



# Update

## News from West Valley City Hall

**March 2008**

### City Council Members:

- Dennis Nordfelt, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Mike Winder, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Joel Coleman, 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 ..... 966-3600
- City Manager ..... 963-3220
- Police Department ..... 963-3386
- Police Dispatch ..... 840-4000
- Fire Department ..... 963-3336
- Emergency ..... 911
- Family Fitness Center... 955-4000
- Garbage Questions ..... 955-3720
- Storm Water Utility ..... 963-3334
- Housing Authority ..... 963-3320
- Parks and Rec. .... 955-4000
- Harman Home ..... 966-5540
- Stonebridge Golf Course... 957-9000
- West Ridge Golf Course... 965-5800
- Graffiti Hot Line ..... 963-3467
- Animal Services ..... 965-5800
- Victims Services ..... 963-3223
- Ordinance Compliance ... 963-3289
- Utah Cultural Celebration Center ... 965-5140

### Web Site:

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

### Cleaning Up the City

*A message from Mayor Dennis J. Nordfelt*

We got the message! You have been loud and clear in letting us know that an important goal and objective is to improve the image of the City, increase commerce and encourage business, and, above all, increase property values by upgrading the appearance of our public, residential, and business properties. We have made great progress in this area in the 28 years since West Valley City incorporated. Thank you for everything you have done, individually and collectively, to beautify our community. As elected officials and staff, we are trying to do our part through planning and zoning, community service police officers, neighborhood services, neighborhood organizations, implementation of appropriate ordinances, and increased ordinance enforcement.

It is apparent from citizen input and response to surveys that we are now ready to take another step up and raise the bar. In response, West Valley City has recently created the Community Preservation Department. This new department focuses on code enforcement, housing, and animal services in an effort to collectively maintain and improve the quality of life in our City. As this new department works to establish its presence throughout the City, the director of this department will be hiring additional code enforcement officers, doubling the current staff. Additionally, a full-time Graffiti Specialist has been hired to focus solely on eradicating graffiti throughout our city. Already, the establishment of this new department and its increased staffing has made a difference in the appearance of our city.

While increased enforcement will help, it is not nearly as effective as when individual citizens accept the responsibility to see that their property is well-maintained. The City has implemented several tools to assist homeowners, business owners, and interested citizens to improve their property, neighborhood, and business community. To learn more about the tools available and the specific ordinance changes, call 963-3282 for Planning and Zoning, 963-3289 for Code Enforcement, or 963-3283 for Building Inspections.

West Valley City is a great community! I have full confidence that we will become even better by working together to upgrade the appearance of our City.

### Recycling Contamination Prevention

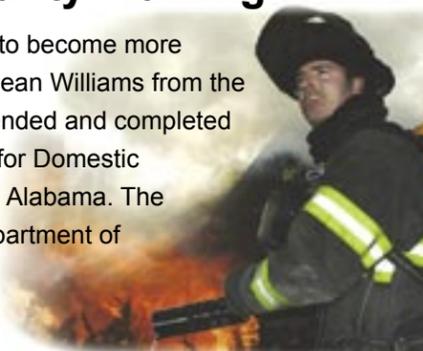
To help keep the new city-wide recycling program low-cost and successful, it is crucial that containers are not contaminated with unaccepted items. Ace Disposal and West Valley City have implemented a "Notice of Contamination" tag. This yellow tag is placed on containers where contamination was found. We ask residents to take the time to review the list of accepted items at [www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling) or at [www.acedisposal.com](http://www.acedisposal.com).

Following a third contamination incident, the recycling container will be removed from the residence and a fee may be assessed in order to reinstate service.

If you have any questions regarding recycling contamination procedures, please contact Ace Disposal at (801) 363-9995 or West Valley City Public Works Department at (801) 955-3720.

### West Valley City Firefighter Attends Homeland Security Training

As part of West Valley City's initiative to become more disaster resilient, emergency responder Dean Williams from the West Valley City Fire Department has attended and completed Homeland Security training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), located in Anniston, Alabama. The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction training facility in the nation. Additionally, the facility is the only live nerve agent training facility in the world.



