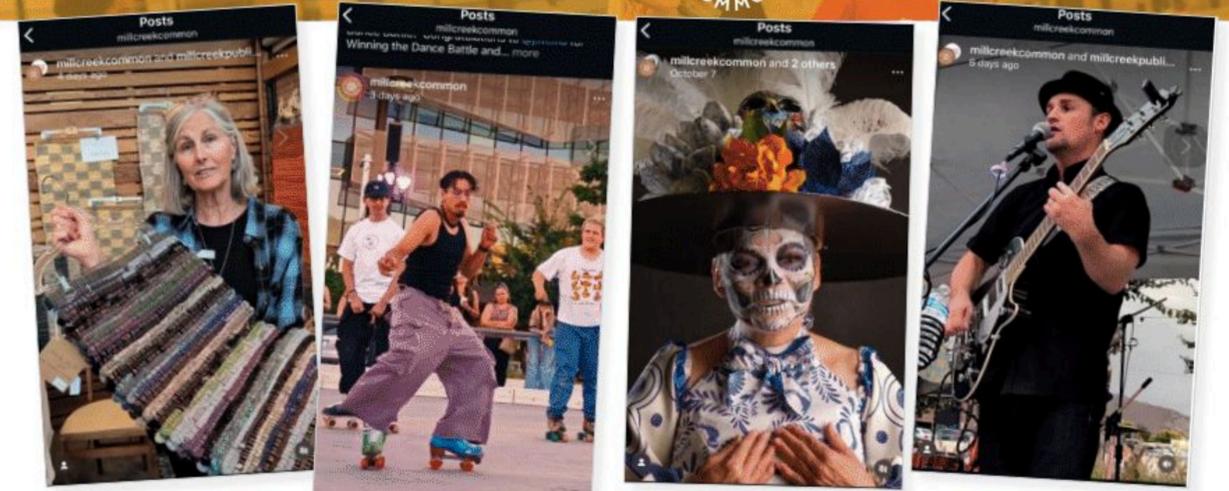
Officer Nielson exemplified the core values of the Unified Police Department—compassion, service, and professionalism. While law enforcement frequently involves both routine and high-stress situations, moments like this remind us of the profound impact officers can have through empathy and guidance. Officer Nielson's actions reflect great credit on herself and the department and highlight the positive role our officers play in the community.

For this and all of her incredible work, Officer Koryn Nielson is the 2025, October Officer of the month.




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

COMMONLY SCENE



Looking Back and Building Ahead!

Year-End Public Works Achievements



It's near the end of the year, and the Public Works Department has stayed busy all year round. The department's efforts to enhance safety, improve infrastructure, and better serve the city demonstrate our ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents while laying a strong foundation for continued growth and development within our city.

PRESERVING OUR ROADWAYS

For the city fiscal year 2024-2025, the City Council allocated an additional \$1 million to address common pavement preservation concerns from constituents regarding our roadways. With the extra budget, Millcreek was able to successfully treat approximately 2,268,000 square feet (~33miles) of roadways. Whereas in previous years, we were only able to treat 55,000 square feet (11 miles). Through various methods, including crack sealing, slurry sealing, overlays, micro-paving, and even full roadway reconstruction, these initiatives have not only improved the quality of our roads but also extended their lifespan, thereby fostering safer driving conditions for all travelers.



Throughout our efforts, we also collaborated with partners, including the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU), to completely reconstruct the roadways and sections of curb and gutters along Margie Avenue and Metro Way as part of their long-term project to enhance the water supply. Initially, our agreement with SLCDPU was limited to resurfacing the roadway only in the area where the pipeline installation was located. However, as work commenced, it became evident that the condition of the road base underneath the asphalt was worse than anticipated for both streets. In a spirit of cooperation and transparency, SLCDPU, the contractor, and the Millcreek team came together to discuss the situation. We reached a shared agreement to split the cost of fully reconstructing the roadways, along with any damaged curbs and gutters that required attention. The total price that Millcreek used from the pavement preservation funding for these improvements was approximately \$106,000. We appreciate our partnership with SLCDPU for their commitment to ensuring that we provide safe and reliable infrastructure to our community.

