



# NICOLE HANDY IS MILLCREEK CITY'S NEW COUNCILMEMBER

Longtime Millcreek resident Nicole Handy has been sworn in as the new District 3 city councilmember. She was appointed by the city council to fill the remaining two years in the term of now Mayor Cheri Jackson, who resigned her council seat upon becoming mayor. Her appointment was confirmed during the November 24 city council meeting where she took the oath of office and restored the council to its full five-member body.

"I am thrilled to be part of such an amazing council and excited to work with them on preparing Millcreek for a bright future," Councilmember Handy said. "There are so many outstanding residents

in District 3 and I'm deeply humbled to be selected from the impressive talent pool of applicants," she said. In a public interview process, Handy rose to the top of the nine-candidates, which included Linda Zenger, Ian Wright, Amber Measom, Leslie Moss, Matthew Gardner, Michael Gura, Nathan Gibby, and Patti Hession.

Councilmember Handy brings extensive experience in community engagement, nonprofit leadership, and education. She and her husband Garrett have raised their four children in the Canyon Rim area. She emphasized that her service on the Board of Trustees of Canyon Rim Academy, particularly throughout the challenges of the COVID-19 pan-



dem, helped prepare her to navigate complex and evolving community issues.

Handy began her career as a teacher and her professional and volunteer experience expanded to include event coordination for the Utah League of Cities and Towns, Millcreek's Venture Out! Festivals, as well as involvement in statewide initiatives such as Better Days 2020, Spike 150, Project Homeless Connect, and the Utah Association of Financial Services Foundation.

Handy currently serves as the executive director of America250 Utah, a

statewide initiative commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary. She holds an executive master's in public administration from the University of Utah.

Mayor Jackson extended a warm welcome to the new councilmember, noting, "I have known Nicole for many years and look forward to working with her in this new capacity," adding that "she will be a wonderful addition to the council." As the new District 3 representative Councilmember Handy will serve through the current term which concludes with the next municipal election in 2027.

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I've enjoyed writing in this space periodically over the last few years as a councilmember, but this is my first time sharing my thoughts in this column as your mayor. As we wrap up 2025 and look ahead to 2026, I am humbled to have the opportunity to continue to serve you in this new capacity.

At the end of 2026, we cross the milestone of ten years as a city. That anniversary is more than a date on a calendar—it's a reminder of what we have built together in such a short time, and a call to step confidently into our second decade with optimism and purpose. Millcreek was

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE CHERI JACKSON

### New Mayor, New Year, New Beginnings

born out of community determination, neighbor-to-neighbor collaboration, and the shared belief that local government works best when it listens closely and acts boldly. Those founding values will continue to guide us as we begin this next chapter.

As your mayor, my focus is simple: to strengthen what we love, improve what we can, and imagine what comes next. In the coming year, you will see us continue to invest in improving our streets, supporting local businesses, and hosting incredible events. Millcreek Common will keep evolving as the heart of our community—an inviting space where families gather, traditions grow, and visitors experience the unique spirit of our city. Phase II (skate canyon, splash creek, playground, and mini-golf) is well underway.

We will also take important steps on long-term priorities like housing affordability, *cont. on page 12: Mayor's Message*

# Millcreek Celebrates 10 Years as a City

We Are Financially Sound, Award Winning, and Connected to Nature and Each Other



## HONORING A DECADE OF GROWTH, CONNECTION, AND COMMUNITY IN MILLCREEK

**Created an Official City Government:**

After incorporation, Millcreek established its own mayor-council government, city departments, planning authority, and independent municipal services—moving from township status to a fully functioning city.

**Built and Launched Millcreek Common:**

One of the most visible achievements has been the development of Millcreek Common, our city-center. The space includes year-round recreation amenities, community gathering space, local businesses, food, art, and many public events.

**Invested in Parks, Trails & Outdoor Spaces:**

Millcreek has expanded access to green space, made improvements to parks, and enhanced connections to the Jordan River Parkway and foothill trail systems. These efforts reinforce our city's motto, "Connected by Nature."

**Strengthened Community Identity:**

Over the decade, Millcreek has developed a strong civic brand, engaged residents in planning and stewardship efforts, and supported public art, placemaking, and community events that build belonging.

**Encouraged Thoughtful Growth & Redevelopment:**

Millcreek has undertaken major planning initiatives, including strategic redevelopment around the City Center, updated ordinances, and neighborhood-focused planning aimed at balancing growth with quality of life.

**Supported Economic Development:**

Millcreek has worked to attract new businesses, revitalize commercial areas, and build relationships with local entrepreneurs—helping strengthen the city's economy and services.

**Prioritized Sustainability & Resilience:**

The city has invested in environmental stewardship, pollinator initiatives, active transportation planning, and energy-conscious development practices.

**Created Ways to Care For All Residents:**

The "Promise Program" is a unique collaboration with the United Way of Salt Lake and many other partners. Together, we mobilize to support the success of Millcreek youth and families in 3 critical areas: Education, Health & Safety, and Economic Well-Being. The mission is to build community, bridge divides, and lift all boats.

Since residents voted to form the city in 2016, Millcreek has grown into a thriving community known for its welcoming neighborhoods, vibrant public spaces, and its wonderful connection to natural amenities. Millcreek is a well-established community since its settlement in 1848. The community's strong sense of civic engagement came from its forebearers who established enduring civic values rooted in cooperation, stewardship, and shared purpose.

As Millcreek enters its second decade, the community is invited to celebrate its accomplishments, honor its shared history, and looks forward to a bright future filled with connection, creativity, and continued growth. As Millcreek looks to the future, these same values light the path forward. They remind us that progress is strongest when built together, that our natural spaces and neighborhoods thrive when cared for collectively, and that every voice has the power to shape what comes next. By carrying forward this legacy of involvement and unity, Millcreek enters its

next decade with confidence—ready to create new opportunities, strengthen connections, and continue building a community where everyone feels at home.

