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News From West Valley City Hall

May 2007 Edition

City Information

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
Emergency	911
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

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3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Live the American Dream – Vote! A Message from Council Member Carolynn Burt

I always appreciate this opportunity to express my views about West Valley City in this space. We seldom get a soapbox with such a potentially wide audience. I usually try to stress one of the benefits we receive as residents of this great city, but today I would like to tell you of a dream that I wish would happen.

This year, more than 1,000 city and town council seats are up for election in Utah. Yes, lawn signs will be sprouting on fences and lawns all across our state. In West Valley City, three members of the West Valley City Council are up for your reevaluation of their performance on your behalf. Historically less than 15% of the registered voters of West Valley actually vote in these non-federal and non-state election years. That means a minority of approximately 8% of the voters have previously elected your council representatives.

As we send our brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters to a war in a foreign country, fighting and sometimes dying to provide other countries the opportunity to govern themselves, we at home neglect to use the right that our ancestors fought another war to give us - the right to govern ourselves through the ballot box. In past elections, the majority of voters have been older citizens

who have faced war before; it is a fact that veterans usually vote! All people who have the right to vote today must exercise that right or we will surely lose it through laws made to diminish the voice of the people.

Now, about my dream: I dream that West Valley City, through grass-roots neighborhood organizations, will get at least 75% of all eligible voters registered for this year's election. I dream that those elected will actually be voted into office with a true majority of the people wanting them there. Can you imagine the reaction this would cause in this state? When City representatives go to the state legislature with a request for needed help on an issue, our elected representatives to the State House and Senate would know that a block of 60,000 voters actually voted from West Valley City and they would make the effort to support our cause. It doesn't matter which party you support. The fact that you vote will get their attention.

People from all over the world are coming to our country... our state... and our city to live the "American Dream." We have it! Please, don't let it slip away! Don't let apathy select your city leaders. Please, make my dream come true. It can be done.

Register and vote!

Family Support Center Providing Resources to Prevent Child Abuse

Last year, in Salt Lake County alone, 3,223 cases of substantiated child abuse or neglect were recorded, according to Division of Child and Family Services. Three out of four abused and neglected children within our community were harmed at home by someone they love and trust. The good news is that there is a wonderful resource for parents in our own community working to prevent child abuse and support families.

The Family Support Center, which is partially funded through West Valley City Community Development Block Grants, was established 29 years ago in an effort to prevent child abuse in the Salt Lake Valley. This private non-profit agency strives to protect children, strengthen families and prevent child abuse. The agency provides services in both Spanish and English to clients Valley-wide.

The agency operates two crisis nurseries, in Midvale and Sugarhouse, set up in renovated homes in a home-like neighborhood setting. Children are brought to the crisis nurseries when a parent needs a break or there is a family crisis and no other suitable child care is available. Rotating shifts of house parents provide round-the-clock care for children from birth to age 11 for up to 72 hours. There is never a charge for nursery care and the homes are a safe haven for children. The agency has a clinician on call at all times for emergency situations for the children and parents.

The agency also offers individual and family counseling to improve family functioning and interactions. Counseling services are provided in offices adjacent to the crisis

nurseries and costs are based on a sliding fee scale. Weekly parent education classes are offered on site to strengthen and encourage positive family structure. Support groups are offered weekly to those impacted by sexual abuse and divorce adjustment. Clinicians also facilitate anger management and step-parenting classes to strengthen families weekly also. Most programs the agency offers are either free or available on a sliding-fee scale.

Home visiting programs can be the single most important recommendation to prevent child abuse and neglect. This is the focus of the Parent Advocate program approach offered by the Family Support Center. Trained para-professionals offer a parent-to-parent approach that improves parenting skills, increases home management skills and aids in gaining access to adequate medical and other support programs. The weekly visits are tailored to the needs of the family and make the home a place where children can safely remain.

LifeStart Village is a self-sufficiency program for single mothers and their children. These single mothers will receive, in addition to housing, training in the life skills they lack in order to create a stable, nurturing environment themselves and their children, based upon independence and positive self-esteem.

