



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

February 2009

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

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

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

How is YOUR city weathering the economic storm?

A Message from Councilmember Mike Winder

We read that Utah, while seeing a slowing economy, is still faring far better than the nation as a whole. But did you know that our city, West Valley City, is actually weathering better than most Utah cities? Our building permits have slowed some, but other cities have seen drops of 80%. While we see on the news cities raising taxes and slashing budgets, WVC is keeping its head above water due to three key factors:

1. **DIVERSIFICATION** - Our city has 1/3 of its revenues coming from property tax, 1/3 from sales tax, and 1/3 from miscellaneous fees. Like a diversified stock portfolio, this helps us weather the ups and downs in any one sector of the economy. Suburban cities that rely heavily on sales tax are really hurting this recession.
2. **AGGRESSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - In the last two quarters, WVC has seen \$107 million in new capital investment. Last year we saw over \$2 million in new sales tax and 1,375 new jobs were created in the city. Olive Garden opens up at the end of February, TGI Fridays and Famous Footwear are on their way to Valley Fair Mall, and three new hotels are nearing completion (one on 3500 South and two by I-215 and the E-Center—have you seen their waterslide?). TRAX is currently under construction, which will continue to spur transit-oriented development for years to come.
3. **SOUND MANAGEMENT** - As city leaders, we have made fiscally sound decisions in recent years to not spend more than we collect, to pay down city debt, and to more efficiently manage the city. Recently our city was awarded the Excellence in Financial Reporting award from a national organization and Standard and Poor's upgraded our bond rating to AA+. So while we all are feeling the economic blues, we are in the best state in the country and the best city in the state to weather the storm. So hang in there and keep supporting our city businesses to keep our tax dollars local!

Dangers I've Seen

By Ed Domian, Chief Building Official

In my travels as both a municipal building inspector and private home inspector, I have often shuddered at the risks people create in their homes.

I have seen basement bedrooms constructed by Dad for his young children without a building permit – only problem is there is no escape or rescue window for the Fire Department to enter to save those small children from a house fire. I have seen every smoke detector in a fairly new home removed because the parents were tired of nuisance alarms. I have seen electrical wiring that would make the most experienced electrician white with fright just because the Dad or Uncle Joe thought he was an electrician. I have seen gas furnaces improperly vented creating a high risk of death from carbon monoxide. I have seen property owners rent out any space they could to people who needed a cheap place to rent; kind of tough on a newborn when the only heat in the converted garage is an electric space heater. I have seen ceilings near collapse and dangling electrical hazards only after the renters were tired of being ignored by their benevolent landlords. I have seen young families whose only drinking water was from the toilet tank. I have seen filth that made me itch all day. I have seen whole roofs collapse.

Building codes and regulations are designed to prevent tragedies. They are not created to restrict someone's life but to prolong it. That is what building inspectors and fire inspectors do, and we ask no one's forgiveness or permission. The sad thing is we rarely find these things without a tip from a neighbor or a chance inspection. In my 24 years with West Valley City, we have been very lucky. Let's hope our luck continues for the good of all citizens – especially the little ones who rely on parents to always look out for their welfare.

For more information about building codes and regulations, call (801) 963-3283, or visit www.wvc-ut.gov/building.



Down Payment Assistance and Other Available Programs

Are you considering purchasing your first home in the near future? Do you want to take advantage of the low prices of homes right now, but don't have either the down payment or closing costs? If so, the West Valley City Housing Authority has a down payment assistance program for income eligible applicants and would like to assist with \$5,000 free gift of money or loan to be used for your down payment or closing costs. The applicant must be an owner occupant for a period of 5 years after receiving assistance. The grant/ loan must be repaid if the applicant resells, transfers title, refinances the home, or

moves within the first five years.

We've got other programs available to low-income home owners for West Valley City residents that are in need of emergency repairs or need necessary repairs in their homes or mobile homes. All applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to participate in any of these programs please visit us online at www.wvc-ut.gov/housing, or you can stop at our office at 3660 South Constitution Boulevard in City Hall.

