Council Corner: Olympia Hills Returns

Herriman City Council

The developer of the controversial, high-density development, Olympia Hills, held two open house meetings in March to reveal their newly-redesigned project located in unincorporated Salt Lake County, just west of the Herriman border. The original development was vetoed by then-County Mayor Ben McAdams last summer.

Developer Doug Young stated they have lowered the density to 6.8 units per acre in the 938-acre project area. The 6,500 housing units would include single-family homes, apartments, and condominiums. The community is also proposed to host small parks that tie into larger planned parks within Herriman City. In looking at the proposed map, it is not entirely clear where these small open space areas are, and many appeared to serve as dividers in commercial areas. Herriman City Councilmembers would hope that a clearer depiction is provided through the developers continued efforts of gathering public input.

The developer also claimed that the project would house a commercial area featuring large companies, similar to Google and Facebook, that could employ much of the surrounding population, mitigating the need for many who live in the area to commute. When the City asked if the developer was going to be personally responsible for recruiting these potential large companies, or sell to third parties, they stated that decision has not yet been made.

The development was touted as a live-work-play development that would have minimal impact on traffic in the surrounding communities. This raised concern from attendees who brought up the unlikelihood that all household members would work in the locale, and that a lack of adequate transportation routes and infrastructure are in place to support the impact to neighboring communities. Both Doug Young and Cory Shupe, representatives of the development, shared that they have additional details to address worries about traffic congestion, water supply, and impact to public schools. No additional details were shared at that time, nor was a timeline given of when they would be provided. They also stated that the overhaul of SR-111 (Bacchus Highway) will be a big help. The public continues to have concerns about the potential impact to 12600 South and 11800 South.

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Members of the public also asked the developer how Jordan School District was going to be able to keep up with the influx of residents and obtain funding for new schools that would need to be built. The response was that they assume the school district will have a plan to deal with that when the time comes. Herriman City would hope that with the size of the proposed development, the developer would be working with Jordan School District to create a plan to deal with the growth created by this development.

Though we have noted the developer’s efforts to decrease the residential density of Olympia Hills, we are not sure that it is enough to minimize the impact to the surrounding communities. Once substantial information is provided that reveals what type of development would be sustainable in this area of the valley, as well as necessary infrastructure, Herriman and the other members of the Southwest Cities group—to include Riverton, South Jordan, West Jordan, Bluffdale, and Copperton—encourage the developer to work with this group to address the concerns that are important to our communities and create a development that benefits all.

We will keep the community informed on future meetings regarding this development as we receive information. We appreciate the public’s continued input and involvement throughout the development of this project.

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Within the Guiding Principles of our Herriman Police Department lies the statement: “We will be present and engaged.” With this commitment in mind, Detective Jose Lopez and the officers of the Herriman Police Department set out to host the inaugural 2019 HPD Youth Academy. Spanning eight weeks from February through March, the Youth Academy brought 33 of our Herriman City youth, ages 14-18, together with police to learn about law enforcement as a career and to better understand the challenges faced by the police officer in today’s world.

Students gathered one night per week to participate in opportunities that included a visit to the dispatch center, a tour of the Salt Lake County Jail, hearing from detectives regarding case studies, speaking with SWAT operators, witnessing K9s in action, firing live ammunition and experiencing interactive firearms simulators, and engaging in intense training scenarios. Most importantly, students participated in all of these activities with Herriman Police officers at their side, answering questions, engaging in conversations, and learning to see the world through the officers’ eyes.

Each night, as the students had dinner with the officers, barriers were overcome, and relationships began to form. On the night the youth went to the shooting range, many were worried and apprehensive, having never held a firearm. Yet, as that night progressed, officers worked one on one with each youth, helping them feel safe and competent as they learned new skills and conquered their fears. On the evening the police scenarios were held, the students were understandably nervous anticipating the police calls they might be asked to respond to (in a classroom environment).

Students navigated and safely addressed role players who were suffering from mental illness, encountered armed assailants as they attempted to stop a suspicious vehicle, and responded to a call for help with an ungovernable juvenile. All the scenarios were very challenging, very real police problems that left the students feeling the effects of adrenaline and extreme stress. The students’ bus ride home after the scenario training was filled with excited chatter about feelings of accomplishment; students had faced their fears and come away with a better understanding of what officers face each day at work.

We, at the Herriman Police Department, would hope some of these students will join us as members of a future Youth Cadet program, providing experience toward a future career in law enforcement. Our 2019 Youth Academy has brought us together; parents, students, and officers, all as community. Together we learned about the weight of responsibility entrusted to officers by the citizens of Herriman. We experienced, for a moment, what the world looks like through each other’s eyes, and formed a bond that we hope will last a lifetime. It is through these encounters that we can leave lasting impressions, build confidence in our police force, and gain an appreciation for the role of public servants. We are proud of those that participated and the excitement and energy they put into the program. Congratulations to the first-ever graduating class of the Herriman Youth Academy.
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Polishing Leadership Skills
In March, the Youth Council attended a youth leadership conference at Utah State University. At the conference, there were many entertaining speakers, who spoke about being the best we can be, being ourselves, and helping others along the way. The conference's purpose is to help the youth become better leaders, and to be able to learn something that will help them throughout their lives. The Youth Leadership Conference isn't just speakers though — they have activities, and even a dance! This year at Utah State, the theme was "I'Mpossible." The speakers talked about knowing that you can do hard things. All had amazing stories that would honestly surprise you, but they somehow connect everyone to their story, and they have personally helped many of us tremendously!

Congratulations to Kala Hyte, a Herriman Youth Council senior who received a $300 scholarship from the Utah Association of Youth City Councils. She was recommended to the board by her advisors and chosen to be one of the two winners from all the youth from 30+ city councils.

