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## MILLCREEK'S FIRST HOTEL IN THE WORKS

Millcreek, Utah's largest city without a hotel, is on its way to getting one as a unique public/private partnership comes together east of Millcreek Common, west of Highland Drive, north of Tres Hombres, and south of Crown Burgers. Long-time Millcreek business, The Fine Art Inn, has moved off of Highland Drive to a temporary location at the old Dollar Tree site (3344 South 1300 East). Their building is undergoing a major remodel and will be the new home of SLC Strength and Conditioning, who will move next door, later this year. The current SLC Strength building will be demolished and combined with the surface parking lot east of Millcreek Common for the new East Common Development.

East Common will include a hotel at the corner of Chambers Avenue and Highland Drive, developed by PEG Companies, which is considering a Hyatt

Studios as a great fit. Facing Millcreek Common will be a 24-unit high-end for-sale condominium project developed by Encore Development, which will be above ground-floor retail shops and restaurants. The Fine Art Inn will move back to this completed ground-floor retail for their permanent home, so not only will there be a local art gallery on Millcreek Common, but a multigenerational Millcreek business will be poised to thrive into the future. In the middle of the block, hidden by the hotel on Highland Drive and the condo building on Millcreek Common, will be a 221-stall public parking structure.

"We are excited to provide additional parking and amenities to our award-winning city center," said Mayor Cheri Jackson. "Our town square will feel complete once the hotel, condos, and retail are built east of the Common," she said.



With their new AAA credit rating, the City Council issued \$25,000,000 in bonds last year at an interest rate of 4.8% to finance the project. The bonds will be repaid through the rental of parking spaces to the hotel and condo building, rents from the ground floor retail, and new property tax, sales tax, and transient room (hotel) tax coming to city coffers from the project.

"I'm pleased with the responsible way that we are financing city projects, including the East Common development," said Councilwoman Silvia Catten, who is also the City treasurer. "We have been able to be creative and bring great things to the community at little or no cost to

the Millcreek taxpayer," she said.

The 110-room hotel will not only bring tax revenue to the city, but also customers for the area's restaurants and retail, as well as additional bookings for The Grandview reception and conference center on the sixth floor of City Hall. Area employers, such as St. Mark's Hospital and Western Governor's University, are eager for a hotel in the area, as are Millcreek residents with friends and family coming to visit.

East Common will break ground in June after the 450-stall parking structure next to City Hall and The Westerly apartments opens. East Common is expected to be completed in late 2028.

MILLCREEK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, A NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
1330 E Chambers Avenue  
Millcreek, UT 84106



## COUNCIL CORNER NICOLE HANDY DIST. 3

### Grateful To Serve My Community

My experience is shaped by greetings from former teachers at the store, neighbors who trust them to babysit, and the shared spaces where our lives regularly intersect. Those everyday connections are a big part of why Millcreek feels like more than just a place we live.

At the end of last year, I was appointed to the Millcreek City Council to fill Cheri Jackson's position in District 3 after her promotion to Mayor. I am honored by the trust placed in me by my fellow council members and Mayor Jackson, and I take seriously the responsibility of serving residents of Millcreek.

My path to public service has been shaped by community work at both the local and state level. I currently serve as the Director of America250 Utah, where I help lead a statewide effort to educate, engage, and unite Utahns around our shared history and civic responsibilities. This work has

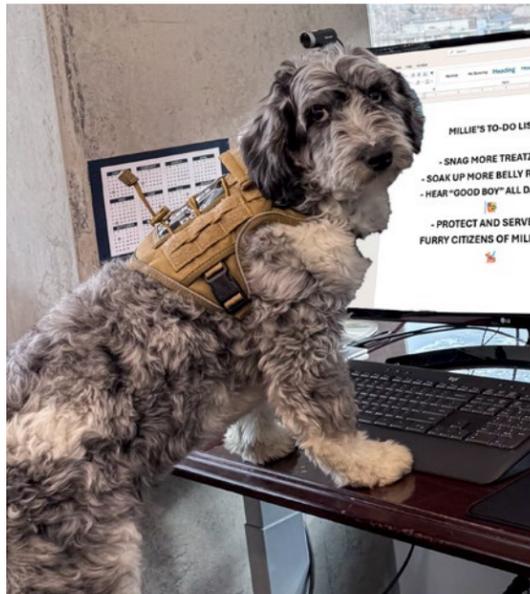
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# Meet The Newest Member of the Unified Police Department in Millcreek

Millie—the furry, four-footed pup set to join the Unified Police Department Millcreek Precinct, will play a vital role. Millie is a Border Collie–Poodle mix, born on July 4, 2025, at Hall Ranch Bordoodles. When fully grown, he is expected to weigh around 30 pounds. His name was chosen through a community contest, and now he is ready to emBARK on his mission to support mental health and enhance community interactions. Yes, Millie is a “he”—think “Mill-he” if it helps.

Thanks to funding from the beer tax, Millie was purchased and is currently undergoing extensive training before starting duty. Beginning in March, he will work and live alongside UPD’s Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Gregg Golden. Together, they will respond to calls involving traumatic or mental health–related events and help foster meaningful connections with individuals in need. For example, a child who has witnessed a difficult event may find comfort through interaction with a friendly dog. Research has demonstrated that petting a dog helps 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 also funded 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 pro-



moting drug and alcohol prevention education.

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 dog trained to provide comfort during a crisis. We are proud that the Millcreek 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 remain committed to fostering a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone in Millcreek. Stay tuned for more updates as Millie is officially sworn into his new role!