**DON'T MISS THESE JANUARY 12TH AND FEBRUARY 7TH ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS**

**Join us for cake and celebration:** Enjoy a sweet treat before Millcreek's first 2026 City Council meeting, **January 12 at 6:30pm at City Hall.** Residents are invited to come and commemorate the anniversary, and witness Councilmembers Bev Uipi and Thom DeSirant as they are sworn in for their new terms. Plus, you can take home a special 10th anniversary collector pin.

**Millcreek Dowdle Mural and Puzzle Artwork Unveiling by renowned Utah folk artist Eric Dowdle:** Come celebrate on **February 7th at Millcreek City Hall, 10am.** The puzzle showcases Millcreek's most beloved landmarks, neighborhoods, and natural features in Dowdle's iconic storytelling style. This commemorative puzzle serves as both a keepsake and a visual snapshot of the community we proudly call home.

## PAVE THE WAY TO MILLCREEK'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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.

**PURCHASE A MILLCREEK COMMON PLAZA PAVER AND BE REMEMBERED.**

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

Deadline: March 15, 2026 | Cost: \$250 per custom-engraved paver | Order at [MillcreekCommon.org](http://MillcreekCommon.org)

Millcreek Rocks  
The Jansons

CELEBRATING OUR



10th ANNIVERSARY



# Alma DeLoney Is Honored For 105 Amazing Years

Millcreek is honored to celebrate one of its most treasured residents, Alma DeLoney, who marked her 105th birthday on November 8, 2025. Family, friends, neighbors, and community members gathered for a joyful celebration that reflected

not only Alma's long life, but her warmth, resilience, and unwavering community spirit. Alma moved to Millcreek 35 years ago, and from the moment she arrived, she knew she had found her place. "My favorite thing about Millcreek is how centrally located it is- it's easy to access the I-15 and I-215," she shared with a smile.



Alma grew up in various little towns all over Utah. She said, "After I was marreid, I lived in Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. When we moved to Millcreek, it surprised us how much safer we felt."

This milestone year has been especially meaningful for Alma. In September, she was honored at the 37th annual Utah's Club Centenarians event on September 16, 2025, where she had the opportunity to meet Governor Spencer Cox. The gathering recognized



Utahns who have reached the extraordinary age of 100 or more, each with their own unique history and contributions to the state. Alma's bright presence and sharp wit made her one of the standout guests of the celebration.

When asked about the secret to her longevity, Alma doesn't hesitate: ice cream.

"I have a dish every night," she said. "I love summertime because we can eat fresh berries on our ice cream." Her fondness for sweets doesn't stop there- one of her simple joys is visiting Costco for large candy jars and bulk treats. "I have a real sweet tooth!" she laughed.

Alma has lived a life rich with experience, love, and service, and Millcreek is proud to call her one of our own.

## Repurpose Your Christmas Tree With Free Pick-Up

Did you know that our partners at Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) diverted 36 tons of Christmas trees from landfills last holiday season?

WFWRD offers Christmas tree removal during the month of January. Crews will pick up trees from residents who complete a request form on the WFWRD website at [wfwrdutah.gov](http://wfwrdutah.gov).

After filling out the online form, ensure your Christmas tree will be picked up by removing all decorations, ornaments, lights, and fake snow. Please place them curbside, not in your green waste bin.

Trees are typically collected the day after your regularly scheduled waste/recycle pickup day. Due to high demand, it may take more than one week to complete all requests.

The trees are then delivered to Diamond Tree where they are chipped into clean mulch for redistribution throughout our community. Thank you for helping keep the holidays green and sustainable!

**ONLY REAL trees are accepted—no artificial or flocked trees. Request pickup at [wfwrdutah.gov](http://wfwrdutah.gov).**



## POLICY MAKER FORUM

**NATE BLOUIN**  
UTAH SENATOR  
DISTRICT 13

*I've always taken my job as a state senator seriously. It's no small privilege to represent over 100,000 Utahns in the legislature, and I particularly have enjoyed representing the western half of Millcreek. As a member of the minority party we're always up against tall odds to advance the sort of meaningful policy changes constituents need to make ends meet on Utah's Capitol Hill. In recent years, I've variously been a renter, a student, a clean energy expert, a patient, a mortgage-holder, and a husband, and I understand the sort of challenges folks in Millcreek and across the state are feeling.*

*I will continue to fight in the upcoming legislative session for my colleagues to seriously consider priorities like making sure everyone has access to healthcare, to help everyone be able to put food on their table, and to ensure that the cost of childcare doesn't force families to choose between having a kid or a mortgage. We need to address the cost of electricity while promoting clean energy like the sort Millcreek is investing in today. And we need to stand up to authoritarianism creeping into our community—a huge round of applause for our former Mayor Silvestrini for confronting that sort of overreach head on.*

*I will continue to be a voice for real solutions for Millcreek families, not just waste time on message bills and frivolous lawsuits. I will continue to fight top-down attempts by the state to tell cities what they can or can't name their streets, or what flags they can fly at community events. You can count on me advocating for resources for our public schools.*

*Keep a close eye on the legislature this year. We hear all the time about the Utah Way. About how things are different here. But saying the right thing and doing the right thing are drastically different endeavors. You can count on me to both say and do what helps this community we love.*



## Granite Credit Union 90th Anniversary!

Granite Credit Union marked its 90th anniversary with a celebration honoring nearly a century of service, growth, and community partnership. What began as a small, member-driven financial institution has grown into a trusted resource for thousands, and the anniversary event highlighted both its rich history and its ongoing commitment to helping members thrive. With gratitude for nine decades of support, Granite Credit Union continues to look ahead, focused on innovation, financial empowerment, and strengthening the communities it serves.

