



NEWS

Menorah Lighting This Sunday

Announcements

Public Meetings

The City Council Meeting Scheduled for Monday, December 22nd, is Cancelled.

MILLCREEK. In a world that can feel dark, we're proud that our city shines as a beacon of neighborliness, acceptance, and strength through celebrating diversity. This weekend, the darkest of the year in terms of the amount of daylight, we encourage you to shine at Millcreek Common by joining us for our annual Menorah Lighting. Let's show that despite international events and national political rhetoric WE are better and brighter when we celebrate with each other.

All are welcome to join us at this weekend's events, and every event for that matter, regardless of personal beliefs, religion, or background.

Sunday 12/21 at 6:00pm inside the Public Market at Millcreek Common (first floor of City Hall, 1330 East Chambers Ave) join Rabbi Spector of [Congregation Kol Ami @conkolami](#) , Mayor Jackson, Mayor Silvestrini, and the Millcreek City Council to light the menorah to celebrate Hanukkah with good company, hot cocoa, skating and donuts.



Time is Running Short for Letters to Santa

Do you know a "little" who needs to write a Letter to Santa? Come on down to City Hall, the special mailbox is just inside the door. You can get supplies to write your letters at the front

Anecdotally, even petting a dog has been shown to help lower blood pressure and reduce stress.

Gregg Golden joined the UPD team last year through additional city funding dedicated to hiring a licensed clinical social worker with the expertise to assist officers during traumatic calls. The beer tax has also previously been used to purchase and outfit the UPD ice cream truck—complete with a freezer full of Creamies (donated by the Creamies company)—to engage with the community and schools at events promoting drug and alcohol prevention education. Gregg and Millie plan to visit schools, senior care facilities, residential treatment facilities, and the many other places where residents may enjoy a visit from a furry friend. If you visit City Hall, you may just run into Millie and his constantly wagging tail.

Millcreek Precinct Chief Christine Petty-Brown shared her enthusiasm for Millie's arrival: "We are looking forward to community engagement with Millie and getting out to meet everybody. The interaction he brings is important for those who may be a little shy of police officers."

Millie will officially become a member of the UPD K9 Unit. Alongside Malinois and German Shepherd apprehension and drug/bomb-detection canines, Millie stands out as the unit's **only** PSD-trained dog. **We are proud that the Millcreek UPD Precinct has taken this innovative step to provide an important new resource for our residents.**

Millie's training reflects the dedication and expertise of Richard Poppe, owner of Mountain Rose K9 Training Center, who has more than 40 years of experience in professional dog breeding and training. Richard has worked with Millie since he was eight weeks old, exposing him to a variety of stressful scenarios to ensure he is prepared to perform his duties with professionalism and compassion when he officially goes on duty in March.

Chief Petty-Brown added, "Millie will enhance our ongoing efforts to create a welcoming atmosphere, alongside our community engagement initiatives like the ice cream van, helping people feel more comfortable connecting with us."

As we introduce Millie to the community, we look forward to the many ways he will help strengthen connections and support mental health awareness.

Through his work with the UPD, we feel that bringing Millie on board will go a

long way towards fostering a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone in Millcreek. Stay tuned for more updates as Millie is officially sworn into his new role.



Board and Commission Representatives Appointed

MILLCREEK. As the newly elected City Council begins its work, an important piece of work is to appoint members to the various boards and commissions whose work influences our city. This “seat at the table” gives Millcreek a voice in decisions that impact our residents.

At the city council meeting on December 8th, the following appointments were formalized:

- Mayor Jackson will serve as Millcreek’s representative to the **Unified Fire Authority Board, Unified Fire Service Area Board** with Councilmember Nicole Handy as Millcreek’s alternative representative
- Mayor Jackson will serve as Millcreek’s representative to the **Unified Police Department** with Councilmember Uipi as Millcreek’s alternative representative.
- Mayor Jackson will serve as Millcreek’s representative to the **Community Renewable Energy Agency** with Councilmember DeSirant as the alternative representative.
- Councilmember Uipi will serve as Millcreek’s representative to the **Central Wasatch Commission.**