If you have any questions feel free to call Gabriela Hernandez (801) 963-3369.

Crossing Guard

West Valley City is currently seeking qualified applicants to fill vacant Crossing Guard positions. For more information or to add your name to the roster, call (801) 955-3679.



Celebrate!

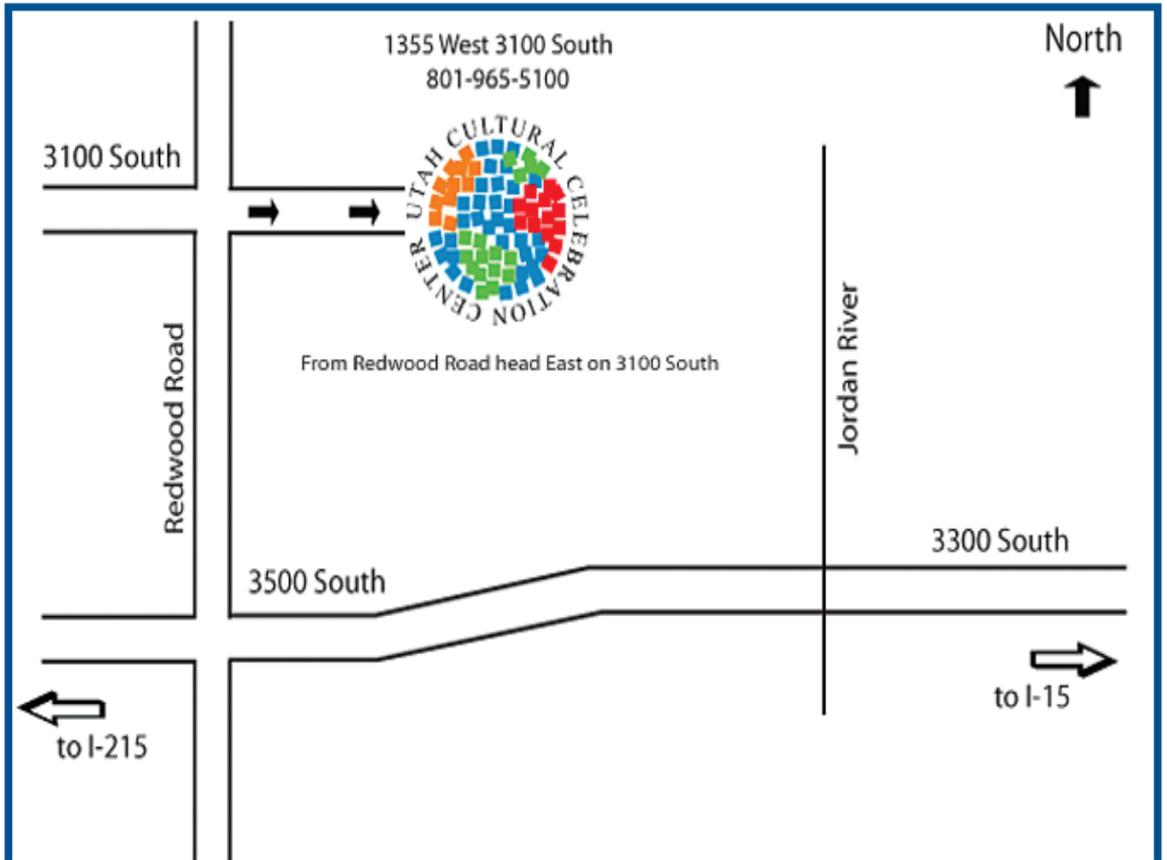
Utah Cultural Celebration Center News

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!



**CELEBRATING FIBER ARTS:
FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT**
JANUARY 16 - MARCH 11

GALLERY HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 6 PM
FRIDAY ARRANGEMENT - CLOSED MOST HOLIDAYS

UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER
1355 WEST 3100 SOUTH • 801-965-5100
WWW.CULTURALCELEBRATION.ORG

A WEST VALLEY CITY INITIATIVE

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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www.culturalcelebration.org





West Valley City Fitness and Recreation Center News

Membership Has Its Advantages!

