



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

March 2011

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

- Main Number..... 801-966-3600
- City Manager..... 801-963-3220
- Police Department. 801-963-3386
- Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
- Fire Department..... 801-963-3336
- Justice Courts..... 801-963-3590
- Emergency911
- Family Fitness Center..... 801-955-4000
- Garbage Questions 801-955-3720
- Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448
- Housing Authority . 801-963-3320
- Parks and Rec..... 801-955-4000
- Harman Home 801-965-5822
- Stonebridge Golf Course..... 801-957-9000
- West Ridge Golf Course..... 801-965-5800
- Graffiti Hot Line 801-963-3467
- Animal Services..... 801-965-5800
- Victims Services 801-963-3223
- Ordinance Compliance 801-963-3289
- Utah Cultural Celebration Center 801-965-5100

Website:
www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Great Cities

A message from Councilmember Corey Rushton

One of life's most fulfilling endeavors involves the subtle rewards of turning something good into something great. One of my first memories of this marvel occurred when I was a young boy and wondered why the pancakes that my grandmother made were so much better than any other pancakes. Even as a youngster I understood that pancakes were a relatively simple recipe and that the flavor between makers didn't differ much. However grandma's creations were authoritatively delectable and the greatness of those pancakes was a mystery that my sisters and I would repeatedly try to explain. Theories between us ran rampant and details of greatness included speculation surrounding: the brand of butter, adjusting stove temperature, and even a careful analysis of the antique pancake pan that grandma had inherited from her pioneer grandmother.

Similarly the recipe for a great West Valley City lies within those hard to explain slight, but significant, contributions of the residents. Many of the obvious good things in our community are being put into place, but ultimately it is up to each resident to turn them into great things. We have been quietly raising the standard of expectations in West

Valley City and need everyone to do their part. Thriving business and entertainment districts, efficient transportation, and clean, safe neighborhoods require everyone's involvement. The means in which you could labor to make our City great are too diverse to mention. But, if you don't know what your role is in a great West Valley City then please evaluate yourself, your property, and your neighborhood and I am confident that you will find new ways to contribute. Additionally the City's website and WVC-TV offer many ideas, programs, and civic committees that could benefit from your participation.

I challenge all to incorporate this greatness principle on an individual level and I ask everyone to look for new ways to innovate, to reinvest in their homes, and to find new ways to be productive members of the community. As he tirelessly worked to reshape his country, Mohandas Gandhi noted that, "As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world; as in being able to remake ourselves." Your slight, yet significant contributions will foster greatness in West Valley City for years and generations to come.

Office Space

A message from Officer Tyler Longman

Working on the highways and roadways is a frequent and unavoidable circumstance that police officers find themselves in each day. Whether it is conducting a traffic stop or responding to an accident; emergency personnel are put in the dangerous situation of working alongside moving traffic. In 2005 the legislature amended the traffic code and implemented 41-6a-904, commonly referred to as the "Move Over Law", in an attempt to reduce the number of accidents involving emergency vehicles. The law states that when an emergency vehicle is stopped in the roadway with its emergency lights activated, all approaching motorists will reduce speed and give as much room as safely possible. The law also states that if it is safe to do so, motorists in the closest lane to the emergency vehicle will change lanes moving away from the emergency vehicle.

This year has been a particularly dangerous year for police officers working on the roadway. The Utah Highway Patrol has had 12 accidents in the last two months involving police vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Drivers did not comply with the move over law, resulting in an avoidable collision. Due to the number of accidents and the danger to emergency personnel, the legislature is currently working on a bill that would stiffen the penalties for failing to comply with the move over law.

I was asked to address this issue, as there may be some confusion regarding this law and what actions a motorists is required to take when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with

its lights flashing. If you find yourself approaching an emergency vehicle that is stopped on the roadway in your direction of travel, and its emergency lights are flashing; you should first reduce your speed. The law does not give a specific number, so you will have to use good judgment. You need to reduce your speed enough that it is noticeable to officers in the area; however, do not cause an accident by jamming on your brakes. I suggest gradually reducing your speed as you approach by 10 to 15 mph. Reducing your speed in this manner will help by safely slowing traffic behind you as well. As you are slowing, look to see if the next lane away from the emergency vehicle is open. If you can safely change lanes away from the emergency vehicle, then do so. This will create a greater safety zone for those who are working in the roadway. If it is not safe to make a lane change, move as far over in your lane as safely possible and be attentive as you pass at this significantly reduced speed. Remember the goal here is the safety of other motorists as well as those working on the side of the road.

Of course seeing the emergency vehicle(s) ahead is a key factor in being able to respond properly to the situation. Being a responsible driver means keeping your attention on the task of driving. Keep your eyes scanning ahead and allow yourself enough room behind the vehicle in front of you to react to approaching hazards. For many people, a day at the office is spent in large part on the side of the road. Be courteous and allow those workers some office space as you travel on the roadway.



