

November 2016

City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Don Christensen, 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 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Snow Season is Coming!



It has been an unusually warm fall season this year, with the Wasatch Front seeing record-breaking temperatures. Don't let the warm weather fool you... it's getting colder and snow is coming.

Your West Valley City Public Works team works hard to keep city streets clear of snow and ice during the winter months. With a little help from residents, we can make winter driving safer for everyone. Please remember, when the snow comes this winter, the following rules will help everyone:

- Do not park vehicles, boats, trailers or any other personal property on the street, whenever snow is a possibility.
- Please do not shovel, blow or push snow from your property into the roadway.
- If you must pile snow at the

end of your driveway, be sure to place the snow on the down-stream side of the drive. When the plow comes down the street, the pile will be carried away from your drive approach.

- Please be patient with our plow drivers. They have large areas, with multiple travel lanes, that must be cleared each storm. Main roads are always plowed first, followed by secondary or connecting streets. Subdivisions are plowed next and finally cul-de-sacs and dead ends.
- When you find yourself following plow trucks, please stay back farther than normal. When two or more trucks are plowing in tandem, please do not attempt to pass, this could result in an accident.
- Please understand, that our drivers try to be as careful as possible when plowing your street. We strive not to bury sidewalks and driveways but accidents do happen.

If you have any questions, please call 801-963-3334.



Through 2017, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) plans to complete several

projects aimed at renewing I-215 in order to improve infrastructure and keep traffic moving. Drivers should expect closures and detours throughout the project.

Learn more about the project: www.udot.utah.gov/215renewed.

Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog



Paws To Give Thanks

November is a month for giving thanks, and that goes for pets, too! Here are some things you can do to make us even more thankful for you:

1. Pets are better off living indoors. This is especially true as cold weather sets in.
2. If a pet cannot live inside, consider housing them in a dry, safe area such as a garage.
3. If a pet is living outdoors, Utah law requires that they have adequate shelter, unfrozen water, and food.
4. For outdoor pet shelters, it works best to have three walls, a dry floor, and a roof. Outdoor shelters should be small enough that your pet's body heat can help warm them. Face the shelter away from wind. For bedding, straw or cedar shavings work better than blankets; this is cleaner, drier, and warmer.
5. For outdoor cats or community cats, you can make a den. There are online resources to help, like humanesociety.org
6. Sometimes cats curl up inside a warm hood and end up fatally injured, so please check before you drive.
7. Leaving us in a freezing car in winter can be just as dangerous as a hot car in summer; better to leave us home.
8. Dogs need exercise no matter what season, so please keep taking us on walks!
9. When you are walking dogs in the winter, our paws can be cut or frostbitten by rock salt, snow, and ice. You can purchase dog booties to help protect us. (Note: We may not like them at first!

If we never warm up to our booties, try paw pad wax instead.) Doggie sweaters and jackets are helpful too, especially if our fur is short or we just got groomed.

10. If you're having Thanksgiving turkey, please it's ok to share some of the meat, but turkey bones can cause internal blockage or choking in dogs, which can be fatal.
11. If you want to give your dog a seasonal treat, try plain canned pumpkin mixed with our food. For cats, fresh parsley or wheat grass is a welcome treat!

When you look in a pet's eyes, you can see our gratitude. Thanks for giving us a war and wonderful November!

Thanks for listening,
Amalee

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Protect Your Pet With A Microchip

By David Moss, Animal Services Director



A microchip is a tiny device, smaller than a grain of rice, which can help to reunite a lost pet with its family. When a lost pet is brought to our shelter (or any shelter in the valley), it is scanned for a microchip. If a chip is found, we can access the owner's information and make a quick phone call letting them know they can pick up their pet.

Putting a microchip on your pet does not require anesthesia and only takes a few seconds. In fact, it is no more invasive than a vaccination. The microchip is placed just under the skin on the back of the animal between their two shoulder blades. This is an ideal area as it is not prone to bleeding or irritation.

Microchip prices vary depending on the chip and who is implanting it and can be as high as \$50. The West

Valley City Animal Shelter offers microchips to residents at a substantial discount – only \$10 each! We can offer this discount by pre-registering every chip with the Animal Shelter, rather than having the resident register the chip on their own. This saves the microchip company money and they pass the savings on to us. When a pet is found, the microchip company will contact the Animal Shelter and we will then give the owner's information to the shelter that has found the microchipped pet; in most cases, we will be the Animal Shelter where the found pet will be turned into anyway.

In spite of all the benefits of a chip, licensing your pet and attaching the license tag to a collar is still recommended whether you have a microchip or not. It is also the law. Many times a neighbor or an officer can get information off a tag and return the pet to you without having to go through the shelter where there is a microchip scanner.

Remember, pets are part of your family. Keep them licensed, keep them safe, and keep them home!

Upcoming Events

November

- 9 WVC Watch Wednesday
City Hall, 6 - 7 PM
- 9 Community Meeting with Chief Russo
City Hall, 7 - 8 PM
- 10 Professional Standards Review
Board (Citizens' Review Board)
City Hall, 9AM
- 11 Veterans Day Program
Cultural Celebration Center, 5:30 PM
- 19 Ugly Sweater Dash
Family Fitness Center, 8 AM
- 25 Thanksgiving Holiday
City Offices Closed

December

- 5 Christmas Tree Lighting
Family Fitness Center, 6 PM
- 7 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 8 Professional Standards Review
Board (Citizens' Review Board)
City Hall, 9AM
- 10 Breakfast with Santa (Registration
required; call 801-955-4000 for info)
Family Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 14 S'Mories & Stories
Fairbourne Station, 6 PM
- 15 Breakfast with Santa (Registration
required; call 801-955-4000 for info)
Family Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 26 Christmas Holiday
City Offices Closed

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



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or visit overlookattheridge.com.

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