



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

February 2011

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
- Justice Courts..... 801-963-3590
- 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.

BRACE YOURSELF FOR A TIGHT BUDGET YEAR

By Mayor Mike Winder

Things are moving in the right direction in our city, and we are doing all of the right economic development activities so that our city is poised to come out of the recession stronger (see Valley Fair Mall, for instance). The problem is that this current Great Recession is so much deeper and longer than most recessions. City tax revenues remain drastically lower than what we normally have to maintain city services. For example, since 2008 we have lost 5 million dollars annually in sales tax revenue. To make ends meet, City Hall has undergone some serious belt tightening, including:

- Mandatory week without pay for all city employees and elected officials.
- Cut Community and Media relations staff in half.
- Eliminated an entire layer of mid-level management in the police department to maintain the number of officers on the street.
- Reduced parks maintenance staff by contracting more with private companies.
- Held off on any new road reconstruction or major road resurfacing.
- Reduced staff in Public Works, Legal, Planning and Zoning, and Code Enforcement departments.

- Eliminated employee holiday party, Christmas turkeys, and tuition reimbursement program for six years straight (and counting).
- Increased employee health insurance deductibles and premiums.
- Put on hold the construction of four parks.
- Began rotating police cars every nine years instead of every five.
- Held off on any new fire truck purchases for eight years (and counting).

Rest assured that your mayor and City Council will consider a tax increase only as an absolute last resort. However, we are also prepared to make the difficult choices before we would ever compromise public safety. We know times are tight for your family and businesses, too. We also know that you want to live in a city that is safe and a place that you are proud to call home. We appreciate your trust and support as we weigh these important priorities in the months ahead.

In the meantime, thanks for patronizing West Valley stores and restaurants! Keeping our tax dollars in the city will help improve our financial situation.

Prepare yourself for the winter traveling and staying safe

By Officer A Jue
Community Service Officer

With the extreme cold weather here in Utah and across the county the weather can take a toll on a person and also on the road. When we travel or go outside we never think about how long we will be outside or on the road when traveling by ourselves or with family. Either it's in the winter or the summer we need to be prepared in our home and car.

It is important to know this information due to the quick changing weather. When you hear about the wind chill is not the actual temperature, but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin.

As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. This may lead to frostbite and hypothermia. Infants and elderly people are more susceptible to hypothermia.

When traveling in state or out of state always have a plan and always tell someone where you are going and try not to travel alone. Watch the weather condition ahead of time and make sure your fuel in vehicle is filled and in good repaired condition.

If you go outside for any reason, dress for the season and expected conditions. Make sure that when you are traveling always check the road conditions ahead of time. Here are some tips that will help you and your family when traveling in case you get trapped in your car during a blizzard or your vehicle breaks down during a storm.

- Pull off the road, set hazard lights to flashing, and hang a distress flag from the radio aerial or window. Remain in your vehicle; rescuers are most likely to find you there.
- Conserve fuel, but run the engine

and heater about ten minutes each hour to keep warm, cracking a downwind window slightly to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Exercise to maintain body heat but don't overexert. Huddle with other passengers and use your coat for a blanket.

- In extreme cold, use road maps, seat covers, floor mats, newspapers or extra clothing for covering—anything to provide additional insulation and warmth.
- Turn on the inside dome light so rescue teams can see you at night, but be careful not to run the battery down. In remote areas, spread a large cloth over the snow to attract the attention of rescue planes.
- Do not set out on foot unless you see a building close by where you know you can take shelter.
- Once the blizzard is over, you may need to leave the car and proceed on foot.

Follow the road if possible. If you need to walk across open country, use distant points as landmarks to help maintain your sense of direction.

Here are some items that you might want in your car when traveling:

- A battery powered radio (with fresh batteries),
- Flash light and extra batteries
- Blankets
- Jumper cables
- Fire extinguisher (5 lb. A-B-C- type),
- First aid kit,
- Bottled water,
- Non perishable high energy foods like granola bars, raisins and peanut butter, and a shovel.



THE BIG FIX ON TOUR
MOBILE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

DISCOUNT
Spay/Neuter Clinic
coming to you.

Date: March 9, 2011 (Wednesday)
Place: West Valley City - WVC Animal Services
Address: 4522 W. 3500 S.
First come - first served!
Arrive early! Space is limited!
Intake is from 8:00 am until full.

Walk-up microchipping & vaccinations available to anyone 11 am - 3 pm!
A \$5 processing fee applies to clients getting vaccinations only.

