



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

August 2010

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Steve Buhler, 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
- 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.

Silver Linings

A message from Councilmember Corey Rushton

Recently I paid a visit to Kennedy Junior High and engaged in several conversations recollecting the esteemed faculty and school traditions that I enjoyed while attending that institution years ago. Upon reflection, I am extremely grateful to Mrs. Page and her Freshman English Class for providing me with a foundation in various literary works that I still ponder and utilize to this day. One such book that we intently studied was, *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. This classic tale of thematic social commentary begins with the famous lines, *“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair;”*

I repeat these words because I feel a similar sentiment among many of the West Valley City residents and businesses that I serve. I realize that current and lingering economic conditions have produced many challenges and hardships. However, I am as optimistic as ever about the future progress of West Valley City and want to share some positive developments that have come forth from the midst of this recession.

The City has been able to take advantage of historically low interest rates by refinancing

several outstanding bonds. The hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings will help reduce overall debt and benefit the taxpayers. Also, we are witnessing monetary savings throughout our bid process, as more companies are submitting competitive bids to work on City infrastructure. Many of these bids have come in hundreds of thousands of dollars below budget, giving us more purchasing power for reinvestment opportunities. Additionally, City departments have all had to tighten their operating budgets, requiring them to identify excess and increase productivity. During this time the Police Department is pleased to report an overall reduction in violent crimes.

Many of these innovative principles can be incorporated on an individual level and I encourage everyone to look for new ways to save resources, to reinvest in their homes, and to find new ways to be productive members of the community. To this Charles Dickens would agree, for he also wrote, *“Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”* Take advantage of these times and together we will move forward as a City one household at a time.

Transformation West: Changing the Face of West Valley City

City Center - Valley Fair Mall Redevelopment

The revitalization of Valley Fair Mall continues, with the grand openings of Petco and In-N-Out Burger last month. These business openings are part of the largest phase of redevelopment, which includes more than 100,000 square feet of new and remodeled stores. The following businesses have been announced: Sushi Monster (August, 2010), Frogurt (opening August, 2010), Pretzelmaker (opening September, 2010), Ross Dress For Less (opening October, 2010), N.Y.P.D. Pizza (opening October, 2010), Café Zupas (Fall, 2010), The Children’s Place (February, 2011), Famous Footwear (March, 2011), rue 21 (Spring, 2011)

Once the entire redevelopment is completed, Valley Fair Mall will become an approximate 1 million square foot super-regional shopping and entertainment center. Additional information on the Valley Fair project is available on line at www.shopvalleyfairmall.net.



UTA West Valley TRAX Line

Crews have begun laying tracks across Redwood Road at Research Way (2770 South). This work is scheduled to take place for five weeks but will be phased to allow for two lanes in each direction on Redwood Road. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout this portion of construction.

Timely and helpful information is available to assist business and residential communities as well as commuters and stakeholders. Please contact the toll-free 24-hour hotline at (888) 800-8854 or e-mail tcamp@rideuta.com with questions or comments. You can also visit UTA’s Web site at www.rideuta.com.

Counterfeit Money

By Officer Jason Vincent



As police officers with the West Valley City Police Department we have been responding more and more frequently to calls of counterfeit money being passed. The United States Secret Service advises that approximately \$64.6 million dollars of phony money snuck its way into the U.S. economy last year. This amount tops the previous year's total. Counterfeiting arrests have jumped up 28% from 2007 alone.

I would like to help retailers and others to be better equipped to detect fake money. One of the easiest ways of doing this is to not feel pressured or rushed when initiating a transaction involving money. Suspects using counterfeit money will sometimes wait for a longer line or for when business gets busy in an attempt to avoid detection when passing fake money. I have listed a few steps to take when attempting to determine whether or not the money being given to you is counterfeit or not. First, feel the texture of the bill. Most people who handle money a lot can identify a lower quality fake bill instantly just by touching it.

Second, compare the bill to another bill of the same denomination and series; if the bill feels alright but you're still a little suspicious this type of comparison may help you to determine whether the bill is fake or real. Some of the victim's I speak with afterward have told me that they did not even know they had been given counterfeit money until they counted down the till at the end of the business day and no-

ticed that one of the bills they had received just looked different.

Third, look carefully at the printing quality. Real U.S. bills are printed using techniques that regular offset printing cannot replicate. You will not find blurry areas on real money. The edges on real money are also crisp around the portrait. If you pull a bill from the till and look closely at it you will observe that all U.S. bills will have tiny red and blue colored fibers embedded in the paper.