By simply strengthening one person we improve our entire community. Hope, help and healing is the focus of the Family Support Center. There are a variety of other services offered by the center. For information, contact the Family Support Center at (801) 255-6881 or at www.familysupportcenter.org.

Family Fitness Center Recognized as West Valley City Division of the Month

The West Valley City Employee Advisory Committee is pleased to present the Family Fitness Center with the Monthly Division Award for May.

On March 21 of this year, the Aquatics and Front Desk divisions of the Family Fitness Center handled an incident that was out of the ordinary. When a small fire broke out in the men's locker room, the staff of the center reacted quickly and appropriately, evacuating the facility, notifying emergency responders, and maintaining order throughout the event.

"Our Family Fitness Center Staff is trained to respond to emergencies, but you never know how they will react to an actual event," says West Valley City Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Astill. "They do a great job with aquatics issues and other regular occurrences, but that night they reacted to something out of the ordinary and did an extraordinary job."

Because of the quick thinking of the staff at the Family Fitness Center, there was minimal damage and the facility was able to open the next day, conducting business as usual.

Congratulations to the heroic and quick-thinking staff of the West Valley City Family Fitness Center.

National Night Out 2007 - Plan Your Neighborhood Block Party Now!



The 24th annual National Night Out will be taking place on August 7, 2007. Traditionally, participants in the National Night Out put on a display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils. In addition to the symbolic light display, other events and activities can be incorporated into neighborhood block parties such as:

- Cook outs, BBQ's & pot luck dinners
- Service projects
- Visits from WVC Police and Fire
- Talent shows, parades & music
- Contests & games

West Valley City residents have been participating in this event since its creation. Last year, more than 30 block parties were held throughout the City. We hope to make 2007 even bigger and better, truly making a statement against crime and drugs in our neighborhoods.

Anyone can participate... please plan to join us!

We can make a difference!

West Valley City Celebrates Arbor Day

On April 27th at 9:00 a.m. the West Valley City Forester and City staff members will be assisted by Valley Crest Elementary School's first grade students in celebrating Arbor Day 2007 with the planting of four trees at Centennial Park, 5405 West 3100 South. On April 28th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., volunteers and community members are invited to join the City's tree planting activities at Centennial Park.

A total of thirty-one trees will be planted on the North side of the park and around the East Ball Diamonds. The trees will provide shade, reduce noise and pollution, and will add to the beauty of the community. The West Valley City Parks department plants trees throughout the

year; however the Arbor Day celebration involving the children and the community has become a city tradition.

"West Valley City has been a part of Tree City USA, and has held Arbor Day Celebrations for twelve years," says West Valley City Parks Superintendent, Jason Erekson. "We are excited to continue that tradition."

If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please call the City Forester at 955-3755 and leave a message, including the number of persons in your group who will be participating. Tools and planting assistance will be provided by the West Valley City Parks and Recreation staff.

UDOT Construction Update

I-215 West, 3800 South to 4100 South Bridges:

Construction on I-215 West from 3800 South to 4100 South is scheduled to begin the first week in April, and continue for approximately eight months.

- Crews will be working along 3800 South in preparation for widening the bridges over 3800 South to the center of I-215 West.

- During the third week in April, crews will begin pile driving on 3800 South for approximately three days. Please be prepared for some noise and vibration.

- I-215 will be restricted to three lanes in each direction as construction begins. Drivers should watch for lane restrictions and intermittent closures on 3800 South.

- Crews will be working mostly during daytime hours with some night-time work scheduled as the project progresses.

In addition to widening the 3800 South bridges, the project will rehabilitate the 4100 South bridge on I-215 West. Roadwork will include pavement tie-ins at the structure endings and area traffic lanes will be re-striped to eliminate the existing lane shifts at the 3800 South bridges.

For more information call (801) 661-7285, or email I-215westbridges@comcast.net if you would like to be added to the weekly update list. You may also visit the project summary page at www.udot.utah.gov

3500 South & Bangerter Highway CFI (Continuous Flow Intersection):

UDOT began an intersection improvement project at 3500 South and Bangerter Highway in March. Drivers can expect right lane restrictions around the intersection through most of April. Pedestrians crossing Bangerter should use the north crosswalk. UDOT representatives are providing a 15-minute presentation on the new Continuous Flow Intersection to interested groups.