3675 S 900 E | 801-288-300

## Millcreek Olive Oil Grand Reopening

Millcreek Olive Oil recently celebrated their grand reopening with a new Millcreek location. Community members stopped by to explore the refreshed space, sample a variety of artisan olive oils and balsamic vinegars, and connect with Chef Jason. The reopening highlighted Millcreek Olive Oil's continued commitment to quality, flavor, and community, making the move a flavorful success.

1337 Villa Vista | 801-698-5144



## JANUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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Hometown Values

Located in the heart of Millcreek, **1 Salon** is a modern, high-end salon co-owned by Steven Robertson and Danielle Medina. Founded on the values of integrity, creativity, balance, knowledge, and happiness, our skilled team offers haircutting, barbering, custom color services of all shades and coverage and extensions, smoothing, and re-texturizing services; featuring luxury brands Kérastase and R+Co.

More than a salon, we are a proud community partner. Our team organizes fundraising and supply drives for local animal shelters, donates haircare products to the Ronald McDonald House and the YWCA and local shelters, and supports the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art alongside other creative causes. As members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community, we foster an inclusive and welcoming environment where artistry and compassion for all meet. Our clients become our friends who extend their resources and outreach further to the community. 1 Salon is Millcreek's destination for beauty with purpose.

1005 E 3900 S | 801-590-9798



# Millcreek Community Life

## here's millie!

Millie Millcreek



By a Woman Who Has Survived Many Januaries

January is the month when we collectively decide that the version of ourselves from December—cozy, cookie-powered, and delightfully unproductive—must be banished in favor of some sleeker, shinier model. "A new you," they say. "Reinvent yourself," they say.

And every year, I reply: "No thank you, I just met the old me and she's doing her best."

January, to me, is not the season for reinvention. Reinvention sounds exhausting. Reinvention sounds like I need a personal brand strategist, a juice cleanse, and a vision board made of gold foil. Resetting, however? That I can do. Resetting is simply the adult version of unplugging the Wi-Fi router: a small nudge in the right direction, followed by a hopeful stare into the middle distance.

This is why, instead of resolving to overhaul my entire life, I've set my sights on gentle adjustments. For example, I've decided to adopt a more realistic fitness plan. Not a marathon, not a triathlon, not "hot yoga at sunrise." No—my goal is simply that my gym membership lasts longer than the poinsettias on my front porch. If I can outlive a seasonal plant in my commitment, that feels like an achievable win.

Meal prepping is another area ripe for resetting. I love the idea. I love matching containers. I love the fantasy version of myself who sautéed everything on Sunday. But reality says otherwise. So, this year, I'm embracing meal-suggesting-buying foods that could be part of a recipe if I really put in the effort or could be eaten standing over the sink. Even Milton has learned to approach the fridge with curiosity rather than expectation: "Is this dinner or... ingredients?" he'll ask. The answer is usually "Yes."

What I love most about the reset mindset is that it assumes we aren't broken, unfinished, or badly assembled. We don't need to be stripped down like an old engine and rebuilt from scratch. We simply need a moment to breathe, to stretch, to refocus—like hitting "refresh" instead of "factory reset" on life.

So, here's to January: the month of gentle beginnings, of tiny triumphs, of choosing progress over perfection. A month where we're allowed to change our minds, hit snooze, start again, and celebrate the smallest wins— even if that win is just making it to February with a functioning gym key fob.

Reinvention? Overrated.

A good reset? Now that I can stick with— at least longer than the poinsettias.

Xoxo,

Millie

12.29 - 1.10

ELECTRIC ALLEY ARCADE



11am - 9pm Daily, Public Market at Millcreek Common

Step into the Electric Alley Arcade, where classic games, neon lights, and retro vibes bring out the kid in everyone. From pinball to old-school favorites, this nostalgic hangout is the perfect spot to play, laugh, and make new memories. \$5 wristband to play. **12.29, 1-4pm Kids Tournament, 5-8pm Open Tournament:** Sign up before the start time to play! Top four winners of each tournament will score some amazing prizes.



BIG BOOM BASH: EARLY EVE & OUT LATE 12.31

The Grandview & Plaza at Millcreek Common

A fantastic way to ring in the New Year! See ad on page 7.

1.3

SHOES VS. SKATES



6pm-10pm, The Grandview at Millcreek Common

Step into the ultimate showdown. Whether you rock sneakers or wheels, bring your best moves. To participate in 1v1, register in person at 5pm. FREE FUN!



NATIONAL FIGURE SKATING MONTH EXHIBITIONS 1.12, 21, 26

6:45pm - 7pm, Millcreek Common Skate Loop

Beautiful performances from the best figure skaters around.

1.18

WINTER BAZAAR BEGINS



11am - 4pm, Public Market at Millcreek Common

This cozy flea market inside the Public Market from The Bazaar is the perfect way to spend your Sundays while supporting small businesses in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Every Sunday through March 22.



ART MARKET 1.19-2.15

Daily from 11am - 9pm, Public Market at Millcreek Common

The third annual Art Market features collections from established and emerging Utah-based artists in varying mediums. Find new pieces in painting, photography, and woodwork. See ad on page 6.

1.19

ICE SKATE ON MLK HOLIDAY



11am - 9pm, Millcreek Common, Skate Loop

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day and come skate with us! \$2 off admission (Online Code: MLK26)



PRIZE BINGO NIGHT...IT'S SNOWTIME! 1.21

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

Bring your luck (and your friends) for an evening of lively bingo fun hosted by Shannanigans and Melons! Doors open at 6:30 pm; games run from 7-8:30 pm. Everyone's eligible to play and win. Suggested donation: \$5 per bingo card.

1.23

ART MARKET ARTIST RECEPTION



6pm-8pm, Public Market at Millcreek Common

Meet participating artists of the Art Market at Millcreek Common and browse their work produced in a variety of mediums inside the Public Market. Light hors d'oeuvres and music will accompany the evening.



