



December 2008

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- 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

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City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Christmas Wishes

A Holiday Message from Councilman Joel Coleman

While all around us we hear the pundits lamenting the tenuous economy, it is my hope this season will bring light and some comfort to the good families in our West Valley City community. There is no doubt we live in challenging times, but if we step back from the daily rush and look at our lives with a broader lens we can quickly find significant reasons to be deeply grateful for the prosperity and blessings we enjoy.

As a member of the city council, for example, I am always impressed at the ability of our resourceful civil servants to anticipate and accommodate the wide variety of issues that occur constantly in the line of duty. Public service isn't an easy endeavor and there are always plenty of critics. But day after day the West Valley City staff is there, working together as a successful team to provide the best services possible to the residents of our city.

Likewise, we are always more productive as citizens when we work together, recognizing our common interests, and reaching out to each other in a show of appreciation for the blessings we receive. While there is always good reason to celebrate and enjoy the variety of ethnic influences in our community, we must not let unbridled individualism drive wedges between us. Though the terms "multiculturalism" and "diversity" receive an abundance of attention in public dialogue these days, it is also my hope that we can pull together as neighbors and as Americans, regardless of our varied backgrounds, to create the kind of prosperous community we are proud to live in and that we all feel a part of.

I am an optimist, and I believe a mindset and a philosophical focus on unity will enhance our neighborhoods and bring success to our city in magnificent ways. I also believe some of our greatest years are still ahead of us in West Valley City. At this special time of year – a time when everybody seems to have a little more charity and love for their fellowman – may we show our gratitude by considering ways to work together in the spirit of cooperation and friendship.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Winter Heating Safety Tips

As the temperature outside drops, West Valley families take to the indoors to keep safe and warm. What they may not realize is that turning up the heat can increase the risk of home heating fires.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), nearly half of all home-heating fires occur during the winter months. On average, NFPA research show that heating equipment is involved in roughly 70,000 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated loss of more than 600 civilian deaths, almost 1,600 civilian injuries and more than \$1 billion in direct property damage.

"While these numbers are frightening, nearly all of these fires are preventable," says Kris Romijn, Assistant Chief. "We can reduce the number of home heating fires in our community by taking some simple precautions and using heating equipment properly."

NFPA and West Valley City recommend some simple home heating safety tips, so residents can help keep our community safe and warm this winter:

Be sure to look for the West Valley City Year End Report, inserted in this month's West Valley Journal. The Year End Report is also available online at www.wvc-ut.gov/yearend.

- Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug power cord only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Inspect for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home so that when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Have your home heating system professionally inspected or serviced every 12 months.

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow

*Snow Removal and
Parking Guidelines*

West Valley City's Public Works employees work hard to keep our streets clear of snow and ice during the winter months. With a little help from our residents, we can make winter driving safer for everyone. Please remember that when snow comes this winter the following rules will help everyone:

- Do not park vehicles, boats, trailers or any other personal property on the street whenever snow is a possibility. City Ordinance places limits on parking stating that "No vehicle shall be parked on any street (1) While there is an accumulation of snow or ice of one inch or more on the roadway; (2) for a period of longer than 72 consecutive hours; or (3) For any period longer than allowed by appropriate signs, markings... giving notice of such parking time limitations. That means that vehicles may be cited or towed when in violation of the parking ordinance. This ordinance is strictly enforced during the snow season.

- Please do not shovel, blow or push snow from your property into the roadway.

