



NEWS

Announcements

Public Meetings

Planning Commission

Wed., 1/21/2026, 5pm
1330 E Chambers Ave

See Agenda Below

MILLCREEK. Millcreek is excited to announce the opening of a winter season climbing experience. It's no surprise that the climbing wall at Millcreek City Hall doesn't get much use in cold weather. Until now! We have worked with [The Scratch Pad](#), a dry tooling gym in Bountiful, to create the world's tallest dry tooling wall!

We're hosting three FREE dry tooling demo days on January 17, February 16 & March 14. This is a perfect opportunity for people to learn more about this unique sport.

Dry tooling began as a way to practice ice climbing without ice. It is still used for that purpose, but has also become a popular activity in and of itself for the climbing community. This is a fun sport for anyone to try. Novice and expert climbers are welcome; no experience necessary. Read more about dry tooling in our interview with Alex Rudow in the February print newsletter. They'll be hitting mailboxes next week and you can also pick up a copy at city hall.

The dry tooling wall will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 11am-sunset through mid-March. You can book [your session online](#) or in person.

Special thanks to [The Scratch Pad](#) for being involved with the temporary conversion of our climbing wall and for helping with equipment. Access to the wall is \$7 with an equipment rental of \$5. Those using private equipment must have tethered axes, crampons for climbing on the kick-wall or climbing shoes for the non-kick wall & a climbing helmet.



This year's Council of Governments chair, Mayor Brett Hales of Murray (left) and Wasatch Front Regional Council Executive Director Andrew Gruber (right) congratulate Millcreek Mayor Cheri Jackson on her election to several key regional leadership positions.

Mayor Jackson Selected by Peers for Key Posts

At the first Salt Lake County Council of Governments (COG) meeting of the new year, city and county leaders from around the valley asked Millcreek Mayor Cheri Jackson to serve as the organization's secretary. The unanimous vote

puts her in line to be next year's vice chair and then chair of the powerful organization.

Mayor Jackson was also elected by her peers to the county Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC) Committee. This important group distributes Salt Lake County's hotel taxes. Millcreek Common Phase II, for example, received a \$1 million grant from this committee last year.

Millcreek's new mayor was also recruited to Wasatch Front Regional Council's influential Regional Growth Committee (RGC). This position serves as the policy advisory body to the region regarding long-range transportation planning, land use, and other growth-related issues.

"I'm honored as a new mayor to be selected to serve in these regional leadership positions," said Mayor Jackson. "Growth and grants are both areas where I am grateful that Millcreek has a seat at the table," she said.



Pictured L-R, Dr. Susan Madsen, Founder and Director of the Utah Women & Leadership Project, Millcreek Councilwoman Bev Uipi, Millcreek Mayor Cheri Jackson, Sophis DiCaro, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

Millcreek Receives Recognition from the Utah Women & Leadership Project

The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity in coordination with the Utah State University Utah Women & Leadership Project presented an award to Millcreek for becoming a member of the 100 Companies Championing Women 2025 Cohort., This award was presented to our city for our dedication to highlighting women's crucial role in Utah's workforce and promoting women-specific and family-friendly policies to help contribute to Utah's robust economy and high quality of life.



Councilmembers Tour the Newly Opened Millhaus

MILLCREEK. The city council and staff were given a tour of the newly completed Millhaus high-end apartments located at 1350 Miller Avenue and were impressed with the range of beautiful and well designed apartments. Amenities include a clubhouse & lounge, a premium fitness room, co-working space, and a resort-style pool & spa.

Information on the Millhaus can be found on their website, LiveMillhaus.com.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: REQUEST TO OPERATE MINING FACILITY IN PARLEY'S CANYON

Important DAQ Public Hearing

MILLCREEK. The Division of Air Quality (DAQ) will be holding a public hearing regarding the Granite Construction Company's request to operate an aggregate mining facility at it's I-80 South Quarry in Parley's Canyon.

