

# Centerville City News

Serving the Citizens of Centerville Utah

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR by Mayor Paul Cutler

Fall is in the air and it's a beautiful time to be outdoors in Centerville. I hope you have taken advantage of the weather and enjoyed the many outdoor activities available in our community.

On October 8, the Centerville Trails Committee sponsored a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the Parrish Lane pedestrian bridge over I-15 and the new connection to the Legacy Parkway Trail. I invite you to get outside and take advantage of this new connection.

Recently, the Davis County Health Department published an updated profile with health statistics for our community. Most of the results were very positive when compared to state and county averages, and reflect healthy lifestyle choices that many citizens are striving for. For example, we ranked very high in life expectancy (83.2 years), and relatively low in adolescent births (4.3%), adult obesity (20.1%), diabetes prevalence (4.6%), adult smoking (5.7%) and stroke deaths per 100,000 (5.7%).

Along with the good news, there were also some statistics that are concerning. Statistics suggest that our community has relatively high rates of melanoma (54.7 per 100,000) and breast cancer (154.3 per 100,000). More sobering is the fact that we have higher incidents of drug overdose (13.8 per 100,000) and suicide (15.2 per 100,000) compared to state averages. To put this in perspective, in our community suicide deaths are more than twice as likely as a fatal car accident (7.5 per 100,000).

The high rates of death from drug overdose (especially opioids) and suicide should concern all of us. Medical and behavioral health professionals encourage us to talk with our family, friends, and neighbors about drugs and suicide. Talking about these problems decreases the risk of future incidents. If a friend, neighbor, or family member is at risk, please reach out to help, and take action to remove easy access to guns, illicit drugs, and harmful prescription medications. There are many community, state, and religious resources available—but the first step is awareness.

In Centerville, we have a great tradition of volunteering, and looking out for the well being of our neighbors. Let's make sure that includes all aspects of life, including mental and behavioral health.



Wings of Love doves are released at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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## CITY COUNCIL CITIZEN OUTREACH

Each month, on the Wednesday after the second regular City Council Meeting, you are invited to interact with available City Council members at City Hall between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. This citizen outreach initiative is an informal gathering held in a casual, friendly environment giving residents the opportunity to ask questions and engage in open discussion about community issues of importance, activities, upcoming events and express personal concerns. This gathering is not intended to be a replacement for public hearings or constitute an official comment period. Come share your thoughts and ideas about your community.



## CENTERVILLE RECEIVES FINANCIAL AWARD

Centerville City was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Blaine Lutz, the City's Finance Director, has received this award every year since 1999.

## SHARING THE ROAD

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Centerville Trails Committee

In 2015, the League of American Bicyclists ranked Utah the fifth most Bicycle Friendly State in the U.S., up from number eight in 2014. Utah is fortunate to have so many agencies, local governments and advocacy groups working together to promote bike friendliness in our state. Yet as more cyclists hit the road, conflicts between motorists and cyclists are increasing.

Bike laws are simple, but often misunderstood by motorists and cyclists alike. According to Utah Code 41-6a-1102, a bicycle is considered a vehicle and has the same rights and is subject to the same provisions as the operator of any other vehicle. This includes obeying traffic signals, stop and yield signs, and using hand signals before turning. While motorists have limited influence on other motorists obeying the rules, the same goes for cyclists. Most drivers and cyclists are careful and considerate, but because of the actions of a few it can become an "us" vs. "them" mentality.

Cyclists must ride as near as practical along the right edge of the roadway, and can ride up to two abreast but may not impede the normal movement of traffic. When cyclists are riding in a lane that is too narrow for

both car and bike to travel safely side by side, the bike may take the full lane (Utah Code 41-6a-1105). When you see cyclists not riding as far to the right as may appear possible, it's generally due to them wanting to avoid debris on the edge of the roadway surface, as this debris can cause a flat tire or a crash. Regardless of the position or speed of the cyclist, motorists are required to keep a safe distance and wait until they can pass safely, giving cyclists a minimum of 3 feet (Utah Code 41-6a-706.5).



