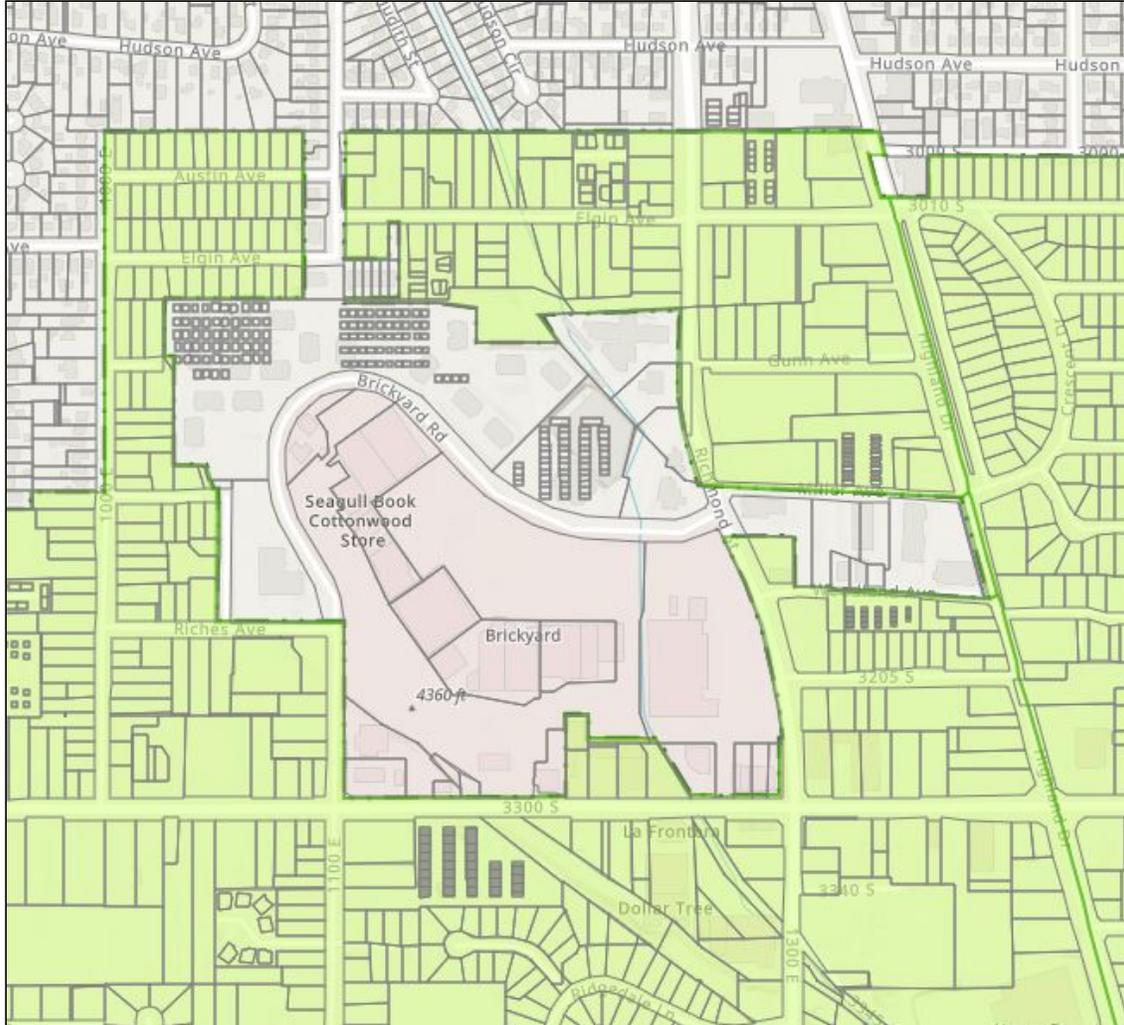


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Parcel plat map of Brickyard intrusion into Millcreek. The green area is Millcreek; the rest is Salt Lake City. Click on the map for the interactive version, where you can further zoom in. (To make the boundaries easier to see, the map shown here has unchecked all except the "Millcreek," "parcel," and "school district" layers.)



NEWS

Announcements

Millcreek's Appeal for the Return of the Brickyard

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mt. Olympus Community Council, Tues., 2/5/19, 6-8 PM, Churchill Jr. High, 3450 E. Oakview Drive

Millcreek Community Council, Tues., 2/5/19, 6:30-8:30 PM, Millcreek Activity Center (old Hillview School), 1025 E. 4405 S.

Canyon Rim Citizens Association, Wed., 2/6/19, 7-9 PM, Christ United Methodist Church, 2375 E 3300 S.

East Mill Creek Community Council, Thurs., 2/7/19, 6:30-8:30 PM, Millcreek Community Center, 2266 E. Evergreen Ave.

City Council
Mon., 2/7/19
Time and agenda TBA

[Click here to visit our Community Calendar](#)

MILLCREEK. Mainstream and social media have been reporting recently about Millcreek's desire to reclaim the Brickyard shopping center from Salt Lake City. Here's an explanation of the problem, and what's happening from Millcreek's standpoint.

SLC annexed the Brickyard decades ago from the unincorporated county as a requirement for providing the increased water capacity the development needed. SLC took virtually no residential property surrounding the commercial property. Unless you're an electron, you can't get directly between the Brickyard and SLC, for the only connection between them is a power line easement across a parcel of private property. See the map above. An island of SLC, the Brickyard is completely surrounded by what is now incorporated Millcreek.

