



News from West Valley City Hall

FEBRUARY 2012

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, 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.

Why Would Anybody Move?

A message from Councilmember Steve Buhler

I have a friend who works for FedEx. He used to live in West Valley City. Once he asked me, "Working for FedEx I could live anywhere in the world. Why should I stay in West Valley City?" I have thought about that question many times in the decade since it was asked.

Why do I live in West Valley City? I wasn't born here, but there are many reasons I choose to stay. Chief among them is the fact that my children are doing so well in school, in their extra-curricular activities, and have made friends of good people. My wife, Maria, and I are also doing well. We have become part of our neighborhood. We know our way around and are comfortable here. We have made many good friends.

Over a dozen years ago I moved my law office here so that I could work close to home. Bringing my office out here has given me the opportunity to meet and help hundreds of people from West Valley City with their legal issues. Those associations have given me a good feel for the people that live here. They are down-to-earth, honest, hard-working people. They love and care for their families. They watch out for their neighbors. They want to live a peaceful life, working hard and paying their own way. They are the kind of people I am comfortable associating with. Living among the good people of West Valley City, my question is, "Why would anybody move?"

Intermountain Cancer Services is pleased to provide free cancer screenings at your local Intermountain Healthcare community clinic.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE SCREENINGS BE HELD?

Thursday, February 16 – Rose Park Clinic, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, May 17 – North Temple Clinic, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 16 – Lincoln Elementary Clinic, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 1 – The Neighborhood Clinic at the Sorensen Multicultural Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

All screenings are by appointment only. To sign up for a screening or for more information, please call 801-507-3800.



Make a Resolution,
to be part of the solution, this year.
Build up your constitution,
all will be thankful for your contribution,
the time is here.
Join the Clean & Beautiful revolution,
help us with our execution,
and volunteer.

To find out more about our service projects and ways you can make a difference, please go to our website at www.wvc-ut.gov/C&B or call 801-963-3217.

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UTAH TRAVELS

photo exhibit

Jan 12 - Feb 29
opening reception
Jan 12, 6-8 pm




Utah Cultural Celebration Center

a photography exhibit exploring both the local and global travel explorations of Utahns

Gallery Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9 am - 6 pm
and by arrangement

CulturalCelebration.org
1355 West 3100 South
801-965-5100







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:
January 31 - April 17
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.

Avoid Being a Victim of Fraud

By Sgt. Steve Burke



In my years as a fraud detective, I investigated everything from small fraud cases to large complex ones. I have seen many ways to commit fraud. Some of the most popular ways include: computer and telephone phishing, mail theft, theft of identifying information through residential and vehicle burglary, check fraud and good old identity theft.

In my experience, I have noticed that many people go about their daily lives not paying attention to what is going on around them. There are people that do not make any attempt to get to know their neighbors or the people that live in their area. There are people that don't pay attention to anything in their neighborhood unless they are directly involved. There are many people that do not pay attention to what happens within their own bank or utility accounts.

Fraud in the United States is a multi-billion dollar a year industry. Statistics show that in 2010 nearly 2.5 million people fell victim to a fraud, with teenagers and people over 80 particularly vulnerable. Although fraud will be very difficult, if not impossible to stop, there are things that we can do to protect ourselves.

The best way to protect against identity theft is to question whenever anyone wants your driver license number or Social Security Number. However, don't be afraid to show your government issued identification to a store clerk that asks for it. They are trying to protect the store and you from fraud. If you throw away documents with your Social Security

Number, driver license number or any number that accesses your medical information these documents should be shredded. Each credit bureau offers you one free copy of your credit report per year. Since there are three bureaus, you can get a copy of your credit report every four months for free. You should get a copy and watch your accounts very closely. If you have new accounts pop up of an increase in balance that you did not authorize, you may be a victim. Destroy all pre-approved credit card applications.

