



# CENTERVILLE CITY NEWS

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## Easter Egg Hunt

On April 4th at 9:30 a.m. sharp, the Youth Council will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Founders Park. Children up to age ten are invited to join the festive frenzy for thousands of eggs containing sweets and prizes! As the children “gather” eggs, the Youth Council would like to “gather” food for the Food Pantry. Bring canned goods to donate.



## COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

May 17, 2015 marks 100 years since Centerville’s official incorporation as a city. This is a milestone worth celebrating! I hope you will take the opportunity to join with your friends and neighbors to commemorate our community’s heritage by participating in many of the special centennial events this spring and summer. The Centennial Committee, led by Daken & Carolee Tanner and staffed with a host of great volunteers, has been working for months to plan fun and meaningful events to honor our heritage. Please take a moment now to review the insert in this newsletter and mark key events on your calendar. I would especially invite you to attend:

- ✓ **Day of Community Service on Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 a.m. at Community Park**
- ✓ **Centennial Celebration with music, entertainment, and the unveiling of the new book commemorating Centerville’s history on Sunday, May 17th, 7 p.m. at the Bountiful Regional Center.**

Centerville’s unique value as a great place to raise a family goes back to the first pioneers who came to this area in 1847. Those pioneers struggled to build homes, raise crops, survive the droughts, floods, east winds, stifling summers and frigid winters so they could build a strong community in which to raise families, worship as they saw fit and live independently. Those pioneer struggles from many years ago and the tremendous efforts of all those who have lived and worked in our community since then, can be traced forward to the wonderful city that we enjoy today. A city of beautiful parks, well kept gardens, attractive homes, well attended churches and convenient commercial developments that continue to make Centerville a fantastic place to live, raise a family and gather with friends.

The tremendous community strength we enjoy in Centerville today does not come from an official incorporation as a municipal government. It comes from the families, the faith, the friendship, the shared values and the dedicated volunteers that have built up the community in the past and continue to contribute to our community today.

Mayor Paul A. Cutler

## CENTENNIAL 100 CLUB

Show your Centerville pride and be one of only 100 Centerville residents to help complete the light pole banners along Main Street. To join the club, make your donation of \$100.00 either at the front desk or online at [centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net)

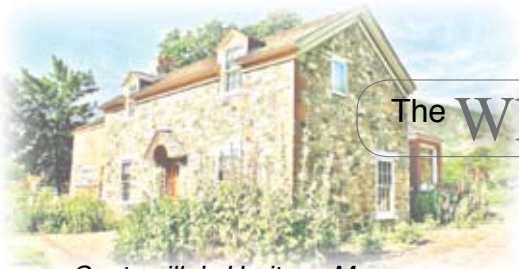


## CENTENNIAL T-SHIRT

Participate in the Celebration by purchasing a Centennial T-shirt. The shirts come in all children’s and adult sizes and are \$10.00. You can preorder your t-shirt online at [centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net).







## The Whitaker

Centerville's Heritage Museum

### Keeping Our Stories Alive

The Whitaker will host exciting guests all year long who will share Centerville's great heritage over the past 100 years. Learn about our founding fathers and such great people as Joel and Thomas Ricks, John Mills Whitaker and many more. Earl Tingey will honor Centerville veterans in July and all are invited to attend the Centerville Country Faire in August.

**April 14** - Teacher For a Lifetime: Jenny P Stewart presented by Susan Hainsworth

**May 12** - Master Storyteller in Motion Pictures presented by T.C. Christensen

**June 9** - The Great Sixty Year Floods: 1923 and 1983 presented by Richard Edgley

Join us each month for something new and live in Centerville with pride!

### 3rd Annual Victorian Tea Party

The 3rd Annual "Whitaker Victorian Tea" will be held Saturday, May 30th, at The Whitaker: Centerville's Heritage Museum.

This year we will be honoring female residents of Centerville from 1847 to 1915 in celebration of the Centennial.



Seating is limited and reservations are required. Reservations will begin April 1st and continue to May 1st, or until seating is filled.

If you have information about a founding woman and would like to see her honored, or you would like to help at this event, please contact the Museum before April 20th.

For more information visit the museum link at Centerville City's website.

### The Whitaker Community Garden

The Community Garden is taking reservations for the 2015 gardening season.

Contact Erin Redd at (801) 663-1293, or [sixredds@gmail.com](mailto:sixredds@gmail.com). You may visit the museum link at [centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net) for more information.



As a part of the Centennial Celebration, a book has been created which tells the history of Centerville through pictures, stories and historical events. The Centerville Centennial Book will be available after May 17, 2015. You can order a copy today and be a part of Centerville history. Go to [www.centervilleut.net](http://www.centervilleut.net) to order, or complete the order form below and submit to City Hall.

