

May 2016

City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Don Christensen, 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

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.



UDOT Project to Impact I-215 Travel



Interstate 215 (I-215) is one of Salt Lake County's most critical corridors, running right through the heart of West Valley City.

Beginning in May, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) plans to complete several projects aimed at renewing I-215 in order to improve infrastructure and keep traffic moving. Learn more about the project at <http://goo.gl/fkto9U>.

Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog, West Valley City Animal Services



Please Love Me Enough to Leave Me Home!

Spring is here! Did you know dogs get spring fever too, just like people do? We dogs find ourselves wanting to jump in the car with the windows down, point our noses to the wind, and drink in spring!

On warm, sunny days, it's tempting to bring us along wherever you go. But did you know that even on a seemingly mild day, the temperature in a parked car can quickly reach levels that can harm, and even kill me? According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the temperature inside your

vehicle can rise almost 20° F in just 10 minutes. For example, if it's 78° F outside, inside the car can exceed 90° F, and even get up to 160° F if it's in the sun! My only means of cooling myself is panting and drinking water, so with no outside air and no water, my body's ability to function quickly deteriorates. Being unable to breathe, to cool myself, and even risking death is certainly not worth it for an outing, even if I'm left alone only briefly!

If that doesn't deter you, I should tell you that concerned citizens frequently call Animal Services Officers to report dogs in parked cars on sunny days. You could end up with a citation, or even the police being summoned to break the car window and me being taken to the shelter!

Please remember if you're going on a spring drive where I'm invited every place you will stop, you can bring me! Otherwise, love me enough to leave me home.

Thanks for listening,
Amalee

Your Address Can Save Your Life

By Ed Domian, Chief Building Official



Ever have trouble finding a home in a strange neighborhood? Maybe you are driving there to drop your child off for a play date with a school friend. Or maybe you were invited to dinner at a coworker's home. If you have not been to that neighborhood before, it can be very difficult and stressful to find your destination. All too often the building address is not easily seen as you drive by. It's even more difficult after dark.

Emergency responders face this challenge every week.

If you call 911 for help because you suspect there is a burglar trying to enter your home, or because you or a loved one is having a medical emergency, every second counts. You don't want to lose any critical minutes

because the Police Officer or the Ambulance or Fire truck cannot find your address.

I drive through the streets of our City every day looking for a building that has requested a routine building inspection. I am amazed at how many homes and businesses have no visible building address. Both the Building Code and the Fire Code have required an address on all buildings since before West Valley City incorporated.

Codes require address letters or numbers to be a minimum of 4 inches in height and ½" stroke. The address must be visible and legible from the street. That way the Police and Fire Department can find your home quickly in an emergency the first time they drive down your street—especially in the dark of night. Painting numbers on your curb does not work well as those numbers are often concealed by a parked car or snow.

So protect your home, your family, and your business with a visible, legible building address that can easily be seen from the street in the dark of night. It could save a life!

What Should I Do With My Grass Clippings?



With the rains that usually occur in spring, many of us have to mow our lawns more often. Heavy rains and frequent mowing can contribute to grass clippings ending up in storm water runoff, as they are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain.

Lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes contain phosphorus which, according to the U.S. EPA, is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff. Phosphorous is considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our lakes, ponds and streams.

Keep your grass clippings on the lawn and not in the street or gutter.

- Make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street.
- Do not use a hose to wash grass clippings into the street or storm drains.
- Sweep up grass clippings or blow them back into the lawn.
- Do not over fertilize your lawn. Apply only the amount of fertilizer your lawn needs.

Remember, when you keep your lawn clippings on your lawn, you are adding free fertilizer!

More information on stormwater best management practices is available at www.wvc-ut.gov/stormwater.

Water-Wise Tips For Your Lawn and Garden



- Water your lawn when it's cooler (early morning) to reduce evaporation.
- Set up your sprinklers so they're not watering the sidewalks and driveway.
- Turn off your sprinklers when it's raining or very windy.
- Use a drip irrigation system instead of a hose or sprinklers to water your garden.
- Set your lawn mower blades one setting higher since longer grass means deeper roots which need less water.
- Xeriscape with native species of plants or decorative rock.

Visit www.conservationgardenpark.org for more information and events related to learning water wise tips for your home and garden.

2016 BICYCLE SAFETY RODEOS

**June 4
Hunter Library**

**July 9
West Valley Library**

**August 15
Family Fitness Center**



Pre-Registration & Waivers Required
www.wvc-ut.gov/bikerodeo

Upcoming Events

May

- 4 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 5 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 10 Fire Safety Merit Badge Class
*Registration required; email
meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to
register.*
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 11 WVC Watch Wednesday
City Hall, 6 - 7 PM
- 11 Community Meeting with Chief Russo
City Hall, 7 - 8 PM
- 12 Student Arts Festival
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 6:30 PM
- 12 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 19 Utah Travels Art Exhibit (through
June 22)
Cultural Celebration Center
- 19 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 26 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 30 Memorial Day Holiday
City Offices Closed

June

- 1 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 2 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 9 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 16 WestFest (through June 19)
Centennial Park
Visit www.westfest.org for more
information and a complete
schedule of activities.
- 16 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 18 WestFest 5K & 10K
Centennial Park, 7:10 AM
- 23 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 30 #ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM

New events are added daily. For a
complete list, visit
www.wvc-ut.gov/events

STUDENT
ARTS
FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016
5:00 - 6:30 PM

FAIRBOURNE STATION PLAZA
2810 WEST 3590 SOUTH

UTAHtravels
photography exhibit
MAY 19 - JUNE 22
UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER 1355 WEST 3100 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY