



TOWNSHIP NEWS

CONNECTING CITIZENS IN THE CANYON RIM, MT. OLYMPUS, EAST MILLCREEK AND MILLCREEK COMMUNITIES

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PLANS REVEAL NEW EAST MILLCREEK FIRE STATION MAY HAVE SOUTH MILLCREEK COUNTERPART



The project for East Millcreek's new fire station is moving forward and planners are looking for community input. On May 22 at 6:30pm at the East Millcreek Library, representatives from Salt Lake Valley Fire Service Area will be present to hear residents' opinions and ideas about the location, service, structure and design of the new station.

"We're looking at making the new station similar to Emigration Canyon's fire station," said Ryan Perry SLVFA clerk working with Salt Lake County. "It has three bays, but will fit on a small property." The crew of the current East Millcreek fire station will be the same crew manning the new facility after its construction is completed. The SLVFA is a government entity separate from the County and will purchase the contract for services from the United Fire Authority.

Perry says the County will soon be advertising for bids for a demolition company so demolition on the current building at 1891 E. 3300 S. can begin by summer. The timeline will continue with a ground-breaking taking place in four to five months and the new station being built in 2009.

The current Evergreen fire station will be demolished and the remaining property will possibly provide much needed land for the proposed Millcreek Community Center that is also in progress. "We're completing the Master Plan for the proposed community center which will go to the mayor and county council who will decide on the direction to take with the project and it's funding," said Ryan Henrie Salt Lake County project manager. "There's a lot that's been happening, just not construction."

More positive news for the Millcreek Township community includes that the SLVFA plans to buy land in the area between 3900 and 4500 S. and 7th and 13th E. for another fire station to be built in the South Millcreek area. ■

MILLCREEK RESIDENTS SET TO MAKE A GAME PLAN TO EXPLORE GOVERNANCE OPTIONS

By Laura Crapo

After the March town hall meeting hosted by Millcreek Township, and Salt Lake County's HB40 survey, residents may be wondering what will happen next. With that in mind, two public meetings have been planned by Millcreek leaders to enable the discussion of governance options for Millcreek Township's future. The goal is to gather more information and work together as a community to define possible options for Millcreek's future. This information will be presented at the next Millcreek Township town hall meeting in September.

Four residents each from Canyon Rim, Mt. Olympus, Millcreek and East Mill Creek will form a core exploratory group. These selected residents are not required to be members of their respective community council. Assignments will then be made within the group to decide who will manage the group and who will research information including the realities of annexation, incorporating to become a city or leaving things as they are without preparation for what happens after the protection of HB40 expires in 2010.

Major concerns are service levels and costs. The committee will explore services provided and the relationship of the costs for services to taxes. Also to be studied is how determinations made by a governing body of an area or city impacts the residents of that area. Members of the exploratory group will also spend time

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 14, 7 - 9 pm
Wednesday, May 21, 7 - 9pm

WHERE:

Christ United Methodist Church -2375 E. 3300 S.

WHAT:

Discussion and research of HB40 and Millcreek Township options.
Current governance options to be considered:

- Become a city, incorporate
- Remain a Township in unincorporated SL County
- Join a neighboring city, annexation
- Withdraw Township and stay in unincorporated SL County

looking at municipal data to determine how each governance option could impact Millcreek Township residents.

Specifically the core committee will research and support with data:

- Review prior feasibility studies and look at impact of each governance option
- Review comparisons of municipal services provided by the County and service levels of adjacent cities to Millcreek Township
- Review other estimated costs associat-

ed with each governance option
- Understand the process required to proceed with each governance option
- Determine the advantages/disadvantages of each governance option

"Self-determination" and "we decide" have been phrases common in conversation regarding governance choices Millcreek will make. The exploratory committee will gather more information about governance options, but ultimately residents of Millcreek Township have the power to determine the community's future.

COMPATIBLE INFILL DISCUSSIONS FULL OF OPINION AND FRUSTRATION

By Laura Crapo

Compatible Infill is an ordinance providing specific guidelines for the building and remodeling of homes. It already exists as a Salt Lake County ordinance, but what is being talked about so passionately is an overlay specific to the Millcreek Township that involves many details including new height limits, mass and setbacks. Setbacks being how far back from the property's front edge a house should be built.

