



# Update

## News from West Valley City Hall

April 2012

### City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, 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.

### THANK YOU TO OUR WEST VALLEY CITY EMPLOYEES

*By Councilman Don Christensen*

As our weather finally catches up with the calendar, we are all getting out and moving around our neighborhoods. During the last year our West Valley City employees have been keeping an eye on our neighborhoods for us. We have so many employees that do their job each day with very little fanfare or notice keeping our great city livable and safe. I would like to focus on two of our city departments this month: the Police and Fire Departments. These two departments are always there, usually in the background, until we need them and then they are quickly there to protect and to serve as needed. We have all seen the news coverage of Officer Kevin Peck, crawling under a bus to console an accident victim. He is an example of the men and women of both departments, who put their lives on the line every time they go to work. Let me give you a few statistics that will put their service to the community into perspective.

Our police department is authorized to have 194 sworn officers and 90 civilian personnel, which includes our crossing guards. As a budget saving measure we have kept our department below that level so that we are operating as efficiently as we can. Our city's population in the last census was 129,480 people, which is 20,000 more than in 2000. With 189 sworn officers, that means the ratio of citizens to officers is 685 to 1, and this ratio is continually growing as our population increases. Even with one officer for every 685 citizens, our police department has been able to reduce the crime rate in

the city every year. In 2011 there were approximately 5,393 reported crimes in West Valley City, which means that there were 42 crimes per 1,000 population. This is a great percentage for a city of any size, and for a city of our size it is excellent. Our officers are continually working to reduce criminal behavior in our city and we can help them by watching for problems in our neighborhoods and reporting suspicious activity. As we all keep track of activity in our neighborhoods we can let the bad guys know that we don't want them in our great city.

Our fire department is even smaller than our police department. We have 96 sworn firefighters and 6 civilian personnel. This means that the ratio of citizens to firefighters is 1,348 to 1. With over 10,000 responses in 2011 that means that every firefighter responded to 104 calls during the year. As our population grows this call rate will grow also. Again the fire department is operating as efficiently as possible and their average response time to a call is 6 minutes, or less. This is a great response time for any city, but our firefighters are committed to try to lower this time even more in order to continue to serve our citizens as quickly as possible when the need arises.

West Valley City is served by excellent employees who strive daily to provide us with the highest possible value for our tax dollars. When you next meet an employee thank them for what they do for all of us.



The temperature is beginning to climb and you know what that means right? **It's time for the 15th annual Clean & Beautiful Awards!**

So get out and do some yard work. Judging begins in May and continues through July. Nominations are currently being accepted online at [www.wvc-ut.gov/c&b](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/c&b) or by phone at 801-963-3217. Nominations are due by May 1, 2012.

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 August.



### National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States. In 2007, approximately 27,000 unintentional drug overdoses occurred every 19 minutes. The majority of prescribers are responsible, but sometimes the drugs fall into the wrong hands. On Saturday April 28, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., unused or expired prescription drugs may be dropped off at the West Valley City Public Safety Building (3575 South Market Street) and at the West Valley City Police West Substation (5315 West 3100 South). If you cannot drop off your unused or expired prescription drugs on April 28, both of the West Valley City locations have permanent drop boxes and residents can drop off prescription medication during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

# Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, April 28th, 10am – 2pm



## West Valley City Community Blood Drive

The need is great! Please donate!

West Valley City Hall - Multipurpose Room  
3600 South Constitution Blvd.  
West Valley City, UT 84119

Tuesday, May 1, 2012  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call 801-955-3679 OR visit:  
[www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-sponsor](http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-sponsor)  
Sponsor code: WVC

For donor eligibility questions, please call: 1-866-236-3276

One pint of blood can save up to three lives.  
Save a life...Please donate blood!



### Congratulations To English Achievement Recipients

Congratulations to the Spring 2012 *English Achievement Award* honorees. During the regular meeting of the West Valley City Council on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., students who have successfully completed English courses in West Valley City will be presented with the *English Achievement Award* as part of the West Valley City English Initiative.

In addition to encouraging all residents to learn and speak English, the West Valley City English Initiative encourages all businesses and housing providers to use English in signs, advertisements, promotions and menus. The proclamation also encourages residents to learn multiple languages, including their ancestral languages.



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## 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.

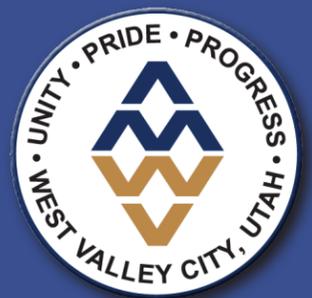
### April

- 18 1957-1962 Navy Spotlight, 11 a.m.
- 19 Crafty Eileen, 11 a.m.
- 20 BINGO (Sponsored by Hearts for Hospice), 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 20 Yoga Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Lunchbeat Dancing, 11 a.m.
- 24 Choir @ Riverton Center, 11 a.m.
- 24 Life Review Presentation, 11 a.m.
- 25 Senior Idol Event, 1 p.m.
- 26 Sassy Nails, 10 a.m.
- 27 Salt Lake Temple Grounds, 9 a.m.
- 27 BINGO (Sponsored by McDougal Funeral Home), 10:30 a.m.
- 30 Yoga Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 30 Lunchbeat Dancing, 11 a.m..

For a complete calendar, visit  
[www.wvc-ut.gov/harman](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/harman)

### Weekly Activities

- Enhance Fitness, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15 a.m.
- Pinochle, Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- Piano Lessons, Wednesday, 11 a.m.
- Bowling at Delton Lanes, Monday, 12 p.m.
- Scrapbooking/Card Class, Monday, 1 p.m.
- Chess Club, Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
- Railroad Club, Thursdays, 10:00 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
- Taste“buds” - Daily



## Calendar

### April

- 2 Baity Egg Exhibit (through April 5) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 19 Diversity Seminar Series Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Public Safety Building (3575 South Market Street) Police West Substation (5315 West 3100 South)

### May

- 2 Milk with the Mayor Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- 2 The Black Keys Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Art and Science Exhibit (through June 27) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 9 WVC Watch Wednesdays Fire Prevention Presentation West Valley City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 2 with Talos Valley Fair Mall, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 30 Viva Frida Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 30 LMFAO Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

### Let's Be Social!



Get information on what's happening in West Valley City by liking the City on Facebook or following the City through Twitter. Keep up to date on city events, the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, Neighborhood Services, Animal Services, and the progress of Fairbourne Station. Visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/social](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/social) for a list of all the City's social media pages.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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