



April 2009

City Council Members:

- Dennis Nordfelt, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, 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..... 801-966-3600
- City Manager..... 801-963-3220
- Police Department. 801-963-3386
- Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
- Fire Department..... 801-963-3336
- 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 801-966-5540
- 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 801-965-5140

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www.wvc-ut.gov

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Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

City Center Plaza – A Chance to Get Involved

A Message from Councilwoman Carolynn Burt

As cities go, West Valley City is young – like a pre-teen with a face full of braces. We all know ... braces hurt! The orange barrels are blooming like daffodils all over the place and the noise, dust, and rattling of our homes is an everyday occurrence. I am totally aware that it takes major logistical planning just to get to the grocery store and back home. This is especially true in the eastern part of the city, which I represent. I share the pain you feel and I apologize to those whose lives have been severely disrupted.

This too shall pass, and like the child in braces, our City will have a dazzling smile in a year or so.

During this destruction/construction time, the City Council, Planning Commission, Executive staff, and the City Manager are all giving input on how to make the City Center Plaza a true jewel for all to enjoy; we are listening to your ideas as well. We are looking at water features, a bell/clock tower, sculptures, a band stand, sidewalk cafes, green areas and other amenities for the plaza. What features we finally choose will be decided by what we can realistically afford to spend.

We are partnering with Chamber West, have spoken with the Lions Club, and have contacted other groups to create opportunities for citizens and businesses to participate by making a small, one-time donation to “Friends of City Center Plaza.” Plans are coming together for goodie bags for donations, perhaps a raffle, perhaps neighborhood challenges – many thoughts are dancing in our heads. We would be glad to have your group join us! This is our one chance to truly affect a great and long lasting image of our city. We will bring you more information as plans get settled.

We really want this plaza to tell Utah we have a beautiful heart in a quality city. We love and cherish our homes and our public places. We are proud to be residents of West Valley City, the friendliest community in Utah.

Please... GET INVOLVED!

West Valley City and The Utah Grizzlies: A Strong Partnership

A Message from City Manager Wayne T. Pyle

Many residents have rightfully been concerned and had questions about the city's involvement with the Grizzlies as of late. West Valley City has had a long and great relationship with its hockey team at the E Center, and we feel that its ongoing presence there is important to the facility's success and viability. Some of the questions below have been asked by citizens, and hopefully the answers will provide some insight into why we are taking this step, and what its implications are.

Why should the City help private sport franchises?

As owner of the E Center, the City has had a close and necessary relationship with the Grizzlies as the anchor tenant of that facility from its beginning. Grizzlies games account for close to a third of the event nights at the building, and rental income from them is not the only financial concern they help with. Corporate sponsorship, parking, concessions, etc. are all aspects of the success of the E-Center. Having a good hockey tenant there is important to the venue's success.

Are the Grizzlies financially viable?

The Grizzlies have had a long history here at the city, and a proven track record of viability financially. This is not to say that they have not had financial difficulties. What seems to be the difference for them as opposed to some of the other sports teams we've been associated with over the years is the depth of the Grizzlies' ownership group's experience and resources to

draw on. The owners have a number of sports franchises across the country, and the experience gained from them to know how and what needs to be done to enable their success. Though the Grizzlies have had difficult financial times across the years, this experience has enabled them to survive, and we are confident will enable them to thrive in the future.

Is this a bailout? Where did the money come from?

This is not a bailout in the familiar sense of putting cash in the hands of businesses in trouble. No money exchanged hands. The city's ownership stake was simply an exchange, debt owed from the Grizzlies exchanged for equity in the franchise to the city.

West Valley City Night with The Grizzlies

West Valley City, in conjunction with The Utah Grizzlies and the E Center, is excited to announce West Valley City Night with the Grizzlies! All West Valley City residents are invited to join the Utah Grizzlies for game four of the ECHL's West Division Semi-Finals against the Alaska Aces, for free!

**Friday, April 17
7:05 p.m.**

Tickets are available at the E Center Box Office, 3200 South Decker Lake Drive, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available until Friday, April 17, at 1:00 p.m., while supplies last. Limit four tickets per household; must show proof of West Valley City residence or identification from a West Valley City school.

What are the liabilities of being a 40% owner?

We have no operational liabilities as a partial owner of the team. In reality, our ownership is limited to a \$600,000 (approximate) value in the team, which is in effect simply an asset. It does not come with operational responsibility.