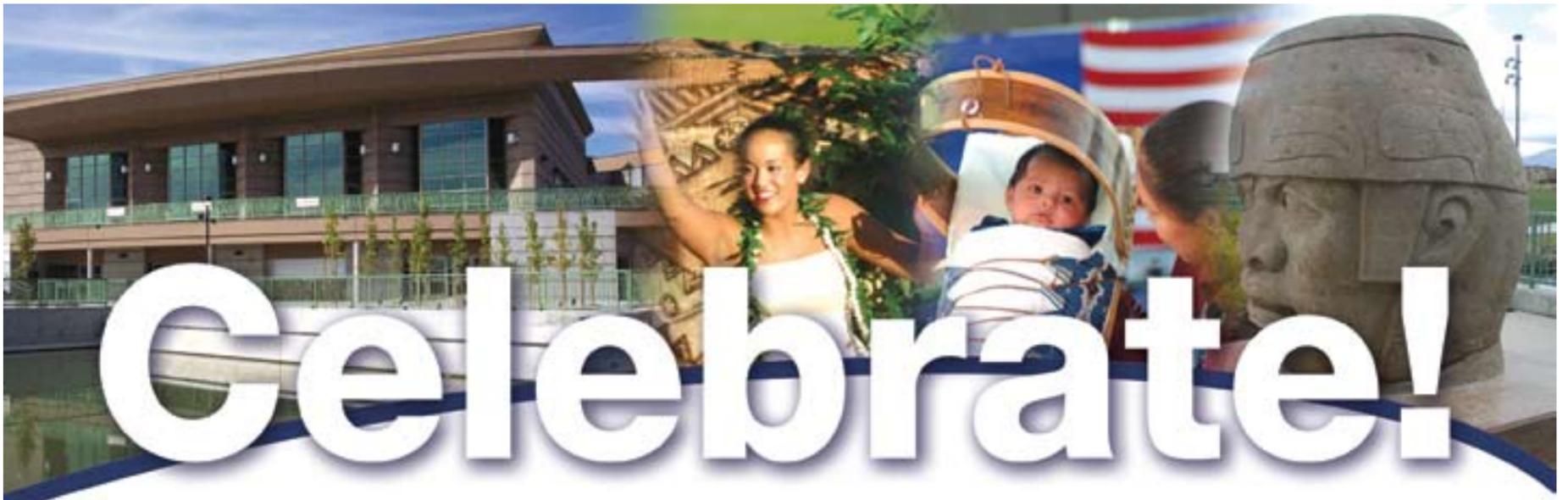
- If you must pile snow at the end of your driveway, be sure to place the snow on the downstream side of the drive. When the plow comes down the street, the pile will be carried away from your drive approach.

- Please be patient with our plow drivers. They have large areas with multiple travel lanes that must be cleared each storm. Main roads are always plowed first, followed by secondary or connecting streets. Subdivisions are plowed next, and finally cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

- When you find yourself following plow trucks, please stay back farther than normal. When two or more trucks are plowing in tandem, please do not attempt to pass, as this could result in an accident.

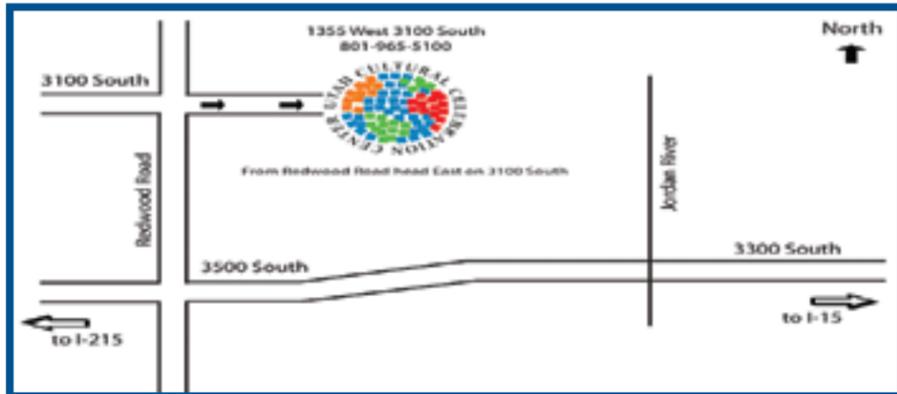
- Please understand that our drivers try to be as careful as possible when plowing your street. We strive to avoid burying sidewalks and driveways, but accidents do happen.

If you have any questions regarding snow removal in West Valley City, please call 955-3720 or visit www.wvc-ut.gov.



Celebrate!

Utah Cultural Celebration Center News



The Utah Cultural Celebration Center is becoming recognized as one of Utah's premier destinations for arts and cultural events. The Cultural Center is the only locally driven arts and cultural complex in the Salt Lake Valley, and is perhaps the only facility of its kind offering such a unique blend of spaces and objectives.

At the heart of these objectives, the Utah Cultural Celebration Center seeks to preserve and perpetuate local cultural traditions and to become a home for local arts and artists. It is a place for people of all ages to connect to their heritage and learn about the traditions of their neighbors.

Nearly into its fifth year of operation, the Utah Cultural Celebration Center is experiencing a new level of maturity and growth. Public programs are more diverse than ever, featuring everything from grassroots, community-driven projects to internationally touring art exhibitions. The Cultural Center continues hosting festivals and many free public gatherings celebrating Utah's diverse ethnic populations, and has also found new audiences through its WorldStage! Outdoor Concerts, ARTrageous Tuesdays educational series and many other programs.

Come join the celebration!

