

JULY 2025-OCTOBER 2025

CENTERVILLE CHRONICLE

Official Newsletter of Centerville City, Utah



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Dear Residents,

What a wonderful time of year! During the next month, we will celebrate our country's Independence Day as well as the arrival of the pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley. In recent weeks, I have been reminded of the impact of these events on our lives here in Centerville, Utah.

The pioneers who arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847 had a vastly different experience from someone moving here today. Today one would buy or rent a house, contact the city to connect utilities, and visit the grocery store to stock their pantry and refrigerator. The first settlers faced great hardships with only the food they had brought. They needed to quickly plant crops, as they were already behind schedule, starting to plant in early August rather than between late May and early June.

This area was a desert and initially deemed undesirable. Many passed through this valley, heading towards the gold and fertile valleys of Northern California, where water and food were readily available. We might forget how blessed we are and tend to complain about minor inconveniences, overlooking the hardships endured by those who established the Salt Lake Valley and this region.

Regarding Independence Day, my wife and I recently visited Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In our nation's capitol building I had the honor of being in the gallery of the United States Senate while Senator John Curtis delivered his maiden speech. It was filled with the heritage, spirit, and faith of the State of Utah, and reminded me of the many reasons I am proud to be a Utahn and of pioneer heritage.

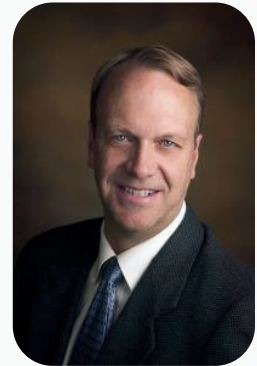
While visiting Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were signed, I felt humbled and deeply appreciative of those who risked their lives and fortunes to establish this great experiment of a democratic republic.

Looking ahead, we have exciting events planned to help us celebrate the privilege of living in this great country, including 5K and mile runs, as well as the parade on July 4. On July 5, we will have the children's parade, community events in the park throughout the day, and a headlining band followed by fireworks in the evening. As we celebrate and enjoy the spectacular fireworks show on July 5, let us reflect on the real fireworks that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen our national anthem at Fort McHenry, particularly the lines, "and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air gave proof through the night that our flag was still there".

May we all take a moment to appreciate the blessings of our independence and freedom. May God continue to bless America!

Sincerely,
Mayor Clark A. Wilkinson

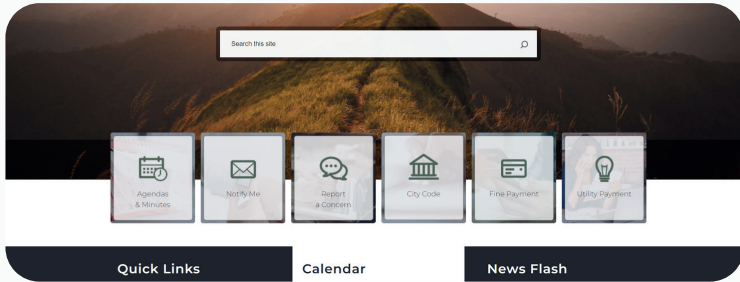
Mayor's Message



City Communications

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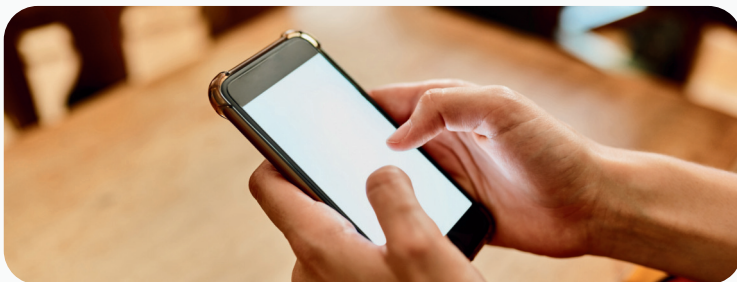
Centerville's City Website - Make It Your Go-To!

