



January 2007

City Council Members:

- Dennis Nordfelt, Mayor
- Margaret Peterson, At-Large
- Mike Winder, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Joel Coleman, District 2
- Russ Brooks, 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..... 966-3600
- City Manager..... 963-3220
- Police Department..... 963-3386
- Police Dispatch..... 840-4000
- Fire Department..... 963-3336
- Emergency911
- Family Fitness Center... 955-4000
- Garbage Questions 955-3720
- Storm Water Utility..... 963-3334
- Housing Authority 963-3320
- Parks and Rec..... 955-4000
- Harman Home 966-5540
- Stonebridge Golf Course... 957-9000
- West Ridge Golf Course... 965-5800
- Graffiti Hot Line 963-3467
- Animal Services..... 965-5800
- Victims Services..... 963-3223
- Ordinance Compliance... 963-3289
- Utah Cultural Celebration Center ... 965-5140

Web Site:
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.

Prevent Crime for the Holidays

A Message from Council Member Mike Winder

A recent Deseret Morning News story showed that looking at the past four years, property crimes per capita in West Valley City ranked 15th in the state. But just because you are more likely to have your home or car burglarized in Park City, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Midvale, Murray, Riverdale, or even Salina doesn't mean we shouldn't be on guard during the holidays. Here are some tips:

- **When shopping, park and walk in well-lit areas.** Be aware of your surroundings, especially the people around you. Have your keys out and ready when you return to your vehicle.
- **Do not leave your car unattended with the motor running** or with the keys in the ignition – 80% of stolen cars last year had the keys in the ignition and 40% had the engine running.
- **Be alert when shopping.** Shop with a buddy or group. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Role-play with children about what should happen in the event you are separated.
- **Carry your purse close to you,** with the opening or flap towards your body. Never leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- **Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.** If you must leave packages in your car, put them in the trunk. Keep receipts with you.
- **At home, hide your gifts.** Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- **Don't announce your new high-dollar purchases after the holidays.** Break down the boxes of TVs, stereos, computers, etc. and turn them inside out before putting them in the trash.
- **If you are traveling for the holidays, make your home look "lived in."** Have a friend or neighbor collect your mail and newspapers or have your service suspended while you are away. Use timers to turn lights off and on.

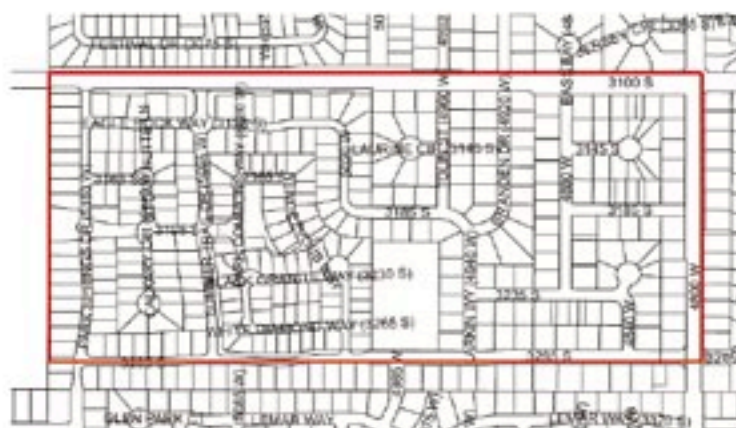
Recycling program

The West Valley City Council has voted to implement a city-wide recycling program beginning in March 2008. Each home will receive a new recycling container which will be picked up biweekly on regularly scheduled trash days.

West Valley City Public Works, along with Ace Disposal, will be conducting a pilot program beginning in January 2008 in anticipation for city-wide recycling. If you live in the areas between 3100 S. to 3285 S. and 4800 W. to 5180 W.;

3100 S. to 3500 S. and 4000 W. and 4400 W.;

3500 S. to 3800 S. and 5200 W. to 5450 W., you have been chosen to participate. More information will be forthcoming; details may also be found at www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling.



Winter Parking Guidelines

To facilitate snow removal, City ordinance prohibits on-street parking whenever there is snow or ice on the road. Any vehicles parked on a West Valley City street after an accumulation of ice or snow of one inch or more will be subject to ticketing or towing.

City **Ordinance 22-2-115** states that no vehicle shall be parked on any street

(1) While there is an accumulation of snow or ice of one inch or more on the roadway; (2) For a period of longer than 72 consecutive hours; or

(3) For any period longer than allowed by appropriate signs, markings, or parking meters giving notice of such parking time limitation.