Local Artists Benefit from Utah Cultural Celebration Center's *Partners Program*

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center recently announced it would continue its popular *Partners Program*, designed to assist local artists and arts organizations by providing them with something they need most – space. Now in its third year, the *Partners Program* has provided that coveted space for meetings, rehearsals, classes, and other weekly gatherings for Utah's music, art, singing and dance communities.

In essence, the *Partners Program* works like this: instead of paying the usual rental fees for using the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, artists and arts organizations admitted into the *Partners Program* are instead required three things in the goodwill exchange: 1) placement of the Cultural Center logo on all promotions and advertising; 2) mention of the Cultural Center as a partner in all public events, and 3) an agreed upon service from the partner organization equal to what facility costs would have been under a normal rental agreement. All kinds of exchanges are possible with preference to exchanges that offer public programs or performances.

Last year's success has not gone unnoticed by Cultural Center staff. "This is a real win-win situation," says Michael Christensen, UCCC Folklorist. "With the *Partners Program*, the Cultural Center fulfills its mission by truly assisting artists in an area they desperately need, and at the same time the Cultural Center gets something we value in return – performers, artists, demonstrators, and other partners that help the Cultural Center present quality community arts programs. *Partners Program* groups last year included Chinese Folk Orchestra & Choir; Los Vientos del Sur, New-Zealand American Association; Latin Dance Heritage and others. Without their participation, our arts and cultural programs would not have been as rich or diversified. It's truly a unique partnership."

And this year the Utah Cultural Celebration Center hopes to get even more organizations to apply for the program. "We are increasing our outreach efforts this year and hope to receive applications from many new groups. We have also expanded the number of hours the program will be offered, so we hope to serve more groups, while at the same time expand and diversify our public programs," explains Program Director Susan Klinker.

Detailed information about and applications for the Utah Cultural Celebration Center 2008 *Partners Program* is currently available online at culturalcelebration.org or the Utah Cultural Celebration Center: 1355 West 3100 South. For more information, please call 965-5100.

Coming Soon!

to the Utah Cultural Celebration Center

the 5th annual
Trees of Diversity Exhibit

Showing Now - January 7

WorldStage!
winter concert series
concerts begin @ 7:30 p.m.

Jan 27 - Los Hornos de los Andes
Feb 23 - Tobi Amara

Come join the celebration!

Weddings Business Meetings Festivals
Tradeshows Reunions Holiday Parties
Retreats Quinceañeras Celebrations

Our 60-acre campus boasts fantastic views of the Jordan River and Wasatch Mountains, and features a Great Hall, meeting rooms, amphitheater, and art gallery.

Our professional and friendly staff are ready to assist you with event plans to make sure that your event is a success.

For more information or to book your event, call 965-5100 or visit www.culturalcelebration.org today!

1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City, UT, 84119



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West Valley City Fitness and Recreation Center News



Host Your Next Birthday Party at the Family Fitness Center

Let the staff of the West Valley City Family Fitness Center take the stress out of planning your next birthday party. With three packages to choose from, there's no better way to celebrate!

Three options to choose from, starting at \$70 for ten kids and two adults. Family Fitness Center members receive a \$10 discount on all party packages. Additional guests may attend for \$4 each. Additional pizzas, drinks, and cakes may be purchased.

Reservations must be made one week prior to event.

Madden NFL 09 Video Game League

The West Valley City Family Fitness Center and Game Crazy are excited to host the Madden NFL 09 Video Game League Single Day Tournaments.

Youth Tournaments:

(Ages 12 to 16)
\$5 per person; \$7.50 per team (2 players)

Tournament Dates:
November 15, January 3,
February 14, March 14

Adult Tournaments:

(Ages 17 and up)
\$10 per person; \$15 per team (2 players)

Tournament Dates:
January 17, February 28, March 28

Registration Deadline is 2 days prior to date of tournament.

For more information or to register your band, call Kevin at 955-4012 or visit the Family Fitness Center.

Tae Kwon Do

(For ages 8 & older)

Tae Kwon Do classes offer a fun fitness program for the entire family. Classes are taught by four Black Belt instructors.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

New/Beginner:
7 - 7:45 pm

Intermediate/Advanced:
7:45 - 8:30 pm

Members, \$25; non-members,
\$35 (monthly)

West Valley Dance Force



The Family Fitness Center offers all formats of dance, including ballet, hip-hop, jazz, cheer, tap, and more! Adult classes are also available.

Sessions begin January 5, 2009.

For more information, call
955-4030.

Swimming Lessons

Parent/Infant Classes:

Four 30-minute lessons
Members, \$15; non-members, \$21

Private Lessons:

30-minute lesson - \$15

Semi Private Lessons

(up to 3 people):
30-minute lesson - \$20

For more information about aquatics programs, call
955-4001.