What You'll Find:

- City Council Meetings and Agendas
- Pay Your Bill
- Permitting
- Park Reservations
- Community Events
- Job Opportunities
- Digital Newsletters
- Subscribe and be Notified via NOTIFY ME



Text Message



Subscribe to our text message reminders by texting one, or all of the following Key Words to receive a text message on upcoming happenings:

- Text the word **EVENTS** to 801.677.6435
- Text the word **RECREATION** to 801.677.6435
- Text the word **MUSEUM** to 801.677.6435

Social Media Outlets



@centervilleutah

Follow us on Instagram for: City Project Updates, Traffic Closures, City Events, Public Works, City Council Meeting Agendas, and More!



CentervilleUtah

Join One or All of Our Facebook Groups:

- Whitaker Museum
- Parks & Recreation
- Trails Committee

Centerville Chronicle



The city newsletter is published quarterly via centervilleutah.gov. Here is when our newsletter schedule so you know when to read the latest edition via centervilleutah.gov:

- November
- March
- July (also delivered to resident's mailboxes)

RAP Tax Project Report

Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) tax is an existing sales tax which allows Centerville City to collect one cent for every \$10 spent in Centerville. While this doesn't sound like much, these pennies add up to good things for Centerville residents. Because RAP tax is a sales-tax, its impact is not only to residents who buy in the city, but is shared by all who pay sales tax on retail purchases within the city. Annually Centerville City collects over \$500,000 into its RAP tax fund since its approval in 2007, and its renewal in 2015 by voters like you! RAP tax has helped to fund the following projects:



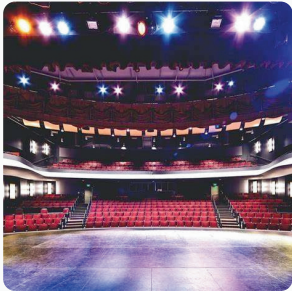
Island View Park Renovation

Playground, Tennis Court, Pickleball Courts, Pavilion, Water Fountains, and Upper Bathroom Addition.



William R. Smith Park Expansion

Additional property purchased to the south of the park and pavilion.



CenterPoint Theater Bond

2007-2021 RAP Tax funding paid off the bond on CenterPoint Theater as part of its redevelopment.



Community Park Additions

South End Expansion Soccer Fields, Eight Pickleball Courts, Baseball Batting Cage, Parking Lot Expansion.



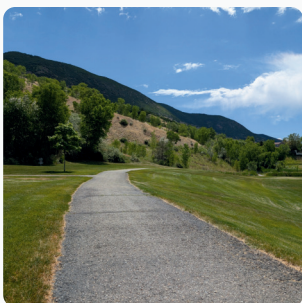
Whitaker Museum

Summer Kitchen Addition, Paved Parking Lot, Historical Preservation of Interior & Exterior of Whitaker Home, Community Garden Development,



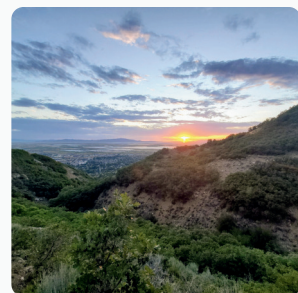
Community Park Improvements

Baseball Homerun Fencing, Playground Replacement, Bottle Filling Drinking fountains, Solar Lighting Along Paths.



Freedom Hills Park Trail

Paved Trail Repair, Drinking Fountains.

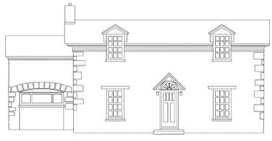


Possible Future Projects

Baseball Field Lights & Scoreboards, South West Community Park Restrooms and Playground, Hillside Property Purchase for Trail Access, etc.

The Whitaker

Centerville City's Heritage Museum



WHITAKER
MUSEUM

You Can Now Visit the
Whitaker Museum 24-7!