#### Centerville Centennial Book Order

I would like to place my order for \_\_\_\_\_ Centerville Centennial Books.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Centerville Centennial Books @ 35.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which shipping method you would prefer:

Shipping \$ 10.00

Self Pickup (at City Hall) \$ 0

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Make checks payable to:  
**CENTERVILLE CITY.**

Mail or hand deliver your order to:  
Centerville City Hall  
250 North Main  
Centerville, Utah 84014



## MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2015

The election of three (3) Councilmembers (4-year terms) will be on the ballot for the Centerville City 2015 Municipal Election. Also on the ballot will be a question of whether to renew the RAP tax. (Please see an explanation of RAP tax in the box at right.)

Candidate filing period begins June 1, 2015 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2015, excluding Saturday and Sunday (UCA 20A-1-401). Declaration of Candidacy must be filed in person at the Centerville City Recorder's Office located at 250 North Main.

More information regarding the elections will be posted on the City's website [www.centervilleut.net](http://www.centervilleut.net) after the filing period and in a future newsletter.

Contact the Centerville City Recorder, Marsha L. Morrow ([marsham@centervilleut.com](mailto:marsham@centervilleut.com); 801-295-3477 ext. 6431) for more information.

### RAP TAX ON BALLOT

The R.A.P. tax, (1/10th of 1% sales tax) approved by voters in 2007, and currently used to fund the construction of the Davis Center for the Performing Arts (CenterPoint Theatre) will be up for renewal and on the ballot again in November 2015. If re-approved by voters and authorized by the City Council, it is expected that most of the funds would go towards improving parks and trails. More information on parks and trails master plans will be shared in a future newsletter.

## OPERATIONAL METRICS

Over the past year, Centerville City has compiled key statistics to help measure the efficiency and effectiveness of departmental operations. These statistics can now be viewed on the City's website at [centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net)



**Are you looking for a great summer job? Come work for the City Rec Department and get paid to have fun!**

## ANNUAL STREET PROJECTS

There are many street projects scheduled for 2015. Crack and slurry seals will begin late March. To see if your street is on the street project list and for updates on road construction, schedules, etc. visit [www.centervilleut.net](http://www.centervilleut.net) and click on the Construction Updates cones.



## Help Wanted

The Centerville Recreation Department is seeking employees to fill the following positions for summer recreation:

**Sports Instructors** for Archery, Basketball, Lacrosse, Soccer, T-ball, Tennis and Volleyball

**Class Instructors** for Art, Arts and Crafts, Babysitting, Cake Decoration, Cooking, Jewelry, Pie Making, Play School, Quilting, Sewing and Ukulele

Applicants must be 16 or older and have the necessary skills to teach the class. Applications are available online at [centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net). Contact Lisa Summers for more information at (801) 589-2919.

# Shake Out. Don't Freak Out.

**DROP! COVER! HOLD ON!**  
April 16 @ 10:15 a.m.

The Great Utah Shake Out

Register at [www.ShakeOut.org/utah](http://www.ShakeOut.org/utah)

## DRAINAGE FEES INCREASING THIS SUMMER

Following an extensive public information effort and public hearing, the City Council recently approved drainage fee increases that will first appear on the monthly bill at the end of July. These fees—known as “drainage utility” and “subsurface drain” fees on the monthly utility bills—have not increased since being imposed in 1999 and 2001, respectively. As explained in utility bill inserts in January and February, increases are needed to fund the replacement of many existing pipes and culverts, and to continue maintenance of 63 miles of storm drains and subsurface drains (“subdrains”). The recent update of the Drainage Master Plan recommends \$6.3 million in capital projects over the next 10 years.



**Drainage Utility Supervisor Dave Walker (right), shows City Manager Steve Thacker a piece of corrugated metal drain pipe that recently collapsed.**

The City Council studied various funding scenarios—both with and without new debt—and chose to fund the need without issuing new debt. Fees will increase as shown below:

- ✓ The drainage utility fee (for stormwater system) would increase from the current \$4 per month for a single family home to \$8.48 per month. Other property owners - businesses, churches, schools, apartment buildings - are assessed fees based on a formula that compares the amount of hard surface area on those properties to a single family home.
- ✓ The subsurface drain fee (for subdrain system) is currently \$2 per month for a home outside a subdrain district and \$6 per month for a home inside a subdrain district. This fee will increase to \$4.24 outside a subdrain district or \$12.72 inside a subdrain district. The rationale for charging a subsurface fee to all developed properties is because all residents use roads in the high groundwater areas, and the life of these roads is prolonged by the effective operation of those subdrains.