After-School and Day Camps for Kids

Field Trips! *Face Painting!* Western Day! *Games! Sports! Friends! Safari Day! Dancing! Roller Skating! Ice Skating!*

After School Camp (K-6)

After school camps include sports, games, swimming, rock climbing, study time, and more! Transportation is available from Valley Crest, Monroe, Whittier, and Wright Elementary schools (children from any school may attend, however transportation will not be provided).

\$25 – one week; \$7 – one day

Kidz Kamp

Ages 5 - 11

Camps include sports, crafts, swimming, ice skating/roller skating, rock climbing, and field trips. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Monday – Friday
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

\$20 per day; \$90 per week (additional children, \$80)

Kindergarten Kamp (Ages 5 - 6)

Mon.-Fri. 7 am – 12 noon for Afternoon Kindergarteners
Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am – 6 pm for Morning Kindergarteners

Registration includes lunch & snacks, Kidz Yoga, swimming lessons, rock climbing, field trips, silly games and much more.

\$45 per week or \$10 per day per child (No Refunds)

**We provide transportation to & from Valley Crest ONLY*

Registration for all camps are due by Wednesday at 1 pm the week prior to the beginning of camp. No late registrations or date changes accepted.



Free Junior High School Program

The Family Fitness Center is now accepting registrations for the Junior High School program.

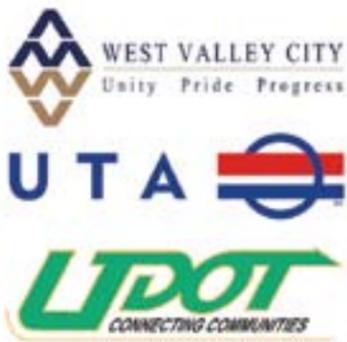
Registration includes all activities (swimming, leadership, field trips, golf training, and more!).

Call 955-4000 for more information or to register.



5415 West 3100 South, West Valley City, UT 84120 (801) 955-4000 www.WestValleyFitnessCenter.org
Facility Hours: M-F 5 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Lap Swim: M-F 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Open Plunge: M-F 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. (slide opens at 5 p.m.) Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.





Transformation West: Changing the Face of West Valley City

One of the major projects transforming West Valley City is the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) 3500 South Project. Construction is currently underway on 3500 South to widen the road to add more travel lanes. Additionally, the project will include the installation of a dedicated lane for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as well as burial of power and fiber optic communication lines. New curb, gutter, and sidewalk will also be installed, and UDOT will partner with the City to install trees and lighting.

Utility work is now underway on the outer edges of 3500 South. This work is expected to continue through Spring 2009. Crews are currently re-locating utility (power and fiberoptic lines) on the south side of the roadway between Bangerter Highway and 3200 West and installing a new water line on the north side of 3500 South. Crews are also in the process of replacing all traffic signals in project limits.

Questar Gas 4" Parallel Main Work

Questar is working in the area directly in front of and west of Carl's Jr. and the Texaco gas station. The access west of Carl's Jr. will be closed temporarily to perform this work. It is also anticipated that the 3500 South entrance at the Texaco gas station will be closed temporarily to perform the gas work through that access.

Water Line Installation 2700 West to 3200 West

- Installation of a new water line continues on the north side of 3500 South between Beaver Street and 3200 West.
- Mainline 3500 South has been restriped with a new lane configuration to accommodate the work.
- Westbound traffic is restricted to one lane on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.; two lanes will remain open eastbound.
- Left turns are advised signalized intersections only.
- Motorists may be cited for left-turn movements that impede traffic.
- Businesses adjacent to the area should expect crews working around their locations from time to time. Businesses will be given advance notice of any potential impacts to access.
- Temporary side street closures are possible and detour routes will be clearly marked.

Traffic Signal Work

Crews are working to install new traffic signals at all intersections in project limits. This work will be done under existing traffic control.

Fire Academy Classes Available

The West Valley City Fire Department is offering a Fire Academy Class beginning January 5, and is accepting applicants now. For more information, contact Lee Monsen at 558-2492 or lee.monsen@wvc-ut.gov, or visit www.wvfireacademy.com.

UTA Bus Detour

To facilitate safe, consistent bus stops for riders during construction, UTA has detoured the 3500 South route between Bangerter Highway and 2700 West to the following:

- 3100 South between Bangerter Highway and 3200 West
- North and south on 3200 West
- Lancer Way (3650 South) between 3200 West and 2700 West

Business Access

Business accesses will be maintained during utility work.

