



# Update

## News from West Valley City Hall

### September 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.

### WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE?

*A message from Councilmember Steve Buhler*

When I was a child I came home and played in my backyard or at the home of one of my friends. That was great! Each of us had a parent home to keep us safe and out of trouble. Today, many families do not have a parent home after school. This is a fact of life. In West Valley City we want our children to be safe and kept out of trouble, even if parents cannot always be there for them. Where are the children? Many are in after school programs funded by the Community Education Partnership of West Valley City (CEP). Since being elected to the City Council, it has been my privilege to support the CEP. I currently serve as the Chair of its Executive Committee.

CEP is a non-profit corporation launched in 2002 by a group of concerned citizens, educators and community leaders. CEP sponsored programs have operated in 23 locations throughout the city, serving thousands of students, ages 4 to 18, who benefit from having creative, educational and fun things to do after school.

Margaret Peterson is the driving force behind CEP, but the organization is supported by many educators, businesses and other community leaders who donate their time and expertise to staffing a board of directors and overseeing its function. CEP is funded through grants and private donations.

Research shows that CEP programs increase student academic performance, school attendance, positive behavior and homework completion. Because of CEP funded programs, the youth in West Valley City have a greater opportunity to not only reach their potential, but increase their potential.

Now you know that when you look around the neighborhood and don't see any children, they are being served at school through programs supported by CEP. Please see [www.cep4kids.org](http://www.cep4kids.org) for more information on this organization and those who support it.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In honor, West Valley City will have 44 "Silent Witnesses" on display in the City Hall Lobby October 1 – October 5. The "Silent Witnesses" mourn those who have died because of domestic violence while celebrating those who have survived and honoring 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 2, 2012 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 begins at 6:00pm followed by light refreshments. For more information, please contact Victim Services at 801-963-3223. Please join us in our cause!



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

Saturday  
September 29, 2012  
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](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/petfest)



## What is a Community Services Officer?

By Officer Steve Beardshall

As one of West Valley City Police Department's Community Services Officers charged with the implementation of Community Oriented Policing one of the most common questions asked of me is, "What exactly is it that you guys do?"

A Community Services Officer can mean very different things depending on the city or town that they function in. Community Oriented Policing, the idea of involving the community more closely in law enforcement, is a relatively new idea within the law enforcement community. In the past, police departments have been very reactionary, waiting for the public to call and request assistance from a police officer and then responding. Community Oriented Policing is more proactive and places police officers in the community with the hope of preventing crime in the first place.

### Community Services Officers have three main roles:

**Community Affiliation:** Community Services Officers are the first line contact for citizens, city employees, business owners, etc. Each of the Community Services Officers is assigned to a geographic region and therefore builds relationships within that region. It is much easier to make contact with the same officer and to know who that officer will be regardless of the situation. People tend to make better witnesses, provide more detailed complainants and are impacted less as victims when they feel comfortable. In order to be affiliated with the community, Community Services Officers must be more involved in the community as well by attending community meetings, being involved in safety fairs and interacting more openly within the community.

**Problem Solving:** Community Services Officers are tasked with solving community problems. This doesn't mean that the officer alone needs to make a problem or issue go away, but rather provide avenues for the problems to be solved over time. Community Services Officers can provide resources that a patrol officer can't or does not have time to. Community Services Officers also work to see a problem through to the resolution, which often is not true with a patrol officer who only has time to provide a figurative band-aid to a much deeper issue.

**Proactive Service/Intelligence Gathering:** Community Services Officers are proactive in preventing, rather than responding to, crime. With our unique affiliation with the community, information can be more easily gathered without apprehension from community members in general.

On paper, Community Oriented Policing seems to have only positive implications on crime. However, it cannot be successful without the full support of the community. Support can be given by getting involved. This can be as simple as calling when you see something suspicious or as complicated as starting a local neighborhood watch. As the Community Services Officers and the citizens of the community continue to work together, positive results will follow.

For more information in regard to the Community Services Section or to contact your local Community Services Officer you can check the West Valley City Community Services Section on the West Valley City website at [www.wvc-ut.gov/police](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/police).



Give back to your community

# VOLUNTEER!

Come help families keep more of what they earn through the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program. Experience making a difference by helping families get free tax preparation services.

Free training in basic tax law is provided for tax preparers. Some volunteer opportunities do not require knowledge of tax law. There is a volunteer opportunity for EVERYONE!

We need your help! Come see how the **Earned Income Tax Credit** and tax preparation can help keep families out of poverty. Volunteer opportunities are available all over the state of Utah with flexible hours to fit your schedule.

Sign-up on line at  
[www.utahtaxhelp.org](http://www.utahtaxhelp.org)

Earn it. Keep it. Save it.



and dozens of Community Partners

## 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

19 Granger High Bingo,  
11 a.m.

20 Meet the Candidates,  
10:30 a.m.

21 Air Hockey, 11 a.m.

21 Friday Flick, 10:45 a.m.

21 Chronic Pain Clinic,  
12:30 p.m.

21 Marilyn's Group,  
1 p.m.

25 Hawk Watch  
Entertainment, 11 a.m.

26 Levi Day, 11 a.m.

27 Podiatrist, 9 a.m.

28 Air Hockey, 11 a.m.

28 Fun Bunch Lunch,  
10:45 a.m.

28 Chronic Pain Clinic,  
12:30 p.m.

28 Marilyn's Group,  
1 p.m.

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

### Electronic Waste Recycling

West Valley City and the Salt Lake Valley Health Department have teamed up to offer Salt Lake County residents an electronic waste drop-off site at the West Valley City Sanitation and Fleet Maintenance Facility (2805 South 3600 West).

Residents may drop-off electronic waste during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) after speaking with an employee at the front desk. Business use is not allowed. For more information on what items can be recycled, please visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/ewaste](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/ewaste) or call 801-955-3720.



## Calendar

### September

11 Intermountain Society of Artists  
*(through October 24)*  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

27 Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions 2012  
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

29 Chinese Heritage Friendship Gate Celebration  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6 p.m.

29 PetFest  
West Valley City Animal Shelter, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

29 The Beauty of Nantou  
*(through November 10)*  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

### October

1 Intermountain Society of Artists  
*(through October 24)*  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

1 Silent Witnesses Display  
*(through October 5)*  
West Valley City Hall Lobby

2 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.

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

10 Carrie Underwood  
Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.

13 2 with Talos  
Valley Fair Mall, 2 p.m.

19 Elmo's Super Heroes!  
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

20 Elmo's Super Heroes!  
Maverik Center  
10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

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Maverik Center, 2 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.