ADULTS SKATE TOO EXHIBITION 1.28

6:45pm - 7:00pm, Skate Loop at Millcreek Common

This show celebrates skaters of all ages, proving it's never too late to lace up and glide. Come cheer on these amazing adults as they show that skating truly has no age limit!

JANUARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE



## Come Play!

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

### ICE SKATING OPEN DAILY

Sunday - Thursday  
11am-9pm

Friday & Saturday  
10:30am-10pm

\$7 admission, \$5 skate rental

Season Passes available. Best to book tickets in advance.  
Some sessions sell out or Skate Loop may close for special events.

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



**Winter Bazaar Market**

1.18 - 3.22, Sundays 11am - 4pm

A cozy flea market that brings together an eclectic mix of vendors offering vintage clothing, unique jewelry, original artwork, and handmade crafts of all kinds. It is the perfect way to support small businesses in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



**Art Market**

1.19 - 2.15 • Open daily • 11am-9pm

The third annual Art Market in the Public Market at Millcreek Common features collections from established and emerging Utah-based artists in varying mediums. Find new pieces in painting, photography, sculpture, and woodwork.



**Vinyl Revival**

2.23 - 3.29 - Open daily - 11am - 9pm

**Seeking Audiophiles and Music Lovers!**  
Do you sell records, concert memorabilia, rock 'n roll clothing, or music accessories? Apply to participate as a business at the Vinyl Revival! Apply at [millcreekcommon.org/vinylrevival](http://millcreekcommon.org/vinylrevival).

**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](http://millcreekcommon.org/mercantilepurveyors).

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**Dry Tooling**

**1.17 - 3.14 | EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY | 11AM - 5PM**  
**Millcreek Common Climbing Wall**

Millcreek Common's Climbing Wall is being transformed into a dry tooling wall for the winter months. Dry tooling is a simulated ice climbing experience. Whether you are a seasoned ice climber or a newcomer wanting to learn the basics, grab your gear and let's climb. Don't have gear? Not a problem. Dry tooling equipment can be rented for \$5 with a wall admission of \$7.

**ATTENTION:**  
*Those using their own equipment; Ice axes must be tethered, crampons are allowed on the kick-in course only, helmets are required.*

**Alpenglobe Magic At Millcreek Common**

Experience the magic of winter at Millcreek Common by renting one of our three new Alpenglobes! Whether snow is falling or the lights of the plaza are twinkling around you, these private, heated globes create the perfect backdrop for unforgettable moments.

Conveniently located right beside the Skate Loop, guests can glide in, step directly inside, and warm up without removing their skates. The Alpenglobe is ideal for families, date nights, birthdays, proposals, or any celebration that deserves something extra special.

Your next unforgettable winter experience is waiting. Book your Alpenglobe today at [MillcreekCommon.org](http://MillcreekCommon.org).

**ABOUT THE ALPENGLLOBE:**

- \$100 for a 90-minute session
- Arrive 15 minutes early to set up; enjoy extra time afterward to tidy up
- Comfortable space for up to 10 guests
- Equipped with soft lighting, a table, seating, and a Bluetooth speaker
- Bring your own food and drinks, or order out
- Adjustable heat to keep your group perfectly cozy
- Choose from three unique globes: The Aspen, The Willow, and The Spruce



**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





**Art Market**  
at Millcreek Common

January 19<sup>th</sup> - February 15<sup>th</sup>  
**OPEN DAILY 11 AM-9 PM**

Featuring artwork from  
**20 Utah-based artists:**

Lindsay Allen Photography  
Lynn Bright  
Eileen Guernsey Brown  
Dedwords Art Studio  
Libby Dibb Art  
Karen Dreyfus  
Cara Jean Hall  
Indigo Hue Designs  
Keersten Jensen Fine Art  
Kate Johnson Art  
Darin Jones Passionate Arts  
Debra Russell  
Emmaline Russel Art  
Shared Bones  
Jocelyn Shay Designs  
Westfold Design  
Sandra Williams  
Wood by Kim  
Holli Yoho



Eileen Guernsey Brown



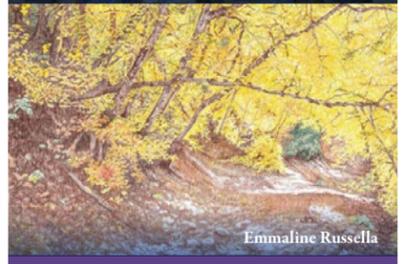
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Cara Jean Hall



Kate Johnson



Emmaline Russell



**Hearts a Fire**  
AT MILLCREEK COMMON

**FRI, FEBRUARY 14**  
5 PM-10 PM

Celebrate the season with friends and neighbors at Millcreek Common's Hearts Afire Weekend! Enjoy dancing, live entertainment, art, food, and cozy experiences all evening long.

**Pizza-Making with Millcreek Pizza House**  
5 PM, 6:30 PM, 8 PM • \$25  
Make your own heart-shaped pizza—perfect for couples, friends, or families.

**Alpenglobe S'mores, Cider & Savory Board**  
(Private for 2-4)  
5:00 PM, 6:15 PM, 7:30 PM • \$150 per globe  
Enjoy s'mores, sparkling cider, and a locally sourced meat & cheese board in your private heated globe.

**Paint Party with The Art Nomad**  
5:30 PM, 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM, 8:30 PM • \$25  
Create a warm, love-inspired painting—no experience needed!

**Country Line Dancing on Ice**  
5:30 PM & 7:00 PM • \$10  
(+\$5 skate rental optional)  
Boots meet blades in this one-of-a-kind winter dance experience!

**Viva Las Vegas on Ice**  
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM • Included with rink admission  
A dazzling, family-friendly show combining ice skating and aerial arts.

**Country Swing & Line Dance Class with Seth Stern**  
8:15 PM • \$10  
Learn country favorites and new moves with The Cowboy Photographer himself!