This is a last minute opportunity for residents to make their comments regarding this proposal. Public comments will be considered in making the final decision on the approval/disapproval of the proposed project. The public comment period ends on January 30th, so attend if possible. If you are unable to attend, comments may be emailed to jpersons@utah.gov or mailed to the Utah Division of Air Quality, 195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. Written correspondence regarding the project should include the engineer's name, John Persons, as well as the DAQE number: DAQE-IN161200002-25.

The following wording is the DAQ notice that will appear in the newspaper:

"The Granite Construction Company (GCC) has requested to operate an aggregate mining facility at its I-80 South Quarry in Salt Lake County. The facility will consist of aggregate mining, crushing, and screening operations. GCC will operate crushers, diesel generators, conveyors, a feeder, and a screen at this location. The facility will be a new minor source of PM, NOx, CO,

SO₂, VOCs, and HAPs. It will be located in an area designated as maintenance for PM_{2.5}, as well as nonattainment for ozone and SO₂.

The Director published the Intent to Issue an Approval Order for this project on December 17, 2025, initiating a 30-day public comment period. Within 15 days of the start of the public comment period, a request was submitted to extend the comment period. In accordance with UAC R307-401-7, the public comment period will be extended by an additional 15 days. Therefore, the public comment period will end on January 31, 2026.

Additionally, the Division of Air Quality will hold a public hearing for this project. The public hearing will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at Millcreek City Hall, located at 1330 East Chambers Ave., Millcreek, UT 84106. The hearing will take place in the Grandview Room on the sixth floor."

Legal Liability Risk Leads City Council to Formally Decouple Community Councils from City Code

MILLCREEK. On Monday, the Millcreek City Council voted to repeal portions of the Millcreek Code that had created a formal relationship between the city and four long-standing community councils. This decision does **not** eliminate community councils. Instead, it reduces legal risk for the city while giving the councils greater independence and flexibility moving forward.

Why the Change?

Under Millcreek's code, community councils were required to hold elections, conduct meetings open to the public, and make formal recommendations on planning and zoning matters. According to the Utah Property Rights Ombudsman—a state public official—those requirements effectively made the councils "public bodies" under state law.

That distinction matters. Public bodies are subject to the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, strict record-keeping requirements, and public records requests. Millcreek's legal counsel agreed that if community councils remained formally tied to the city, they would be required to comply with a wide range of state laws and standards that they are not currently meeting.

One example is elections. If considered public bodies, community councils would be required to follow state election law, including provisions for absentee, military, and overseas ballots, ADA compliance, voter identification, and ballot access rules. Meeting those requirements would be costly and would require significant staff time and taxpayer resources.

After reviewing the legal guidance, the City Council concluded that bringing community councils into full compliance as public bodies would be impractical and expensive. Repealing the ordinances that formalized the relationship reduces the city's legal liability while allowing community councils to continue operating independently.

It's also worth noting that no other city in Utah has a community council system as formal as Millcreek's, and there is good reason why cities rely on a single planning commission to handle planning and zoning matters.

What Is the Purpose of the Community Councils?

The Millcreek Community Council, East Millcreek Community Council, Canyon Rim Citizens Association, and Mount Olympus Community Council all have long and respected histories of advocating for their neighborhoods and for Millcreek as a whole.

In recent years, community councils have functioned somewhat like "mini planning commissions," offering formal recommendations to the city's Planning Commission. But their role has always been broader than land-use issues.

Historically, community councils have helped develop parks, sponsored neighborhood programs and events, and advocated for residents on a wide range of issues—including Millcreek's incorporation. They are independent organizations with their own bylaws and budgets. Until Monday's vote, they were unique among community groups in having a formal, codified role in advising the city on planning and zoning matters. Other organizations, of course, have always been free to provide input informally.

Will the Community Councils Go Away?

City leaders hope not.

Community councils existed long before a county ordinance formalized their

relationship with the city, and the City Council expressed a clear desire for them to continue their important advocacy work. Decoupling the councils from city government gives them more freedom to determine their own membership, meeting structure, and operations. They are no longer subject to election requirements or required city trainings.

City staff will continue to support community councils in practical ways. Their meetings and events will still be shared through city newsletters—both print and digital—and posted on the city website. Links to community council websites and social media pages will remain available on the city's site. Community councils are still welcome to meet at the Adventure Hub at Millcreek Common, and they may apply for help to fund administrative costs or community events.