## First Construction Project of 2026 2000 East Phase 2

We’re kicking off the construction season early this year, with the beginning of Phase 2 of the 2000 East Safety and Transportation Improvement project. Set between 3300 South and Atkin Avenue, this phase followed the successful completion of Phase 1 in the fall of 2024 and promised to bring similar enhancements to the community.

The project aims to promote

active transportation and ensure pedestrian safety by transforming the west side of 2000 East. The project’s infrastructure improvements reflect our commitment to long-lasting benefits for residents. Among the initiatives were the piping of the west side irrigation ditch, the installation of pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, and the creation of a new bike lane. Additionally, roadway resurfacing aims to prolong the lifespan of the road.

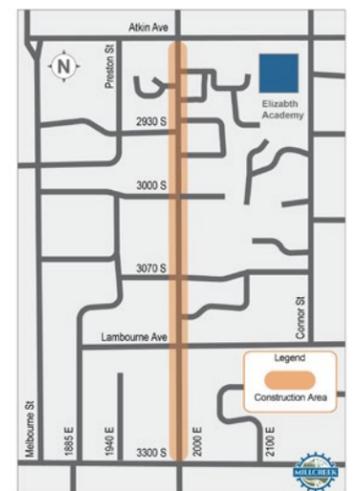
However, construction brings its fair share of challenges that everyone is familiar with. Residents living along the corridor can expect our Public Involvement team to notify them of any anticipated impacts throughout the project. Residents can expect:

- Construction activities will occur during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with advance warning for any work after 5 p.m.
- Increased noise, dust, and

vibration, intermittent road closures and traffic shifts

- Temporary driveway closures for residents and businesses directly impacted
- Staging of construction equipment, materials, and traffic control devices

We expect construction to take place throughout the year, and we appreciate everyone’s patience and cooperation during these activities.



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

**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



# Millcreek Representatives Appointed to Boards and Commissions

Part of the newly elected City Council's mission includes appointing members to the various boards and commissions that impact 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 rep-

resentative to the Jordan River Commission with City Manager Mike Winder as the alternative 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.

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.

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 representative.



## POLICY MAKER FORUM

**ROSS ROMERO**  
SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT 4

*Hello Millcreek friends & residents. Happy New Year. Ross Romero checking in from the Salt Lake County Council, District 4. It has been great learning more about the operations of Salt Lake County during my first year on the Council.*

*I have continued my learning by participating in the Utah Association of Counties and National Association of Counties. I toured the Division of Youth Services, County flood control operations and Oxbow Jail just to name a few. I was glad to hear from the independently elected SL County officials (i.e. Sheriff, County Attorney & Treasurer) and understand their duties and budget needs.*

*We just concluded our budget process, and you might have seen the Council passed a budget with a property tax increase. Beginning next year, the average Salt Lake County resident with a home valued at \$638,000 will see their property tax bill increase by approximately \$5.41 per month, or \$64.92 per year. We tried to keep the increase low knowing there are many household needs.*

*I really enjoy getting around Millcreek, attending events or trying new restaurants. If you have a favorite restaurant, an upcoming event, meeting, ribbon cutting you would like me to attend or have a need or concern, please email me at [romero@saltlakecounty.gov](mailto:romero@saltlakecounty.gov). I also send a monthly newsletter out, so if you would like to receive the newsletter, please let me know.*

*Finally, let me thank Mayor Silvestrini for his years of dedicated service to Millcreek. He has been an excellent advocate and partner. I look forward to working with Mayor Jackson, the City Council and staff. Here is to a great 2026.*



# Millcreek Businesses Celebrate Milestones



## Rocky Mountain Bully Chews Fifth Anniversary

Rocky Mountain Bully Chews is proud to celebrate its 5-year anniversary, marking five years of delivering high quality, all natural chews that dogs love and pet parents' trust.

**rockymountainbullychews.com**  
**(801) 699-9777**



## Evergreen Framing 40th Anniversary

Evergreen Framing Co. & Gallery is proud to celebrate its 40th anniversary, honoring forty years of exceptional craftsmanship, creativity, and custom framing.

**evergreengallery.com**  
**(801) 467-8770**



## Canyon Motorworks Grand Opening

Canyon Motorworks is excited to announce its grand opening, welcoming the community to a new destination for expert automotive service and craftsmanship.

**canyonmotorworks.com**  
**801.905.1367**

## FEBRUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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Hometown Values



Makiko's Daycare Center is a Japanese styled daycare and preschool in Millcreek dedicated to nurturing young children through language, culture, and community. Founded by owner Makiko Hirota, the center has proudly served families for over 14 years, offering a warm, structured environment where children learn Japanese language, cultural traditions, and essential social skills through daily immersion. Programs include physical education such as dance, gymnastics, and Zumba, nutritious Japanese meals made with organic ingredients, and weekly advanced Japanese classes.