Did you know that for less than one dollar per day, your family can have access to West Valley City's award-winning Family Fitness Center? Featuring a lap pool, a leisure pool with the state's tallest indoor waterslide, basketball and racquetball courts, an indoor track, cardio equipment, a weight room, a climbing wall, dance and aerobic rooms, and a soft-play "edutainment" room for children, the Family Fitness Center has something for every member of the family!

In addition to the many amenities, your membership includes free child care (first hour free, \$1.50 for each additional hour), two free personal training sessions for each adult on the membership (up to four sessions), free monthly body composition testing, discounts on programs and special events, free use of rental equipment, discounts on party packages, free movies and crafts in the edutainment center, one free four-week fitness class pass each year, and more!

For more information, call 955-4000 or visit www.westvalleyfitnesscenter.org.



Stars on Stage

Give your 5 - 12 year old a chance to Sing, dance, and shine on stage!

When: Thursdays

8 - 12 year olds: 3:45 - 4:45 pm

5 - 7 year olds: 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Where: WVCFFC Community Room A

Fee: \$20 per month per child or \$30 per month for a family

Performance will be in May

Register at WVCFFC front desk
Call 967-8308 for more information



The West Valley City Family Fitness Center is excited to present the USA Junior Olympic Skills Competition, a national grassroots skills competition that provides boys and girls ages 8 to 13 the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in four sports: basketball, soccer, tennis and track & field. The Junior Olympic Skills Competition is intended to encourage youth participation in sports and emphasize fair and friendly competition.

Kids can participate in any or all of the individual sports and advance through three levels of competition, including the National Finals. Each sport is scored individually.

**Saturday April 4
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

Participants may register in advance or at the door (registration closes at 9:30 a.m. on day of event).

For more information or to register, call 955-4012 or visit the front desk of the Family Fitness Center.

The West Valley City Family Fitness Center offers a variety of swimming lessons and aquatic programs. For more information, 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.



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:
March 14

Adult Tournaments:
(Ages 17 and up)

\$10 per person; \$15 per team (2 players)

Tournament Dates:
January 17, February 28, March 28

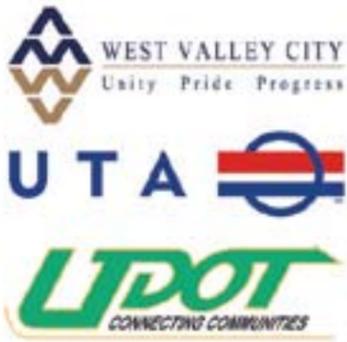
Registration Deadline is 2 days prior to date of tournament.

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



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

West Valley City's Economic Development Division continues its commitment to providing economic progress for residents of the City. Many of the Division's current and upcoming projects are moving forward, and other projects are in their designing and planning modes.

Valley Fair Mall is putting the final touches on its Phase I construction plan, while the new Wells Fargo Bank office is up and running at full speed. Construction drawings for further development have been submitted to the City for processing. For those of you who love eating at an Olive Garden restaurant get ready to line up for their Grand Opening in early March.

West Valley City's North Central Economic Development Area (NC EDA) containing the 201 Commerce Center, owned and operated by 201 CC Holdings, LLC, now has its first tenant, QuartzDyne; a \$19 million project which is well under construction at this time, as they continue to market additional sites to potential tenants.

The Southwest Economic Development Area (SW EDA), anchored by Hexcel Corporation, an advanced structural materials producer for the aerospace industry, continues its plan

in making a multi-million dollar investment here in West Valley City at their site in the southwest portion of the City, as worldwide demand for their product continues to increase.

The West Valley City Redevelopment Agency also continues with their property acquisition program of land needed for the City Center Development planned near our City Hall as a flurry of work by UTA contractors on the City's Intermodal Center continues to move forward with great pace.