All hands were in the air when a large group attending the Canyon Rim Citizens Association's meeting in April was asked, "who cares what your neighbor thinks?" Millcreek residents want the best for their community but are having a difficult time agreeing on this very complicated ordinance.

"It's been the most divisive issue I've seen," said Rita Lund, Millcreek resident and Salt Lake County eastside community council representative. "I really don't know what's going to happen." The East Mill Creek Community Council declined opting out of the compatible infill process



MARK CROCKETT AT COUNCIL MEETING

by a narrow 5 to 6 vote and CRCA voted 7 to 6 in favor of opting out with a secondary motion approving that the current ordinance be re-tooled.

"I don't think what we have adequately represents the citizens," said Leslie Riddle EMCCC chair. "But, we do have an opportunity to be a voice to the council; I think we want to be competitive and comparative to other communities." EMCCC discussion ranged from addressing an

ordinance specific to East Millcreek's historic district to concern regarding future growth and the local schools.

Anna Clare Shepherd, EMCCC member, said, "We need to protect schools and encourage growth; I would rather tweak the existing ordinance than pursue the new overlay." The word 'tweak' was heard over and over from East Millcreek to Canyon Rim. Many people stated the opinion that just a few 'tweaks' would be enough, but one person's tweaks are not equal to another's and the debate continues.

"This is democracy in its purest form," said Mark Crockett County Council member. "I want to empower your community and would discourage a 'this' or 'that' mentality." Crockett was asked what would happen to Millcreek Township's compatible infill overlay if portions were annexed into a bordering city, but he didn't know and there are currently no answers for many areas of concern.

Attendees at both council meetings were

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MT. OLYMPUS NEWS

Mount Olympus Community Council

MT. OLYMPUS LEADS THE PACK IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

After an emergency disaster drill on April 26, the community of Mt. Olympus is definitely more educated and more galvanized in their emergency preparations. The 'mock disaster' encouraged residents to role play what they would do in a state of emergency.

"We've been working on this program for about 10 years and it's hard to keep it going," said Ken Smith, Mt. Olympus resident and man responsible for spearheading the community's preparedness efforts. "But, it's important to be aware of your neighbors and be prepared to help because if you're not prepared you won't know how to help."

Mt. Olympus started preparations years ago by having emergency caches placed at Oakview Elementary, Churchill Jr. High and Eastwood Elementary in order to have supplies spaced in the north, central and south regions of the community. Such forward-thinking has been planned to aid Mt. Olympus in any possible disaster.

Federal earthquake disaster studies in

2001 showed that a 7.0 earthquake for the central segment of the Utah Wasatch Fault which includes Mt. Olympus would have much higher damage to homes than previously expected. The study reflected the possibility of 10% of each 20 homes neighborhood being destroyed along with possible injuries and loss of life.

Mt. Olympus has 10 neighborhood districts with a neighborhood director from each who oversees the neighborhood captains in their district. A neighborhood survey and inventory has been completed for each district in order to determine the assets and skills homeowners could provide in emergency situations. The neighborhood directors and captains are trained and kept up to date on emergency procedures to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the community's program.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training is available and encouraged for as many Mt. Olympus residents as possible to increase the community's capability in coping with a disaster.



MT. OLYMPUS EMERGENCY CACHE AT EASTWOOD ELEMENTARY

CERT's objective is "Provide the greatest good for the greatest number in shortest time possible". Residents training for CERT learn light search and rescue, light fire suppression, medical triage and first aid, plus logistics and communications. CERT-trained residents have green helmets and vests for easy identification and are recognized by state and county professionals as the resource for immediate response when professional support is unavailable. ■



MT. OLYMPUS
Community Council

www.mtolympuscc.com

Meetings held the
1st and 3rd Tuesday of
each month at 7:00 PM

Churchill Junior High,
3450 Oakview Drive

Jeff Silvestrini, Chair
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CANYON RIM NEWS

Canyon Rim Citizens Association

CANYON RIM IS BRINGING THE EAST TO THE WEST IN FIRST ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

A group of volunteers is bringing Japanese art and culture to the Canyon Rim community on May 16 from 5:30 - 8:30pm at Canyon Rim Academy at 3005 S. 2900 E. "We thought it would be nice to have it change year to year and we chose Japan to start with," said Jennie Weiler Canyon Rim Academy art teacher. "We're hoping it will be a good community event for families and all community residents."