At the same time, city staff are developing new engagement tools. As a pilot project, open houses will be held two weeks before each Planning Commission meeting. These open houses will allow residents and business owners to meet with planning staff and applicants, ask questions, and share concerns. Dates and times will be included on required mailed and posted notices. Anyone may attend—including members of community councils—and written comments submitted at these meetings will become part of the public record.

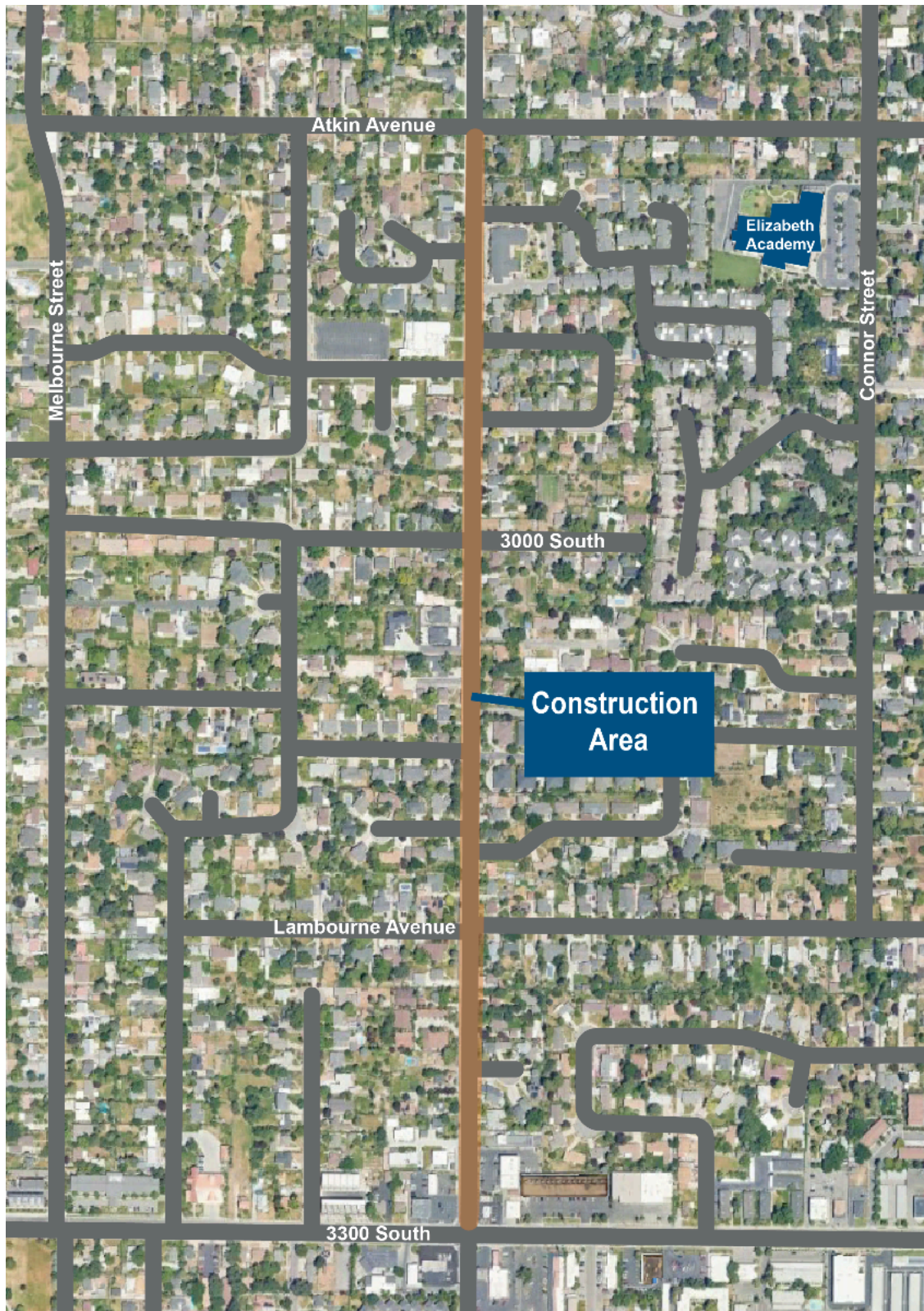
Community councils may also continue to discuss applications after attending these open houses and hearing from neighbors, and provide feedback to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Can Community Councils Still Make Recommendations?