Fourth, hold it up to the light and look for the watermark. The watermark should match the printed picture on the bill. The most common scam will occur with \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills. If any of these bills do not match the watermark then you know you have a fake. If the person passing you the counterfeit money gives you multiple bills of the same denomination check the serial numbers to ensure that they are not the same.

Last, if you spot a fake bill being passed DO NOT confront the suspect, you do not know if they are armed or what they have to lose. Call the police as soon as you can safely do so and get a good description of the person as well as a direction of travel and description of the vehicle.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article and should you want additional information on how to detect counterfeit money please check out the website http://www.secretservice.gov/know_your_money.shtml.

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.

August

- 18 Tooele Breakfast, 8:30AM
- 19 Ice Cream (by Beehive Homes), 10:30AM
- 20 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45AM
- 25 Wii Baseball Tournament, 9:30AM
- 27 Bingo (by AAMCO Medical), 10:15AM

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

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Weekly Activities

- Chess Club** – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
- Line Dancing** – Mondays, 12:30 p.m.
- Ceramics** – Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Railroad Club** – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi** – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE
- Bingo** – Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Choir** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Drama Class** – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards** – Daily



Calendar August

- 1 Face of Utah Sculpture (through September 26) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 19 Neighborhood Nights: ID Theft Awareness Seminar West Valley City CPD/Animal Shelter (4522 West 3500 South), 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 23 Worldstage Free Concert – Junction City Big Band Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 8 p.m.
- 28 Ultimate Air Affair Car Show ASET (3703 West Parkway Blvd.), 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$5 per person, \$15 per family (3 or more people) 1-800-628-5449

September

- 1 Face of Utah Sculpture (through September 26) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 1 Milk with the Mayor Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Gary Allan Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.

I-215 & 3500 SOUTH
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

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New Frontage Road Proposed to Improve Safety and Mobility in the I-215/3500 South Area

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has begun an environmental study to evaluate proposed improvements to the southbound I-215 interchange ramps at 3500 South in West Valley City.

Proposals

- Realign the southbound I-215 ramps/3500 South intersection and reconfigure turning movements
- Add a two-lane, one-way frontage road next to the southbound I-215 on-ramp, with access to local businesses and 3800 South
- Install infrastructure for a future ramp meter on the southbound I-215 on-ramp

Purpose

- Provide improved access to businesses and residences on the southwest quadrant of the interchange
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve safety on the freeway off-ramp and at the busy intersection of 3500 South & 2700 West (Constitution Blvd.)
- Estimated time savings of up to 4.5 minutes for motorists traveling southbound between the I-215 interchange and 3800 South

Schedule

- Fall 2010: Complete environmental study
- Winter 2011: Complete design
- Spring 2011: Begin construction

Public Open House

UDOT invites you to attend a public open house and welcomes your feedback on proposed improvements. The open house will be held Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 4:30-7 p.m. at West Valley City Hall. The study team would like to understand what is most important to you and your community when looking toward these future transportation solutions. Comments may also be submitted online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/I-215ramps>.

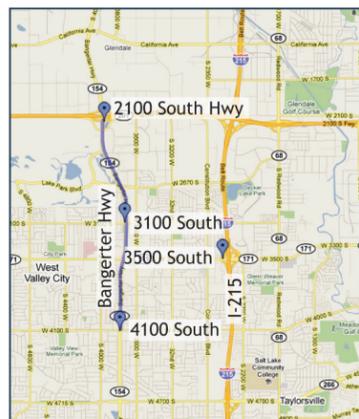


801-990-5555

I215ramps@utah.gov



I-215 & 3500 SOUTH
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY



Public Open House

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) invites you to attend a public open house to review plans for several upcoming transportation projects in West Valley City:

- I-215 & 3500 South: Southbound freeway ramp improvements (see study information in this flier)
- Bangert Highway & 3100 South: Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI)
- Bangert Highway & 4100 South: CFI
- Bangert Highway from 4100 South to 2100 South: Pavement maintenance

Wednesday, August 18
4:30 – 7 p.m.
West Valley City Hall
3600 South Constitution Blvd.

I-215/3500 South Info
Your questions, concerns and feedback are important to UDOT. Please feel free to contact the study team with your input:

I215ramps@utah.gov
801-990-5555



Making Life Better

West Valley City's Community Preservation Department provides to all residents of West Valley City a free graffiti removal kit. The Graffiti Safewipes Citizen's Pack includes three sets of graffiti removal wipes

and a pair of gloves in a convenient package for residents to remove graffiti on the go. The graffiti removal kits are available to residents of West Valley City at the Community Preservation Department Headquarters and Animal Shelter (4522 West 3500 South), the West Police Substation (5415 West 3100 South), and in the Public Relations office of West Valley City Hall (3600 South Constitution Blvd.).

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:
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