Attendees can learn about Raku pottery, gyotaku (fish printing), or origami by a specialist hired to teach at the festival. The culture of Japan will also be taught by offering Kaubuki or face painting for those who are after the Japanese warrior look. And, a photo-op will be available in front of the Great Wave of Kanagawa for those modeling their handmade fan, headband and 'bamboo' hat. Small children between 2 and 5 can join the Koi club where they can fish for their own Koi and climb a miniature Mt. Fujimori.

The night wouldn't be complete without Japanese food and those broadening their

A JAPANESE ART FESTIVAL



AT CANYON RIM ACADEMY
May 16, 2008 • 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Japanese Art Festival Poster

horizons can eat a teriyaki dinner while watching a kimono fashion show, a karate demonstration and sumo wrestling championships by school board members. The finale will be a performance by Taiko drummers.

Canyon Rim Academy, CRA PTA, Utah State PTA and Canyon Rim Community Connections (CRCC) helped sponsor Canyon Rim's first ever art festival. CRCC's goal is to pursue community building events. They are starting dia-



CANYON RIM
Citizen's Association

www.canyonrimnews.org

Meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of
each month at 7:00 PM
Christ United Methodist Church
2375 East 3300 South

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logue groups to explore various subjects such as bridging the religious divide, teenage dialogue, sustainable neighborhood dialogue and a diversity dinner where participants of differing backgrounds are seated together.

Also, CRCC has planned activities, an ethnic dinner to raise money for Heifer International and crafts from third-world countries sold by Ten Thousand Villages before Canyon Rim's first ever movie night on June 27 at Canyon Rim Park.

To become involved with events like the Arts Festival, the dialogue groups or any of CRCC's future community-building events, contact Jane Holt at 485-1357, redbird22@earthlink.net, Renee Stevens at 467-2846, renee@techguy.net or Christine Balderas at balderas6@yahoo.com. ■

EAST MILLCREEK NEWS

East Millcreek Community Council

EAST MILL CREEK'S COLORFUL HISTORY YIELDS MODERN-DAY PROFITS

The name itself lends insight into how the East Mill Creek community came to be. When John Neff built a string of mills for grinding grain it stabilized the area in a practical way. One of the original millstones was installed at 2700 E. and Evergreen Ave. as a reminder of Millcreek's history.

Mulberry trees in the area are also a reminder of the silkworm experiment Brigham Young designed for the area, even though less than 100 yards of silk fabric were produced. Nathaniel Baldwin invented the first headphones among

other things and built 12 bungalows along Evergreen Ave. that earned the nickname "polygamy alley". The Silver Queen' entertained using her deceased husband's ill-gotten silver stocks to fund her lavish parties and Porter Rockwell lived across the street with his wife Mary Ann Neff.

The list goes on, but the modern day benefit of these homes and features is that the area roughly defined by Evergreen Avenue and 3300 S., and 2300 E. and 2700 E is now considered the Evergreen Avenue Historic District and provides actual benefits to homeowners living in the area.

"We have utilized the law on the book that allows for tax credits to those living in historic homes," said Dr. Hank Lamb long time East Mill Creek resident. Residents who apply and qualify as living in a historic home can register with the Utah State Historical Society and have design plans reviewed by a USHS architect before starting the construction in order to receive a tax credit.



MILLSTONE SERVES AS A REMINDER OF EAST MILL CREEK'S RICH HISTORY

"Now that we have a district that has qualified as a historic district, repairs can result in tax credits for residents," said Dr. Lamb. Tax credits can be deducted directly from Utah State income tax. The home can be something built in the 1950's and have no link to a famous event or person to meet the requirements for tax credits. As long as the home is within the historic district, it can qualify as a home eligible for tax credit.