**Art Exhibit: The Cowboy Photographer—Seth Stern**  
At The Grandview • Open Throughout the Evening  
Free Admission  
Explore the beauty of the American West through stunning cowboy-inspired photography.

**Bundle up, bring your crew, and join the fun—everyone's welcome at Hearts Afire!**

TICKETS AND REGISTRATION AT **MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG**



## Milo's Winter Scavenger Hunt!

### Find These Winter Wonders

Bundle up, bring a grown-up, and explore the wonders of winter! Before you start, ask an adult for help and make sure you're dressed for winter weather.

#### Outdoors

- A snowman (real or inflatable)
- A snowflake (real, decorative, or drawn!)
- Animal tracks in snow or mud
- An evergreen tree
- A person wearing a colorful scarf
- A pair of mittens or gloves
- A sled, snowboard, or snow toy
- Something frozen- puddle, icicle, or frost

#### Around the City

- A decorated window or porch
- A sign for hot cocoa or warm drinks
- A bus or car with frost on the windows
- A building wrapped in winter lights

#### Use Your Senses

- A winter smell (pine trees, hot chocolate, wood smoke)
- A winter sound (crunching snow, wind, boots on pavement)



## Continue to Learn Hockey

REGISTRATION OPEN

2.3 -2.26 | Tuesdays & Thursdays | 5:45pm-6:45pm

The Utah Mammoth and Millcreek Common are proud to announce our Continue to Learn Hockey program designed to developing the skills of beginner hockey players and encourage them to be Mammoth fans for life. The registration fee is \$100. So, grab your gear from your Learn to Play Hockey program and continue developing your skills.

Visit [millcreekcommon.org/learntoplay](http://millcreekcommon.org/learntoplay) for more info and registration.

(This activity is for individuals who have completed the initial Learn to Play Hockey program only)



## Girls Learn to Play Hockey

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR AGES 5-11

2.3 -2.26 | Tuesdays & Thursdays | 4:45pm-5:45pm

The Utah Mammoth and Millcreek Common are proud to announce the beginning of our Girls Learn to Play program designed to introduce new hockey players to the sport and encourage them to be Mammoth fans for life. The \$250 registration includes a full set of hockey gear that is yours to keep, along with 8 sessions of on ice instruction.

Visit [millcreekcommon.org/learntoplay](http://millcreekcommon.org/learntoplay) for more information and registration.



## Learn to Speed Skate

REGISTRATION OPEN

1.7 - 2.11 | Every Wednesday | 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Discover the thrill of speed skating while building a strong foundation in ice-skating technique. From basic one-foot glides to powerful crossovers and everything in between, this class is designed to help skaters develop the skills and confidence needed to enjoy and pursue speed skating. Your registration includes six 30-minute speed skating classes, speed skate rental, one Learn to Skate USA membership & one free ice-skating pass to practice your new skills. Visit [millcreekcommon.org/learntoplay](http://millcreekcommon.org/learntoplay) for more info and registration.



# 2025 Millcreek Promise Year in Review

## FEBRUARY



### Interfaith Harmony

On February 8th, Millcreek Promise and Community Life hosted the Interfaith Harmony Event that was supported by the Millcreek Interfaith Council. It was a chance for people from various faiths to come together to celebrate the connecting nature of music.



### Spy Hop Students Art Showcase

At Millcreek City Hall, we celebrated students who completed the Spring Spy Hop program. Their art was on display at city hall for many months throughout the year.

## APRIL



### Resource Fair (Use Picture 3)

Every year, Millcreek Promise hosts a resource fair at Bud Bailey apartments. This event brings partners directly to an apartment complex for outreach. We also celebrated the community with food, a DJ and magician, and a balloon artist.



### Earth Day Field Trips

For Earth Day, Millcreek Promise teamed up with Community Life and 1520 Arts to teach youth about water conservation by allowing them to express their creativity

through painting rain barrels. We auctioned off those rain barrels to the community after the project was complete.

## MAY



### Bike Rodeo

In May, Millcreek Promise hosted the first Bike Rodeo of the year at James E. Moss Elementary. This event was meant to invite youth and families to the school and to teach bicycle safety skills leading into the summer. We had the largest turnout yet for this event, and we hosted another Bike Rodeo in August to welcome youth back to school for the school year.



### Youth Council Best of State

This year, the Millcreek Youth Council received the Best of State award in the Youth Organization in Public Community Development category. Some of the youth were so excited to join us to receive the award!

## JULY



**Kicked off Produce Pals** Produce Pals was an initiative that we ran from July 1 to October 28th. In this program, we worked with community volunteers to donate fresh produce from local gardens, sort it to be able to evenly distribute, and deliver it to organizations who shared it with clients seeking access to fresh produce.



**Millcreek Futures Pilot Field Trip** We kicked off our Millcreek Futures program by bringing youth from afterschool to two businesses to explore potential careers. We continued the program in the school year with Utah International Charter School and expanded the number of businesses involved. Thank you to Granite Credit Union, Porsche, Aviva Woman, St. Marks Hospital, Unified Police Department (Millcreek), and Mark Miller Subaru for teaching students about various career paths!



### Afterschool Summer Camp

Millcreek Promise partnered with Community Life to offer free summer camp to youth in afterschool programs in Millcreek. The kids came to Millcreek Common for three days to learn skills with roller skating and rock climbing!

## AUGUST



### New Youth Council Cohort

We welcomed the SY 25-26 Youth Council cohort. Juniors and seniors are interviewed and chosen in a competitive process to be a part of this leadership opportunity. This year's cohort is dedicated to continuing to engage in service opportunities in the community.

## SEPTEMBER



**9/11 Day of Service** We participated in the National 9/11 Day of Service by bringing together volunteers to assemble hygiene kits. We assembled 629 kits, and they went out to various organizations in the community.



### Welcoming Week

We partnered with Salt Lake County to welcome New Americans to the community by hosting a resource fair and cultural performances on Millcreek Common.