- Discharge time will be determined during intake. Late pickup will result in a small boarding fee.
- Do not feed your pet after 9 pm the night before surgery if pet is older than 4 months. Water okay.
- Do not feed your pet after 6 am the morning of surgery if your pet is younger than 4 months. Water ok.
- All cats must be in a carrier that is labeled with identification. All dogs must be on leashes.
- VACCINATIONS: Dog or Cat Rabies \$12; Dog or Cat Distemper Combo \$12; Cat Leukemia \$12.
- MICROCHIPS: Dog or Cat \$20. Comes with national registry.
- SPECIAL CONDITIONS: We have limited abilities to treat certain conditions such as umbilical hernias and cryptorchids (retained testicles). Treatment for these conditions is offered on a restricted basis and requires additional fees.
- Dog or Cat cryptorchids \$40 extra. We are unable to perform surgery on sick animals.
- All dog & cat surgery prices include pain medication. All dog neuter prices include an Elizabethan Collar to go home.
- For spay / neuter surgery, animals must be between 8 weeks & 6 years of age and weigh at least 2 lbs.
- Cash & checks accepted.

NO MORE HOMELESS PETS IN UTAH Want to help animals in your area? Become a Community Coordinator!
 Need a trap to fix a feral (wild) cat?
 For more information on the Big Fix or the Feral Fix
 Call toll-free 1-866-PETS FIX or www.utahpets.org

Discount Prices!
*While pediatric spay/neuter on animals between 8 & 16 wks of age are widely accepted as safe, your pet is best protected from communicable disease transmission when it is at least 18 wks old & has received its full vaccine series from a veterinarian a week or more prior to surgery.

Male cat ... \$25	Female cat ... \$35
Male dog 2-39 lbs ... \$55 40-59 lbs ... \$65	Female dog 2-39 lbs ... \$65 40-59 lbs ... \$75
60-79 lbs ... \$75 80-99 lbs ... \$85	60-79 lbs ... \$85 80-99 lbs ... \$95
100 lbs and over \$1 per pound	100 lbs and over \$1 per pound

Cat family plan ... \$100 (mom & litter, all kittens must be from one litter & less than 5 mos. old)

Brought to you by No More Homeless Pets in Utah with the Support of Best Friends Animal Society.

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.

February

- 17 Matter of Balance, 9 a.m.
- 21 CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY
- 22 Relay Utah, 11 a.m.
- 24 Matter of Balance, 9 a.m.
- 25 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 28 Greed Dice Game, 10 a.m.

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 – 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

February

- 1 Art for the Soul Exhibit (through March 1)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 1 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) (through April 15)
City Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 16 Utah Grizzlies vs. Alaska Aces
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 18 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 20 Lucha Libre USA: Masked Warriors
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 24 Water: Where Nature Meets Art
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

March

- 1 Art for the Soul Exhibit (through March 1)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 2 Milk with the Mayor
Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Utah Grizzlies vs. Ontario Reign
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 5 Utah Grizzlies vs. Ontario Reign
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 9 Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 11 Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 13 Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 2011 5k Recycle Run
Family Fitness Center
- 23 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 24 Good Landlord Class
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., 801-487-5619

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

For more information on Utah's best annual golf pass please call Stonebridge at (801) 957-9000 or Westridge at (801) 966-4653, or visit our websites: www.golfstonebridgeutah.com www.golfwestridge.com

Is Recycling Really Working?

Many residents have wondered whether or not the items they place in their recycling container really are recycled, or if they just end up in the landfill. Even though the trucks look the same, recycling containers are picked up separate from regular garbage using different trucks. The recycling material is taken to Rocky Mountain Recycling for processing, not the landfill.



Although you may think some items are recyclable, not all the items placed in recycling containers can be processed. Unacceptable items that cannot be processed are removed at the recycling plant and then taken to the landfill. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items is available online at www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling.

Since implementing the citywide recycling program, 14,734 tons of recycling material has been collected. Rocky Mountain Recycling reports a contamination rate of about 10-12 percent, which means 10-12 percent of all items brought to them from West Valley City are not recyclable and are delivered to the landfill.

Recycling has had some impact on the amount of regular garbage collected in West Valley City. In 2008, 45,319 tons of waste was picked up and delivered to the landfill from West Valley City residences. In 2010, 41,438 tons of waste was collected for the landfill from West Valley City. That's a difference of almost 4,000 tons.

West Valley City would like to thank everyone who is participating in the recycling program and encourage residents to continue to do so in order to help divert waste from the landfill.

REMEMBER – Household hazardous waste material is not allowed in either regular or recycling containers. For information on household hazardous waste and the proper way to dispose of materials, please visit www.wvc-ut.gov/hhw.

Golf Course Weddings

Book your wedding in 2011 at Stonebridge or Westridge golf courses and receive \$500 off of your room rental.

Must use in-house catering.

Call Jeremy at (801) 509-1958 for more information



LUCHA LIBRE USA: MASKED WARRIORS

Live at the Maverik Center!

February 20th
7:00 p.m.

Tickets, starting at \$20, on sale now at the Maverik Center ticket office, 800-745-3000 or at ticketmaster.com.



Did you know income tax preparation help is available?

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a **FREE** program is available for households with an income below \$49,000.

West Valley City Hall will be one of dozens of sites around the County.

The City Hall site will be open: **February 1 - April 15**
Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please dial 2-1-1 for more information about this site and others in Salt Lake County.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:
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