



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

September 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.

FIVE WAYS THAT WEST VALLEY CITY IS NOT LIKE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

By Mayor Mike Winder

Many people assume if one level of government is out of control, all levels must be. But here are five ways that our city is NOT like the feds:

1- WE BALANCE OUR BUDGETS: The federal government has balanced its budget three of the past fifty years. Our city is required to balance its budget, and has done so each of the 31 years we've been incorporated.

2- YOU CAN UNDERSTAND OUR BUDGET: President Obama's proposed 2012 Federal Budget is 2,403 pages long. Good luck with that. Our budget is 20 pages long and found on our website. In fact, we were awarded the first "A+" grade by the Sutherland Institute for our website transparency. Just recently, we've added a "Property Tax Calculator" to our home page so that you can see exactly where your money is going. Check it out at www.wvc-ut.gov

3- WE ARE PAYING DOWN OUR DEBT: In the six years I've been either mayor or on the city council, West Valley City has paid down one-third of our

outstanding debt. In fact, we recently paid off the final bonds on the West Ridge Golf Course and City Hall itself, which was built in 1990. In those same six years the federal debt has increased 76 percent.

4- OUR BOND RATING WAS UPGRADED: Although Standard & Poor's recently downgraded the U.S. credit rating from AAA to AA+ for the first time in its history, in 2009 they upgraded West Valley City's rating to AA+, allowing us to save millions as we refinanced past city debt.

5- YOU GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH: A recent League of Cities and Towns survey showed that 78 percent of residents feel that they get their money's worth from their city compared to only 12 percent who feel that they get their money's worth with the federal government. The average West Valley City household (home value of \$185,000) has \$144 of their annual property taxes going towards police services, for example, and \$59 a year going towards the fire department. I consider that money very well spent!

West Ridge Golf Course FINAL FORE!

Tee off at West Ridge Golf Course one last time before it closes for a complete revitalization.

Monday, September 26
through
Sunday, October 2

All golfers during the Final Fore! event will receive a free gift and will have the opportunity to enter a prize drawing.

For tee times, call (801) 966-4653 or visit www.golfwestridge.com



September is Idle Free Awareness Month

Small changes can make a big difference!

- Breathe Easier—by preventing unhealthy exhaust from building up in and around your vehicle
- Save Money—by reducing fuel use
- Protect the Environment—by reducing idling emissions that contribute to smog

Here's how you can reduce idling:

- If you know you're going to wait, turn your vehicle off
- While reducing idling around town is great, you should never turn your vehicle off in traffic!
- Newer, gasoline powered vehicles need no idle time on cold mornings.
- Don't turn your vehicle on until you are ready to leave.

For more information go to www.idlefree.utah.gov

Vote Local



General Election Meet the Candidates Night

October 19, 2011
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
(1355 West 3100 South)
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

General Election

November 8, 2011

General Election Early Voting

October 25-28, 2011;
October 31-November 4, 2011

www.wvc-ut.gov/elections

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In honor, West Valley City will have 44 "Silent Witnesses" on display at in the City Hall Lobby October 3 – October 7. The "Silent Witnesses" mourn those who have died because of domestic violence while celebrating those who have survived and connecting those who work to end domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to renew our commitment to preventing domestic violence and to assisting those who suffer from its devastating effects.

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, West Valley City Victim Services will hold a candlelight march and program on October 4, 2011 at 5:30pm. The march begins at the outdoor plaza of Valley Fair Mall and continues to City Hall where a Domestic Violence Awareness Program



West Valley City Prescription Drug Drop Box Locations

WVC Public Safety Building
3575 South Market Street
Monday - Sunday
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WVC Police West Substation
5315 West 3100 South
Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

begins at 6:00pm followed by refreshments. For more information, please contact Victim Services at 801-963-3223

Please join us in our cause!

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.

September

- 14 Basic Computer Class, 11 a.m.
- 16 Millcreek Canyon, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Stampin Up Tour (just for scrapbooking class), 11 a.m.
- 20 Noteable Angels Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 21 Basic Computer Class, 11 a.m.
- 22 AARP Drivers Safety Class, 9 a.m.
- 26 Hoe Down Signup Due
- 28 Hoe Down, 11 a.m.
- 30 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.

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

Weekly Activities

- Bowling at Delton Lanes,** Monday, 12 p.m.
- Scrapbooking Class** Mondays, 1 p.m.
- Chess Club** Wednesdays, 12:30 p.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



West Valley City
City of Taylorsville
**Pet Health &
Wellness Fair**

Saturday
September 24, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

West Valley City
Animal Shelter
at City Park
4522 W 3500 S



www.wvc-ut.gov/petfest



Calendar

September

- 1 **99 Names Exhibit** (through October 11)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 24 **PetFest 2011**
West Valley City Animal Shelter at City Park (4522 West 3500 South), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 26 **West Ride Golf Course Final Fore!** (through October 2)
West Ridge Golf Course
- 28 **Further**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

October

- 1 **99 Names Exhibit** (through October 11)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 1 **West Ride Golf Course Final Fore!** (through October 2)
West Ridge Golf Course
- 3 **Silent Witnesses Display** (through October 7)
West Valley City Hall Lobby
- 4 **Domestic Violence Awareness Month March and Program** March – Valley Fair Mall Outdoor Plaza, 5:30 p.m.
Program – West Valley City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 5 **Milk with the Mayor**
Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 6 **Rooftops of Tehran Book Reading/Signing**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 11 **Foo Fighters**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 **General Election Meet the Candidates Night**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7 p.m.
(Candidates available to mingle with residents beginning at 6 p.m.)
- 22 **Jason Aldean**
Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 **So You Think You Can Dance**
Maverik Center, 7PM

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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