What if the current owners move the team to another venue or city- then what does WVC do with its 40% ownership? We would still have our ownership stake; at that point we would negotiate with the Grizzlies ownership or other interested parties to buy us out.



Golf Course Weddings

Book your wedding for the months of November, January, or February and receive \$500 off your room rental.

Must use in-house catering.

Call Jeremy at 509-1958 for more information.



Utah Cultural Celebration Center News

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center is becoming recognized as one of Utah's premier destinations for arts and cultural events. The Cultural Center is the only locally driven arts and cultural complex in the Salt Lake Valley, and is perhaps the only facility of its kind offering such a unique blend of spaces and objectives.

At the heart of these objectives, the Utah Cultural Celebration Center seeks to preserve and perpetuate local cultural traditions and to become a home for local arts and artists. It is a place for people of all ages to connect to their heritage and learn about the traditions of their neighbors.

Nearly into its fifth year of operation, the Utah Cultural Celebration Center is experiencing a new level of maturity and growth.

Public programs are more diverse than ever, featuring everything from grassroots, community-driven projects to internationally touring art exhibitions. The Cultural Center continues hosting festivals and many free public gatherings celebrating Utah's diverse ethnic populations, and has also found new audiences through its WorldStage! Outdoor Concerts, ARTrageous Tuesdays educational series and many other programs.

Come join the celebration!



**Easter Eggs - travaganza:
A Celebration of Artisan
Eggshell Carvings
April 1 - April 30**

Brian Barry, a local artist, will display an unusual talent to celebrate Easter. On exhibit will be creations made from eggshells ranging from quail eggs up to ostrich eggs. Many of the pieces have won awards at Utah carving shows and the State Fair. One eggshell is of particular note as it was shown recently at the Forbes Art Gallery in New York City.

Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon is the first Vietnamese American historical exhibit from the Smithsonian to explore the Vietnamese American experience in America. Produced by the Smithsonian's Asian Pacific American Program and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, *Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon* recounts a journey more than 30 years in the making.

Divided into six sections, the exhibition steps through the stages of the Vietnamese transition into America. From undergoing America's longest war in Vietnam to making their mark in American society, Vietnamese Americans have proven themselves as a vibrant and diverse ethnic group—nearly 1.5 million in number—and an integral part of the American fabric. By showcasing themes of challenges, contributions and change, the exhibit emphasizes the vibrant diversity of this ethnic community.

The national tour is made possible by Farmers Insurance.



**EXITSAIGON
ENTER
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March 20 - May 27, 2009
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(and by appointment)



www.CulturalCelebration.org
1355 West 3100 South
West Valley City, Utah



A traveling
Smithsonian exhibit
in the Utah Cultural
Celebration Center
Art Gallery

Smithsonian Institution



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West Valley City Fitness and Recreation Center News

Membership Has Its Advantages!



Did you know that for less than one dollar per day, your family can have access to West Valley City's award-winning Family Fitness Center? Featuring a lap pool, a leisure pool with the state's tallest indoor waterslide, basketball and racquetball courts, an indoor track, cardio equipment, a weight room, a climbing wall, dance and aerobic rooms, and a soft-play "edutainment" room for children, the Family Fitness Center has something for every member of the family!

In addition to the many amenities, your membership includes free child care (first hour free, \$1.50 for each additional hour), two free personal training sessions for each adult on the membership (up to four sessions), free monthly body composition testing, discounts on programs and special events, free use of rental equipment, discounts on party packages, free movies and crafts in the edutainment center, one free four-week fitness class pass each year, and more!

For more information, call 955-4000 or visit www.westvalleyfitnesscenter.org.

After-School and Day Camps for Kids

Field Trips! Face Painting! Western Day! Games! Sports! Friends! Safari Day! Dancing! Roller Skating! Ice Skating!

After School Camp (K-6)

After school camps include sports, games, swimming, rock climbing, study time, and more! Transportation is available from Valley Crest, Monroe, Whittier, and Wright Elementary schools (children from any school may attend, however transportation will not be provided).

\$25 – one week; \$7 – one day

Kidz Kamp

Ages 5 - 11

Camps include sports, crafts, swimming, ice skating/roller skating, rock climbing, and field trips. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Monday – Friday
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

\$20 per day; \$90 per week (additional children, \$80)

Kindergarten Kamp (Ages 5 - 6)

Mon.-Fri. 7 am – 12 noon for Afternoon Kindergarteners
Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am – 6 pm for Morning Kindergarteners

Registration includes lunch & snacks, Kidz Yoga, swimming lessons, rock climbing, field trips, silly games and much more.