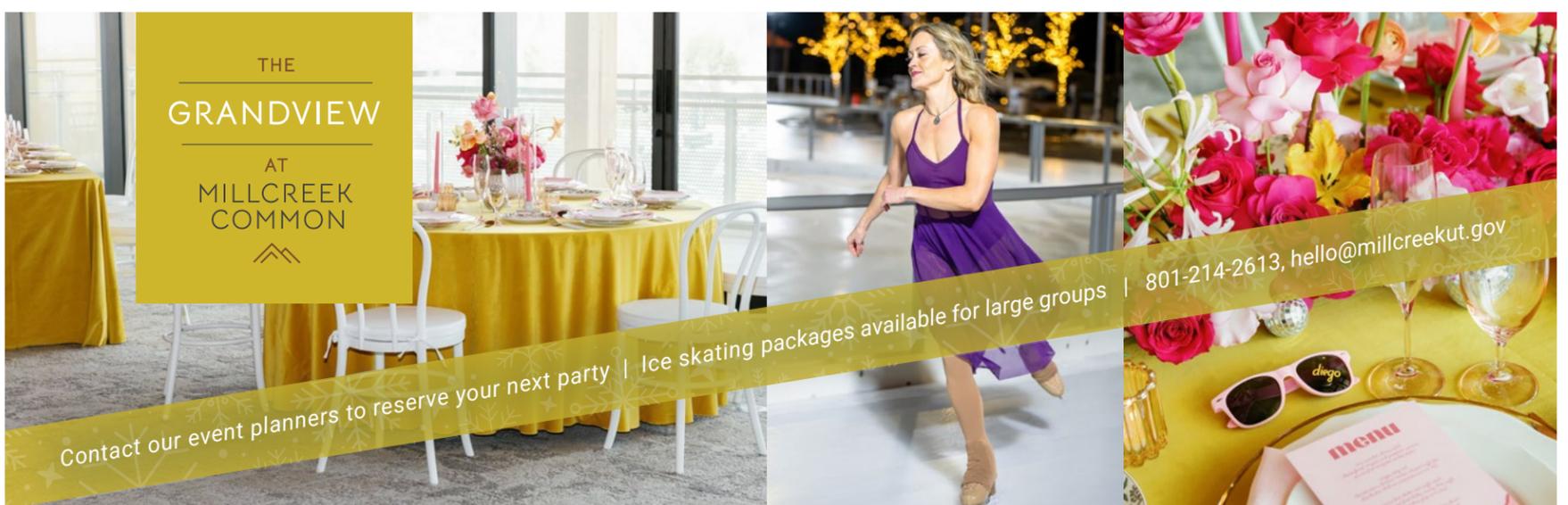
The center also celebrates both American and Japanese holidays and hosts special events that enrich cultural understanding. Makiko's Daycare Center has been recognized as one of the top daycares in Salt Lake County and has been featured on Japanese radio and at local cultural festivals. With a strong commitment to education, cultural exchange, and community involvement, the center helps children build confidence and a global perspective. My pride and dream is that one day when these children grow up, they open their wings and fly towards the global world.

**(801) 738-1855 | 730 E 4500 S | makikosdaycare.com**



THE  
GRANDVIEW  
AT  
MILLCREEK  
COMMON

Contact our event planners to reserve your next party | Ice skating packages available for large groups | 801-214-2613, hello@millcreekut.gov



# Millcreek Community Life

here's millie!

Millie Millcreek



**The Month That Teaches Patience**

February is when the weather app lies to you the most. Forty degrees feels tropical. Thirty-five feels "not that bad." This is also the month when we all become weather optimists, convincing ourselves that spring is basically around the corner.

January is at least honest about being miserable. It storms in with resolutions, icy sidewalks, and that loud optimism called "New Year, New Me." February is softer. Sneakier. It doesn't demand change- it asks for endurance, preferably with snacks.

By the time February arrives, the holidays are packed away, the gym membership is being quietly ignored, and the city feels like it's moving in slow motion. The sun clocks out early. Even the pigeons seem to be conserving energy. And yet- this is where patience quietly grows.

Luckily, cities are excellent teachers of patience. They keep running no matter the mood. Strangers hold doors a little longer, as if to say, you're doing great, keep going.

This is also the month my husband Milton announces, while standing safely indoors, that "February is short, so technically it goes faster." This is mathematically true.

Here's my February advice for adults: shrink your expectations and expand your rewards. Don't plan grand overhauls- plan small comforts. A favorite pastry on a Tuesday. A walk just to admire someone else's dog. Patience grows faster when it's paired with tiny joys.

For kids, February is a patience playground. Celebrate small victories loudly. Read a book? Applause. Got dressed without complaining? Incredible. Tip for parents: let February be cozy. More board games, earlier pajamas, and yes, more snacks. This is survival season, not self-improvement season.

Make waiting fun. Count dogs in sweaters. Name the snowbanks. Get outdoors and go ice skating at Millcreek Common.

Spring will come. It always does. February just asks us to wait together, one short, stubborn day at a time.

Hang in there!

Millie



## Come Play!

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

### ICE SKATING OPEN DAILY

<b>Sunday – Thursday</b> 11am-9pm	<b>Friday &amp; Saturday</b> 10:30am-10pm
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**\$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.*

**BOOK YOUR 90 MINUTE ICE-SKATING SESSION AT MILLCREEKCOMMON.ORG**

**1/18-5/24 SUNDAYS MOUNTAIN VIEW YOGA**



**10am - 11am, The Grandview at Millcreek Common**

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



**GET-UP-DAY ICE SKATING EXHIBITION**

**2.1 SAT**

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

Established by U.S. Figure Skating, this exhibition celebrates the power of perseverance. Be dazzled by ice skating performances that bring the "Get Up Spirit" and be inspired by people who share stories about overcoming life challenges. Free!