### West Valley City Walking Tour

Dust off those walking shoes and get ready to explore the parks and trails throughout West



Valley City! Beginning April 19th, West Valley City Parks and Recreation will host a walking tour of the City, visiting a different trail area every month. Additional "fun walks" will also be hosted throughout the summer. To participate, just show up! Walk leaders will present trail information and a brief instructional presentation. Walking Tour 2008 T-shirts will also be available for \$10.

West Valley City Walking Tour Schedule (All walks are free of charge and begin at 8AM unless noted otherwise):

#### April 19

Centennial Park Trail System (Meet at Centennial Park West Playground)

#### May 17

Utah and Salt Lake Canal Trail (Meet at canal near Kennedy Jr. High School Seminary building)

#### June 28

West Fest 5K (entry fee applies, visit [www.westfest.org](http://www.westfest.org) for more information)

#### July 19

Lake Park Trail System (Meet on north end of Discover Card Corporate Center parking lot at 2500 South Lake Park Blvd.)

#### August 16

Night Walk at West Ridge Golf Course (Meet in parking lot of club house at 5055 South West Ridge Blvd.)

#### September 20

Decker Lake Trail (Meeting place to be announced – call 955-4000 for more information)

#### October 11

Hunter Village & Sugar Plum Trails (Meeting place to be announced – call 955-4000 for more information)

#### November 22

Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk at Centennial Park (entry fee applies, call 955-4000 for more information)

#### December 1

Walk With Santa at Centennial Park (Meet at Family Fitness Center entrance at 6PM)

## 5...6...7... It's Great! Utah Now Boosts 'til Eight!

By Hollie Davis,  
Utah Safety Council

After six long years, Utah has tried to become a booster seat state, and on March 5, 2008, HB 140, Child Restraint Devices, finally passed through the legislature. Representative Tim Cosgrove and co-sponsor Senator Greg Bell did a great job as well as all those other individuals involved with getting this bill passed. We especially thank all the volunteers who contacted their Representatives and Senators, and for those legislators who spoke in favor of the bill. This was our year!

For those wondering, what does this mean for my children? Good question. Here is what the bill includes. HB 140 requires the operator of a vehicle to provide protection of a person younger than eight years of age by using an appropriate child restraint device. In layman's terms, it means all children five up to eight years old must be in a booster seat or car seat (whichever is appropriate for the child's weight and height). If your child is under eight years of age and 57 inches tall or taller, they may sit in a seat belt. Of course, all children under age five also need to be in a car seat or booster (whichever is appropriate for their weight and height).

**Now you are asking yourself why?** Booster seats have proven to be 60% safer than seat belts alone. Studies also have proven that booster seats save children's lives and minimize their injuries in car crashes far more effectively than adult seat belts. A booster seat will elevate the child so that the shoulder belt fits properly over the middle of the shoulder and not the neck and hits the center of the chest. The lap belt will also fit across the hips or upper thighs rather than the stomach. Some other benefits are that your child will now be able to see out the window and feel comfortable in their own "seat."

**When will this bill go into effect?** As of May 4, 2008 the bill will go into effect. Law enforcement will be giving offenders a grace period although how long that will be has not yet been determined. The fine will be \$45. Educating the public on this bill is critical. Many traffic safety professionals have come together to strategize



and plan how they will educate the public and get more involved in media relations in order to reach all residents and law enforcement in the state of Utah.

**How much are booster seats and where can I get one if I cannot afford one?** There are many different types of booster seats available out there. Try your local Wal-Mart, Target, or even Babies "R" Us. All seats on the shelves have been tested and approved, although the best seat is the one that you will use properly and fits correctly in your car. Most booster seats range from \$15-30. If this is something you cannot afford please call May Romo at the Salt Lake Valley Health Department, 801-313-6607 (Spanish is available) or Amy Dastrup at 801-313-6684. The Health Department offers car seats on a sliding fee scale, based on family size and income. Give them a call if you have any questions on this law or would like to have your car seat checked for free.

