

## April 2015

### City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Lars Nordfelt, 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  
Police Dispatch.....801-840-4000  
Fire Department.....801-963-3336  
Emergency.....911  
Fitness Center.....801-955-4000  
Garbage.....801-955-3720  
Storm Water Utility.....801-963-3334  
Code Enforcement.....801-963-3289

### Website:

[www.wvc-ut.gov](http://www.wvc-ut.gov)

### City Hall Address:

West Valley City Hall  
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.  
WVC, UT 84119

### City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.



### A Message from Police Chief Lee Russo

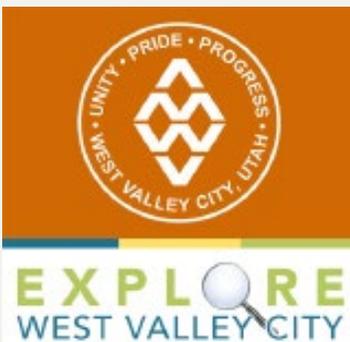
April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and to educate communities about how to prevent sexual violence. The West Valley City Police Department has been making unprecedented efforts to improve our service to, and support of, victims of crime. We have made remarkable progress through our understanding of the impact trauma has on sexual assault victims and we are leading the way in implementing new protocols that ensure compassionate treatment for sexual assault victims.

As part of our commitment to serve and support victims, the West Valley City Police Department officially joined the “Start by Believing” public

awareness campaign which focuses on the community response to sexual assault victims. The central premise of the “Start by Believing” campaign is understanding the impact of how the reaction of the first person whom a victim confides in, heavily influences the victim’s likelihood to pursue their victimization within the criminal justice system. Often, this “first report” individual is a close friend or family member. The reaction of the “first report” individual plays a large part in determining what happens next. Positive support is both necessary and critical for victims to become engaged – and remain engaged – with the criminal justice system.

By taking part in the “Start by Believing” campaign, we aim to send a message that says - when someone is sexually assaulted, we will start by believing the victim

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West Valley City is excited to join the Munzee global scavenger hunt to provide an exciting new way to explore our city. Every month, a new trail will be identified within the city allowing you to explore parks, facilities, venues and other points of interest right here in West Valley City. Prizes will be offered each month for the first person to complete the Munzee trail!

This month’s trailhead begins at the **Family Fitness Center (5405 West 3100 South)**. Be the first to capture each Munzee on the trail and win a \$25 Olive Garden Gift Card!

Visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/munzee](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/munzee) to learn more. Happy hunting!

and so should you. This message does not change the perspective of objectivity required to be a credible professional, nor does our involvement change our intention to conduct a thorough investigation. We know, however, that when victims are approached from the perspective where they are initially challenged, accused of lying, or their behavior is questioned as contributing to the event, they will often be unable – or unwilling – to provide the type of information needed for law enforcement to successfully investigate the case. A thorough investigation must therefore ensure that the person is treated with compassion and respect, and that the report is handled professionally – instead of communicating the message (either explicitly or implicitly) that I don't believe you.

This approach is not new to us, but our involvement in this campaign continues to solidify our efforts to provide the best

and most effective service to victims of crime and to you, the citizens of our community.



We're working to make this campaign a visible part of the West Valley City Police Department. You'll find "Start by Believing" posters in our police department lobby, and decals on our patrol cars. We're also sharing the "Start by Believing" message on our web site and through our social media. Look for these efforts and many others throughout Sexual Assault Awareness month, and well beyond, as we work to raise awareness and support victims of sexual violence.

We encourage you take a moment to familiarize yourself with the campaign by visiting our website, [www.wvcpd.com](http://www.wvcpd.com). We encourage you to join us in this effort to improve personal reactions and change outcomes for victims, one response at a time.

West Valley City Police Officers

PLEDGE TO START BY



A program of End Violence Against Women International



Congratulations to West Valley City employee Nic Hales, who was recently awarded the Silver Beaver -- the highest honor that a council of the Boy Scouts of America can award an adult leader. Unlike the Eagle Scout award, which is earned by completing merit badges and a service project, the prestigious Silver Beaver is awarded to a recipient who must be nominated by his peers.

Hales, who has worked in the city's Finance Department for more than six years, has been a scout leader since 2004, serving as Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cub Roundtable Commissioner, and as a member of the Council Cub Committee. He loves the scouting program and tries to live its values daily.

Thanks, Nic, for your contribution to our city and to the community!

## Nominations for Clean and Beautiful Awards now being accepted



Each spring, the West Valley City Clean and Beautiful Committee awards 76 residences and businesses for their efforts in helping make West Valley City clean and beautiful. Nominated properties are judged by volunteers, and winners are presented with a yard sign and a gift, and are recognized at an awards reception.

The committee is now seeking nominations for clean and beautiful residences and businesses.

To nominate a property, visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/cbaward](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/cbaward).

An election will be held this year for three West Valley City Council seats:

- Councilmember At-Large
- District 1 Councilmember
- District 3 Councilmember

Qualified candidates may file June 1 through June 8, 2015, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and on Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the City Recorder at [sheri.mckendrick@wvc-ut.gov](mailto:sheri.mckendrick@wvc-ut.gov) or 801-963-3203.