**2.1-2.28 BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



**Various Times & Locations**

Celebrate Black History Month with engaging seminars, dynamic panel discussions, a stunning art exhibit, and a special Black History in Utah installation. Bring the whole family for children's programs and community celebrations. See ad on page 8



**MILLCREEK DOWDLE PUZZLE UNVEILING**

**2.7 SAT**

**10am-12pm, Public Market at Millcreek Common**

Celebrate TEN YEARS of Millcreek City with the unveiling of the Millcreek Dowdle Puzzle! Meet renowned folk artist Eric Dowdle, and he'll sign your puzzle. Puzzles are \$25 and can be purchased at the event or at millcreekcommon.org.

**2.7 SAT INTERFAITH HARMONY**



**6pm, Public Market at Millcreek Common**

Celebrate harmony and community with musical performances by talented faith groups from various denominations throughout Millcreek. Free event.



**HEARTS AFIRE 2.14 SAT**

**5-10pm, The Grandview, Plaza, and Public Market**

Don't miss an unforgettable evening of dancing, creative experiences, family-friendly performances, and warm winter treats. Choose one activity or enjoy them all. See ad on page 7 for more details and to purchase tickets.

**2.16 MON DRY TOOLING DEMO DAY**



**11am-3pm, Climbing Wall at Millcreek Common**

Dry tooling is simulated ice-climbing. The USA ice-climbing team uses our tallest dry tooling wall in the U.S. to keep their skills sharp. You can try it for FREE with the help of expert instructors. RSVP at MillcreekCommon.org. Click on "Tickets" and then Dry Tooling link.



**PRESIDENTS' DAY SKATE DISCOUNT 2.16 MON**

**11am-9pm, Skate Loop at Millcreek Common**

\$2 off Ice Skating Admission with Online Code: PRES25 to book your discounted session at MillcreekCommon.org.

**2.18 WED PRIZE BINGO NIGHT - ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND BINGO**



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

Doors open at 6:30pm, Games 7pm- 8:30pm. Everyone is eligible to play Bingo, \$5 per card. Proceeds go to helping local nonprofits and community



**LUNAR NEW YEAR 2.21 SAT**

**7-9pm, Plaza at Millcreek Common**

Ring in the Lunar New Year with lion dances, lantern light, and wishes for good fortune all year long. Join us for vibrant performances, traditional calligraphy, cultural games, and delicious bites from local vendors.

**2.28 SAT VINYL REVIVAL - SATURDAY SPIN & HOP-OFF**



**12-2pm, Hop-Off show at 1pm, Plaza and Public Market**

Copper Palate Press will make custom shirts on its printing press while a live DJ spins records inside the market. Hop-Off show with the Utah Lowriders.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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



**Art Market**

**Now through 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.



**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.



**Vinyl Revival**

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

The third annual Vinyl Revival pop-up market features vinyl records and music memorabilia for every genre. Collectors will also offer special edition records. Audiophiles can explore music in the listening lounge in the Public Market.

**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).

[millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org)



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**Alpenglobe Magic At Millcreek Common**

SAVOR AN ALPENGLLOBE WITH OR WITHOUT A SKATE SESSION

**ALPENGLOBES** are the newest addition to your Millcreek Common experience. These cozy temperature-controlled domes provide a magical escape from the winter cold. With three comfortable globes to choose from you are sure to find the perfect location for you and yours, up to 10 people. Feel free to bring in dinner, drinks, or snacks. Enjoy playing games or just have fun chatting. A globe rental is \$100 during any 90 minute skating session. If skating, Skate Loop and skate rental fees are separate.

Reserve your Alpenglobe Magic at [millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org)





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

**Hearts a Fire**  
**AT MILLCREEK COMMON**

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!

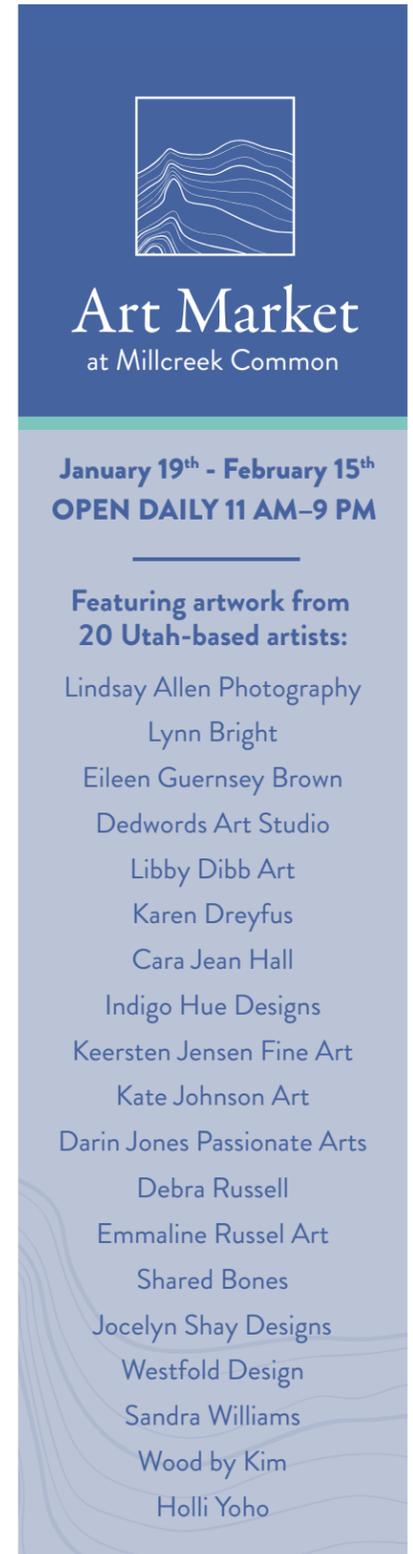
**Viva Las Vegas on Ice**  
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM • Included with rink admission  
A dazzling, family-friendly show combining ice skating and aerial arts.

