



# Update

## News from West Valley City Hall

**April 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
- Emergency .....911
- 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](http://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.

### English Language Initiative

*By Councilmember Steve Buhler*

In January West Valley City announced it's English Language Initiative. Since then many people have caught hold of the vision we share for a better city through a common language. At City Council meeting on April 5th the city first recognized the new English learners in our community. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish to maintain momentum. Below is an excerpt of what was said when the initiative was launched in January.

I know first hand of the problems the language barrier causes in our community. I have had people from all over the world sit in my law office and not be able to communicate with me because they do not speak either of the two languages I speak. My wife works in an elementary school where she sees teachers that cannot communicate with students or their parents and parents that cannot help their children with their education. I have heard from my constituents that our neighborhoods are becoming less cohesive and, consequently, less welcoming. We learned at the Mayor's ethnic summit last year that we have good people living among us who do

not know what is expected in caring for their property because they do not understand the language.

Many languages are spoken in West Valley City. It is a practical impossibility for any given individual to communicate in each of the many languages spoken here.

English is the Official Language of the State of Utah. The English language is the glue that binds us as a community and allows us to communicate as friends, as neighbors, in commerce and in government. English is the language in which our children are educated. English is the language that opens doors of employment and housing opportunity. English is the language that permits you to participate in government.

If you are restricted in your ability to travel, to shop, to seek employment, to help your children with their homework, to communicate with their teachers, to obtain necessary public services or healthcare because of your inability to speak English, you are, cheating yourself out of the American dream.

### Yard Clippings

*A Yard to Remember*



Do you have a neighbor with a beautiful yard?  
You know they worked really hard?

Is it neat and clean?  
You might even call it pristine?

Do them a favor, Let them be looked over.

Nominate them to be checked out,  
We will send out a scout.

From the Clean and Beautiful board,  
They just might win an award!!!

To nominate a yard - Go to [www.wvc-ut.gov/c&b](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/c&b)  
OR call 801-965-5833 before April 30.

**COMING IN AUGUST**



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[www.wvc-ut.gov/nno](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/nno)

## CITY CENTER RDA

AT THE HUB OF COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION

### City Center Construction is Beginning

West Valley City is revitalizing the area surrounding City Hall into a new town center. This town center will include the City's government center, a library, mass transit intermodal hub, a city plaza and a mixed use of office, retail, restaurants, entertainment and high-density residential. It will become a place where people want to live, visit, linger and experience.

On April 18, construction on the City Center project will begin with demolition along 3500 South and Market Street. This demolition project will make way for the first of many exciting additions to City Center. Details of the project will be announced in May.

As the City Center project gets underway, information about the project status and impact to surrounding residents and businesses will be provided regularly via Twitter, Facebook, email notifications or the information hotline, all listed below.

#### CONTACT INFO:

Phone: (801) 965-7272 | Email: [citycenter@wvc-ut.gov](mailto:citycenter@wvc-ut.gov) | Website: [www.wvc-ut.gov/citycenter](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/citycenter)

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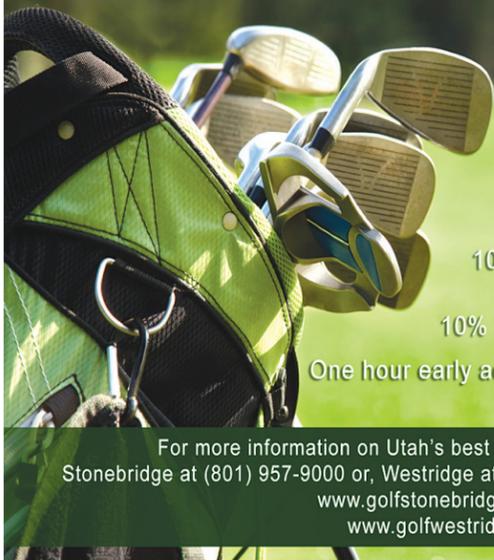


# 2011 Player's Pass

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.golfstonebridgetutah.com](http://www.golfstonebridgetutah.com)  
[www.golfwestridge.com](http://www.golfwestridge.com)