The Utah State conference is definitely one of the highlights of being on Youth Council, but there are other really great things too! Youth Council is for anyone ages 14-18. If you or someone you know wants to join the Youth Council, be sure to submit your online application at herriman.org. Youth Council is a great way to help the community and yourself! We, as Youth Council members, recommend for anyone to be on Youth Council. It is an amazing experience that you won’t regret!
Don’t Be A Nuisance!

It’s time for you and your pup to roam the neighborhood, the parks, and the trails. But before you bound out of the house grab a leash and those poop bags.

**Leash Laws**
Many violators of this ordinance will claim that their pet is friendly, or less aggressive than when on-leash. But Salt Lake County Animal Services would remind you not everyone likes a “friendly” off-leash dog, nor do other dogs who are on-leash. A leash is not an optional accessory, it’s the LAW to wear one. If your dog is caught being off-leash, and it’s not at a designated off-leash dog park, you will get a ticket and will pay a fine.

**Pack Out the Poo**
It’s the law to clean up after your dog. If you get caught not picking up their poop, expect to pay a fine. This is another public nuisance violation. Be a considerate neighbor or hiker and carry poop bags to clean up after your dog when they defecate out on an adventure. Whether it’s in the neighborhood or on a busy hiking trail, you must pick it up.

Curious about the ordinances in Herriman? Check out AdoptUtahPets.com and visit our “Laws” section to look up the ordinances in your area. Need to contact an officer? Call dispatch at 801-743-7045.
INTRODUCING YOUR CAST

The Herriman Arts Council would like to congratulate and welcome the cast for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. As always we are amazed and thrilled at the talent Herriman has to offer. We are excited to announce the cast of this wonderful show. Make sure to save the date to come see these amazing people, July 11-20, 2019!

Here is your cast for our 2019 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

Cast:

**Narrator** — Bethany Hall  
**Joseph** — Geoff Beckstrand  
**Jacob** — Sean Hyte  
**Potiphar** — Tim Hall  
**Potiphar’s Wife** — Kenzie Jensen  
**Baker** — Brady Misustin  
**Butler** — Bart Sloan  
**Pharoah** — Grant Whitmer  
**Reuben** — Joey West  
**Simeon** — Tim Sorenson  

**Levi** — Brent Rindlisbacher  
**Naphtali** — Danny Jones  
**Issachar** — Brady Misustin  
**Asher** — Taylor Sorenson  
**Dan** — Jordan Gale  
**Zebulun** — Nathan Estes  
**Gad** — Ashton Rindlisbacher  
**Benjamin** — Lucas Morley  
**Judah** — Scott Mason

Adoring Girls, Brothers’ Wives, Featured Dancers, Ishmaelites, Adult Ensemble:

**Tim Hall**  
**Barton Sloan**  
**Kenzie Jensen**  
**Cutter Jensen**  
**Carli Brinthurst**  
**Elly Mabey**  
**Abby Mabey**  

**Mallory Dawson**  
**Audrey Jones**  
**Emmaline Naud**  
**Ethan Hann**  
**Melissa Holm**  
**Danielle Fisher**  

**Lynsey Grant**  
**Jen Nilson**  
**Marie Buhler**  
**Kimberly Mendenhall**  
**Melanie Grant**  
**Sarah Ricks**  

**Mackenzie Wilson**  
**Sariah Knowlton**  
**Lilly Short**  
**Malea Hyte**  
**Kala Hyte**  
**Sean Hyte**

Children’s Choir:

**Ally Mabey**  
**Izzy Mabey**  
**Gretel Carey**  
**Kent Jones**  
**Parker Jones**  
**Ava Harper**  
**Aubrey Enger**  

**Jocelyn Peirce**  
**Melanie Petersen**  
**Olivia Jackman**  
**Lucy Rigby**  
**Ashley Bingham**  
**Annalise Slater**  

**Alexa Haussler**  
**Lucas Haussler**  
**Emily Weist**  
**David Weist**  
**Eli Hall**  
**Elyse Hall**  

**Lincoln Mendenhall**  
**Lucas Mendenhall**  
**Abigail Sloan**  
**Spencer Wilson**  
**Bailey Wilson**  
**Trent Sorenson**

Protect Your Water

Spring is here, and it’s time to think about cross connection (backflow prevention) for sprinkler systems. Backflow is the undesirable reversal of flow, of water or any other liquid, into the distribution pipes of the potable water supply.

To protect the public potable water supply of any possible contamination, and to abide by the Herriman City ordinance 12-35-12-36 along with the Federal Safe Drinking Act amendment of 1996, ALL customers with underground sprinkling systems connected to a potable water supply MUST have an approved backflow preventer. The backflow preventer MUST be tested within 10 days of initial use, and annually thereafter. Test results must be sent to Herriman City (5355 West Herriman Main Street) by September 30, 2019. If the test discloses that the assembly is not operating properly, you must have the necessary repairs made and the assembly re-tested. Herriman City has a list of certified backflow technicians on our website (www.herriman.org), who have been approved through an RFP (request for proposal) process, for residents to hire if they so choose.

Supplying safe clean drinking water is a high priority for Herriman City. The Cross Connection Control Program, along with the cooperation of our residents, will ensure delivery of safe clean drinking water to all residents.
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Shop Local Spotlight
Herriman City’s Shop Local Business Spotlight for April is Oh Mai sandwich kitchen, who opened their Herriman location in November 2018. Their menu is gluten-free and their cooking is MSG-free.

 Achilles (non-food) applications for Fort Herriman Towne Days! Space is limited - apply online today.

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Fri: Family Night
Pre-purchase 5+ tickets online, save additional 20%

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