- Councilmember Handy will serve as Millcreek's representative to the **Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District**.
- Councilmember Catten will serve as Millcreek's representative to the **South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District**.
- Councilmember Catten will serve as Millcreek's representative to the **Jordan River Commission** with City Manager Mike Winder as the alternative representative.
- Councilmember DeSirant will serve as Millcreek's representative to the **Salt Lake County Animal Services Advisory Board** with Communications Director Rita Lund as the alternative
- Mayor Jackson, Councilmember DeSirant and City Manager Mike Winder will serve as Millcreek's representatives to the **Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee**.
- representative.
- Mayor Jackson will serve on the **Millcreek Business Council Board of Directors**.
- Mayor Jackson and Councilmember Catten will serve on the **Promise Executive Committee**.

As you can see, our city councilmembers plan to be very busy representing Millcreek in many capacities.



Pictured (l to r) Kristy Parajuli, Promise Education Coordinator, Councilmember Thom DeSirant, Councilmember Bev Uipi, Volunteer of the Year Kathy Lemieux, Mayor Cheri Jackson, and Councilmember Nicole Handy,

Millcreek Promise 2025 Volunteer of the Year Honored

MILLCREEK. Millcreek Promise has hosted a volunteer banquet for the past two years to celebrate and honor the volunteers for the incredible contributions they have made for the Millcreek community.

For her amazing work in 2025, Kathy Lemieux was awarded the Millcreek Volunteer of the Year.

Kathy has volunteered with the child supervision program since it started three years ago. The child supervision program was created to help students, particularly parents who attend ESL classes at Bud Bailey Apartment Complex through the English Skills Learning Center, to assist with supervising children under five while they are in class. Volunteers and staff help to provide activities for children allowing the parents to attend class without distractions and have a better learning environment.

Kathy has donated many toys for the program, played with the kids, wiped tears, managed temper tantrums, and even taught lessons to these young children while their parents are learning. Her efforts have helped to increase the number of parents who are able to attend class and learn English as a second language at a faster rate, helping these families find greater stability and success. She has also played a positive role model for the children who attend child supervision and they look forward to seeing her every time she comes.

We appreciate Kathy and all other volunteers for helping to make Millcreek a great place for everyone.



Canyon Rim Academy Spreads Holiday Cheer Through Giving Tree Program

MILLCREEK. Millcreek's [Canyon Rim Academy](#) once again demonstrated the power of generosity by coordinating its annual *Giving Tree* program. This year marks the school's seventh year participating in the initiative, and the impact continues to grow.

Each teacher and class was paired with one to three families and worked together to fulfill their wish lists. Through the collective efforts of students, staff, and families, nearly **690 donated items** were collected—ensuring that **100 children** will receive gifts this season.

All donations were given to **Rose Park Elementary School in Salt Lake City**, helping support families in the local community. Canyon Rim Academy's **Student Ambassador Program** played a key role by helping assemble and deliver the gifts to the school.

This meaningful tradition highlights the compassion and leadership of Canyon Rim Academy students. Way to go, Canyon Rim Academy, for making a difference and spreading joy!



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EVENTS



Saturday, 12.20.25, 6-8pm at Millcreek Common

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. This is a free event, and all are invited!



Sunday, 12.21.25, 6pm at Millcreek Common

Gather for a beautiful evening of light and community as we honor Hanukkah 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).

Celebrate the joy and reflection that come with bringing light into darkness.



The Skate Loop at Millcreek Common

12.19-12.23

10:30am-10pm

12.24

Closing early * 10:30am-4pm

12.25

CLOSED

12.26-12.30

10:30am-10pm

12.31

Skate until midnight! 10:30am-12am

1.1-1.3

10:30am-10pm

Find session times and book your spot at millcreekcommon.org

SAVE THE DATE

A promotional poster for the 'Early Eve' event. The background shows a woman and a young girl smiling together. On the left, a green box contains the text 'DEC 31 BIG BOOM BASH' in pink and white, with 'NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN AT MILLCREEK COMMON AND THE GRANDVIEW' in white below it. To the right, the text 'EARLY EVE' is in large white letters, followed by '4 PM-8 PM' in smaller white letters. Below that, it says 'DJ, Games, Dance Party, Arcade. Fireworks show and countdown at 8pm.' At the bottom right, it says 'INFO & TICKETS millcreekcommon.org' in white.