\$45 per week or \$10 per day per child (No Refunds)

***We provide transportation to & from Valley Crest ONLY**

Registration for all camps are due by Wednesday at 1 pm the week prior to the beginning of camp. No late registrations or date changes accepted.



Youth Spring Soccer

Boys and Girls ages 3 ½ - 12

Saturdays at 9AM beginning May 2.
Meet the coaches and have pictures taken April 25.

\$38 per player, includes uniform, team & individual photo and participation award; \$10 discount for players who already have a uniform.

T-Ball & Coaches Pitch

Games and instruction designed to teach girls and boys ages 4 – 6 basics in T-Ball: how to stand at bat, hold and swing the bat, how and where to run, fielding, catching, and throwing.

\$38 per player

June 4 – July 9
5:30 p.m.

Registration due May 18



West Valley Dance Force

The Family Fitness Center offers all formats of dance, including ballet, hip-hop, jazz, cheer, tap, and more! Adult classes are also available.

For more information, call 801-955-4030.

Swimming Lessons

Parent/Infant Classes:

Four 30-minute lessons
Members, \$15; non-members, \$21

Private Lessons:

30-minute lesson - \$15

Semi Private Lessons

(up to 3 people):
30-minute lesson - \$20

Tae Kwon Do

(For ages 8 & older)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

New/Beginner:
7 - 7:45 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced:
7:45 - 8:30 pm

Members, \$25; non-members,
\$35 (monthly)

Stars on Stage

Give your 5 - 12 year old a chance to Sing, dance, and shine on stage!

When: Thursdays

8 - 12 year olds: 3:45 - 4:45 pm
5 - 7 year olds: 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Where: WVCFFC Community Room A

Fee: \$20 per month per child or
\$30 per month for a family

Performance will be in May

Register at WVCFFC front desk
Call 967-8308 for more information



5415 West 3100 South, West Valley City, UT 84120 (801) 955-4000 www.WestValleyFitnessCenter.org
Facility Hours: M-F 5 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Lap Swim: M-F 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Open Plunge: M-F 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. (slide opens at 5 p.m.) Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.





Transformation West: Changing the Face of West Valley City

One of the major projects transforming West Valley City is the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) 3500 South Project. Construction is currently underway on 3500 South to widen the road to add more travel lanes. Additionally, the project will include the installation of a dedicated lane for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as well as burial of power and fiber optic communication lines. New curb, gutter, and sidewalk will also be installed, and UDOT will partner with the City to install trees and lighting.

Due the nature of road construction, pedestrian access may vary in the work zone. Some sections of sidewalk have been closed or removed to facilitate construction activities on the roadway's perimeter. UDOT advises pedestrians to be aware of this condition and plan their routes accordingly.

- In areas where sidewalk has been removed, a temporary gravel surface has been placed. Pedestrians are advised to follow posted signing and marked walkways.

- Currently, more sidewalk is open to pedestrians on the north side of the roadway. Pedestrians are advised to use the north side as much as possible until new sidewalk is placed along the south side.

- In some sections of work zone, it may become necessary to temporarily detour pedestrian traffic away from 3500 South. Detour routes will be clearly marked.

- Pedestrians are advised to cross the street at intersections with traffic signals and marked crosswalks: Bangerter Highway, 3600 West, 3450 West, 3200 West and 2700 West. Law enforcement is issuing citations for jaywalking and jumping the concrete barrier.

- Pedestrians are advised to remain alert and watch for construction equipment and traffic in the vicinity of walkways.

Utility relocation work is nearing completion and UDOT is preparing to move into the major reconstruction and widening phase of the project. Roadway excavation and pavement removal are expected to begin by mid-April. During the project's next phase, traffic will be shifted to the north side of the roadway while the south side is rebuilt.

During the 3500 South Project, the Public Information Team will be distributing regular updates by e-mail. If you are interested in receiving these updates, send a request to 3500southinfo@utah.gov. Additionally, information is available by calling 801-608-6369 or at www.udot.gov/3500south.

Do You Know Your "No Build Zone?"

By Ed Domian, Chief Building Official

Every single family dwelling on every lot in every subdivision in almost every City or County in the State of Utah has a "No Build Zone." This area surrounds your home and must be kept clear from the ground to the sky for the life of the home. Detached structures may be located six feet behind the home with a building permit. This open strip of land on your property on all sides of your home is required for two reasons:

- The Building Inspection Departments and Fire Departments** throughout Utah require this open space buffer to prevent fire from jumping across property lines from one neighbor's home (or garage) to the next neighbor's structures.
- The Planning & Zoning Departments** throughout Utah require this open space buffer between properties to maintain comfortable living space, light, and air between neighbors and provide emergency and vehicle access to the backyard.