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We the authors are motorists and cyclists. We love living in a bike-friendly community with access to so many great roads and trails. We've experienced these common frustrations from both viewpoints. When motorists and cyclists know and follow the law, it leads to courtesy and respect on the road. Surely respecting the rights of others on the road is a goal for which we can all strive in our friendly community of Centerville.

## NEW AND IMPROVED UTA SERVICE

Starting August 14, UTA has added service! Trips have been added to Express Route 473, which runs from Ogden to Salt Lake and the U of U, including a new trip from Farmington to Weber State University, and route 455, which runs from Ogden to Salt Lake City.

Additional Saturday service is now available on route 640, which provides service from Layton Hills Mall to Weber State. The Lagoon/Station Park Shuttle (route 667) has begun year-round service, and UTA will debut the Midtown Trolley (route 628) with service between Layton and Clearfield.

All improvements are made possible by the passage of Prop 1 in Davis and Weber counties. Check [rideuta.com](http://rideuta.com) for more details.



1,409! That is the number of residential UTOPIA connections in Centerville. To see this metric along with many others the City tracks, check out the Operational Metrics report on the City's website:

<http://www.centervilleut.net/administration.metrics.html>.

## CENTERVILLE EARTHQUAKE BOOT CAMP

Centerville is in the middle of Earthquake Country. Experts say a severe earthquake will affect our city some day; in fact, we have many minor earthquakes without damage every year. Are you prepared for the Big One?

The Canyon View District of Centerville has prepared a 60-70 minute presentation entitled "Boot Camp for Living in Earthquake Country."

**This program will be presented on Wednesday and Thursday Nov 16 and 17 (same class done twice), in the basement of City Hall at 8 pm.** Topics include preparation, immediate concerns after a quake hits, family communication and home security. Related literature will be available. We hope to see you there.



THE WHITAKER  
Centerville's heritage museum  
presents  
**SMOOT DAIRY**  
Centerville's Own  
Award Winning Creamery  
Presenter: Ralph Turner  
Tuesday Nov. 8  
7:00 pm  
168 No. Main Street

Museum Director: Lisa Lynn Sommer    www.whitakercentervilleut.com    Museum phone: 801.335.5841  
Museum Board Members: Chair: Spencer Parker    Vice Chair: Nancy Smith    Trustee: Chantelton    Mel Mills    Paul Smith    Laura Toney

## WATER SYSTEM RECEIVES TOP NATIONAL AWARD FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Centerville City's culinary drinking water system was recently recognized by the National Rural Water Association for exemplary efforts in energy efficiency. The City has developed and implemented 20 creative strategies to optimize water system energy savings. These practical strategies enable Centerville City to reduce energy costs 75% which equates to \$250,000 savings on electrical costs annually, while consistently providing high quality water to its citizens. The City's water system was selected from among 31,000 water systems within the United States, and received this honor on September 13, 2016.



Public Works Director Randy Randall accepts an award from the National Rural Water Association in Orlando, Florida.

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## FREEDOM HILLS DISC GOLF



Did you know there is a nine hole disc golf course at Freedom Hills Park? Disc golf is a fun game for all ages and skill levels. It is played similar to golf except with a disc. The map of the course can be found on the recreation page of the City's website. This course was made possible by donations from the Centerville/Farmington Rotary Club.

## CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO HONOR OUR POLICE OFFICERS



This coming May 2017, the Centerville Community Foundation will be helping the City to honor our police officers for their outstanding work in protecting our citizens. We invite you to help with a contribution to buy street banners expressing our thanks. Please make out your contribution of any size to "Centerville Community Founda-

tion," and deliver or mail to Centerville City, 250 N Main St, Centerville UT 84014.



