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UPCOMING MEETINGS

**East Mill Creek
Community Council**
Thurs. 2/1/18, 6:30 PM
East Millcreek
Recreation Center, 2266
E. Evergreen Ave.

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Two Police Service Dogs Killed in Millcreek Are Catalyst for Increasing Criminal Penalties

MILLCREEK. Last year, we lost Dingo. Two years before that, we lost Aldo. Both were K-9 police service dogs who worked with the Unified Police Department. Both were violently killed in Millcreek, shot to death by fugitives from law enforcement. They each died protecting and saving the lives of their human fellow officers.

The penalty for intentionally killing a K-9 officer? It's the same as stealing \$1,500-\$5,000 worth of property.

Yet these service animals cost taxpayers upwards of \$50,000 for their initial training. Once certified, they receive additional taxpayer-funded training throughout their seven-plus years of service. During their foreshortened lives, Aldo and Dingo collectively assisted in more than 300 arrests, and performed more than 1,100 human or narcotic searches and tactical deployments.

More than just their monetary cost and their invaluable contributions to law enforcement, K-9 police officers can be their handlers' best friends. Officer Chad Reyes, who worked with Dingo, suffered "extraordinary pain caused by having [my] partner violently taken from [me] while saving [my] life." When he found out the relatively small penalty for the destruction of his beloved partner, Officer Reyes determined to change that.

Senator Jani Iwamoto, District 4, is Millcreek 's representative in the Utah Senate. This session, she has introduced [Senate Bill 57](#), which would make it a second degree felony to intentionally or knowingly cause the death of a police service animal. A conviction would result in a 5 to 15 year prison term, a punishment that she and Officer Reyes urge is far more commensurate with the crime.

Senator Iwamoto, Officer Reyes, and Millcreek Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, will be appearing next week before the Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee. They have asked that you join them to help in their support of the bill. The committee meets on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 2:00 PM in Room 250 at the State Capitol.

In the meantime, click [here](#) to see KSL-TV's report on Dingo's death. Fox 13 News' report on the SWAT standoff in Millcreek that resulted in Aldo's death can be found [here](#).



THANK YOU FOR REPORTING ABANDONED HOUSES

MILLCREEK. Unified Police have asked that residents notify them of any long term vacant or abandoned houses in Millcreek neighborhoods. UPD will add the address to their list of properties to keep an eye on to ensure that vagrants or other criminal activity doesn't occur in that location.

Abandoned houses are often used as meth labs, so your eyes and reports are an important tool for keeping crime down in our city. Thanks all!



How Millcreek Seeks Input on Property Development Applications

MILLCREEK. Have you seen these signs in your neighborhood? One of the city's jobs is to consider land use change or redevelopment applications requested by property owners. City ordinances require public hearings on many of the applications. The City wants to know what the neighbors have to say before making final decisions.

To make sure neighbors know about these public hearings, we mail postcards to property owners within 300 feet of the property that is the subject of the application. As an added measure, we have also begun to post signs like the one in the photo above on the property. We want to ensure that residents who may be affected by the proposed change know about their opportunity for input.

If you see a sign on a property, you are welcome to review the paperwork inside the plastic bag attached to the sign. (Just please put it back so others can see it as well.) If you still have questions about what is being proposed, you can call the city's planning office at [801-214-2750](tel:801-214-2750).

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