You can access the Subdrain District Map, Drainage Rate Study Summary, funding scenarios, earlier utility bill inserts, and maps showing the capital projects anticipated over the next 10 years, by going to: [www.centervilleut.net/publicworks.drainagefees.html](http://www.centervilleut.net/publicworks.drainagefees.html). Questions about these fee increases can be sent via email to [drainagefees@centervilleut.com](mailto:drainagefees@centervilleut.com), or call the Drainage Utility Supervisor, Dave Walker, at (801) 292-8232.

## KEEPING IT CLEAN

Each spring, residents take to their yards and gardens to clean up and prepare for the growing season. Following city ordinances during these activities is critical for the proper maintenance of our City’s flood control and drainage systems. Chapter 16-04 of the City Code includes the following regulations:

❖ Tracking mud, gravel, or any other material onto the public roadway is illegal. Please clean off vehicles BEFORE getting back on the road.

❖ It is illegal to allow construction materials, dirt, gravel, topsoil, mulch, tree limbs, etc. to be delivered or dumped in the roadway, gutter, or anywhere else that may directly impact the storm drain system except when authorized by the City (such as the annual green waste pickup).

❖ It is unlawful to place dumpsters of any kind in the public right of way without a permit. They not only restrict travel in streets or on sidewalks, but they may pollute the storm drain system.

Violation of ANY storm water ordinance may be punishable up to and including a Class B Misdemeanor.

If you have questions, or to report a violation of these or any other storm water ordinance, contact the Drainage Utility Supervisor, Dave Walker, at (801)292-8232, or email [dwalker@centervilleut.com](mailto:dwalker@centervilleut.com).



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## CENTERVILLE CEMETERY REMINDER

Spring cleanup of all grave decorations is the **first week of April**.



Cemetery visitors are asked to please help our maintenance staff by collecting all grave decorations that will impede the care of the cemetery grounds. Mowing season is from April 1st to November 1st.

Memorial Day cleanup begins the Monday following Memorial Day when all decorations that have not been retrieved will be discarded. Depending on the amount of decorations left to be cleaned up it usually takes two to five days to complete.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1** – Reservations begin for Whitaker Victorian Tea
- April 4** – Easter Egg Hunt (9:30 a.m. SHARP)
- April 13** – Free Spring Green Waste Cleanup
- April 13** – Youth Council Applications available
- April 14** – Keeping Our Stories Alive - The Whitaker
- April 16** – “Shake Out” Earthquake Drill
- April 18** – 100 Trees for 100 Years
- April 20-May 16** – “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at the DCPA
- May 9** – Day of Service
- May 12** – Keeping Our Stories Alive - The Whitaker
- May 16** – Centennial 5K/10K Trail Race (8:00 a.m. Parrish Trailhead)
- May 17** – Centennial Celebration
- May 19** – Connecting the Dots, Timeline and Scavenger Hunt at the Whitaker begin
- May 30** – Victorian Tea Party - The Whitaker
- June** – Movies in the Park begin
- June 6** – Landmarks Tour of Historic Homes
- June 9** – Keeping Our Stories Alive - The Whitaker
- June 15** – Centerville Historic Hike
- June 15** – Summer Recreation Begins
- June 19 – July 19** – “The King and I” at the DCPA
- June 20** – Centerville Centennial 3v3 Soccer Tournament

## SPRING CLEAN-UP



Centerville is scheduling a FREE green waste pickup beginning April 13th. You may begin putting your green waste on the street next to the curb April 10th. Bland Tree Experts, Inc. will be going down the city streets only one time, so please have your green waste in place no later than the evening of April 12th.

Remember:

- Limit your waste to one dump truck load
- Keep your items away from mailboxes, trash cans and parked cars.
- Do not bag or box your items.
- Clean green waste only – no grass clippings, sod, appliances, etc.
- Branches and tree stumps cannot be any larger than 8-10 ft long and 12-18 inches in diameter – **root balls cannot be picked up.**
- Keep the green waste off the park strip – the heavy machinery could damage your lawn.

## ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Annual Water Quality Report is now available electronically at the following website: [waterquality.centervilleut.net](http://waterquality.centervilleut.net). If you would rather receive a paper copy of the Water Quality Report now and in the future, you can either visit the Public Works Department at 655 North 1250 West in Centerville or give them a call at (801) 292-8232 and give them your name and address.



**CODE RED** is Centerville City’s emergency phone network. If you would like to receive a call whenever there is an evacuation notice, bio-terrorism alert, boil water notice, missing child in the area alert, etc., please visit [centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net), click on the Code Red icon and follow the instructions to add your phone number to the database.

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