**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](http://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

# Mercantile Marks One Year!

The Mercantile, located within the Public Market at Millcreek Common, is a year-round destination for local food, beverages, snacks, small gifts, and select handcrafted items with a culinary theme. Since its opening in January 2025, the Mercantile has featured over 30 small businesses from Utah.

“Each business is required to participate for a minimum of three months in the Mercantile,” explained Lacy Gill, Public Market Manager. “This timeframe allows each participating business sufficient exposure and ensures that the space is a good fit for their products.”

This winter, 13 new businesses will join the Mercantile. Many of these vendors have previously found success at Utah's Own Holiday Shoppes at the Public Market, including Holly's Pantastic Pancakes, Kimmie's Kandies, K&K's Bodacious Beer Biscuits, and Deep Dark Drinking Chocolate.

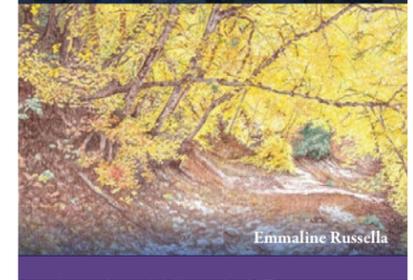


“I remember, as a little girl, making candy with my mom in our family kitchen. The scents of cooking sugar and cream are some of my fondest childhood memories,” said Kimberlee Troutman, owner of Kimmie's Kandies. “Today, we love using my mom's cherished family candy recipes, along with a few of my own, to delight you and your family.”

Another returning business at Millcreek Common is Natty Pots, a small-batch ceramics studio that creates handmade functional art inspired by nature.

“I previously participated as a vendor at the Great Outdoors Market at Millcreek Common,” commented Natalie Winward, owner of Natty Pots. “I'm thrilled about the opportunity at the Mercantile.”

The Mercantile is open daily from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The selection of items changes regularly, so be sure to check @millcreekpublicmarket and millcreekcommon.org for updates on new products and daily specials.





## Color Milo's Winter Home

Have fun finding Milo's favorite winter things and friends. Then color in the picture.

Find these not-so-hard-to-find favorites: Hat, hot chocolate, ice skate, cozy cabin, sled, and BFF bird and tree.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2026

MILLCREEK COMMON | 1354 E CHAMBERS AVE

This February, Millcreek honors **Black History Month** with a month-long celebration of art, culture, and community. Throughout the Common, experience programs that illuminate the legacy, creativity, and ongoing contributions of Black Utahns past, present, and future.



### THE TIME IN-BETWEEN: BLACK HISTORY MONTH SCAVENGER HUNT & INTERACTIVE ART PIECE

Feb 1-28 | 9am-9pm | 2nd Floor Balcony  
Around the City BHM Scavenger Hunt. Learn, explore, and visit local Millcreek businesses. Turn in a completed hunt to the reception desk to receive a prize with Curly Me! Visit our community interactive art installation by A.U.M. Gallery.

### A BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM CURATED BY SEMA HADITHI AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL & HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Feb 1-8 | 11am-9 pm | The Grandview  
Featuring exhibits on early Black pioneers in Utah, Buffalo Soldiers, and the legacy of resilience and achievement

### SKATING, STORIES & SNACKS

Feb 7 | 10am-2pm | Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub  
A family storytelling event presented by Curly Me!, followed by free public skating and snacks at the rink.

### UTAH IN THE BLACK MOTORIST'S SAFETY TRAVEL GUIDES PANEL

Feb 7 | 10am-4pm | Millcreek City Hall Community Forum  
An in-depth discussion exploring the history of the Green Books and Utah's role in safe travel for Black Americans.

### IN COMMUNITY: A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MAKERS IN UTAH

Feb 7 | 7pm-10 pm | The Grandview  
An evening of food, music, art, and recognition as we honor Black leaders shaping Utah today. Featuring a community honoree ceremony and DJ-hosted dance celebration.

### SHADES OF COMMUNITY: UTAH BLACK ARTISTS EXHIBITION BY A.U.M. GALLERY

Feb 21-28 | 11am-9 pm | The Grandview  
Showcasing Black artists across Utah through visual art, photography, and mixed media.

### BLACK STUDENT UNION SKATE NIGHT

Feb 27 | 7-10 pm | Millcreek Common  
Hosted by the University of Utah BSU, a youth-led evening of skating, music, and joy. Come student one and all! Free admission; skate rentals \$5

### BUILDING UTAH'S BLACK HISTORY WITH RISE VIRTUAL ACADEMY HERITAGE BUILDERS

Feb 28 | 10am | The Grandview  
A daytime program centered on heritage building and community storytelling, presented Heritage Builders: Black History Initiative in Partnership with RISE Academy.

### BLACK BUTTERFLIES IN KENT: 365 POETRY

Feb 28 | 6pm | The Grandview  
An evening of live poetry and reflection hosted by 365 Poetry, featuring Utah's Black poets, food, and cultural celebration.

These two events require tickets. Get them at [millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org)

## Dry Tooling Season

2.1 - 3.14 | EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11AM - SUNDOWN  
Millcreek Common Climbing Wall

Millcreek Common's Climbing Wall has been transformed into a dry tooling wall for the winter months. Dry tooling is a simulated ice climbing experience. 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. Book in person or online at [millcreekcommon.org](http://millcreekcommon.org). Two event demonstration dates: 2.16 and 3.14.