**Will this affect our car pools?** It may or may not. Remember, your child's life and safety is much more important. Booster seats are very easy to use and install! Just a reminder, booster seats may ONLY be used with a lap and shoulder belt. Also get in the habit of re-buckling the seatbelt over the booster even when the child is not in their seat. It may become a projectile to others in the car in the event of a crash.

## Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West  
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.

### April

- 16 Senior Idol Event, 1PM
- 16 Salt Lake Bees Baseball, 5:15PM
- 17 Western Shadows Concert, 7PM
- 18 Scrapbook Expo (Bus Trip), 9:30AM – 1:30PM
- 21 Movie Monday
- 22 Advance Directive (Living Will), 11AM
- 23 New Digital TV Presentation, 11:30AM
- 25 Lunch at Joes Crab Shack, 11AM
- 28 Klown Arouns at Midvale, 11AM
- 29 Scones, 11AM
- 30 Volunteer Banquet, 5PM

For a complete calendar, visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/harman](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/harman).

### Weekly Activities

- Line Dancing** – Mondays, 9:30 AM
- Hats, Etc.** – Mondays, 9:30 AM
- Ceramics** – Thursdays, 10:00 AM
- Railroad Club** – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM
- Swimming** – Thursdays, 12:45 PM.
- Tai Chi** – Thursdays, 9:30 AM, \$1 per class
- Chair Exercise** – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:30 AM
- Bingo** – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:45 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 AM
- Choir** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
- Scrapbooking** – Mondays, 1:00 PM
- Bowling** – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards** – Daily
- Oil Painting** – Mondays, call for time



## Calendar

### April

- 1 Sudan – The Land & The People**  
(through April 30)  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 22 Tip-A-Cop**  
Sizzler, 3429 S. Redwood Rd., 5-8 PM
- 25 Japanese Sword Demonstration**  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6 PM
- 26 Dierks Bentley**  
The E Center, 7:30 PM
- 28 Shot Clinic**  
West Valley City Animal Shelter, 3-6 PM
- 28 Good Landlord Training**  
City Hall, 8 AM
- 2 Classic Rock All Stars**  
The E Center
- 9 Ivy Queen**  
The E Center, 7 PM
- 23 The Cure**  
The E Center, 7:30 PM

### May

**WASATCH FRONT METRO GAMES is...**

an opportunity for businesses across the Wasatch Front to compete in a fun series of recreational activities to promote wellness, participation and employee camaraderie.

Medals are awarded to the top three teams in each event and points from each event are tabulated to determine an overall Metro Games champion.

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE - CHECK OUT ALL THESE EVENTS TO CHOOSE FROM:**

- Golf
- Softball
- 3 on 3 Basketball
- Horseshoes
- Volleyball
- Indoor Speed Climbing
- 3 on 3 Soccer
- Miniature Golf
- Paintball
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Bowling
- and a "Funtastic" Closing Ceremony & Barbeque for all!

Take a flyer and send in for your FREE registration & info packet or simply call us at **801.264.2614**

or visit [www.sandy.utah.gov/parks](http://www.sandy.utah.gov/parks) and you'll be one step closer to the fun!

**Make your company a part of the GAMES!**

Presenting Partners:

Registration Deadline: May 16, 2008

## National Night Out 2008 Plan Your Neighborhood Block Party Now!

The 25th annual National Night Out will be taking place on August 5, 2008. Traditionally, participants in the National Night Out put on a display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils. In addition to the symbolic light display, other events and activities can be incorporated into neighborhood block parties such as:



- Cook outs, BBQ's & pot luck dinners
- Service projects
- Visits from WVC Police and Fire
- Talent shows, parades & music
- Contests & games

West Valley City residents have been participating in this event since its creation. Last year, the event included safety fairs, concerts, events, and dozens of block parties throughout the city. We hope to make 2008 even bigger and better, truly making a statement against crime and drugs in our neighborhoods.

Anyone can participate... please plan to join us!

For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office at 963-3258.



Did you know that in order to produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down? For more information about recycling, visit [www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling).

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