"If you qualify, it seems too good to be true - but, it is," said Lamb. "The state is very, very reasonable about working to maintain homes and they're encouraging you because it's good for the neighborhood." Projects must cost at least \$10,000, which includes interior costs such as appliances, and homeowners need to use the Utah State Historical Conservation tax credit application. For questions, call Dr. Hank Lamb at 277-2199. ■



EAST MILL CREEK
Community Council

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Meetings held the 1st Thursday
of each month at 7:00 PM
East Millcreek Library,
2266 East Evergreen Avenue

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MILLCREEK NEWS

Millcreek Community Council



MILLCREEK
Community Council

www.millcreekcommunitycouncil.org

Meetings held the 1st Tuesday
of each month at 6:30 PM
Valley Mental Health Building
5965 South 900 East

Diane Angus, Chair
801.266.1410

Millcreek Elementary students may have wished they were in school on March 20 when St. Mark's Hospital used their school as a temporary hospital in an emergency preparedness drill called "After the aftershock". In case of an extreme disaster in real life, Millcreek Elementary is designated as St. Mark's alternate site.

"We partnered with Millcreek Elementary in March for an emergency drill," said Kathleen Murphy public relations director at St. Mark's. "We used their gym and cafeteria area as a temporary hospital."

The "After the aftershock" simulated the situation after a strong earthquake where St. Mark's is badly damaged and after

MILLCREEK ELEMENTARY DOUBLES AS A TEMPORARY HOSPITAL



MILLCREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

strong aftershocks patients including newborns, emergency room walk-ins and a prisoner from a Utah Corrections facility were forced to be transported to Millcreek Elementary. One scenario in the drill included the evacuation of a mother after delivering a baby by Caesarean section who is transported using a Paraslide to reach the ambulance because stretchers were unavailable. Newborn babies are

transported by a nurse wearing a specially made vest which can hold four babies in its pockets.

Thousands of pounds of equipment, medicine, linens and bedding, office and cleaning supplies and food would have to be transported to Millcreek Elementary in case of a real emergency. And, the coordination of a personnel team

including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, registration workers, housekeeping, security and childcare providers would have great importance in a disaster situation.

Because school was out of session on the day of the drill, Millcreek Elementary staff and students were not involved with the drill. A group of around 100 people including St. Mark's staff members, college students acting as victims, fire fighters and police were those participating in the drill.

Three other scenarios were also practiced for the drill. A nuclear medicine spill was reenacted where a patient was sprayed with radioactive isotopes and trapped by a fallen beam and had to be freed by responders who also assessed the radiation exposure and properly disposed of the contaminated materials. Then a damaged MRI scanner "quenched" because of an aftershock and released liquid nitrogen and helium after which the patient and technician were saved. The last scenario practiced the rescue of two new moms who were unable to use the stairs because of injuries and had to be rescued using the Paraslide. ■

PRATT TRAIL IS ALIVE AND WELL

By Laura Crapo

Phase three of the Parley's Creek Corridor Trail will link Parley's Historic Nature Park off 2700 E and 2700 S., directly south of I-80, to Tanner Park at 2760 S. 2700 E.. So in the near future, you can cross the new bridge spanning I-215 and be able to continue down through Parley's and up to Tanner Park.

"This is exciting; this will be the first off-road piece of trail completed for PRATT," said Lynne Olson, PRATT council member. "The short story is, funding is in place to link Parley's Historic Nature Park to the parking lot in Tanner's Park where it leads back to the street." This trail addition should be completed by the end of next spring.

Layne Jones consultant for Locher Engineers and Planners who has been contracted out for work on the trail told the PRATT council in their March 26 meeting that the construction timeline is vague, but Lochner does plan to advertise for bids for construction in September.

South Salt Lake initially rejected having the trail pass through their city, but due to new council members and a change in approach they are now warming up to the idea of adopting Parley's trail as part of their community's vision for trails. PRATT has also joined the Utah



PARLEY'S TRAIL



Nonprofit Association which will provide them with new contacts and more opportunity to raise more funds to continue the trail's progress which will ultimately link the Bonneville shoreline trail with the Jordan River parkway. In the future, Parley's trail will become part of the Wasatch Loop which is a large-scale network of trails including the Provo and

Jordan River parkways.