Yes.

Any organization may provide recommendations on planning and zoning applications or budget items, and the city hopes community councils will continue to do so. While the formal relationship has changed, the value of informed, thoughtful community input has not.

Community councils remain an important voice in Millcreek—and the city looks forward to their continued involvement in shaping its future.



20th East Construction Kickoff

MILLCREEK. We're kicking off the construction season early this year with the start of Phase 2 of the 2000 East Safety and Improvement project on Monday, January 19. Set between 3300 South and Atkin Avenue, this phase follows the completion of Phase 1 in the fall of 2024 and brings similar infrastructure

enhancements to our community.

The project aims to promote active transportation and ensure pedestrian safety by transforming the west side of 2000 East. The infrastructure improvements reflect our commitment to long-lasting benefits for residents. Among the initiatives are piping the west-side irrigation ditch, installing pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, and creating a new bike lane. Additionally, roadway resurfacing will help extend the road's lifespan.

Construction brings its fair share of challenges that everyone is familiar with. Residents living along the corridor can expect our Public Involvement team to notify them of any anticipated impacts throughout the project. Residents can expect:

- Construction activities during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with advance notice for any work after 5 p.m.
- Increased noise, dust, and vibration
- Temporary traffic configuration changes, with traffic shifts and one-way traffic
- Staging of construction equipment, materials, and traffic control devices.

We expect construction to take place through the end of the year, and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during these activities.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR PARKS



Digging in a City Park is a Class B Misdemeanor

MILLCREEK. We have been alerted that there has been some digging in Canyon Rim Park with the idea of creating bike jumps. Although this may sound like fun to some, it is not the purpose of this park and is illegal. We were alerted that this damage was being caused by not only some older boys but an adult.

There have also been reports of electric motorcycles racing in the park, on the trails and on the grass. This activity is dangerous to park users, causes damage, and is also not allowed.

According to city ordinance 13.04.270, Defacing Or Destruction Of Property, disturbing turf is a class B misdemeanor, requiring an appearance before a judge and potential fines. Aside from this potential criminal record, which we are certain nobody wants, the damage to the park should not happen. We all

value our parks, and Canyon Rim Park is a gem where residents and visitors alike can enjoy a beautiful park space in ways for which it was intended. Let's work to keep it that way.

EVENTS

THIS WEEKEND @ MILLCREEK COMMON



Fridays & Saturdays only 11am-sundown

Climbing Wall at Millcreek Common

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Book in person or online at www.millcreekcommon.org

Demo day events 1.17, 2.16 and 3.14



National Figure Skating Month Exhibitions

1.21 (Wednesday), 1.26 (Monday).

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

Beautiful performances from local figure skaters.

Free fun!



FREE Community Yoga @ The Grandview - Millcreek Common

WINTER/SPRING SERIES - INDOORS

Every Sunday
[Jan 18-May 31]

THE GRANDVIEW
[6TH FLOOR]

10 AM - 11 AM

Meet us on the 6th floor at Millcreek Common for an all-levels yoga class, led by Yoga Forward instructors. Extend an invitation to some friends, and bring your mats!

Register for FREE on Eventbrite.



Mountain View Yoga

Sundays 1.18-5.24

10am - 11am, The Grandview at Millcreek Common

Experience the benefits of yoga for body & mind with Yoga Forward instructors trained by Millcreek resident Denise Druce. Bring a mat for this FREE indoor yoga class. 6th floor of Millcreek City Hall.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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Join Us!



**FOR A NIGHT OF MUSICAL
PERFORMANCES IN HARMONY
MILLCREEK INTERFAITH
HARMONY EVENT**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2026
6:00PM-8:00PM**

**1330 E CHAMBERS
AVE**





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.



