



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

December 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
- 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 801-965-5822
- 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

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3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

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

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

By Councilman Russ Brooks

This past November was a historical time in our West Valley City's history. A proposition was placed on the ballot for residents to decide if the City should build more parks and trails in our growing community. I would like to thank everyone on both sides of the issue who voiced their opinions by voting. It was great to see many people get involved on both sides of the issue by giving funds, putting up signs and sending out information. I did not hear of one incident that showed disrespect one side to the other. I think we all should be proud that we live in a city and a country in which we can speak and vote our feelings.

The Mayor and City Council will be holding a strategic planning meeting in January to talk about the needs and problems that should be addressed in our city in the coming year. Our city staff and employees have been working for months on how to manage a budget for the upcoming year.

I invite all residents to contact members of the City Council or Mayor with any issues and desires that they have for us to discuss. We are elected to represent you on many different matters and would like to hear from you.

It is our desire to make West Valley City a better place to live, work, and play. We look at how we can get more businesses to come to West Valley City to create jobs. We want our youth to be educated to a higher level. We want all people to feel safe in their neighborhoods. We want the elderly to have places to meet and mingle together.

I would ask each of you to look at something you can do to make your neighborhood, school, work place, and religious location better. If we all will do something this coming year to make West Valley City a better place, we will all be happier.

Snow Removal Reminder

It's that time of year again to think about SNOW and snow removal. Here is some information on how West Valley City works to remove snow and how citizens can help make snow removal more effective and efficient.

- Please do not park on the streets during or right after a snowstorm. The snowplows cannot see your vehicles and cannot plow the streets clean with cars parked at the curb. It is especially important to keep all vehicles out of cul-de-sacs. The plows have a hard time getting around the circles and it is impossible to plow if there is anything parked in the circle.

- All residents are responsible for clearing their own property, including sidewalks and the area in front of mailboxes and fire hydrants. This needs to be done within 24 hours after a storm ceases.

- City ordinance prohibits placing snow in gutters or streets from snow blowers or shovels.

City streets have been divided into four priority categories as follows:

Streets with higher intensity use have a higher priority for snow removal service. Streets, which require proportionally more time for snow removal, have the lowest priority.

Priority One: These are arterial and major collector streets, generally with a right-of-way width of 66 feet or more, and average daily traffic greater than 5000.

Priority Two: These are generally subdivision collector streets, typical



ly with a pavement width of at least 30 feet. Included in this category are streets serving emergency response facilities and schools. Also included are streets with hills and sharp curves where traction problems often cause hazardous driving conditions.

Priority Three: All other residential through streets, (excluding cul-de-sacs.)

Priority Four: Cul-de-sacs and other dead end streets. The City incurs proportionally more time and costs clearing snow from cul-de-sacs than on typical "uninterrupted" stretches of streets. Because of the high cost-to-benefit ratio, cul-de-sacs and dead end streets have the lowest priority, and will be the last areas addressed.

Deviations from Policy

Deviations from standard policies and procedures may occur due to unusual or extraordinary circumstances. Each winter storm has unique characteristics. Factors such as storm intensity and duration, timing, wind, temperature and moisture content influence the methodology used to combat each storm. Deviations and exceptions from the general priorities and procedures may be made.



**Come Enjoy the
Maverik Adventure
Wonderland presented by
Tum-E Yummies
Free Family Ice Skating
at the Maverik Center**

The Maverik Center is hosting a FREE Christmas-themed family ice-skating activity at the Maverik Center during the month of December.

When:

Mondays & Thursdays from 4-9 p.m.
Dec. 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30

**Entrance to the event is
FREE to the public**

**With Santa visiting every
night from 6-8 p.m.**

Patrons are welcome to bring their own skates, or skate rentals will be available for \$5 with \$1 of the rental donated to *teaming*, a charity organized to raise awareness for children with neurological diseases.

Modern Display, featuring a large Christmas tree display at center ice, will turn the Maverik Center ice into a Christmas Adventure Wonderland. Traditional Christmas music, the Grizzlies Ice Girls, Grizzbee, and Grizzlies players will make special appearances during the events. Hot chocolate, coffee and other Christmas fare will be available for purchase.

Snow on Your Rooftop? – Not a Problem.

By Ed Domian, Chief Building Official
Looks like we could have a winter with heavy snow accumulation. Driving around the City after the previous storms I saw most rooftops covered with a foot of snow. Snowloads are a major concern for every city and county building department before any set of building plans are approved for construction. While many cities and portions of Salt Lake, Davis, Utah, and Weber Counties experience the same snowfall and the same snow loads, those homes constructed at higher elevations like Park City and Summit County design for much deeper snow loads. If you purchased a building permit to construct your home, your garage, your porch, and even your shed, you can rest easy knowing it was reviewed and inspected for snow load design.

So how much snow can your home or accessory building support? In West Valley City your roof must support a snow depth of three feet (36 inches). In my 25 years with West Valley City I have never seen snow loads exceed that 36" allowable snow depth. I have seen both residential and commercial roofs fail. Some older "pre-City" commercial buildings suffered roof failures due to roof trusses with design flaws.

Nowadays the roofs we see fail most often are those aluminum carports and porches erected without a building permit and without our review. The same is true for owner/builder porches constructed with 2X4 roof rafters without permits. I have yet to see a home constructed after 1970 experience a roof failure if the workmanship and design were regulated through the building permit process.