To become involved in the trail project, PRATT's next meeting is May 28 from 11:30 - 1pm in room S1002 at the Salt Lake County Government Center 2001 S. State St. Also, National Trails Day is June 6, so you can join other enthusiasts on the PRATT trail. ■

3300 SOUTH'S SILVER LINING WILL BE A SMOOTH RIDE

By Laura Crapo

The stretch of 3300 S. between State St. and 2700 E. is currently an expansive construction site as new gas and water lines are installed. "There are two reasons we're doing this," said Steve Chapman Questar project coordinator, "The first is population growth and the other is safety."

Some of the pipe being replaced is from the 1960's when it was possibly installed to replace pipeline from the 1930's. Questar is scheduled to be finished by the end of June. As a quality assurance routine, pressure testing will be done. Questar uses 2700 E and 3300 S as the location for this testing because it's a terminus or key location where pipeline cleaning and depressurizing will be initiated. This procedure creates a vacuum that enables the gas flow to quickly fill the pipeline when it begins. Questar technicians call the equipment used for this testing is called "smart pigs" that can sense anomalies in the pipeline. "Once we get the pipeline in



across the valley we'll be able to run a pig through without digging," said Chapman. This improvement will increase efficiency and help avoid road work in pipeline repair.

When Questar is finished, UDOT will start their project in repaving 3300 S. from 7th West to 13th E. "I know it's going to be difficult for residents because it's so invasive," said Catherine Higgins UDOT public involvement coordinator, "But, the residents will be very please with the results."

From 7th West to State St. a roto-mill

and overlay approach will be used where the top two inches of the road surface are removed, covered with new asphalt then compacted. A new technique will be used from State St. to 13th E. called Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR). "In FDR a machine called a 'reclaimer' grinds up the road surface and mixes it with water and an emulsifier before being recycled as the road base which is then covered with an overlay of asphalt or concrete," said Higgins.

UDOT is planning to finish this whole project by the end of summer, sometime in August. ■

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assured that their views are important. "We are hearing you and the planning commission would be very interested in your input as will Salt Lake County council members, said Crockett, "With all the noise that has been created about this, the planning commission is understandably really confused." Residents were also advised that a "consolidated view will give you extra weight" in ordinance proceedings.

The HB40 angle and its future ramifications were also introduced to the discussion. "I feel like we're trying to put out a fire when there's a mountain about to fall on us," said Derrick Sorenson CRCA member, "I think something bigger is happening than compatible infill and wonder, 'are we looking at the big picture?'" ■

A GREAT COMMUNITY LIKE MILLCREEK NEEDS YOU!

It's as easy as visiting www.millcreektownship.org and registering with your e-mail address. You won't be left out of the loop, and you can be involved in your community's activities - or, just add your two cents to current blogs on the website.

So, whether you're a Canyon Rimmer, an Olympian from the Cove, or one of the mighty Millcreek residents from the East or otherwise...join us please, and get involved at www.millcreektownship.org !!

TOWNSHIP EVENTS

MAY 16

Canyon Rim Arts Festival
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Canyon Rim Academy
3005 S. 2900 E.

MAY 28

PRATT trail committee meeting
Room S1002, Salt Lake Co. Government Bldg.
2001 S. State St.

EAST MILLCREEK LIBRARY

MAY 17

Meitz Magic Watch & Learn
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

JUNE 2

"Catch the Reading Bug"
Summer reading kick-off party
5:30 - 7:30 PM

JUNE 3

"The Bugologist Show"
7:00 - 7:45 PM

TUESDAYS

Summer Storytime
10:30 - 11:15 AM

VENTURE OUTDOORS FESTIVAL

JUNE 14

Morning Venture Activities:
• Bike Rodeo and Breakfast
• Fill the Ark 5K
• Canyon Hikes
Festival 3:00 - 9:00 PM
Canyon Rim Park
www.millcreekoutdoors.org



TOWNSHIP NEWS
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