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## Millcreek Business Council and Promise Team Up to Warm the Community



Our fourth annual Winter Clothing Drive was a success thanks to the many community members who helped make it possible. Local Millcreek businesses generously hosted collection boxes and spread the word to their customers and neighbors. Millcreek Promise volunteers then stepped in to sort the donations, carefully organizing items by size and recipient organization. Promise staff coordinated with local organizations that serve youth and adults throughout Millcreek and the surrounding area to ensure donations reached those who needed them most. The following day, volunteers delivered 1,016 winter clothing items to nine partner organizations for distribution. This drive would not be possible without the generosity and teamwork of our community. Thank you for helping keep Millcreek warm this winter!

## Millcreek Promise 2025 Volunteer of the Year



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 Lemiueux 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!

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**MILLCREEK INTERFAITH HARMONY EVENT**

FEBRUARY 7, 2026  
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# HISTORIC SPOTLIGHT

By Ryan Lulkin, Millcreek Historic Preservation Commission

## Skyline High School –A Legacy From the New Deal

Long before the modern Skyline High School opened its doors to thousands of Millcreek students, its roots were planted in one of the most ambitious federal relief efforts of the Great Depression. As part of the Skyline Farms Project (1934-1945), a New Deal-era program designed to help unemployed farmers re-establish their livelihoods, the federal government established a self-sufficient farming community in the foothills above Millcreek. Selected families were offered homes, farmland, and operating funds, and with that came a need for education.

In 1938, a sandstone schoolhouse opened at the

heart of this experimental community. Designed by renowned landscape architect William Kessler, the Skyline School embodied progressive ideals. It wasn't just a school—it was a hub of innovation, offering individualized instruction, ability-based grading, and enrichment programs led by folklorists and filmmakers from the federal Special Skills Office, including Bascom Lunsford and Nicholas Ray. At the time, these approaches were revolutionary in Utah.

Though the original Skyline Farms community dissolved after World War II, the educational spirit lived on. By 1962, population growth and suburban expansion led to the construction of the new Skyline High School campus—an institution that would serve generations of Millcreek students with academic rigor, artistic excellence, and a proud sense of community.

In 2019, Granite School District kicked off a massive,



Skyline High Construction, Approximately 1962. Photo Courtesy Utah State Historical Society.

multi-phase rebuild project of Skyline High School, including a new academic building and athletic facilities, now largely complete, with students using parts of it for the 2024-2025 school year. The final phase, a new auditorium and fine arts center, is slated for completion by December 2026, completing the full campus renovation.

## Liz Rudlow: Millcreek's Homegrown Ice Climbing Powerhouse



Liz Rudlow may be an East Coast transplant, but her heart—and her ice tools—now firmly belong in the West. A Millcreek resident and member of the USA Ice Climbing Team (@usaiceclimbing\_), Liz represents the perfect blend of adventurous spirit and local pride.

Her journey into ice climbing began almost by chance. After attending an ice climbing workshop through her climbing gym, Liz was instantly hooked—or should we say spiked. What started as curiosity quickly turned into passion, and today she competes nationally in speed and tooling climbs for USA Ice Climbing, pushing both her limits and the sport forward.

Liz is especially excited that her own neighborhood is now home to something truly special: a dry tooling wall at Millcreek Common. Thanks to a partnership between Millcreek Common and the Scratch Pad, the climbing wall has been reconfigured to allow everyone to experience dry tooling. This innovative setup removes the costly barriers to entry, making a once-niche sport accessible to the entire community- from curious begin-

ners to elite athletes like Liz herself.

Dry tooling is a simulated ice-climbing discipline that even the USA Ice Climbing Team uses to keep their skills sharp. And now, Millcreek residents can try it out for themselves!

### JOIN US FOR DRY TOOLING DEMO DAY

February 16, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

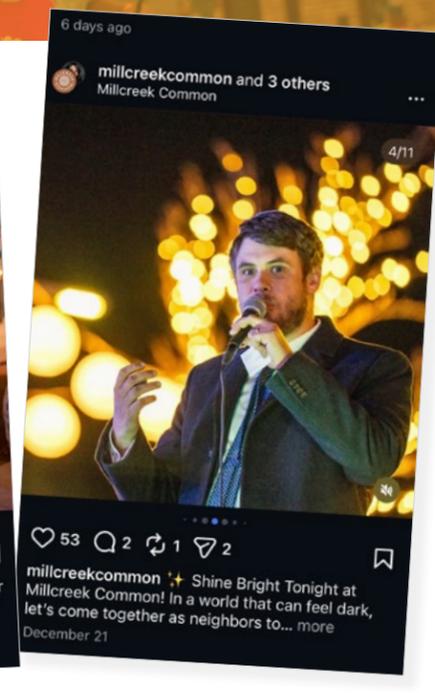
Climbing Wall at Millcreek Common

This free demo day will feature expert instructors on hand to help both first-timers and seasoned climbers take on the tallest dry tooling wall in the United States. Don't miss your chance to experience this unique sport right here in Millcreek.

RSVP at [MillcreekCommon.org](https://MillcreekCommon.org) Click on "Tickets" and then the Dry Tooling link.

Learn more about Liz, the U.S. Ice Climbing Team, and dry tooling at Millcreek Common by visiting [millcreek-common.org/drytool](https://millcreek-common.org/drytool).