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INDOOR FLEA MARKET

EVERY SUNDAY

JANUARY 18TH - MARCH 22ND
11AM - 4PM



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Saturday, Feb. 14

5-10pm, The Grandview, Plaza, and Public Market at Millcreek Common

Don't miss one unforgettable evening at Hearts Afire, where neighbors gather for dancing, creative experiences, family-friendly performances, and warm winter treats. Make a night of it by choosing one activity or enjoying them all.

[Purchase Tickets Here!](https://millcreekcommon.org/tickets)

PUBLIC MARKET



Art Market

at Millcreek Common

January 19th - February 15th | OPEN DAILY 11 AM-9 PM

Local, Utah-based fine artists, including emerging artisans
and new works from renowned professionals.

L.P. Allen Photography

Lynn T Bright

Eileen Guernsey Brown

Dedwords Art Studio

Libby Dobb Art

Karen Dreyfus

Cara Jean Hall

Indigo Hue Designs

Keersten Jensen Fine Art

Kate H. Johnson

Darin Jones Passionate Arts

Debra Russell

Emmaline Russel Art

Shared Bones

Jocelyn Shay Designs

Seth Stern

Westfold Design

Sandra Williams

World's Woods by Kim

Holli Yoho

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MESSAGES FROM OUR PARTNERS



Staff Mobile Office Hours for U.S. Congressman Blake Moore

This month, my staff is setting up mobile offices throughout the First District to provide opportunities for residents to meet with my casework team. Constituent services include help navigating federal agencies (SSC, USCIS, IRS, etc.), obtaining passports, discussing veteran benefits, and much more.

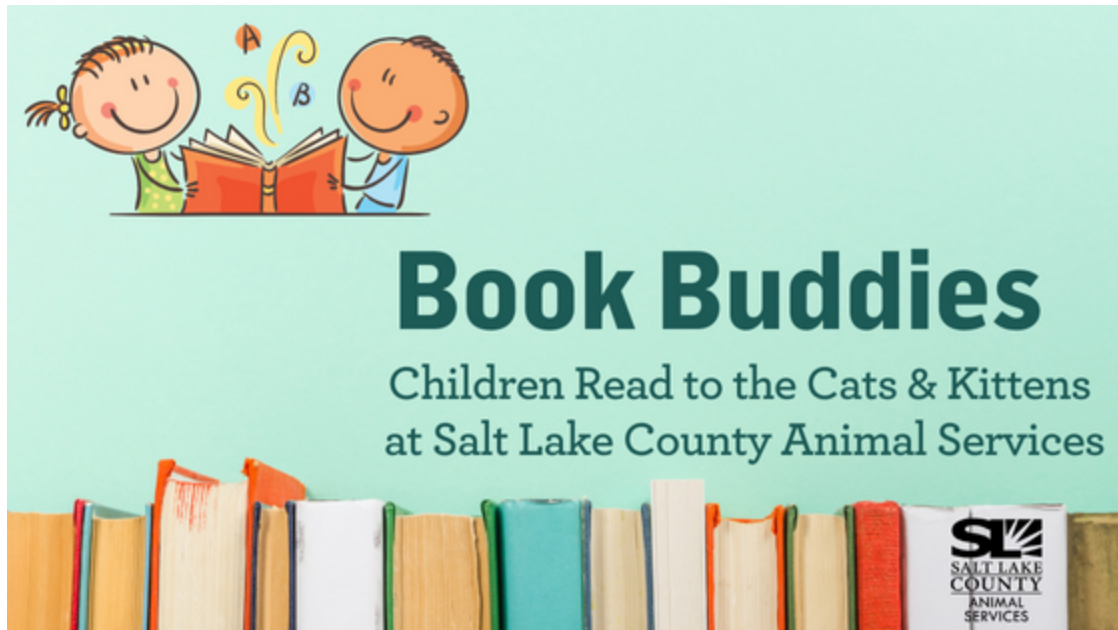
They will be available in **Millcreek** on Jan. 22.