Pedestrians

Various sidewalk closures will be required for ongoing water and utility work corresponding to specific locations. Sidewalk closure signs will be placed at those various locations.

Business Signs

The project team is coordinating with affected businesses to remove signage in the emerging utility corridors in the following areas:

- North and south sides of 3500 South between Bangerter Highway and 3200 West
- North side of 3500 South between 2700 West and 3200 West

Safety

- Motorists are advised to slow down and watch for construction equipment and workers in the work zone.
- Due to the potential for rear-end collisions, left turns are advised at signalized intersections only. Motorists may be cited for impeding traffic while making left-turns at other locations.

During the 3500 South Project, the Public Information Team will be distributing regular updates by e-mail. If you are interested in receiving these updates, send a request to 3500southinfo@utah.gov. Additionally, information is available by calling 801-608-6369 or at www.udot.gov/3500south.

West Valley Animal Services Pet Vaccination Clinic

West Valley City Animal Services holds a Pet Vaccination Clinic on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Services Available:

- Rabies Vaccinations - \$10 (Required by state law)
- Microchips - \$20
- Feline Leukemia - \$10
- Feline Combo - \$10
- Dog Combo - \$10
- Dog Bordetella - \$10
- Deworming - \$5

West Valley City & Taylorsville Licenses - \$25 for unaltered pets and \$5 for altered pets

West Valley & Taylorsville Resident Special for \$45, includes license (altered pets only), dog/cat booster combos (includes bordetella/leukemia), rabies vaccination, and microchip.

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.

December

- 17 Choir at Magna, 11AM
- 18 Brockbank Jr. High Entertainment, 11AM
- 18 Outreach, 11:30AM
- 19 Entertainment, 11AM
- 19 Christmas Dinner, 12noon
- 22 Candlelight Christmas, 4:30PM
- 23 Choir Party, 10AM
- 23 Trees of Diversity/Lunch at Golden Corral, 12noon
- 24 Closed
- 25 Closed
- 29 Movie Monday
- 31 Roll Back the Clock Party, 10AM – 1PM

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

Weekly Activities

- Chess Club – Wednesdays, 1 PM
- Photography – Thursdays, 11 AM
- Line Dancing – Mondays, 12:30 PM
- Hats, Etc. – Mondays, 9:30 AM
- Ceramics – Thursdays, 10:00 AM
- Railroad Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM
- 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
- Bowling – Wednesdays, 12:30 PM
- Billiards and Cards – Daily
- Oil Painting – Mondays, call for time

2009 Crime Prevention Seminar Series Announced

The West Valley City Neighborhood Services Office, in conjunction with the West Valley City Police Department, has announced the schedule and topics for the 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar Series. This free series of seminars will feature a variety of guest speakers covering a number of topics of interest.

Mark your calendars and join us in 2009 as we provide valuable information that will help you and your family stay safe!

- January 12 - Community Resources for Gang Prevention and Intervention
 - February 9 - Utah Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry
 - March 9 - National Inhalant and Poisons Awareness Month
 - April 13 - National Alcohol Awareness Month
 - May 11 - National Safe Kids Month (Internet Safety)
 - June 8 - Graffiti Awareness
 - July 13 - Home Safety
 - August 10 - ID Theft and Senior Fraud
 - September 14 - National Preparedness Month (CERT)
 - October 19 - National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - November 9 - Gang Awareness
 - December – No Meeting Due To Holidays
- All Crime Prevention Seminars are free to the public and will be held at the West Valley City Family Fitness Center, 5415 West 3100 South, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Calendar

December

- 1 **Trees of Diversity Exhibit**
(through January 7)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 24 **Christmas Holiday**
City Hall Closed
- 24 **Fitness Center Holiday Hours**
7 AM - 12 Noon
- 25 **Christmas Holiday**
City Facilities Closed
- 30 **Dancing With The Stars Tour**
The E Center, 7:30 PM

January

- 1 **New Year's Day**
City Hall Closed
- 1 **Trees of Diversity Exhibit**
(through January 7)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 2 **Steel Thunder Tour**
The E Center, 8 PM
- 3 **Steel Thunder Tour**
The E Center, 2 PM & 8 PM
- 19 **Martin Luther King Day**
City Hall Closed
- 26 **WorldStage! Christmas Concert**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7:30 PM
- 28 **Buckcherry and Avenged Sevenfold**
The E Center, 6:30 PM



Did you know that all of the recyclable material collected from West Valley City is reused in one way or another, regardless of contamination? Most of the paper is recycled into tissue papers while aluminum cans are bought back by Budweiser to recycle into new cans. All of the contaminated material is taken to an incineration facility and used for power.

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