For more information, go to the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/cfi, call the hotline at 1-877-350-2346, or email cfi@utah.gov.



3500 South: Redwood Road to Bangerter Highway:

The State Environmental Study of 3500 South divided the project into two phases for design and construction:

- Phase 1 - 2200 West (Decker Lake Drive) to 2700 West (Constitution Boulevard) construction has been postponed due to funding constraints. When funding is available and construction moves forward, Phase 1 will add one additional travel lane in each direction under I-215 and improve I-215 traffic flow.

- Phase 2 - 2700 West (Constitution Boulevard) to Bangerter Highway is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in spring of 2008. Phase 2 will widen 3500 South from two to three lanes in each direction and will coordinate design with the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for inclusion of center-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

For more information please contact Justin Smart, Project Public Information Manager, at 801-608-6369 or jsmart@langdongroupinc.com.

Redwood Road - 2320 South - 3500 South:

During April, crews will be working to reconstruct the west side of Redwood Road between 2320 South and 3100 South. Traffic has been switched to the east side of Redwood Road with one lane open in each direction and a turning lane available in the center.

Following the road reconstruction, work will include curb, gutter, sidewalks and driveways between 2320 South and 3100 South. The last section of work will include rotomilling and repaving from 3100 South to 3500 South. Total project completion is scheduled for late fall of 2007. Concrete paving will be used on the reconstructed roadway. The concrete pavement is scheduled for May and June with project completion in fall of 2007.

For more information call 1-800-948-4002 or email: hotline9@msn.com

Harmon Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West
965-5822

April

18 Ona Welch Entertainment
11AM

20 Millcreek Canyon Trip
10AM

23 Kosy Quilters, 10AM

24 "Dark Days at the Lucky Strike Mine" Melodrama
11AM

24 Podiatrist, 12:30PM

25 Volunteer Bingo, 11AM

25 Volunteer Banquet, 5PM

26 Six Dimensions of Wellness
11AM

27 Red Butte Gardens Trip
9:30AM

30 Movie Monday & Lunch Out
10AM

Weekly Activities

Ceramics

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Pinochle Lessons

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

S.E.A.L.S.

Thursdays, 12:45 p.m.

Tai Chi

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.,
\$1 per class

Chair Exercise

Mondays, Wednesdays, and
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Bingo

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
12:45 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Choir

Tuesdays and Wednesdays,
10:00 a.m.

Scrapbooking

Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

Billiards and Cards

Daily

Oil Painting

Mondays, Call for time

Basic Computer Classes

Call for more information

West Valley City Fire Department Training

The West Valley City Fire Department has teamed up with the Salt Lake Tooele Applied Technology College (SLTATC) to offer classes to the public. Classes will focus on various emergency response topics and are organized through the SLTATC.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training:

- Training begins September 10.

Fire Academy:

- Thirteen-week course provides certification in Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Haz-Mat Awareness, and Haz-Mat Operations. Runs three times throughout the year.

For more information about training through the Salt Lake Tooele Applied Technology College, call 493-8700.



Calendar

April

1 **Textiles Art Exhibit**
(through April 11)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

30 **Gwen Stefani**
The E Center, 6:30 PM

30 **Safe Kids Day**
Family Fitness Center, 6-11AM

May

4 **The World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions**
The E Center, 6:30 PM

8 **Morrissey**
The E Center, 7:30 PM

19-20 **Cirque Du Soleil "Delirium"**
The E Center, 7:00 PM

22 **Celtic Woman - A New Journey**
The E Center, 6:00 PM

25-26 **Fiesta Olmeca**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center



Did you know Salt Lake County is seeking qualified poll workers to assist with the 2007 election? For more information on becoming a poll worker, call 468-3477.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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acrim@wvc-ut.gov*

Utah Cultural Celebration Center Rental Special

Get 20% off your room rental Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays during April, May, and June!

(Offer not valid in addition to the non-profit discount.)

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center, located at 1355 West 3100 South in West Valley City, is the perfect location for weddings, business meetings, expos, and other events with space for as many as 900 guests.

For more information or to book your event, call 965-5102.