



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

May 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
- 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.

GARAGE DOOR SOCIALIZING

By Councilwoman Karen Lang

Does this sound familiar? You finish up a long day at work, drive home, press the garage door clicker and pull into your home ready to greet your family, eat a warm meal and enjoy a night of relaxation.

It seems so normal nowadays doesn't it? Yet there's something very disconnecting about this routine we've so easily developed. I think back to when I was younger, before the introduction of the electric garage door opener and was forced to exit my car and manually open my garage door...what an inconvenience right? But in reality this simple routine more often than not opened the door to conversation with my fellow neighbors and friends, "Hi, how are you? How're the kids? What's new at work?" The topic didn't matter; it simply felt good to take interest, even

if it only lasted 10 minutes. There's something about going to bed at night knowing you can depend on your neighbors if you or your family was ever in need of help, and I'm sure they felt the same.

I miss those days, I truly do. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not about to give up my electric garage door opener, in fact my husband would never forgive me, but I think it's time we try to get back to the days of garage door socializing. I think it's time to take some extra time to say hello. We need to rekindle those friendships and get to know the people we share our neighborhood with. And the timing couldn't be better – spring is here. No more hiding from the cold... it's time to get the family outside and catch up with old friends. You'll be so glad you did.

Sanitation and Storm Water Utility Billing Changes

Beginning in July 2012, West Valley City will begin billing property owners directly for sanitation services and Storm Water Utility fees. Previously, these charges have been included on your Rocky Mountain Power bill each month.

The amount charged will remain the same and property owners should see a decrease of their Rocky Mountain Power bills for the same amount as the sanitation services and Storm Water Utility fees.

The City is implementing the billing changes using three phases:

- Area A:** East of Redwood Road – first bills sent beginning July 2012
- Area B:** Redwood Road to 4800 West – first bills sent beginning September 2012
- Area C:** West of 4800 West – first bills sent beginning November 2012

Sanitation service is \$13.30 per month, which includes one garbage can and one recycle can. There is a charge of \$6.45 per month for each additional can. The Storm Water Utility charges \$4.00 for a typical residential property. Therefore the basic charge for property owners is \$17.30 per month; with additional charges for additional cans. Residents will have the option to pay bills online or by mail.

If you have any questions concerning West Valley City Utility Billing, please call 801-963-3334 or visit www.wvc-ut.gov/utilitybilling.

COMING IN AUGUST



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

WWW.WVC-UT.GOV/NNO

America's night out against crime!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

Join thousands of West Valley City residents as they give crime and drugs a going away party.

Register your neighborhood block party now!



What Can I Do to Prevent Crime?

By Sgt. Steve Burke

During the warmer months, many people become the victims of crimes of opportunity. For example, a suspect walks by, they check your car door and find it unlocked and quickly take some of your valuable items, or they see a garage door that has been left open and they run inside and quickly take valuables that you thought were secure in your garage.

Do your own crime assessment. Take a look around your home and see if the landscaping helps a burglar stay hidden. Are there hidden entrances to your home? Take a look at the locks on your doors. Are the locks easy to defeat? If they are, it is time to get some new locks. Can you see the front of your home from the street? If you can't you are giving a burglar the privacy that they need to carry out their crime. Are your windows or doors unlocked? Keep your windows and doors locked, even when you are at home. Try to think like a thief. If you can think of a way into your home, so can a burglar.

Another way to prevent crime is to get to know your neighbors. Knock on their door and introduce yourself. You should know what belongs and what does not belong in your neighborhood. If you get to know your neighbors and they see something that does not belong at your house, they are more likely to call the police and report suspicious activity. We all need help from one another to make the perpetration of crime more difficult. It is going to take the help of all of us to solve our crime problems. If you see something suspicious, call the police at 911 for emergencies and 801-840-4000 for non-emergencies.

Take a look at your car. What can you see from the outside? If you can see electronics, purses, money, important documents, etc, your car may be a target. We have heard many times to hide our belongings in the trunk or leave them home, yet we still haul them around in our cars and are surprised when items are stolen. Lock your important belongings in the trunk. Every year the West Valley City Police Department responds to hundreds of vehicle burglaries that could be prevented by simply locking car doors and not leaving valuables in sight. Remember, "Stow It, Don't Show It."

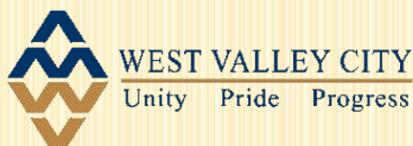
Use these tips and you will be able to reduce the crime committed in your neighborhood, and keep it looking good. You can find simple safety checklists and home inventory forms online at www.wvc-ut.gov/neighborhoods or by visiting the West Valley City Neighborhood Services Office. Be safe and help us keep your neighborhood a safe place to live.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

- Mark Twain

West Valley City Rehabilitation loan

West Valley City home owners may qualify for a 0 to 3% loan to make needed repairs on their own homes. Each qualified applicant is eligible to receive a rehabilitation loan once in a lifetime. Funds are now available. Funding will be given on a first come, first serve basis.



West Valley City Housing Grants Division

4522 West 3500 South
West Valley City, UT 84120

Phone: 801-963-3369
Fax: 801-963-3518

Web: www.wvc-ut.gov/housing

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.

May

16 **Drama Class to Columbus**, 11 a.m.

17 **Granger High Senior Dinner**, 5 p.m.

18 **Table Games**, 10:30 a.m.

18 **Friday Flick**, 10:45 a.m.

21 **Lunchbeat Dancing**, 11 a.m.

22 **Staying Sharp/Brain Fitness**, 11 a.m.

24 **Sassy Nails**, 10 a.m.

25 **Fun Bunch Lunch**, 10 a.m.

25 **Table Games**, 10:30 a.m.

25 **Bees Baseball**, 5 p.m.

28 **CLOSED - Memorial Day**

For a complete calendar, visit 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.

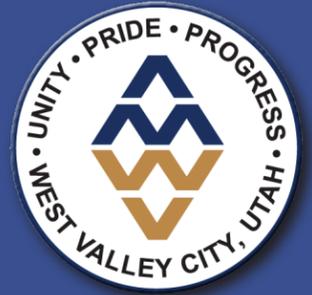
Tai Chi, Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE

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

May

3 **Noticers: The Intersection of Art and Science Exhibit** (through June 27)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

25 **National Missing Children's Day Event**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

30 **Viva Frida** (through June 13)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

30 **LMFAO**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

June

2 **Fiesta!**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6 p.m.

6 **Milk with the Mayor**
Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

9 **2 with Talos**
Valley Fair Mall, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

13 **WVC Watch Wednesdays**
West Valley City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

21 **WestFest** (through June 24)
Centennial Park

23 **WestFest 5K**
Family Fitness Center, 7:30 a.m.

23 **WestFest Kids Fun Run**
Family Fitness Center

23 **West Valley City Arts Council Presents: Damn Yankees** (through June 30)
Utah Cultural Celebration 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 for a list of all the City's social media pages.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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