



DECEMBER 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.

News from West Valley City Hall

An Apology from Your Mayor

As your mayor I take the role of promoting our city and standing up for our community very seriously. When media bias against our city was worsened by reduced coverage in one of our community's newspapers, I took matters into my own hands by writing as a citizen journalist using a pen name. All of the stories I submitted were true. When I learned that they did not want pen names used, I stopped. Wanting to make things right, I confessed to what I had done.

This public confession has not been comfortable. But the most painful part of this whole process has been any embarrassment I have caused to the city I deeply care about. In the end, frankly, my good intentions back-fired.

I take full responsibility for my actions. Although I have offered numerous apologies through the media, I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate with you, my constituents, directly. I am sorry. Know that I am working hard to make things right anywhere I can, and I humbly ask for your

forgiveness.

I have learned a great lesson and will never do something like that again. But I will not back down from continuing to set the public record straight that this is indeed a city to be proud of.

The residents here are genuine, down-to-earth, and hard working. Our city is continuously improving—from the new Megaplex coming to Valley Fair Mall, to the newest high school in the state being built to replace Granger High, to the new Target on 5600 West. Crime continues to go down on most measurements, and graffiti has been greatly reduced. We have a promising tomorrow and I will continue to champion West Valley City!

I love this city, and unfortunately in this recent case, to a fault. Once again I apologize and will continue to work with you as we build a brighter future for this community, our home. Serving as your mayor is a great honor, and I will be extra vigilant in the days ahead to increase your trust.

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.

- Residents are encouraged to place snow on lawns or parkstrips and avoid placing snow in gutters or streets from snow blowers or shovels whenever possible.

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, typically 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.

West Valley City residents can dispose of their Christmas tree between December 26, 2011 to January 16, 2012 at the City Park east parking lot (3400 S. 4400 W.) and the West View Park parking lot (6020 W. 4100 S.). This service is ONLY for West Valley City residents; commercial entities can drop trees off at the county landfill. All lights, stands, nails, screws, bags and decorations must be removed. Residents can also use the City's bulky waste service to dispose of their tree. To find when your bulky waste pickup day is visit www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste.



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 Christmas Dinner and Entertainment
- 20 A Day of Christmas with Taylorsville Center
 - 11 a.m. Live band and sing-a-long
 - 12 p.m. Lunch
 - 12:30 p.m. Bingo
- 22 Last day to sign up for New Year's Party
- 23 CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 30 New Year's Entertainment and Celebration

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

Weekly Activities

- Enhance Fitness, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15AM
- Pinochle, Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- Piano Lessons, Wednesday, 11 a.m.
- Bowling at Delton Lanes, Monday, 12 p.m.
- Scrapbooking/Card Class, Monday, 1PM
- Chess Club, Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
- Railroad Club – Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE
- Bingo – Tuesdays, 12:45AM; Fridays, 10:15AM
- Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Drama Class – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards – Daily

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Calendar December

- 1 Trees of Diversity (through December 29)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 14 Utah Grizzlies vs. Colorado Eagles
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 16 Utah Grizzlies vs. Colorado Eagles
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 Winter Concert Series: Bonnie Harris Christmas Concert
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7 p.m.
- 19 Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 21 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 26 City Hall Closed – Christmas Holiday
- 30 Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors
Maverik Center 7 p.m.
- 31 Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors
Maverik Center, 6 p.m.

January

- 2 City Hall Closed – New Year's Day Holiday
- 4 Milk with the Mayor
Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Montster Truck Winter Nationals and Thrill Show
Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Montster Truck Winter Nationals and Thrill Show
Maverik Center, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- 14 2 with Talos
Valley Fair Mall, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- 16 City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads
Maverik Center, 7 P.M.
- 19 Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 20 Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors
Maverik Center, 7 m.p.
- 21 Zac Brown Band
Maverik Center, 7:30PM
- 23 Power of Prevention Conference
(through January 28)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, visit www.utahcrimeprevention.org to register
- 27 Brad Paisley – The Camobunga 2012 World Tour
Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.



Give back to your community

VOLUNTEER!

Come help families keep more of what they earn through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Experience making a difference by helping families get free tax preparation services.

Free training in basic tax law is provided for tax preparers. Some volunteer opportunities do not require knowledge of tax law. There is a volunteer opportunity for EVERYONE!

We need your help! Come see how the Earned Income Tax Credit and tax preparation can help keep families out of poverty. Volunteer opportunities are available all over the state of Utah with flexible hours to fit your schedule.

Sign-up on line at www.utahtaxhelp.org

Earn it. Keep it. Save it.



UDOT Construction

To make your ride easier

Construction of the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) I-215/3500 South Interchange Ramps and Frontage Road Project is nearing completion in West Valley City. The new southbound I-215 on-ramp and frontage road on the east side of the Valley Fair Mall are now open from east and westbound 3500 South.

The frontage road (2400 West) is one-way southbound and runs between 3500 South and 3800 South, with multiple access points to the mall and Costco. The speed limit is 30 miles per hour. Motorists are advised to use caution as they navigate the new traffic pattern.

Construction is expected to continue on the southbound I-215 off-ramp through mid-December. UDOT tentatively plans to open the new off-ramp with direct access to the frontage road by Christmas.

The \$6 million project improves access to businesses and residences west of the freeway and helps reduce traffic congestion and improve safety on 3500 South between I-215 and 2700 West.

More information is available by contacting the project public involvement team by phone at 801-990-5555, email at i215and3500south@utah.gov or online at www.udot.utah.gov/go/i215and3500south.

Get information on what's happening in West Valley City by liking the City on Facebook or following the City through Twitter. Keep up to date on city events, the Cultural Center, Neighborhood Service, Animal Services, and the progress of Fairbourne Station. Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/social for a list of all the City's social media pages.