## COMMONLY SCENE



# Millcreek Launches Housing Subcommittee to Tackle Enrollment Crisis

By Jacob Richardson, Millcreek Planning Commissioner

For many Millcreek residents, the warning bells rang loud and clear this year. The Granite School District's recent consideration of closing Eastwood Elementary—a decision narrowly postponed this past November—served as a stark wake-up call. However, for those watching local trends, the threat is all too familiar. Over the last few years, the community has already felt the sting of losing Millcreek, Spring Lane, and Twin Peaks elementary schools, all of which were shuttered as enrollment dwindled. These closures are more than lost buildings; they represent the loss of vital neighborhood anchors that keep our community vibrant and multi-generational.

In a proactive move toward transparency and long-term stability, the Millcreek Planning Commission has officially formed a new Housing Subcommittee. Its first priority is to explore housing reforms that can stabilize student populations and ensure the city remains a viable home for future generations.

## THE LINK BETWEEN HOUSING AND CLASSROOMS

The math is simple but undeniable: the dramatic spike in housing costs over the



last few years has effectively priced out the next generation of Millcreek families. To address this, the Housing Subcommittee aims to break the cycle of declining enrollment by examining a variety of housing options—such as townhomes, smaller homes, and "missing middle" housing types—that are more attainable

for young families. By diversifying the types of homes available, the subcommittee seeks to ensure that those who wish to raise children in Millcreek have the option of doing so.

## PLANNING FOR A MORE VIBRANT MILLCREEK

This initiative is a direct fulfillment

of the Millcreek General Plan, which explicitly mandates that the city "[s]trive for a variety of housing choices in types, styles, and costs of housing throughout Millcreek." Not only will expanded housing options help stabilize student populations, they also provide vital workforce housing for those who serve our city daily. When we create homes that fit a "middle-income" budget, we ensure that our teachers, police officers, and fire-fighters can live in the same community where they work.

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The Housing Subcommittee represents a commitment to transparency beyond official meeting minutes. As they begin researching reforms, resident input will be vital to ensuring Millcreek remains a place where families can afford to grow. If you have thoughts on these housing initiatives or would like to get involved in the process, please contact Commissioner Jacob Richardson at [jrichardson@millcreekut.gov](mailto:jrichardson@millcreekut.gov) to share your perspective and stay informed on upcoming subcommittee work.

## 2025 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

### ANTHONY CRAWFORD

Officer Crawford has dedicated his entire career to serving the Unified Police Department Millcreek Precinct community, and through his years of service, he has become a cornerstone of our team. His commitment to excellence, professionalism, and integrity is evident in everything he does.

As a Field Training Officer, Crawford plays a vital role in mentoring and developing our new officers. He leads by example, demonstrating sound judgment, patience, and professionalism. His calm demeanor and experience make him an excellent mentor and plays a critical role in shaping the next generation of officers and ensures those who follow in his footsteps are well prepared to carry on the proud traditions of our department.

Officer Crawford consistently produces outstanding results, ranking among the top performers in the precinct year after year. His proactive approach, strong work ethic, and ability to make smart, decisive choices in challenging situations have earned him the respect and admiration of his supervisors and peers alike.

Recently, Officer Crawford was selected to serve on the department's Drone Unit, a testament to his skill, reliability, and willingness to embrace innovation in the service of public safety. His versatility and willingness to take on new challenges not only benefits the department but enhances our operational capabilities and increases the safety of our officers and community.

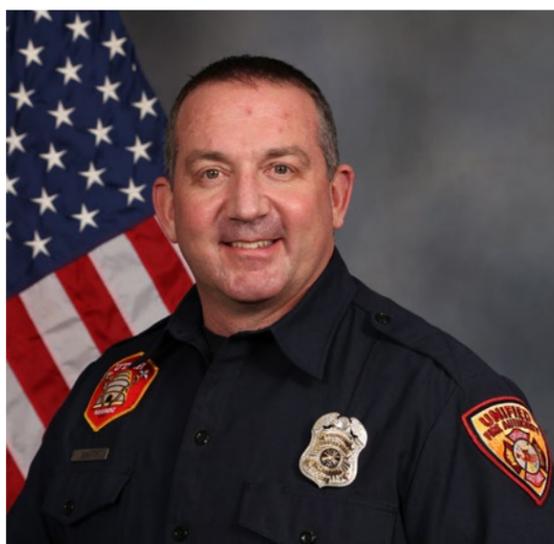
Beyond his impressive achievements, Officer Crawford is well-liked, respected among his peers and is a valued coworker. His positive attitude, sense of teamwork, and willingness to assist others foster a strong sense of camaraderie amongst his crew and within the precinct.

Officer Crawford truly embodies the core values and mission of the Unified Police Department—integrity, respect and professionalism. His dedication and leadership make him an outstanding representative of our department and deserving recipient of this year's Officer of the Year.



## 2025 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

### DUSTIN SMITH



Engineer Dustin consistently demonstrates excellence, leadership, and dedication to the fire service. Before joining Station 106 in Millcreek, he played a key role in the Heavy Rescue program, committing countless hours to training and mentoring others in complex rescue operations.

As a member of Utah Task Force 1, Dustin has deployed to major disasters, offering his skills and calm leadership when it matters most. At Station 106B, he leads by example, ensuring equipment readiness, organizing meaningful training, and fostering a culture of teamwork and professionalism.

His background as a Flight Paramedic adds depth to his mentorship, as he continually supports part-time staff and shares his expertise in patient care and paramedicine. Dustin's humility, compassion, and commitment to developing others make him a respected leader and a true example of our core values: dedication, trust, responsibility, and service.