We continue to move forward in the new year, focusing on improving the quality of our roadways. All planned pavement preservation projects can be accessed using the QR code or using this link: experience.arcgis.com/experience/c4f2a6bb44ec4cd39be00c-4f3a4289d2



CREATING MORE SIDEWALKS FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

We have made significant progress in improving street safety near Upland Terrace Elementary! The Sunnysdale Safety Improvement Project explicitly addresses pedestrian safety concerns at the northwest corner of the intersection. We want to thank the resident who worked with us for ensuring the sidewalk width connects to



Upland Terrace Elementary properly and who also installed a brand-new pedestrian access ramp on Sunnysdale Drive. These improvements enhance safety and accessibility for active transportation.

ADVANCING OUR STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURES

We continue to make progress in utilizing our Stormwater Utility Fee (SUF) by introducing two new storm drain systems in different neighborhoods.

In June, we kicked off the construction season with the Orchard Drive SUF project, which involved installing a brand-new storm drain system in the area. This project was initiated due to significant flooding concerns raised by residents, highlighting the need for a storm drain system to manage heavy rainstorms and snowmelt. Although we aimed to complete the project before the start of school at William Penn Elementary, the construction crew faced multiple challenges due to the project's depth, location, and third-party utilities, making the installation of the pipelines more difficult. We appreciate the residents' patience regarding the delayed construction schedule and thank William Penn Elementary for their cooperation.



Our second SUF project began in September on Astro Way, within the Olympus Cove neighborhood. This project aims to improve the failing infrastructure in Astro Way and connect it to our recently installed system on Gilroy Road. Similar to the Orchard Drive project, the hilly terrain has presented some minor difficulties. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our construction crew and stormwater team, they have demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills and worked diligently to complete the project by the end of October of this year.

In addition to capital improvement projects, the stormwater team addressed approximately five emergency stormwater projects, primarily due to pipe failures that caused sinkholes in the roadways.

To learn more about our stormwater utility fee and capital improvement projects, scan the QR code or use the link: millcreekut.gov/560/Stormwater-Utility-Fee-SUF



DON'T TAKE IT FOR GRANT-ED!

We couldn't have started several key projects without the dedicated efforts of our department in consistently pursuing and applying for various grant funding opportunities. Our commitment to identifying, researching, and submitting proposals for financial support plays a crucial role in securing necessary resources to bring these projects to fruition. The noteworthy projects include:

Columbia Ave Sidewalk Improvement Project: We focused on enhancing pedestrian safety by extending the sidewalk and adding a new pedestrian access ramp along Columbia Avenue and State Street. We received approximately \$125,000 from the State Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and funded the remainder from our general project budget. The project started in February and was completed in April.

Neffs Canyon Parking Lot & Emergency Facilities: The U.S. Forest Service partnered with Millcreek to help reconstruct the deteriorating parking lot and develop necessary emergency facilities to respond to wildfire scenarios throughout the central Wasatch range. We successfully assisted in applying for a grant from the federal government, securing \$800,000 for the U.S. Forest Service, along with a local allocation of approximately \$60,000 from the city. The project team completed the new parking lot, a 16,000-gallon helicopter water well, and a helicopter pad by November 2025.

Wasatch Blvd Multi-Use Trail: Due to design delays, we were unable to construct the multi-use path along Wasatch Boulevard this summer. However, we continue to advocate for the project to begin construction in the spring or summer of 2026. We were awarded \$4.5 million to design and construct this project through the State Transportation Choice grant, which aims to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety on the west side of Wasatch Boulevard, between 4500 South and approximately 3680 South.

2000 East Phase 2: 3300 South to Atkin Avenue: We are continuing our efforts to enhance pedestrian safety and promote active transportation options along 2000 East by piping the existing open ditch, placing sidewalk over the pipe, and resurfacing the road from 3300 South to Atkin Avenue. The majority of the project is funded through the Federal-Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), for approximately \$5.7 million. The local cost share is roughly \$1.5 million to cover the total project cost of \$7.2 million. The project is expected to enter the contractor bidding process near the end of the year, with construction set to begin as early as January 2026.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2026!

As we wrap up the year, we would like to extend a massive round of applause to everyone in our Public Works department for their tireless efforts in ensuring that each of our projects concludes smoothly. Looking ahead, we anticipate taking on just as many projects, if not more, that will significantly improve our residents' experience with transportation. We will also keep everyone informed about our planned projects, particularly those directly affected by the construction. We appreciate your support as we strive to enhance Millcreek for everyone!

You can continue to follow our current, future, and completed projects by using the QR code or following the link: stormmaps.arcgis.com/stories/a22ce87031004dce8ecfcb6d-1ca6eed9



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