Finally, if the snow on your rooftop does accumulate to a snow depth of 36 inches, please DO NOT attempt to climb up on your roof and shovel off the snow. If you think the snow should be removed, hire a handyman or contractor. Roofs are too slippery to walk on when they are covered with snow. There are hidden hazards on rooftops like skylights that become concealed by snow. Sometimes there are overhead electrical wires within reach of you or your snow shovel. While deep isolated snowdrifts on rooftops can be a concern, the natural melting of the snow in between snowstorms is usually all the relief we need. If you have any questions or concerns regarding snow accumulation on your rooftop this winter, please feel free to call our office at (801) 963-3475 or (801) 963-3283.

2011 Player's Pass

Stonebridge Golf Club West Ridge Golf Course

\$199.95

(plus tax)

\$7 Green Fee & \$7 Cart Fee
(Anytime M - F; Sat., Sun., and Holidays after 1:00 p.m.)

\$20 Fee (includes cart)
(Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays before 1:00 p.m.)

\$5 Discount for all guests
(Applies to guests paying regular 18-hole rate)

\$1 Discount on range tokens

10% Discount on food and beverages
(Excludes beer and all beverage cart purchases)

10% Discount on Pro Shop merchandise

One hour early access to Twilight Rate for all guests

Scrapbooking Class – Mondays, 1 p.m.

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

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Crime Prevention: Auto Burglary:

Officer Steve Beardshall
West Valley City Police Department
Community Services Unit



In 2009, during the holiday season, West Valley City Police responded to and took reports on over 200 vehicle burglaries. The holiday season is a time that many criminals look to vehicle burglaries as a source of getting valuable property quickly and rather easily. Most vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity and most of the time involves an easily accessible, and visible, piece of property. Unlike a lot of crimes vehicle burglary can, in a lot of cases, be prevented. Here are some quick tips to make sure that you don't become a victim of vehicle burglary this holiday season;

1. Don't leave valuables in your car: During the holiday rush to get shopping done many people go to several stores throughout one shopping day. When this is done make sure that you put bags, purses, and other valuables in the trunk or other none visible place. If a burglar can't see anything of value, the odds are, they will move on to another vehicle where they can.

2. Don't leave "traces" of valuable

items: Especially popular these days, are vehicle burglars looking for traces of high value electronics in vehicles. These include items such as iPods, GPS units, DVD players, etc. When you get out of your vehicle remove, not only the units themselves, but also docking stations, cords, and even the CD player faceplate when possible. This way, even if you have the electronic with you, you won't have to deal with a broken window or other damage a burglar could do in an effort to locate that high priced item.

3. Park in busy well lighted areas with lots of foot traffic: When would be burglars are "casing" an area for possible vehicles to break into they don't want to be seen or look suspicious. If there are people in the area they could witness their crime they will go where they won't be seen. Parking in a well lighted parking spot close to surveillance cameras and entrances can really limit your risk of a burglary.

4. Always lock your vehicle: In many cases valuable items are taken from vehicle that were simply left un-

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.

December

- 16** Ice Cream (by Beehive Homes), 10:30 a.m.
- 16** Kearns High Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 17** Christmas Dinner
- 20** Zumba Gold, 10:45 a.m.
- 21** Christmas Sing-a-Long, 11 a.m.
- 24** CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 27** Zumba Gold, 10:45 a.m.
- 30** New Year's Party Dinner
- 31** CLOSED NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

- ### Weekly Activities
- Scrapbooking Class** – Mondays, 1 p.m.
 - 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

locked, either because the owner was only going to be gone for a minute, or because they forgot to lock the vehicle. Each time you park your vehicle make sure to double check that it is locked and each door is secure.

5. Set an alarm or security system if available: Although alarms aren't always a deterrent they can greatly increase your odds of your car being noticed if it does become a burglar's target. A loud alarm can "scare" a burglar away and help bystanders notice the suspect. Even if items are taken, vigilant bystanders often obtain a description of the suspect and/or suspect vehicle. This information is critical if property is to be recovered.

If you do become a victim of vehicle burglary you should immediately contact your local police department. In some cases evidence can be obtained, such as fingerprints, by responding officers enabling them to catch those responsible for the crime. Also, items can be placed on the Nation Crime Information Computer and listed as stolen property. However, in order to list property on this database, it is necessary to have a make, model, and serial number for that item. Without that information items cannot be listed as stolen. Make sure to keep a list of valuable items including makes, model numbers, and serial numbers. A form detailing the information needed can be obtained from the West Valley City Police Department at any time. You never know when you will be the victim and after it happens it's too late.



Calendar

December

- 1** **Trees of Diversity Exhibit**
(through December 30)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 17** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 18** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Victoria Salmon Kings**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 21** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 22** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 29** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 31** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Victoria Salmon Kings**
Maverik Center, 6 p.m.

November

- 1** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Victoria Salmon Kings**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 5** **Milk with the Mayor**
Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 7** **Monster Truck Winter Nationals**
Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 8** **Monster Truck Winter Nationals**
Maverik Center, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- 12** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads**
Maverik Center, 7PM
- 14** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 15** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 17** **Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder**
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

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