The Family Connection Center is excited to announce a new program helping those in need, while also allowing for volunteer opportunities. The "Circles USA" program goal is to strengthen families, providing a comprehensive curriculum to help families who are willing to move out of poverty. Circles empowers people from all economic classes, while providing families the networking, education and social resources that are essential to THRIVE. We offer a safe community where all can connect with community resources and get help with setting and accomplishing goals, skills training, peer support, self sufficiency, personal mentoring and much more.

Come visit Circles USA at The Bountiful Community Church, Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m., for a free meal and info on how to get into the next class. Volunteers are welcome and play an essential part of the Circles program.

[www.utahfcc.org](http://www.utahfcc.org)  
[www.circlesusa.org](http://www.circlesusa.org)

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Please join us

Santa Claus is coming to visit boys and girls  
 Have a picture with Santa between 4:30 and 6:00pm / donation \$4.00

TUESDAYS

DEC 6, 13, 20

168 No. Main St.

The Whitaker

Centerville's Historic Museum

Invites you to come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas the first 3 Tuesdays in December music, treat, craft 10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

Festival of Lights

November 28 at 6 pm

Founders Park

Enjoy a family night as we light up the park. Santa will arrive to greet the anxiously awaiting children. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for all!

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 21** – The Whitaker Cemetery Tour
- October 27** – Halloween Pumpkin Walk
- October 29** – The Whitaker Zombie Family Fun Run
- October 31** – Crime Prevention Open House
- November 8** – General Election –  
**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**
- November 8** – Keeping Our Stories Alive  
at The Whitaker - presenter Ralph Turner
- November 17** – City Council Citizen Outreach
- November 17-18** – Earthquake Boot Camp
- November 21 to December 5** –  
Christmas Coloring Contest
- November 25 to December 22** –  
"It's a Wonderful Life" at DCPA
- November 28** – Festival of Lights/Santa Visits Centerville
- December 6, 13 and 20** – Christmas at The Whitaker

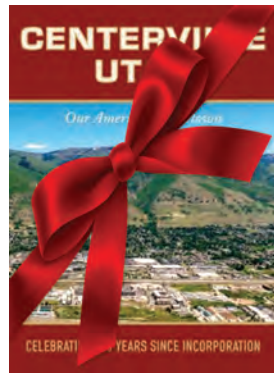


**Come one,  
come all!**

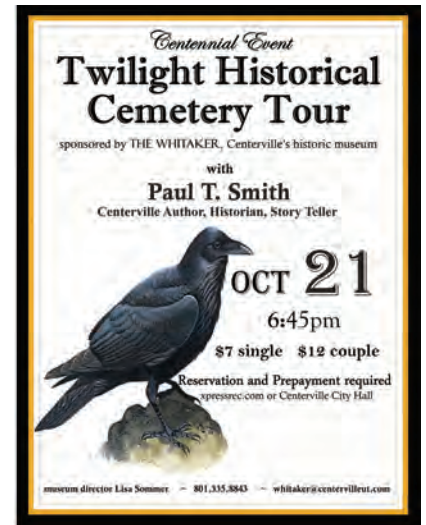
The Annual Pumpkin Walk will be a treat for all. Carved pumpkins need to be at Founders Park between 5 and 6 p.m. to be judged and then take a walk through the

park to see all the lit pumpkins along your way. Don't forget to stop by the pavilion for a treat. Prizes awarded in many categories. -Sponsored by the Youth City Council

**Pumpkin Walk  
October 27, 2016 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Founders Park**



The Centerville Centennial Book is still available at City Hall and would make a great gift this year! Cost is \$35.



## CRIME PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

October is National Crime Prevention Month and the police department will be hosting an open house on **Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Centerville Community Park located at 1350 N 400 W. Many emergency vehicles will be on display including the Life Flight helicopter, Fire & EMS vehicles, SWAT Bearcat, and police vehicles.

We will have information on crime awareness, free gun locks, free glow bracelets for the trick or treaters, treats and other items for the kids. KC the remote control patrol dog will be there for the kids to visit with and our K-9 Officer with his partner Zsiga. Please stop by and see us for an eventful Halloween evening.

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