Visit virtually through our new virtual reality tour! It's almost like you're walking through the museum and the grounds yourself! Read or listen to local Centerville history as you roam from room to grounds to rooms!

Whitaker Museum In-Person Hours

Tuesday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Address

168 N Main Street
Centerville, UT 84014

Phone Number

801-335-8843

Email Address

whitaker@centervilleutah.gov

Museum Director

Lisa Sommer

WHITAKER MUSEUM
THE WHITAKER CENTERVILLE CITY'S HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS

OPEN MIC NIGHT

SPECIAL GUESTS
SCRIPT KITTY JAZZ COLLECTIVE
PERFORMING AND ACCOMPANIMENT

VINTAGE CAR SHOW
BOB YORK AND FRIENDS

MOVIE IN THE PARK
WICKED SING-A-LONG AT 9:15

MUSIC CARS & MOVIES

BRING A CHAIR, YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE, AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST
168 NORTH MAIN
CENTERVILLE, UT
7PM

FREE TO PERFORM
FREE TO ATTEND

CENTERVILLE UTAH

CENTERVILLE CITY'S WHITAKER MUSEUM presents

Date Night Art Class

Watercolors with Nature

Thursday, August 14
7:00-8:30 PM

Whitaker Museum
168 North Main St

\$30 per couple
pre-registration required

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Nancy Andruk Olsen
Instructor

MY MISSION
"Finding joy in nature"

THE WHITAKER PRESENTS

CENTERVILLE CEMETERY TOUR

NOW FEATURING A SPOOKY TOUR AND A 1900'S HISTORIC TOUR - RESERVE YOUR SPOT

WHITAKER MUSEUM

OCT 9
7:00PM
SPOOKY TOUR

OCT 11
10:30AM
HISTORIC TOUR

Guide - Karl Behling

FREE TO ATTEND, RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
RESERVE YOUR SPOT VIA CENTERVILLEUTAH.GOV

The Whitaker
Centerville City's Heritage Museum
presents

THE WHIT AFTER DARK

the lore of 'Lilebet's lost pearls'

SOLVE THE PUZZLES, DESIPHER THE CLUES,
ARE THERE ROYAL PEARLS TO FIND?

The search is on at the Whitaker Museum.
Sign up your group today for a time slot to see what your eccentric world traveling Auntie Mae brought home from across the pond in 1939

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

RIGISTRATION REQUIRED - \$15 PER GROUP - AGES 18+ or 12+ FAMILY -
<https://secure.recl.com/UT/centerville-ut/catalog>

Information - 801.335.8842

Scan Me To Sign Up

THURSDAY - 6 PM TO DARK

ON SEPT 11, 2025

WHITAKER MUSEUM

CENTERVILLE CITY MUSEUM
168 N MAIN ST, CENTERVILLE, UTAH

FLASH BACK

FLASH BACK TO CANTALOUPE DAYS
HORSE SHOEING, LIVE ANIMALS,
SPINSTER, PIONEER GAMES, MOUNTAIN MAN, HISTORIC MILITARY REINACTORS,
BANBURY CROSS DONUTS, CANTALOUPE, FUN

Subscribe to the Whitaker's text messages by texting the word "museum" to 801-677-6435 and receive a message directly to your phone of events and programs happening at the Whitaker!

Community Events & Recreation

Fall Baseball Sign Ups Are Open!

Pre-K - 9th Grade GIRLS & BOYS

Sign Up: June 2 - July 21
+ \$10 after 7/21

CENTERVILLE FALL BASEBALL

About This Rec League
Centerville's Recreation Baseball League will play approximately 7-8 games. Kinder-9th Grade leagues will end their season with a single elimination tournament. Most games will be played in Centerville. Possible to play games elsewhere in Davis County - especially for 5th-9th graders.