## NOVEMBER



### Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

Millcreek Promise hosted an appreciation banquet for all community volunteers in Millcreek.

## DECEMBER



### Winter Clothing Drive

In partnership with the Millcreek Business Council, Millcreek Promise hosted a winter clothing drive, ensuring warm clothes get to those in need in the community.



# HISTORIC SPOTLIGHT

Arie Leeflang, Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission

## Deep History Above Millcreek

Nestled in the mountains above Millcreek lies a deep, narrow cavity that was once celebrated as the deepest cave in the United States. Reaching a depth of over 1,100 feet, the cave's early explorations in the 1950s were occasionally fraught and contested, making headlines when explorers became trapped or publicly reported the cave's dangers.

The Neffs Cave first came to public attention in 1949 when a trio of young men, who initially named it "The Lyon's Den," began plumbing its depths. While generally credited with the cave's discovery, the group noted finding a wooden ladder, a miner's pick, and a paper mining claim at some depth within the cave. Given its proximity to 19th-century logging trails, it is likely that certain early Millcreek residents and loggers were already aware of the pit.

A dramatic rescue took place in March 1950 after the group became trapped at the bottom of one of the cave's major drops. A brother and friend were reportedly instrumental in the rescue, with the local Sheriff providing limited assistance. Following this incident, the Forest Superintendent ordered the cave entrance barricaded, though the closure occurred much later.

In 1951, a cadre from the National Park Service explored a section of the cave while considering it for National Monument status. Their report was critical, concluding, "Even if it were a good cave... it is very definitely dangerous."

Two years later, Harold Goodro, a notable local rock climber and mountaineer, descended the cave with other members of the Wasatch Mountain Club, reportedly using over 1,000 feet of rope. His assessment was equally discouraging, stating, "We didn't find anything of scenic value - except one or two stalactites." This news reportedly riled local cavers, who were also exploring the cave and held a more nuanced appreciation for its non-aesthetic value.

Another rescue occurred in 1965 when an Indiana man was left dangling for more than eight hours on a rope amid a steep drop. After spending more than 36 hours total in the cave, and suffering from severe hypothermia, the man was pulled from the cave and transported to St. Marks hospital in a semi-conscious state.

Today, the cave has been demoted; it is now the sec-

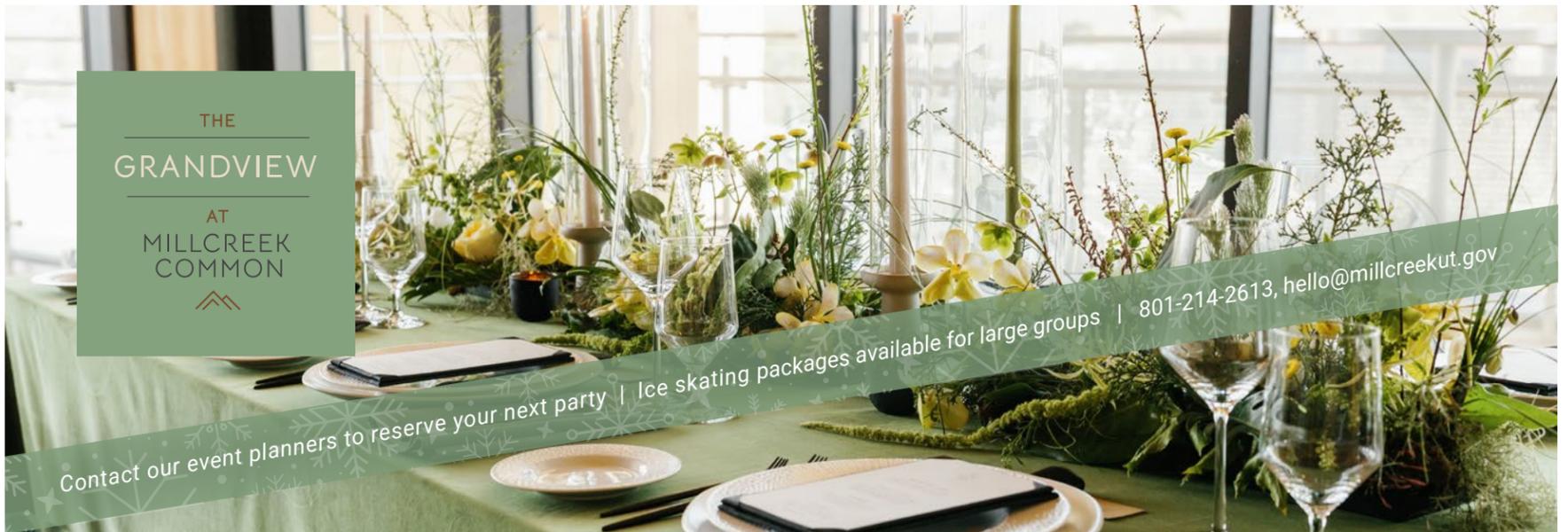
ond deepest in Utah, behind the "Main Drain" in Logan Canyon, and ranges from the ninth to the fourteenth deepest in the nation, depending on the source. Access is now strictly controlled by a secure gate. Even with modern caving techniques and equipment, those permitted to reach its depths report the conditions remain difficult and hazardous.



**ENTER HERE** — The youths, Neil Christensen, John and James Lyon, start down the north entrance to the cave, which they call "The Lyon's Den." The boys have explored 1,000 feet of the cave during their visits to the place.

**OLD CLAIM**—James Lyon inspects a tattered and aged mining claim the boys found near the cave. They also discovered a miner's pick and ladder deep inside the cave.

A photo of the cave-discovering trio from an article in the June 24th, 1949 Deseret News.



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## OFFICER OF THE MONTH

SERGEANT JESSE ALLEN

The Unified Police Department recognized Jesse Allen as October Officer of the Month for his exceptional dedication, compassion, and persistence in a recent child neglect case. His actions went far above and beyond what is typically expected and directly led to a successful outcome that placed the welfare of the children at the forefront.