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Wednesday, 12.31.25, 4-8pm at Millcreek Common

Celebrate without the midnight meltdown! Early Eve is arcade games, entertainment, DJ, dancing, and food. Fireworks end the night at 8pm. Perfect for kids, easy for parents. Food and 21+ drinks available. Early Eve tickets are \$5. [Get tickets now!](#)

A promotional poster for the 'Out Late' event. The background shows a woman and a man smiling together. On the left, a green box contains the text 'DEC 31 BIG BOOM BASH' in pink and white, with 'NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN AT MILLCREEK COMMON AND THE GRANDVIEW' in white below it. To the right, the text 'OUT LATE' is in large white letters, followed by '9 PM-12:30 AM' in smaller white letters. Below that, it says 'Live music, Games, Dancing, Arcade, Fireworks show and countdown'. At the bottom right, it says 'INFO & TICKETS millcreekcommon.org' in white.

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Wednesday, 12.31.25, 9pm to 12:30am at Millcreek Common

Ring in the New Year at **The Grandview at Millcreek Common!** Enjoy SENXAO live, fortune tellers, lip readers, arcade games, food, and poets writing on the spot. End the night with dazzling fireworks! Food and 21+ drinks available. All ages are welcome. [Out Late tickets are \\$25 and available now!](#)



Coming in January - Sign up Today



Learn the basics of ice skating from one-foot glides to crossovers and everything in between! We strive to instill a lifelong love for all ice sports no matter your age. [Click here to register and learn more.](#)



Discover the thrill of speed skating while building a strong foundation in ice skating technique, this class is designed to help skaters of all ages develop the skills and confidence needed to enjoy and pursue speed skating. You must

have completed Basic Learn to Skate to register for this class. [Click here to register and learn more.](#)



We strive to instill a lifelong love for all ice sports no matter your age. This class is for ages 2-6 and a parent or guardian. [Click here to register and learn more.](#)

PUBLIC MARKET

Winter Solstice

BAZAAR



HOLIDAY GIFTS. VINTAGE.
HANDMADE ARTISAN FOOD.

FREE ENTRY

Dec 20th 5pm - 9pm
Dec 21st 11am - 5pm



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Utah Department of
Agriculture and Food

HOLIDAY SHOPPES
AT MILLCREEK COMMON



Nov 1 - Dec 24
Open Daily
11 am - 9 pm





Dialogues with Dr. Dave

**Tuesday, December 23rd at 10:00AM
in the Millcreek Library Storytime Room**

In this dialogue we will look at: **The Holidays**

Although many of us seek special time with our loved ones during the Holiday season, often November and December can also be times of additional stress and suffering. In this dialogue, participants are invited to share stories of our Holiday experiences (both positive ones and challenging ones) and discuss our hopes and fears about the Holiday season ahead. People may also want to share the wisdoms they have found in their own lived experience, especially about how to have the best Holiday experience possible.

Discussion
facilitated by:

Dr. Dave Derezotes
Amy Twede
Vivia Baldwin

Join us every 4th Tuesday
of the month!

December 23- The Holidays
January 27- TBA
February 27- TBA



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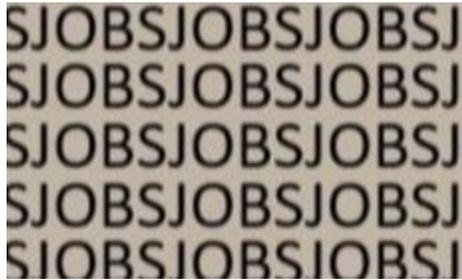
MESSAGES FROM OUR PARTNERS

MEETINGS WITH THE MAYOR



Meetings With the Mayor

Mayor Jackson is looking forward to continuing the tradition of holding weekly meetings with constituents but will be taking Christmas and New Years Day off. Starting on January 8th, meetings will take place each **Thursday from 3-5pm.** Call [801-214-2700](tel:801-214-2700) to schedule a slot.



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