Pre-K Tee Ball Wednesdays	\$45	5th-6th Grade Pinto - Live Kid Pitch Wednesdays Placement Tryout: July 28th	\$85
Kinder-2nd Grade Machine Pitch Tuesdays	\$50	7th-9th Grade Pony - Live Kid Pitch Week Nights Placement Tryout: July 28th	\$95
3rd-4th Grade Mustang - Live Kid Pitch Thursdays	\$85	Cost Includes 7-8 Games, Medal, Individual and Team Photo, Performance Jersey, & Custom Centerville Hat	

Community Park
1350 N 400 W Centerville, UT

Game Times
As early as 5 pm
As late as 8 pm

Register here
centervilleutah.gov

Season
August 18-October 10

More Information 801-677-6431 haley.turner@centervilleutah.gov
Follow us @centervilleutah

Weekly Summer Camps Available

Join us for one of our last few summer camp sessions still going on this summer, don't let the summer get away, stay and play right at home! Cooking, Craft, Sports & Fitness, Archery, and more have some openings left. Visit our online catalog to sign up and see what dates are available.



Movies & Music in the Park Events

Centerville Parks & Rec Summer Entertainment Series

Movies & Music In The Park

\$ Free.99 **2025**

JUNE 6 7:00 PM	Summer Series Kick Off! 7 PM Music: Concert featuring the island music of Pa'ina Project @ Smith Park 9 PM Movie: <i>Lilo & Stitch</i> (PG) Wear your Hawaiian Shirt & Lei! @ Smith Park	
JUNE 20 7:00 PM	South American Adventure 7 PM Butterfly House with live Butterflies, you get to hangout with! @ Smith Park 9 PM Movie: <i>Paddington in Peru</i> (PG) @ Smith Park	
JULY 5 7:00 PM	Centerville Freedom Festival 7 PM Music: Incredible line up of rocking music with headliner at 8:30 @ Community Park Dusk: Live FIREWORK SHOW @ Community Park	 Celebrate with Us July 3-5!
JULY 11 7:30 PM	Let's Get Wild 7:30 PM: Bird Show Demonstration by Long Wing Inc. See some birds in flight! @ Smith Park 9 PM Movie: <i>The Wild Robot</i> (PG) @ Smith Park.	 PACK Tax TAX Centerville
JULY 18 7:00 PM	Freaky Friday Throwback 7 PM Music: The incredibly talented Heber Matute and band live! @ Smith Park 9 PM Movie: <i>Freaky Friday</i> (PG) Throw it back before Freaker Friday comes out! @ Smith Park	 BANBURY CROSS DONUTS Free Donuts for 1st 200!
AUG 1 7:00 PM	Try Defying Gravity 7 PM Music: Open mic night! Bring your talent on over to the Whitt! Hosted @ the Whitaker Museum 9 PM Movie: <i>Wicked</i> (PG) The Sing-along. Get ready to sing your heart out! @ Smith Park	

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MOVIES AIR AROUND 9:15 PM

SMITH PARK - 300 N 100 E
COMMUNITY PARK - 1350 N 400 E
WHITTAKER MUSEUM - 168 N MAIN ST

Fall Festival on October 13th, 6-8 PM

CENTERVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL & THE WHITTAKER MUSEUM

MEET US IN THE MIDDLE

FALL festival

OCTOBER 13TH | 6 PM-8 PM

Pumpkins for Carving, Crafts, Activities, Donuts, Prizes for Carved Pumpkins

PRE-CARVED PUMPKIN DROP OFF 5:30-6:30 PM

William R. Smith Park
300 N. 100 E.
in Centerville

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Baseball Umpires Needed

Now Hiring Umpires for Fall Baseball! Must be at least 14 yrs. old to apply, 16 yrs. preferred.