Throughout this case, Sergeant Allen demonstrated unwavering commitment and initiative. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, he took it upon himself to involve the Mental Health Unit multiple times to ensure the children's wellbeing—efforts that were not immediately successful, but he refused to give up.

When those avenues proved limited, he reached out to the Special Victims Unit for support and, when that too fell short, he continued to think

creatively. His decision to engage the Drug Enforcement Unit ultimately changed the course of the investigation.

Because of Sergeant Allen's persistence and dedication, the children were safely removed from a dangerous and unfit home, no longer exposed to drugs or neglect. His determination and compassion quite literally changed the trajectory of their lives.

Sergeant Allen is not someone who seeks recognition; in fact, he often avoids the spotlight. However, his work on this case exemplifies the very best of our department—leadership, innovation, and an unrelenting commitment to protecting those who cannot protect themselves.

We congratulate Sergeant Jesse Allen on his outstanding service and his profound impact on the lives of these children and our community.



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

# New Wildland-Urban Interface Map and Enhanced Building Codes

On December 8, 2025, the Millcreek City Council adopted a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) map and enhanced building codes to provide better wildfire safety and risk management for Millcreek homeowners. The WUI map identifies properties that are subject to enhanced building code requirements for new construction and major remodels. The building code update applies the wildland urban interface sections of the 2006 International Fire Code to new construction and major remodels of buildings located on the WUI zones.

The State of Utah requires that all cities adopt a WUI map by January 1, 2026. These actions are meant to reduce wildfire risk, improve public safety, and help maintain affordable fire insurance availability. We know that wildland fires can be devastating: The Los Angeles Times estimates that the Palisades Fire in Southern California resulted in a total economic loss of more than \$250 billion.

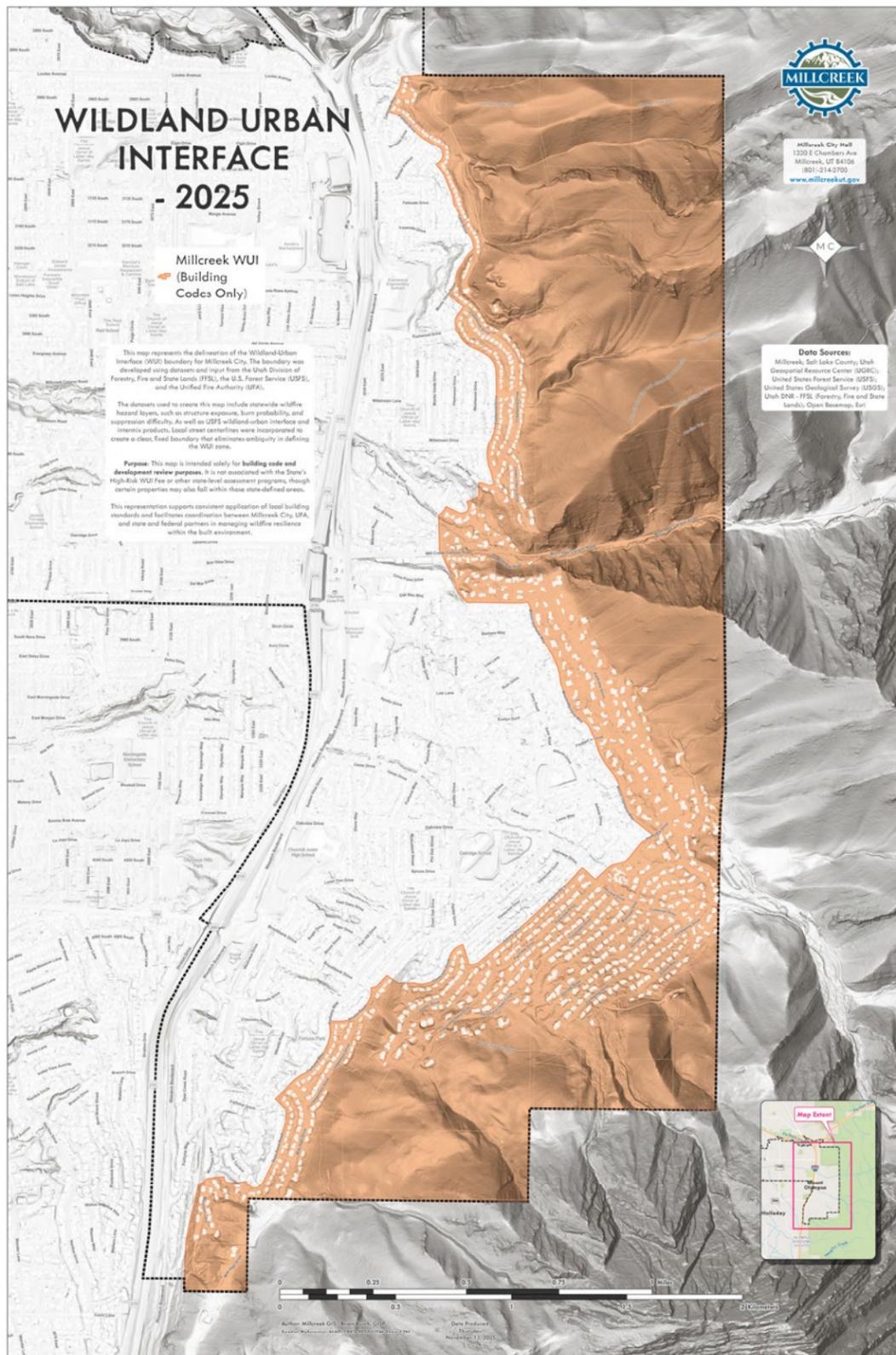
The WUI is the area where homes and other development meet or intermingle with wildland vegetation. Because these areas face higher wildfire exposure, they require extra precautions – such as defensible space, ignition-resistant construction, and vegetation management. For Millcreek, the WUI includes properties in Olympus Clove that are very close to the Forest Service land along Grandeur Peak, Millcreek Canyon, Neff’s Canyon, and Mount Olympus. To see the Millcreek WUI map and to learn more about the new building code requirements, follow this link: [bit.ly/4rc1NoY](http://bit.ly/4rc1NoY)