The temperature is beginning to climb and you know what that means right? **It's time for the 14th annual Clean & Beautiful Awards!**

So get out and do some yard work. Judging begins in May and continues through June. Nominations are currently being accepted online at www.wvc-ut.gov/c&b or by phone at 801-965-5833. Nominations are due by April 30, 2011.

Volunteer judges will award 76 well-kept homes or businesses based on curb appeal, well-managed shrubbery, weed free lawns, blooming blossoms and water-wise landscaping or xeriscaping.

The Clean & Beautiful Committee and the West Valley City Council will recognize the winners of the award at a reception prior to the regular Council meeting in July.

West Valley City currently provides three CERT courses per year through volunteer instructors from the community. The Fire Department oversees and sponsors the classes. CERT courses last about eight (8) weeks and are culminated with a disaster drill. Participants receive training on what to do in their immediate neighborhood to help minimize the effects of a major disaster. For more information on West Valley City CERT visit www.wvcert.org.



UDOT/Granger-Hunter Improvements Begin on 3500 South

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), West Valley City and Granger-Hunter Improvement District (GHID) are partnering to provide several improvements to the 3500 South corridor between 2700 West and Redwood Road.

Beginning March 21, GHID plans to begin placement of a 24" culinary water line between Constitution Blvd. (2700 West) and Decker Lake Drive. The existing 16" line is aging and needs to be replaced to continue providing reliable service to customers. The project is expected to wrap up by early May. Motorists should expect lane restrictions on eastbound 3500 South in the work zone during off-peak traffic hours to accommodate the work. Temporary water service interruptions will also be necessary. GHID will work to keep these occurrences to late evening/early morning timeframes and will provide advance notice of planned interruptions to customers. More information is available by calling GHID at 801-

968-3551.

Upon completion of the water line replacement, UDOT will begin a repaving project along 3500 South between 2700 West and Redwood Road. Construction is expected to begin in mid-May and continue through early July 2011. Lane restrictions will be necessary to complete the work, however, UDOT will maintain business accesses, keep travel lanes open during peak traffic hours and coordinate schedule and impacts closely with the business community. More information on this project is available by calling UDOT at 801-990-5555 or emailing I215and3500south@utah.gov.

UDOT also expects to begin construction this summer on improvements to the southbound I-215 interchange ramps at 3500 South. Planned improvements include a new frontage road on the southwest quadrant of the interchange which will provide improved access to businesses and residences from the freeway.



Golf Course Weddings

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Must use in-house catering.

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2011 Player's Pass

Stonebridge Golf Club

West Ridge Golf Course

\$199.95
(plus tax)

\$7 Green Fee & \$7 Cart Fee
(Anytime M - F; Sat., Sun., and Holidays after 1:00 p.m.)

\$20 Fee (includes cart)
(Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays before 1:00 p.m.)

\$5 Discount for all guests
(Applies to guests paying regular 18-hole rate)

\$1 Discount on range tokens

10% Discount on food and beverages
(Excludes beer and all beverage cart purchases)

10% Discount on Pro Shop merchandise

One hour early access to Twilight Rate for all guests

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www.golfstonebridgeutah.com
www.golfwestridge.com

Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West •
801-965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

March

- 16 Granger High Bingo, 11 a.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Buffet, Sign up in advance; no other activities at the Center
- 18 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 21 Bowling @ Delton Lanes, 12:45 p.m. (Every Monday throughout March at 12:45 p.m.)
- 22 PVD Balance Clinic, 9 a.m.
- 23 50 Jobs 50 States, 11 a.m.
- 24 Podiatrist, 9 a.m.
- 24 Living Well with Chronic Conditions, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Matter of Balance, 9 a.m.
- 24 AARP Driver's Safety Class
- 25 Wood Carver Competition
- 29 Hunter Lions Club Eyeglass Assistance, 11:30 a.m.
- 30 The Price is Right Game, 11 a.m.

For a complete calendar, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/harman.

Weekly Activities

- Scrapbooking Class – Mondays, 1 p.m.
- Chess Club – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
- Line Dancing – Mondays, 12:30 p.m.
- Ceramics – Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Railroad Club – Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE
- Bingo – Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Drama Class – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards – Daily



Did you know income tax preparation help is available?

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a **FREE**

program is available for households with an income below \$49,000.

West Valley City Hall will be one of dozens of sites around the County.

The City Hall site will be open:
February 1 - April 15
Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please dial 2-1-1 for more information about this site and others in Salt Lake County.



Calendar

March

- 1 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) (through April 15) City Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 19 2011 5k Recycle Run Family Fitness Center, Registration 7 a.m., Race Starts 8 a.m.
- 23 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 24 Good Landlord Class Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 8 a.m. – 5 a.m. 801-487-5619

April

- 1 Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 2 Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 6 Milk with the Mayor Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Breakfast with the Bunny Family Fitness Center, 9 a.m., Call 801-955-4000 to preregister

Send comments, questions and story ideas to: West Valley City Update Newsletter 3600 South, Constitution Blvd. West Valley City, UT 84119 or E-mail: info@wvc-ut.gov