Date: Thursday, January 22nd

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: 1330 E Chambers Ave, Millcreek, UT 84106

Register at [BlakeMoore.House.Gov](https://blakemoore.house.gov).



Join the Fun: In-Person Book Buddies at Salt Lake County Animal Services!

Looking for a way to make reading even more exciting? Come read to the adorable cats at Salt Lake County Animal Services! Our **Book Buddies** program is perfect for kids under 18 to enjoy some quality reading time while helping cats feel loved and socialized. It's a win-win for everyone!

How it works:

1. Visit us at **511 W 3900 S, SLC** between **10 AM – 6 PM, Tuesday through Saturday**.
2. Kids must bring along an adult buddy.
3. Bring your favorite book (or a few!) or pick one from our cattery “library.”
4. Sign in and out on the clipboard in the cattery—it even counts as volunteer time!

This heartwarming program helps kids build confidence in their reading while offering soothing companionship to our shelter cats. Cats find the sound of a human voice calming, and other shelters have seen incredible benefits from similar programs.

Have questions? We're here to help! Email us at animalvolunteer@slco.org

or visit **AdoptUtahPets.org**.
Come join us for a purr-fectly wonderful time!

MEETINGS WITH THE MAYOR



Meetings With the Mayor

Mayor Jackson will be continuing the tradition of holding weekly meetings with constituents. Meetings will take place each **Thursday from 3-5pm** with the exception of December 25th & January 1st. Call [801-214-2700](tel:801-214-2700) to schedule a slot.

Mayor Jackson enjoyed a chilly evening with friends in one of Millcreek Common's new Alpenglobes



Join the Millcreek Team

- [Building Inspector](#) (Full-time, Benefitted) at City Hall
- [Special Events Planner](#) (Part-time Benefitted) at City Hall
- [Production Team Member](#) at Millcreek Common

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Planning Commission Meeting (PDF)

Millcreek Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

Public Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of Millcreek will assemble in a regular public meeting on Wednesday, 21 January 2026 at City Hall, 1330 E. Chambers Avenue, Millcreek, Utah 84106, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Documents:

1. [PC 1-21-26 Agenda updated.pdf](#)
2. [PC 12-17-25 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

5:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

1. Commission Business

1.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

2. Public Hearing

2.1 Consideration of ZT-25-005, Request to Repeal Community Council Provisions in Title 18 of the Millcreek Code Planner: Francis Lilly

1. Commission Business Continued

1.2 Open and Public Meetings Act Annual Training; John Brems, City Attorney

1.3 Approval of December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

1.4 Housing Subcommittee Report

1.5 Updates from the Planning Director

3. Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Mtg. 1/26/26, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Mtg. 2/9/26, 7:00 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission Mtg. 2/12/26, 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Mtg. 2/18/26, 5:00 p.m.

4. Adjournment

The Planning Commission public meeting is a public forum where the Planning Commission receives comment from applicants, the public, applicable agencies and staff regarding land use applications and other items on the Commission's agenda. In addition, it is where the Planning Commission takes action on these items. Actions may include: approval, approval with conditions, denial of legislative items, continuance, or recommendation to other bodies as applicable.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Millcreek will make reasonable accommodation for participation in the meeting. Individuals may request assistance by contacting the ADA Coordinator, 801-

214-2751 or adainfo@millcreekut.gov, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be live streamed via the City's website at: <https://www.millcreekut.gov/373/Meeting-Live-Stream>. Public comment can be submitted before or during the meeting via the City's website at: <https://www.millcreekut.gov/FormCenter/Contact-Us-5/Public-Comments-61>. The Commission may convene in an electronic meeting. Commissioners may participate from remote locations and may be connected to the electronic meeting by GoToMeeting, Zoom, or telephonic communications. The anchor location will be City Hall.

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HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT A COPY OF THE FOREGOING NOTICE WAS EMAILED OR POSTED TO:

City Hall City Website Utah Public Notice Website

Those Listed on the Agenda <https://www.millcreekut.gov/>

<http://pmn.utah.gov>

DATE: January 15, 2026

CITY RECORDER: Elyse Sullivan

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