## Got Junk? Dumpster reservations are still available.



In addition to curbside garbage, recycling, and bulky waste, West Valley City provides neighborhood dumpsters for organized neighborhood cleanups.

Dumpsters are not automatically delivered to neighborhoods, and must be reserved. Residents, volunteer groups and neighborhood associations may schedule ten dumpsters for delivery; the resident or group reserving the dumpsters is required advertise the cleanup project.

For more information about reserving a neighborhood dumpster, call 801-955-3723 or visit [wvc-ut.gov/dumpsters](http://wvc-ut.gov/dumpsters).

## Don't forget about curbside bulky waste collection!



Also remember that West Valley City provides monthly curbside bulky waste collection for large items that won't fit in your regular collection bins.

To find out when curbside bulky waste is collected at your home, call 801-955-3720, or visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste).

## They take your money and run!

by Ed Domian, Chief Building Official

Just the other day a nice woman came to our permit counter to complain about her contractor. He told her that he was a *licensed* contractor, and she hired him to build a garage on her property. But, she did not list him on her permit application and she paid for the building permit listing herself as the owner/builder. Now more than \$30,000 later the garage is not completed and the contractor refuses to complete the work.

The homeowner paid her contractor half of the money for the garage construction up front and, like most folks, she planned on paying him the remainder of the money when the garage was completed to her satisfaction. But the unlicensed contractor pleaded with her for more money before project completion so he could pay his workers to keep working on her garage.

Frustrated, she filed a complaint with our Building Inspection Division. We quickly determined the "contractor" she hired was *not* licensed by the State of Utah.

Without a contractor's license, a construction worker or handyman may not charge more than \$3,000 for any construction project, including materials and labor. Additionally, there is no minimum exempt amount for a handyman to perform electrical, plumbing, or heating/cooling work – contractors must be licensed in those specific trades to perform such work regardless of the contract amount. This unlicensed contractor is in violation of State Contractor Law.

Unfortunately, because this individual is not a licensed contractor, the State has minimal leverage over him. The State cannot threaten to take away his contractor's license because he does not have one. The best the State can do is fine him for contracting without a license. That does not help the woman who paid \$32,000 for an unfinished garage with poor quality workmanship.

State law will allow homeowners to do any work on their own home, but a building permit is required. Your neighbors or friends may also help you do any of the work on your home as long as they do not charge you money or anything of value – the "pizza and pop rule."

I have seen cases where homeowners have paid \$20,000 - \$40,000 to an unlicensed contractor, and the work was never begun or so shoddy it all had to be torn down. Save yourself some headaches. Protect your property. Ask for a written bid on their company letterhead and their business card.

Before you sign a contract with any contractor, call Misty in our Building Inspection Division at (801) 963-3475. Simply state "I am thinking of having some work done on my home. I have a bid for the work from Wylie Coyote Construction; can you please tell me if they really have a State Contractor's license." We will give you the answer, no questions asked.

For further questions, please call me at 801-963-3276 or email [ed.domian@wvc-ut.gov](mailto:ed.domian@wvc-ut.gov).

C E L E B R A T I O N

GalLeRy



Autumn Turning (detail), Bonnie Posselli, 28" x 18" oil on canvas

INTERMOUNTAIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

SPRING INTO FANTASY

art exhibition

MARCH 12 - MAY 6

UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER | 1355 WEST 3100 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT

## Upcoming Events

Need help with taxes? The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be available at City Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 14. Appointments are available from 5 - 8 PM by calling 2-1-1.

### April

- 1 Intermountain Society of Artists "Spring Into Fantasy" Exhibit (through May 6)  
Cultural Celebration Center
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Cultural Celebration Center
- 8 WVC Watch Wednesday  
City Hall, 6 - 8 PM
- 8 Community Meeting with Chief Russo  
City Hall, 7 - 8 PM
- 16 Cops for Kids: Police Officers serve tables; tips benefit Children's Justice Center  
Sizzler, 3429 S. Redwood Rd., 4:30 - 8 PM
- 22 Safety Merit Badge Class  
Registration required; call 801-963-3336 for more information.  
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM

### May

- 1 Intermountain Society of Artists "Spring Into Fantasy" Exhibit (through May 6)  
Cultural Celebration Center
- 6 Meet with Mayor Bigelow  
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 12 Summer at the Station 3rd Annual Youth Arts Festival  
Fairbourne Station Plaza, 5 - 6:30 PM
- 13 Lokahi II Art & Artifact Exhibition (Through July 8)  
Cultural Celebration Center
- 13 WVC Watch Wednesday  
City Hall, 6 - 8 PM
- 13 Community Meeting with Chief Russo  
City Hall, 7 - 8 PM

New events are added daily.  
For a complete list, visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/events](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/events)



Join us for this amazing exhibition showcasing traditional and modern decorative eggs including hand carved eggs by local artist Brian Baity's Studio and a special showing of Barbara Amburn's Noritake Japanese eggs. Don't miss this eclectic mix of styles!

**April 1 - 30**

Utah Cultural Celebration Center  
1355 West 3100 South

**Free Admission!**

New year.  
New time.  
New place.

Community meetings with Chief Russo

Join us!  
Meetings now held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7-8 pm in the multi-purpose room at West Valley City Hall, 3600 S Constitution Blvd

**CHANGE AHEAD**