In addition, **Ordinance 22-2-119** gives the City Authority to move or remove illegally parked vehicles

(4) Whenever a peace officer determines that a vehicle parked in violation of this Chapter must be moved to avoid public inconvenience, ensure public safety, or because it appears to be abandoned, the officer is authorized to move the vehicle, cause it to be removed, or to order the owner or operator of the vehicle to move or remove it;

(5) A peace officer who causes a vehicle to be removed under this Section shall have the vehicle removed by a tow truck service that meets the standards established by Title 72, Chapter 9, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, and that is authorized by the Police Department to perform towing services for the City;

(6) The City shall not be liable for any lost, damaged, or stolen items or damage to any vehicle moved or removed pursuant to this Section;

(7) The registered owner of a vehicle removed under this Section is strictly liable for all costs of removal.

To ensure efficient removal of snow during this winter season, please abide by the City Code regarding parking and snow removal. For more information, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/snow.

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 customers away stating his store had 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 very difficult when shopping with small children. The elderly and even the 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 the tenant space.
- Retail stores larger than 1500 square feet must provide separate restrooms for each gender.
- 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 gender 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 gender 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 a 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 403.4 of the 2006 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 the State and West Valley City. Such violations are subject to fines and legal action by the City.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call 963-3276.

The Dos and Don'ts of Holiday Decorating

A Message from the West Valley City Building Inspections Office

This is the time of year to decorate the home for the holidays. Unfortunately, it is also the time of year for hazards caused by improperly and unsafely decorating. Please follow these guidelines when decorating your home:

"The Dos"

- Always plug any outside lights, cords, or displays into an approved ground fault circuit interrupter receptacle.
- Wrap electrical tape around any connections of outside lights, cords, etc. to keep moisture out.
- Use all outside lights, cords, and displays that are listed for outdoor use.
- Check to see if all light sockets have a bulb installed. An open socket is a shock hazard.

- Check ground fault circuit interrupter receptacles on a regular basis by pushing the test button.
- Discard any damaged or frayed lighting, cords, wiring, etc.
- Make sure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries installed and are tested on a regular basis.
- Install a fire extinguisher in an easily accessible location.

"The Don'ts"

- Don't climb up on the roof when there is snow, ice, or frost on the surface. Your chances of falling off are greatly increased.
- Don't install any lights or cords against sharp objects or corners that

Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West
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 Oil Painting Art Show
- 12 Hand Rub, 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Notable Angels Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 13 Drivers' Safety Class, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 13 Finish Snowman Craft, 11 a.m.
- 13 Let's Talk Holiday Traditions, 11 a.m.
- 14 Drivers' Safety Class, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 18 Christmas Buffet/Taylorville High Entertainment
- 19 Healthy Aging Bingo, 11 a.m.
- 20 Christmas Bingo, 11 a.m.
- 24 Closed for Christmas Holiday
- 25 Closed for Christmas Holiday
- 27 Let's Talk Crazy New Year's Resolutions, 11 a.m.
- 27 New Year's Party, 7 p.m.
- 28 Fun Bunch Lunch, 11 a.m.

January

- 2 Blood Pressure Check, 11 a.m.
- 7 Birthday Monday
- 9 Hand Rub, 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Asthma Clinic, 11 a.m.
- 10 Let's Talk, 11 a.m.
- 11 Utah Museum of Fine Arts, 10 a.m.
- 18 Clark Planetarium, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Let's Talk, 11 a.m.
- 25 Fun Bunch Lunch (Sizzler), 11 a.m.

Weekly Activities

- Line Dancing – Mondays, 9:30 AM
- Hats, Etc. – Mondays, 9:30 AM
- Ceramics – Thursdays, 10:00 AM
- Watercolor Painting Class – Wednesdays, 9 AM
- Railroad Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM
- S.E.A.L.S. – Thursdays, 12:45 PM.
- Tai Chi – Thursdays, 9:30 AM, \$1 per class
- Chair Exercise – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:30 AM
- Bingo – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:45 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 AM
- Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 AM
- Scrapbooking – Mondays, 1:00 PM
- Bowling – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards – Daily
- Oil Painting – Mondays, Call for time
- Basic Computer Classes – Call for more information



may damage the insulation and expose the bare wire.

- Don't install any lights or cords with a staple gun, as this method will damage the insulation and expose the bare wire.
- Don't install more light strings together than the manufacturer specifies. The West Valley City Building Inspection Office wishes you a very safe and happy holiday. If you have any questions about electrical safety, please call 963-3283.



Calendar

December

- 1 Trees of Diversity Exhibit (through January 3) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 14 Kids' Night Out Family Fitness Center, 6 PM
- 15 Breakfast with Santa Family Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 22 International Christmas Celebration E Center, 4 PM
- 24 Christmas Holiday City Hall Closed
- 25 Christmas Holiday City Hall Closed

January

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday City Hall Closed
- 4 Steel Thunder Tour The E Center, 8 PM
- 5 Steel Thunder Tour The E Center, 2 PM & 8 PM
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday City Hall Closed



Did you know Granger Elementary School will reopen at its new location, 1950 West 3702 South, on January 2? Area residents are urged to use caution when adapting to the new school zones, as children will be walking in the area in the morning and afternoon. For more information about the new school, call 646-4852.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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