Centerville Freedom Festival Schedule of Events

July 3rd, 4th, & 5th



Thursday, July 3rd

Children's Entrepreneur Market

5-8 PM at Community Park

Community Pickleball Palooza

5-8 PM at Community Park Pickleball Courts

Friday, July 4th

5K Freedom Run

7 AM Race at City Hall on Main St.

Centerville Parade

9 AM on Main St.



Saturday, July 5th

Children's Parade

9 AM at 1461 N Main, Ends at Community Park

Festival Fun Party at the Park

9 AM-9 PM at Community Park

Concert & Fireworks Show

8:30 PM at Community Park

Freedom Festival



Volunteer Sign Up

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Centerville Freedom Festival

3rd of July ★ Family Fun



Community Pickleball Palooza

5-8 PM at Community Park Pickleball Courts

Join your Centerville friends, family, and neighbors for an evening of pickleball fun at our new pickleball courts at Centerville Community Park. No registration required. This a free event for those who want to check out the courts, learn about the game, and socialize.

- Popsicles
- Ruffled Prizes
- Instruction and Rules of the Game
- Paddles Up Play for the more experienced/fast learner

Children's Entrepreneur Market

5-8 PM at Community Park

The Children's Entrepreneur Market is an award-winning program that teaches young people about the power of entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership through experiential learning. Sign Up via kidsmarkets.com



CHILDREN'S
ENTREPRENEUR
market

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4th of July ★ Parade & 5K

5K Freedom Run 7 AM Race at City Hall on Main St

Entry fee goes up July 1. Prizes for first 3 finishers in each 5K age group who register online in advance, by 5:00 PM on July 3.

5K race begins at 7:00 AM on July 4 behind City Hall, 250 N. Main St., followed by the 1 mile race for children ages 12 and under at 8:00 AM and the ¼ mile race for children 8 and younger at 8:15 AM.

For more information, including race route maps, go to cfrotary.com/4th-of-July-Race



RACE SIGN UP



Centerville Parade 9 AM on Main St.

Begins at the red stake center (1450 N Main St.), ends at Pages Lane.

Residents can start putting out chairs and blankets to secure their spots for the parade after 4:00 PM on July 3.

- Military Fly Over
- Liahona Brass Band & Dancers
- The Carriage Establishment
- Maxfield Clowns



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Centerville Freedom Festival

5th of July ★ Party in the Park



Children's Parade

9 AM Sharp at 1461 N Main, Ends at Community Park

Decorate your bikes and wagons or just come walk! Begins at 9 AM Sharp at the brick church on 1461 N Main, proceeds west on 1450 N, turns south on 400 W, and ends at the Centerville Community Park 1350 N 400 W with popsicles and fun!

Festival Fun Activities at the Park

9 AM-9 PM at Community Park 1350 N 400 W

- 9 AM-Dusk: Food Trucks, Vendor Booths, Mini Golf, Carnival Games, Dunk Tank (Dunk the Mayor and More!), Bounce Houses, Train Rides.
- 9:30 AM: Flag Raising Ceremony on the Main Stage.
- 10 AM Until Fireworks Blast: Live Entertainment on the Main Stage.
- 10 AM - 4 PM: Art & Quilt Show across the street at the red brick church.

Concert & Fireworks Show

8:30 PM at Community Park 1350 N 400 W

Headliner Nic Chamberlain and Band will be rocking the Main Stage at 8:30 PM before fireworks blast at dusk! Join us for the best party in South Davis and don't forget your chair, it's BYOC (bring your own chair).



Freedom Festival Info



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5th of July ★ Party in the Park



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Volunteers Needed



Freedom Festival



Volunteer Sign Up

Get Involved! Become a Centerville Freedom Festival Volunteer Today

To make this amazing event happen, we sure could use your skills throughout all of the fun taking place 4th of July Weekend! Please follow the link to our Sign Up Genius to see what time slot and activity best fits your schedule. We'd love to have you contribute!

Thank You to Our 2025 Centerville Freedom Festival Committee

Wendy & Danny Inkley, Julie Hoth, Julie Summerhays, Karl Taylor, Leslie Palmer, Meri James, RoJeanne Smith, Sharrisa Kay, Steve Thacker, Tracie Tornavacca, Amy Johnston, and to our Centerville City Staffers: Bryce King, Haley Turner, Officer Dave Boucher, Mayor Clark Wilkinson.

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