Typically this open space buffer or "setback requirement" is established by City administration. There are very few exceptions. While you may like your cur-

rent neighbor and have no problem with him extending his building close to your property line, you may not feel the same when the next neighbor buys that home. While the front, rear, and side yard setbacks can vary somewhat from zone to zone, they are pretty typical of what you find in most cities or counties in any state in the country.

Regardless of the quality of the construction, buildings cannot be extended too close to the property lines. And most lots these days have little or zero room for building additions. This applies to room additions, garages, carports, sheds, gazebos, and aluminum awnings as well. So before you decide to start adding onto your home, know your "No Build Zone." You can verify your "No Build Zone" at Room 220 in City Hall or call (801) 963-3312. Once we have your address we can tell you where you can and where you cannot build on your property. For more details, you can reach me at (801) 963-3276.



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.

April

- 15** Senior Idol, 1 PM
- 17** Utah Museum of Fine Arts, 9:30 AM
- 20** Breakfast & Entertainment, 9:30 AM
- 20** Voice Lessons, 10 AM
- 21** Voice Lessons, 1 PM
- 22** PAF Class, 1 PM
- 22** Volunteer Banquet, 5 PM
- 24** Fun Bunch Lunch at Wingers, 10:45 AM
- 25** Senior Dance & Dinner with Granger High School
- 27** Movie Monday
- 27** Voice Lessons, 10 AM
- 28** Memory Lanes, 11AM
- 28** Voice Lessons, 1 PM
- 29** PAF Class, 1 PM

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

Weekly Activities

- Chess Club** – Wednesdays, 1 PM
- Line Dancing** – Mondays, 12:30 PM
- Hats, Etc.** – Mondays, 9:30 AM
- Ceramics** – Thursdays, 10:00 AM
- Railroad Club** – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM
- 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, 10:00 AM
- Billiards and Cards** – Daily
- Oil Painting** – Mondays, call for time

Latino Community Seminar Series

West Valley City wants to hear the voice and concerns of all its residents. The main objective of the Latino Community Seminar Series is to inform the Latino Community about City ordinances and programs in Spanish. This is an opportunity to learn about and understand the City's expectations. Latino residents are encouraged to attend and be a participant in their City Government.

The seminars will be held every third Thursday of the month beginning on April 16, 2009, in the rooms 101 and 102 of the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 West 3100 South, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The seminars are open to public and free of charge.

The 2009 Latino Community Seminar Series schedule will be:

- May 21** Neighborhood Watch
- June 18** Crime Prevention and how to identify criminal activities
- July 16** Code Enforcement
- August 20** Business Licensing
- September 17** Fire Prevention
- October 22** Domestic Violence

For more information about the seminars and how you can participate please contact Enrique Sosa at (801) 963 3297 or enrique.sosa@wvc-ut.gov.



Calendar

April

- 1** Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon: Vietnamese America Since 1975 (through May 27) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 1** Carved Egg Collection on Display (through April 30) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 16** Seminarios Para Latinos Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6:30 PM
- 17** West Valley City Night with The Utah Grizzlies The E Center, 7:05 PM

May

- 8** The World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions The E Center, 7:30 PM
- 11** Community Crime Prevention Seminar Family Fitness Center, 6:30 PM
- 12** Celtic Woman The E Center, 7:30 PM
- 16** Dave Ramsey's Total Money Makeover The E Center, 1 PM
- 21** Seminarios Para Latinos Centro de Celebracion Cultural, 6:30 PM
- 21** Dane Cook – Isolated Incident Tour The E Center, 8 PM
- 23** WWE Presents Raw – Live The E Center, 7:30 PM
- 25** No Doubt with Paramore and The Sounds The E Center, 7:30 PM
- 25** Memorial Day Holiday City Hall Closed
- 30** Fiesta! Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6 PM



Did you know that all plants are either woody (think trees, shrubs) or herbaceous/non-woody plants, (think asparagus, daisies, grasses)? Plants with woody branches and stems need to be pruned and herbaceous, soft stems need to be cut back to new growth every year.
-Submitted by Kathryn Walborn, West Valley City Clean and Beautiful Committee

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