



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

December 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.

GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

A message from Councilmember Karen Lang

Each month at a City Council Meeting, we have the honor of recognizing the employee(s) of the month. On November 27, 2012 the City Council recognized two officers that went above and beyond the call of duty.

In September, now Detective Newbold was assigned to patrol when he responded to a call where he found a mother upset about losing the wheelchair the family used to transport their son. Officer Newbold contacted the Evidence Division to see if a wheelchair was available that could be converted for the resident, but unfortunately a wheelchair was not available.

Another officer, Paula Lozano, happened to mention to Detective Boardman that Officer Newbold was looking for a wheelchair. A couple of days later, Detective Boardman was making a donation to Goodwill and noticed a wheelchair in their scrap metal pile. Detective Boardman salvaged the wheelchair and spent several hours “overhauling” it so it could be used. On September 16, Detective Boardman, Officer Newbold and other officers responded to the resident’s home to deliver the wheelchair to the woman and her son.

Detectives Newbold and Boardman’s response to this situation exemplifies employees going above and beyond the call of their duties. The call could have just ended as a “short form” with the woman who ended up without

a wheelchair, but these employees took it upon themselves to provide this woman with a wheelchair for her son and helped alleviate her burdens.

Another example of an employee going above and beyond was in August, when the City Council honored Zach Hatch of the Fire Department. Hatch helped organize a dinner for the University of Utah Burn Unit children’s camp held at Camp Tracy on his own time and with the help of volunteers in the Fire Department.

Currently the Police Department, along with City employees and residents, are buying gifts through donations and their personal funds for needy families in West Valley City through the Giving Tree program. We have a great staff at West Valley City and I would like to thank them for all they do.

We are very privileged to have employees that work for the city that go above and beyond their job description to give back to our community.

During this holiday season I encourage each of you to take the time to do a small act of kindness for someone in the community at least once a week. We are the second largest city in the state but we do not need to lose our small town sense of community.

Happy holidays!

YES SHOPPERS - THERE ARE PUBLIC RESTROOMS

By Ed Domian, Chief Building Official

Recently our Building Inspection Division received a complaint when a grandmother was denied access to a restroom in a local retail store even though her small granddaughter was in immediate need of restroom facilities. Store management turned the customer away stating his store has no public restrooms. The customer was told they could use the retail building next door. Truth is this has probably happened to many shoppers throughout the State. This refusal to provide public restrooms makes it difficult when shopping with small children. The elderly and even baby boomers are also victims of this dilemma as the aging process takes its toll.

By code, stores and restaurants are considered “public facilities” and must therefore provide “public restrooms.” The International Plumbing Code is State law and the minimal standard for all buildings constructed within the State of Utah. Only buildings constructed prior to 1988 are exempt if less than 5000 square feet in area. The rules regarding retail stores and the restrooms therein constructed after 1988 are as follows:

- All retail stores and restaurants MUST provide public restrooms within 500 feet of tenant space.
- Retail stores larger than 1500 square feet must provide separate restrooms for each sex.
- All restrooms in buildings constructed after 1989 must be accessible by the handicapped.
- Stores in malls have an exception which only requires large central group restroom facilities for each sex as long as the length of travel from the tenant space

is less than 300 feet.

- There is no exception in the code which allows a Unisex restroom in lieu of the required separate sex restrooms unless the store is less than 1500 square feet. Both restrooms for Males and Females must be accessible by the handicapped.

- Handicapped restrooms are required by Federal mandate. Lawsuits regarding such ADA issues are heard in Federal Court.

- Pay toilets are prohibited by Code.

The reality is most store owners are not aware of the requirement for public restrooms. When the building was originally approved by the local building department, public restrooms for Male and Female were required. Sometime after the building was given a Certificate of Occupancy, possibly after new tenants moved in, management decided to limit restroom use to employees only. This is often triggered by vandalism or abuse of public restrooms. Regardless, section 403.3 of the 2009 International Plumbing Code, and all proceeding adopted plumbing codes back to 1988; require the retail store to provide public restrooms for patrons. Failure to provide public restrooms for patrons is a violation of the building codes adopted by State and West Valley City. Such Violations are subject to fines and legal action by the City. Any questions regarding this matter can be directed to me at (801) 963-3276.

Happy Holidays!

Christmas Tree Recycling

West Valley City residents can dispose of their Christmas tree between December 26, 2011 to January 10, 2013 at the City Park east parking lot (3400 S. 4400 W.) and the West View Park parking lot (6020 W. 4100 S.). **This service is ONLY for West Valley City residents;** commercial entities can drop trees off at the county landfill. All lights, stands, nails, screws, bags and decorations must be removed. Residents can take their trees to the landfill until the end of January 2013 or use the City's bulky waste service to dispose of their tree. To find when your bulky waste pickup day is visit www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste.



Yard Clippings Bulky Waste

Got Trash???
Get rid of that Bulky Waste,
Post Haste!
How you say,
We can show the way!
Bag it, Box it, Bundle it.
Make sure all the regulations you obey,
and they will take it away,
on your set Bulky Waste day!

For more information go to www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste or call 801-955-3720.

Happy Holidays from the Clean and Beautiful Committee!



Sanitation and Storm Water Utility Billing Changes

All property owners in West Valley City should have received their bill for Sanitation and Storm Water Utility services from the City.

Amounts billed by West Valley City will be the same as they have been on your Rocky Mountain Power bill; which is, \$17.30 a month for basic service, and \$6.45 for each additional sanitation can received. Bills may be paid at West Valley City Hall (3600 South Constitution Blvd.), by mail, online, or by phone.

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

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.

December

12 Entertainment, 12 p.m.

13 Podiatrist, 9 a.m.

13 Dealing with Grief During
the Holidays, 11 a.m.

14 Friday Flick, 10:45 a.m.

14 Candlelight Christmas,
5 p.m.

17 The Nutcracker, 5 p.m.

18 Entertainment, 11 a.m.

18 Blood Pressure Clinic,
11 a.m.

18 Seated Massage, 1 p.m.

19 Entertainment, 11 a.m.

20 Left-Right Game
Sponsored by Silver Crest,
11 a.m.

21 Christmas Dinner

24 CLOSED -
Christmas Eve

25 CLOSED - Christmas

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

31 New Year's Party &
Entertainment

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

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.



Calendar

December

1 Trees of Diversity
(through December 27)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

14 Utah Grizzlies vs. Alaska Aces
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

15 Utah Grizzlies vs. Alaska Aces
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

17 Bonnie Harris
Utah Cultural Celebration Center,
7 p.m.

19 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Colorado Eagles
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

21 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

24 City Hall Closed
Christmas Eve

25 City Hall Closed
Christmas

28 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Ontario Reign
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

29 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Ontario Reign
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

31 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Stockton Thunder
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

January

1 City Hall Closed
New Year's Day

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

2 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Stockton Thunder
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

11 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

12 Utah Gizzlies vs.
Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

18 Utah Grizzlies vs.
Bakersfield Condors
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

Sanitation Service Holidays

Garbage collection will not take place on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If your regularly scheduled day falls on or after a holiday, your pickup day will be one day later in the week.



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

Earn it. Keep it. Save it.



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