For his exceptional contributions and character, Engineer Smith is truly deserving of the title Unified Fire Authority Firefighter of the Year.

# Parking Enforcement

## Millcreek Explores Options



Millcreek City is exploring new approaches to improve parking compliance throughout the community. This effort brings together

Building Services and Unified Police staff to strengthen enforcement of the City's Parking Code while supporting public health,

safety, and neighborhood appearance.

Under this collaborative approach, designated staff will administer Millcreek's Parking Code citywide. Their work will focus on ensuring vehicles meet minimum code requirements and comply with local ordinances, with an emphasis on maintaining safe, accessible, and well-kept neighborhoods.

Responsibilities will include routine parking inspections, issuing civil penalties when necessary, conducting administrative law hearings, and performing field investigations to identify unlicensed vehicles or ongoing

violations. Staff will also respond to residents' concerns related to potential parking and code issues.

Residents can help by parking vehicles in accordance with City code and observing posted signage. Doing so supports community standards and sets a positive example for others.

Millcreek encourages all residents to review the Parking Code and ensure their vehicles are compliant. The code is available on the city website, Chapter 11.20 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING. Questions? Call (801) 214-2749.

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reinforced my belief that strong communities are built when people feel heard, included, and invested in the systems that govern them.

I decided to apply for the City Council because I genuinely enjoy understanding how systems and policy work. Cities are complex organizations. Decisions about infrastructure, housing, public safety, and services are interconnected, and small choices can have long term consequences. I am drawn to the work of local government because it is tangible and close to people's daily lives. When done well, it can improve quality of life in meaningful ways.

Millcreek is at an important moment. As a city, we are balancing growth and change with the desire to preserve the character of our neighborhoods. We are facing aging infra-

structure, increasing housing pressures, and the need to ensure that investment is equitable across all parts of the city. These are not easy challenges, but they are ones that can be met through careful planning, transparency, and community engagement.

I am committed to fostering a sense of belonging for everyone in our city. Our city is enriched by residents from different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Millcreek has taken meaningful steps to recognize and celebrate this through inclusive programming and communication efforts. This is important to me, and I will continue to support efforts that reflect the diversity of our community and build a sense of belonging for everyone.

Serving on the City Council is a learning process, and I approach this role with humility. I do not believe any one person has all the answers. Good governance depends on collaboration between council members, city staff, community partners, and residents. My goal is to be accessible, prepared, and thoughtful in my work, and to make decisions that reflect both immediate needs and long term stewardship.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve Millcreek and District 3. I look forward to learning and working alongside residents to ensure Millcreek continues to be a place where people feel connected, supported, and proud to live.

If you see me around the city, please say hello. I would love to hear what you care about and what you hope for Millcreek's future.

## ENGAGE WITH YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Join us for regular and work Council meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday. Meetings are at Millcreek City Hall, 1330 E Chambers Ave and live streamed. More info at millcreekut.gov.



**MAYOR CHERI JACKSON**  
801-214-2705  
cjackson@millcreekut.gov

### MEET WITH THE MAYOR

Meet in-person with Mayor Cheri Jackson Thursdays from 3-5 PM. Call 801-214-2700 to schedule.



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## FEBRUARY MILLCREEK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**CITY COUNCIL**  
See ENGAGE box above

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
2/18, 5pm – City Hall, 1330 E Chambers Ave

**COMMUNITY COUNCILS**  
**Mt Olympus Community Council** 2/2, 6pm – 2nd Floor, Churchill Jr High, 3450 Oakview Dr

**Millcreek Community Council** 2/3, 6:30pm – Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub, 1354 E Chambers Ave

**Canyon Rim Citizens Association** 2/4, 7pm – Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub, 1354 E Chambers Ave

**East Mill Creek Community Council** 2/5, 6:30pm – Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub, 1354 E Chambers Ave

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** 2/12, 6pm – City Hall, 1330 E Chambers Ave

**ARTS COUNCIL** 2/9, 6pm – EOC, City Hall, 1330 E Chambers Ave

**ROTARY CLUB** 2/5, 5:30pm – City Hall, 1330 E Chambers Ave



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Non-profit organizations with free and public meetings held in Millcreek may post in this community calendar. Meetings must be submitted to Rita Lund (rlund@millcreekut.gov) at least 90 days in advance of the event and include who, what, when, and where.



## important PHONE NUMBERS

**MILLCREEK CITY HALL**  
801-214-2700

**Unified Police Department**  
NON EMERGENCY Number  
801-840-4000

**Animal Services**  
Adoption, Licensing, Lost & Found  
385-468-7387

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

**Assessor**  
Property Taxes, Audit  
385-468-8000

**Clerk**  
Elections, Passport, Marriage  
385-468-7400

**Division of Wildlife Resources**  
Removal of live Raccoons, Skunks  
385-419-3405

**Flood Control**  
Creeks, Rivers, Canals  
385-468-6600

**Justice Court**  
Tickets, Small Claims Court  
801-273-9731

**Millcreek Common**  
Granite Credit Union Adventure Hub  
801-214-2615

**Parks & Recreation**  
Park reservations  
385-468-7275

**Public Works**  
Storm drains, Snowplowing, Streetlights, Pavement  
385-468-6101

**Rocky Mountain Power**  
Outages  
877-508-5088

**SLC Public Utilities**  
Waterline break emergency  
801-483-6700

**Surveyor**  
Surveying, Boundaries, Parcel Maps  
385-468-8240

**Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling**  
Garbage & Recycling pickup, dumpster program  
385-468-6325

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