Other Economic Development projects that have been either completed or are planning to open soon are the Arizona Tile Company, Codale Electric, DACO, Ace Disposal, and hotels north of the E-Center. In its planned relocation to the Valley Fair Mall property, Wingers has already completed the shell for their new building as they move toward completion of all their tenant improvements.

As we look forward to more growth in 2009 and beyond, West Valley City's Economic Development and Redevelopment Division, as always, is committed to carrying out its three fold purpose to expand and recruit businesses, revitalize targeted areas, and expand and diversify revenue base.

Latino Community Seminar Series

West Valley City wants to hear the voice and concerns of all its residents. The main objective of the Latino Community Seminar Series is to inform the Latino Community about City ordinances and programs in Spanish. This is an opportunity to learn about and understand the City's expectations. Latino residents are encouraged to attend and be a participant in their City Government.

The seminars will be held every third Thursday of the month beginning on April 16, 2009, in the rooms 101 and 102 of the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 West 3100 South, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The seminars are open to public and free of charge.

The 2009 Latino Community Seminar Series schedule will be:

- April 16**
Introduction to West Valley City
- May 21**
Neighborhood Watch
- June 18**
Crime Prevention and how to identify criminal activities
- July 16**
Code Enforcement
- August 20**
Business Licensing
- September 17**
Fire Prevention
- October 22**
Domestic Violence

For more information about the seminars and how you can participate please contact Enrique Sosa at (801) 963 3297 or enrique.sosa@wvc-ut.gov.

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!

- 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.

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.

February

- 18** Silver Stepper Line Dancers, 11 a.m.
- 20** Fun Bunch Lunch, Olive Garden, 11 a.m.
- 24** Memory Lane, 11 a.m.
- 27** Berlin Aircraft Exhibit, 9:30 a.m.

March

- 2** Birthday Monday
- 3** Haircuts, 9:30 a.m.
- 3** Blood Pressure Check, 11 a.m.
- 4** Talent Show, 11 a.m.
- 5** Guys & Dolls, 5:45 p.m.
- 6** Choir at Golden Living Center, 11 a.m.
- 10** Golden Years Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 11** Hand Rub
- 11** Movies with Granger High School, 10 a.m.
- 16** Movie Monday
- 17** Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 17** St. Patrick's Buffet, 12 noon
- 18** Ice Cream Social by Beehive Home, 11 a.m.

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

Weekly Activities

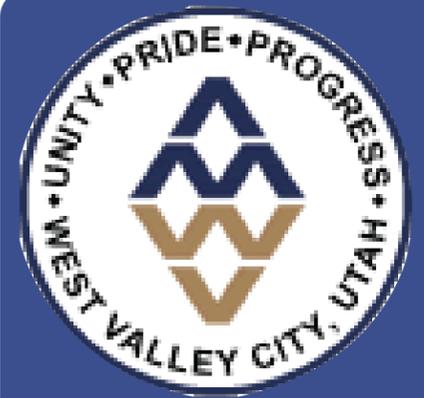
- Chess Club** – Wednesdays, 1 PM
- Line Dancing** – Mondays, 12:30 PM
- Hats, Etc.** – Mondays, 9:30 AM
- Ceramics** – Thursdays, 10:00 AM
- Railroad Club** – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM
- Tai Chi** – Thursdays, 9:30 AM, \$1 per class
- Chair Exercise** – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:30 AM
-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

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Dial 211
or visit utahtaxhelp.org
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Calendar

February

- 1** **Celebrating Fiber Arts** (through March 11)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 23** **Winter Concert – Los Hermanos**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7:30 PM

March

- 1** **Celebrating Fiber Arts** (through March 11)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 9** **Community Crime Prevention Seminar**
Family Fitness Center, 6:30 PM
- 12** **Thomas & Friends Live! One Stage**
The E Center, 4 & 7 PM
- 14** **Free Kidney Screening**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 10 AM
- 20** **Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon: Vietnamese America Since 1975** (through May 27)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 21** **Run Into Spring 5K**
Family Fitness Center, 8 AM



Did you know that free, confidential income tax preparation is available to low to moderate income households? For information about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) VITA program dial 2-1-1.

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