The annexation was recognized at the time by unincorporated county residents as a gerrymandered tax revenue grab. For more than four decades, unincorporated county residents, and now Millcreek residents, pay to provide and maintain the principal roadway access to the Brickyard, without any monetary contribution from the center that generates the traffic. Millcreek also frequently provides (and pays for) police and fire services to the shopping center. Despite its reliance upon and its impact on Millcreek's infrastructure, all tax revenue generated by the Brickyard goes to SLC.

The Brickyard is a 1970's era shopping center. As the model of big and medium box retail changes with the increasing trend toward internet sales, eventually the center will require at least some redevelopment. What will that look like?

When property is in two different jurisdictions, planning and development are necessarily more difficult, complex and expensive. Millcreek residents whose homes surround the Brickyard may have little say in development decisions made by SLC, but will be required to live with whatever is built. This is not how good planning works, and it's not good policy.

Millcreek residents are currently engaged in an exciting effort to reimagine and plan the area immediately east and south of the Brickyard. It makes sense to plan the whole area in a coherent way, consistent with the needs and desires of those who are most directly impacted -- the residents of Millcreek. When this planning is done, it makes sense to have the area benefitting from improved roadway infrastructure participate with the cost.

The Brickyard is an old controversy, but it still stirs passions in Millcreek. Beginning in May 2018, Millcreek's city leadership approached SLC about some boundary adjustments, including ones that would make planning for this area better and simpler. In its general Planning process, Millcreek's residents, community councils and planning commission have made recommendations concerning an annexation policy (and map) that would legally enable Millcreek to consider boundary adjustments or annexation petitions from the Brickyard and other nearby areas should SLC property owners decide to pursue them.

SLC Council members indicated little appetite for further discussions, and made no formal response to Millcreek's request until this past Monday, when several members of the SLC Council came to the Millcreek City Council meeting. A few weeks earlier, Millcreek had been offered legislative help to resolve some of these issues because SLC would not engage in serious discussions about the issues. In its first formal response to Millcreek's months-old request, SLC advised that it would not "come to the table and work for a mutual solution...under the threat of State legislation."

Since Monday's meeting, Millcreek representatives have again met with members of SLC's council. Millcreek and SLC have much in common and many mutual interests that require collaboration and cooperation. Millcreek wants to be a good neighbor and partner. Still, there are legitimate concerns which must be addressed. As a city, Millcreek now has a voice to express those concerns and pursue solutions. The preference would be to work this out with our neighbor in a collaborative way. That requires open and serious dialogue. There's a lot to talk about.



Officer Ronnie Prescott receiving promotion to Sergeant from Sheriff Rosie Rivera (left)

New Millcreek Precinct UPD Sergeant Ronnie Prescott Honored

MILLCREEK. Congratulations to our own UPD officer Ronnie Prescott who was promoted to Sergeant by Sheriff Rosie Rivera at the Millcreek City Council meeting on January 28th. Ronnie has been a great member of the Millcreek Precinct UPD team and a favorite of our residents. Ronnie was also awarded Millcreek Precinct's 2018 Officer of the Year. Way to go Sergeant Prescott!! We look forward to your ongoing protection of the citizens of Millcreek.



WHAT IS REVERSE 9-1-1 AND HOW DO I SIGN UP?

MILLCREEK. Reverse 9-1-1 is available to Millcreek residents through the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC). If you enroll your cell phone in the service, you'll get a text message from the VECC notifying you of serious emergency situations that may affect you.

Wikipedia [has listed some examples](#) of when the reverse 9-1-1 situation has been used in other communities:

- During the [2010 Boston water emergency](#), government agencies used the system to notify a large number of Boston-area residents in particular neighborhoods to boil water before drinking.



- On December 14, 2012, Reverse 911 was used to notify parents in the Sandy Hook community of Newtown, Connecticut, of the [Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting incident](#).
- During the manhunt for suspects involved in the [Boston Marathon bombing](#), Reverse 911 was used to notify residents of Watertown, Massachusetts, to remain in their homes.

Land lines are automatically enrolled in the VECC's reverse 9-1-1 system. Many of us don't have land lines, and rely solely on our cell phones, which are not automatically included in the system. Even if you have both a land line and a cell, it's a good idea to enroll your cell phone. [Click here](#) to read more and to sign up.



INTERMITTENT ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

MILLCREEK. Earlier this week, UDOT began working to upgrade the traffic signal at 33rd South and 13th East. Construction is scheduled to take five to six weeks. There will be intermittent lane closures throughout that time period.

Work will take place between 9 am and 3 pm in order to avoid rush hour traffic. You may want to avoid the area if you're in a hurry.

Images of Millcreek's Leaders' and Youth Council's Participation in This Week's Legislative Session





If you are interested in participating in Millcreek's Youth Council, contact Rita Lund at rlund@millcreek.us or 801-214-2707.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Ongoing Now! Hybrid courses allow you to start at anytime and go at your own pace, with monthly hands-on skills days.

Next skills day is February 12
Unit 3-Triage and Immediate Care
Unit 7-Disaster Psychology

[Click here](#) to learn more. [Click here](#) to register.



MISSING YOUR JANUARY/FEBRUARY PRINTED NEWSLETTER?

You can view the issue by [clicking here](#). Or let us know and we'll send you a copy in the US mail. Email or call Rita at rlund@millcreek.us or 801-214-2707.

JOB POSTING

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for a Partnership Specialist/Media for the state of Utah. This is a work-at-home position. You can view details [here](#).

Meetings with the Mayor!

Interested in meeting with the Mayor?
Fridays from 2-4pm have been set aside for citizens to meet with Mayor Silvestrini.
Please call 801-214-2700 to schedule a time.



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