



Face of Fillmore

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The motto for the State of Utah is “Life Elevated”. What exactly prompted this slogan?

A variety of answers exist but through the eyes of the tourism industry, I think it is obvious that writer of the motto was referring to Utah’s Greatest Snow on Earth and the direction one travels to get to it. Up.

One woman, while trying to explain” Life Elevated” wrote, “We’re not just about altitude, we are about attitude.” Another person pointed out that Utah, as whole, is quite a religious state so our lives are elevated as we try to live closer to Heaven.

It is interesting to note three other suggestions for the state motto:

Utah-peculiar, but in a nice way!

Utah- White snow, green jello, orange barrels

Whatever the Season, Utah's the Reason.

I am inclined to like “Life Elevated” the best.

A drive around our community gives another meaning to this motto. Look up. In the leafy shadows of huge trees around town, you can see that some of Fillmore’s residents enjoy the cool breezes through the tree tops from the vantage point of homemade tree houses. It is surprising how many you can spot.

Some are merely platforms with crude steps leading to them while others contain all of the comforts of home. I was told that at one point there was even one up Chalk Creek complete with a couch to relax on.

Others while sitting high above a yard are actually not actually treehouses at all, but the second story of small buildings.

Elaborate landscaping surrounds the Robison’s elevated playhouse that was built when their son was much younger. A waterfall drops into a pond filled with dozens of gold fish. Flowers and shrubs add to the beauty there.



Robison second story -playhouse and landscaping



Rowley tree platforms and stairs

In talking to the property owners, they will tell the hours of enjoyment that came in building these tree houses, sometimes moving them from one tree to another just because it was the construction phase the young people enjoyed the most. One man built a complicated tree house for his children only to find he had enjoyed the whole project more than they did the finished product.

As you drive around town, look up. You may be pleasantly surprised at what you see.



Sylvester tree house in winter. During the summer, it is hidden in the foliage.