The State of Utah also has a map that identifies properties that are at high risk due to adjacent wildlands. Millcreek’s WUI map differs from the State’s map in several important ways:

- The Millcreek WUI map is used for local building code enforcement and development review. The updated building codes apply to new construction and major remodels in WUI zones. In order to ensure compliance with State law, the Millcreek City Council adopted a WUI map on December 8, 2025.
- The State’s High-Risk WUI map is used for statewide wildfire risk assessment and fee collection. The map applies to all properties that are at high risk to wildfires, and is administered by the State of Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

The legislation also allows the State of Utah to assess a fee to high-risk properties located within the State’s High Risk WUI map. Being inside Millcreek’s WUI zone does not automatically mean that the property will be required to pay the State’s wildfire fee. Millcreek has no authority over the State fee or assessments.

We understand that there may be a number of questions around the WUI map, the code requirements, and the State’s wildfire fee. We will be holding a public input meeting on Monday, January 5, at 6:00 pm at Churchill Jr. High School at 3450 East Oakview Drive to give residents an additional opportunity to better understand the WUI map and how it affects their property.



# Snowplow Q&A

Do You Know the Answers to These Questions?



It's snow time! You may be wondering how Millcreek manages its snow operations. Here are the most frequently asked questions about our snowplowing services and what you can expect this winter.

**Who provides snowplowing services in Millcreek?**

We continue our contract with Salt Lake County Operations for all our snowplowing services. Residents can continue to expect the same high-quality services as in previous years.



**Why haven't the plows come to my neighborhood?**

Storm intensity varies across the city. Plows are dispatched first to areas expected to receive the heaviest snowfall, which can delay operations in regions with light snow.

**Can I park on the street during the winter?**

No! Vehicles parked on the streets during snow events hinder plowing efforts and are vulnerable to damage. Ordinance 11.20.130 prohibits street parking when snow is present from

road maintenance, including snowplow operations, which is fully funded through local sales taxes and gas tax.

**Are all the streets in Millcreek city streets?**

No, some streets, such as 3300 S, 700 E, State St, and 4500 S, are state roads maintained by the Utah Department of Transportation. Private streets, marked with blue street signs, handle their own snow removal. For concerns related to state roads, visit UDOT's website: [bit.ly/49ZxDfY](http://bit.ly/49ZxDfY)



**What are the residents' responsibilities?**

**Driveway Approaches:** Snow removal from driveway approaches is the resident's responsibility. Plow prioritizes clearing roadways and cannot avoid pushing snow into driveway entrances.

**Do Not Place Snow on Roadways:** Per Ordinance 14.24.060, snow removal is required and may not be deposited from sidewalks or driveways onto city streets.

**Sidewalks:** Property owners must clear sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall.

**Fire Hydrants:** Keep fire hydrants clear of snow to ensure emergency services can access them easily.

**Reporting Missed Streets**

If your street still needs to be plowed, wait at least 24 hours after the storm passes before reporting it. Call Salt Lake County Public Works Operations at 385-468-6101 or email [pwops-online@slco.org](mailto:pwops-online@slco.org) to report.

You can also check on Salt Lake County's status by checking out their website: [bit.ly/4i6jLZ](http://bit.ly/4i6jLZ)



We appreciate your cooperation in keeping Millcreek safe and accessible this winter season!

**In what order are roadways cleared?**

**#1 Priority:** Major arterial streets connecting essential services, such as hospitals, fire and police stations, are cleared first.

**#2 Priority:** Minor arterial streets, streets serving public schools, and steep hills are cleared next.

**#3 Priority:** Collector and neighborhood streets will be cleared next, with cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets being the last to be removed.

**Why do trucks come along our street before a storm?**

When sub-freezing temperatures are forecasted, plows apply a salt brine solution to prevent icing. They will return as snow accumulates to clear the roadways.

November through April. Please remember to remove garbage and recycling cans promptly on collection days. If plow trucks skip your street, it is most likely due to a car parked on the road!

**What are the steps involved in the plowing process?**

Snowplows start by pushing the snow from the center of the street to the shoulder, moving from left to right. After they've cleared the snow to the edges, they spread salt on the road to melt and prevent ice from bonding to the road. Once the snowstorm is over, the snowplows return to clear the entire road from side to side, ensuring it's safe for everyone to drive on.

**How are our snowplowing services funded?**

Millcreek spends roughly \$6.24 million each year to contract with Salt Lake County for all

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sustainability, and emergency preparedness. These challenges are real, but so is our capacity to meet them. Millcreek thrives because its residents show up—serving on councils, attending open houses, volunteering, supporting community events, and always pushing us to do better. Your voice shapes our direction, and I intend to keep that partnership strong and accessible.

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, my commitment is to lead with transparency, accountability, and enthusiasm. I believe our best days are still in front of us. As we enter our tenth year, we are not just celebrating how far we've come—we are preparing for where we're headed. Together, we will continue building a city that is welcoming, resilient, forward-thinking, and deeply rooted in the

values that brought Millcreek into being.

Thank you for your trust, your engagement, and your love for this community. I'm excited for what lies ahead, and I'm honored to take this journey with you.

Here's to new beginnings—and to a bright future for Millcreek.

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 385-468-7387

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*Active Aging, Meals on Wheels, Senior Transportation*  
 385-468-3200

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 385-468-7400

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 385-419-3405

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 385-468-6600

**Justice Court**  
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 801-273-9731

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