# APRIL 2014

#### **City Council Members:**

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- · Corey Rushton, At-Large
- · Lars Nordfelt, 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
Police Dispatch	801-840-4000
Fire Department	801-963-3336
Emergency	911
Fitness Center	801-955-4000
Garbage	801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility	801-963-3334
Code Enforcement	801-963-3289

#### Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

#### **City Hall Address:**

West Valley City Hall 3600 S. Constitution Blvd. WVC, UT 84119

#### **City Hall Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 7 AM - 6 PM









### West Valley City Animal Shelter Reaches No-Kill Status

The West Valley City Animal Shelter announced last month that it has reached no-kill status thanks, in-part, to a partnership with Best Friends Animal Society. Less than five years after opening the new facility, the animal shelter now boasts a 90 percent save rate, considered by national groups to be no-kill. The 90 percent rate accounts for all animals in good health and with temperaments allowing them to be safely adopted by a loving family.

The West Valley City Animal Shelter reached the goal, with help from Best Friends, by conducting a public education campaign encouraging pet





adoption. providing low-cost spay and neuter assistance and implementing a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program for stray cats.

As part of the no-kill effort, the shelter has expanded its weekday hours and is now open on Saturdays to provide the public more opportunity to visit the facility at 4522 West 3500 South and find a pet to adopt.

To learn more about the West Valley City Animal Shelter, or to see pets available for adoption, visit the shelter Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or visit www.wvcpets.com.

#### **Help Shape Future Programming at** the Utah Cultural **Celebration Center**

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center is a West Valley City facility drawing visitors from West Valley City and across the Wasatch Front. Help plan for future arts and culture programs and services by participating in a brief survey, through April 15. Random participants will be selected for a free prize drawing!



Click here to take the survey.





With the arrival of spring, many of us celebrate the warmer weather by working in our yards

and gardens. Frequently we hear about residents with wonderful flower beds and gardens. Not only are these spaces wonderful to look at and enjoy their beauty, but they can be attractive places for pets to dig and leave unwanted "presents". Pet ownership does come with responsibilities. We ask that if you have pets, please be attentive to their actions and needs.

## West Valley City Clean & Beautiful Committee 2014 Yard Awards



Does your neighbor have a fantastic yard?
A clean yard?
A beautiful yard?
Make sure to nominate them for a 2014 Clean & Beautiful Yard Award.

- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Clean & Beautiful Yard Awards program.
- Volunteer judges try to drive every street in the city in June and July to identify 76 outstanding yards.
- Nominations can be submitted by calling 801-963-3217 or online at www.wvc-ut.gov/cbaward.
- Nominations are due Wednesday, May 7.





### Get Involved!

In addition to the Clean & Beautiful Committee, West Valley City offers volunteer opportunities on a number of boards and commissions. One of the greatest ways to ensure that your voice is heard and addressed by City government is to be actively engaged and become part of the process.

A full listing of these opportunities is listed online at www.wvc-ut.gov/boards. By joining these groups you help to develop policy, implement change and help make sure a wide range of voices are reflected at City Hall.

If you are interested in joining a committee, please follow the link above or contact the City Recorder's Office at (801) 963-3203.



### Garbage & Recycling Services

Did you know West Valley City offers a variety of garbage and recycling services to help you keep your house and yard clean? In addition to garbage recycling of regular and household items, you may also recycle electronics and glass! Bulky waste collection neighborhood dumpster program are also two incredible services offered to help you get rid of larger items that may not fit in your cans.

If you have old electronic items, you may drop them off at the West Valley City Public Works building, located at 2805 South 3600 West, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Glass items may also be dropped off at this location and at Fire Station 71 (4160 South 6400 West) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For larger items that won't fit into your regular pickup bins, curbside bulky waste and the neighborhood dumpster program are the answer.

For more information about any of your garbage and recycling services, visit <a href="https://www.wvc-ut.gov/sanitation">www.wvc-ut.gov/sanitation</a> or call 801-955-3720.

#### West Valley City Police Department to Become Nationally Accredited



Chief Lee Russo has announced that the West Valley City Police Department is in the process of becoming a nationally accredited law enforcement agency through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

CALEA, an independent entity nationally recognized for promoting and maintaining law enforcement "best standard practices," was developed to improve the delivery of public safety services. Specifically,

CALEA's goals are to:

- Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities
- Formalize essential management procedures
- Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices
- Improve service delivery
- Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination
- Increase community and staff confidence in the agency.

"CALEA is a nationally recognized 'Gold Standard' of best practices for police agencies." says Chief Russo. "Committing the West Valley City Police Department to such a critical review and independent measure against these standards for effective operations and accountability will go far in growing our partnership, trust and confidence across the community

while also establishing a national reputation of excellence and professionalism."

The CALEA Accreditation will provide Chief Russo with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery. He expects the CALEA Accreditation to help the department develop comprehensive set written directives for reaching administrative and operational goals, while also providing direction to personnel. Additionally, the accreditation standards will help to improve upon the department's relationship with the community and will reinforce accountability, both internally and externally.



## UPCOMING Events



#### **Easter Events**

- 18 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 13 - 17) Centennial Park, 9 PM
- 19 Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 12 and under) Centennial Park, 8:30 AM
- **19** Breakfast with the Bunny Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 19 Edutainment Egg Hunt (Ages 11 and under) Fitness Center, 1:30 - 11:40 AM
- 19 Easter Egg Plunge (Ages 15 and under) Fitness Center, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

#### **April**

- 1 Utah Travels Exhibition (thru April 30) Cultural Celebration Center
- 1 April Eggstravaganza! (thru April 30) Cultural Celebration Center
- 3 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Tuesdays and Thursdays thru April 15)
  Dial 2-1-1 for Appointment
- 7 Taming of the Shrew, Presented by Utah Shakespeare Festival Cultural Celebration Center, 7 PM
- 8 Taming of the Shrew, Presented by Utah Shakespeare Festival Cultural Celebration Center, 10 AM
- 9 Boy Scout First Aid Merit Badge Class Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM by reservation; call 801-963-3336 to reserve your spot
- **15 Boy Scout Fire Safety Merit Badge Class**Fire Station 74, 6 8 PM by reservation; call 801-963-3336 to reserve your spot
- **16 WVC Watch Wednesday** City Hall, 6:30 PM
- 16 Community Meeting with Chief Russo Police Department West Substation, 7 PM

New events are added daily. For a complete list, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/events

Call 801-955-4000 for pricing and details.