## ILLEGAL ADDITIONS: IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU

By Ed Domian, Chief Building Official

Two years ago our Building Inspection Division began sweeping neighborhoods for obvious construction of illegal additions. Articles were published in this newsletter to inform the public of this growing problem. With the recent field survey of the Diamond Summit area the Building Inspection Division has examined one-third of all single family dwelling neighborhoods in West Valley City. Consistently 5% of the homes have illegal additions constructed without any building permit or prior approval from the City. Many of these illegal additions are aluminum awnings installed as carports or porches. Some are structures constructed of wood in a substandard manner. These structures can often be made legal by our building permit process without any alterations. Others must have more work done to meet minimum State and City building codes. A good percentage must be removed because they are located too close to property lines or the workmanship is beyond repair. The cost of a permit is minimal compared to the cost of reconstruction, demolition or fines.

Many citizens who receive notices ask:

- Why are you picking on me after all these years?
- Why am I responsible if the structure was here when I purchased this home?
- Where is the fire risk in a noncombustible awning?
- Isn't there a statute of limitations?

While we do receive complaints from neighbors regarding illegal structures on their streets, most violations are found from these neighborhood sweeps. This is not a targeted enforcement against any one homeowner. Any illegal structure constructed after City incorporation in 1980 is subject to regulation and removal – regardless who caused the problem. One of the major concerns is the spread of fire from house to house. When you build a carport or garage or addition right up to a property line, you are creating a path of travel for fire from your home to your neighbor's, and vice versa. A fire can easily melt an aluminum carport; anything noncombustible will burn if the fire is hot enough. It is very common for fire from one home to melt the siding on an adjacent home even with the required space between buildings. There are also potential snow load problems and electrical hazards our inspectors have found within these structures.

If you receive a courtesy notice just call our Building Inspection Division at 801-963-3283. We will make every effort to make your addition legal if possible. If not, we will give you time to remove the structure. If you ignore our courtesy notice, you will receive an official Notice of Violation with daily fines until your property is in compliance. If you choose to ignore the Notice of Violation you will receive a subpoena to appear in front of a judge in the Municipal Court. Our Building Inspection Division will make every effort to work with you and your individual situation. But we must treat all citizens in the same fair manner. It is not our policy to ignore one property with an illegal addition but enforce another. If you have any questions regarding your property, please do not hesitate to call me at 801-963-3276. Ignoring notices and asking the Court for forgiveness is never the best approach.

*Golf Course Weddings*

Book your wedding in 2011 at Stonebridge or Westridge golf courses and receive \$500 off of your room rental.

Must use in-house catering.

Call Jeremy at (801) 509-1958 for more information

## 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.

### April

- 20 Skin Care Presentation, 11:30 a.m.
- 22 Art Center, 9:45 a.m.
- 25 Bowling @ Delton Lanes, 12:45 p.m.
- 25 Scrapbooking/Card Class, 1 p.m.
- 26 Commodity Supplement Food Program, 11:30 a.m.
- 27 Senior Idol Event, 1 p.m.
- 29 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.

For a complete calendar, visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/harman](http://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 – Tuesdays, 12:45 a.m.; Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Drama Class – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards – Daily

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

April 30 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Valley Fair Mall Customer Service Desk (3601 S. 2700 W.)  
Wal-Mart (5675 W. 6200 S.)



Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse. This service is free and anonymous. Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted.



## Calendar

### April

- 1 **Beautiful Threads Exhibit** (through April 26)  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 23 **Breakfast with the Bunny**  
Family Fitness Center, 9 a.m., Call 801-955-4000 to preregister
- 29 **Simply Mac E-Waste Recycling Event**  
Maverik Center South Parking Lot, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Free and open to the public. Businesses, government, education and other institutions welcome
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- 30 **Yanni in Concert**  
Maverik Center, 8 p.m.
- May
- 4 **Milk with the Mayor**  
Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 14 **Fiesta**  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6 p.m.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011

6:00 PM

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WEST VALLEY CITY, UT