Financial institutions do not call and ask you to verify information over the phone or Internet. If they are legitimate, you already have an account with them and they have your information.

Mail theft is a big problem. Too many businesses send sensitive information out in the mail. With the right combination of documents, thieves can start to steal your identity in a matter of minutes. Be sure to get your mail out of your box as soon as possible after it arrives. When sending mail, the best thing to do is to drop it off in U.S. Postal Service mailboxes. Make sure you cancel the mail service and newspapers if you are going to be away from home for a substantial amount of time.

If you suspect you are the victim of identity theft, contact your bank or credit union and file a fraud case with them. This just scratches the tip of the iceberg. Contact your local police if you have any questions.

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

- 16 Granger High BINGO, 10:45 a.m.
- 17 BINGO (Sponsored by Hearts for Hospice), 10:30 a.m.
- 17 Friday Flick, 10:45 a.m.
- 20 **CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY**
- 21 Catch the Spark with Allyson, 11 a.m.
- 24 BINGO (Sponsored by McDougal Funeral Home), 10:30 a.m.
- 24 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 28 Red Tones Entertainment, 11 a.m.

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

- Weekly Activities**
- Enhance Fitness, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15 a.m.
 - Pinochle, Wednesday, 10 a.m.
 - Piano Lessons, Wednesday, 11 a.m.
 - Bowling at Delton Lanes, Monday, 12 p.m.
 - Scrapbooking/Card Class, Monday, 1 p.m.
 - Chess Club, Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
 - Railroad Club – Thursdays, 10 a.m.
 - Tai Chi – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE
 - Bingo – Tuesdays, 12:45 a.m.; 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 Utah Travels Photo Exhibit (through February 29) Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 2 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) (through April 17) City Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 15 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers Maverik Center, 7 a.m.
- 17 Winter Meltdown Concert Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Hall Closed – President's Day

March

- 1 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) (through April 17) City Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p.m. – 8PM
- 5 Utah Grizzlies vs. Ontario Reign Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
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- 9 Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 10 2 with Talos Valley Fair Mall, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- 10 Utah Grizzlies vs. Stockton Thunder Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 20 Kelly Clarkson Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Jackie Evancho Maverik Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thinking Green When Planting This Spring

With March approaching, lush and bountiful spring plantings are on the horizon for many of us.

To help get the most out of gardens, while keeping planting efforts ecological, Waste Management offers a few tips:

1. Create home compost: Composting, a natural decomposition process, happens when organic materials, such as food scraps (excluding manure, meat and dairy products) breakdown, thanks to oxygen, water and nitrogen. Compost makes a great soil additive that will nourish plants and replace fertilizer. To create a compost bin, find a larger-sized plastic container and place in food scraps, mixing them with grass clippings, wood chips, bark, leaves and twigs. For more information please visit www.howtocompost.org

2. Plant native: Native plants offer a host of benefits, including reducing the usage (and the cost) of fertilizers, pesticides and water. Native plants also reduce air pollution and provide shelter for wildlife. You can discover what plants



call your neighborhood home at the Native Plant Database, located at www.wildflower.org/plants

3. Monitor use of fertilizer and pesticides: Use caution when using fertilizers and pesticides to avoid inadvertently damaging a garden. Use an organic fertilizer, if possible and use only the amount of pesticides prescribed on the label. Remember that these materials cannot go in your regular trash! Contact your local Waste Management office to find a Household Hazardous Waste drop-off center nearby.

4. Share your garden: Feel free to share the beauty of your garden with friends and neighbors, skipping both the cost and the trip to and from the florist. Simple green arrangements or branches with a bit of color make modern attractive gifts and home décor.

Fire Academy Classes Available

Applicants may apply now for Fire Academy Classes being offered by the West Valley City Fire Department. For class specific dates or for more information, contact Lee Mosen at 801-558-2492 or lee.mosen@wvc-ut.gov or visit www.westvalleyfireacademy.com



Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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