



# UpDate

## News From West Valley City Hall

June 2007 Edition

### City Information

#### City Council Members:

- Dennis Nordfelt, Mayor
- Margaret Peterson, 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.

### Smart Money

*A Message from Council Member Mike Winder*

As taxpayers, we often grow cynical when we hear of federal funding for the \$223 million “Bridge to Nowhere” that goes from Ketchikan, Alaska to a tiny island of ten families; or the \$50 million dollar appropriation to study methane output from cows in Iowa. Perhaps this is why we are especially pleased when we hear of government actually taking business savvy actions with our hard-earned money.

One such example is the phenomenally successful program of redevelopment, economic development, and community development areas (RDAs, EDAs, and CDAs). We currently have 13 of these unique areas in West Valley City, and they’re purposes range from cleaning up salvage yards, to revitalizing 3500 South. One example of how they work is the Decker Lake Economic Development Area.

Established in 1995, the City designated 209 acres in the area around and including Decker Lake, west of I-215. The area was valued at \$20 million at the time, and by naming it an EDA for 12 years, the city authorized a percentage of any new taxes

generated in that time to be reinvested in that specific area. With the promise of such economic development assistance, businesses—most notably Franklin Covey—began gathering. Since 1995, over two million dollars of tax increment has been collected and reinvested in the area: cleaning up Decker Lake, adding trails, constructing Decker Lake Drive, and providing staff assistance to attract businesses.

To date, over 300,000 square feet of office space has come here as a result, and the property values have risen from \$20 million to \$74 million, with an additional \$50 million to be arriving soon in the form of two hotels and a 300-unit multi-family development that will be adjacent to the planned E-Center TRAX station. So at the end of the 12 year life of the Decker Lake EDA we will see a 520% increase in property values there—which of course means that the city, county, school district and other taxing agencies will see far greater dollars rolling in than if the investment of the EDA had not occurred. Now that’s smart money!

### Planning Fundamentals: The Future of West Valley City

By Frank Lilly, Long Range Planner

Great communities never happen by accident. They are built over time from the hands of many people including developers, your elected and appointed officials, city staff, a variety of other government agencies and, most importantly, you. A great community cannot be built without vision and the active support of the people who live, work, study, and play there. West Valley City employs many people who assist in the city’s planning efforts to ensure a better long-term vision. Everyone works together to define a vision and make a great community happen.

#### So what is planning anyway?

Planning is the process in which land uses and transportation modes (including highways, streets, bus routes and light rail) are arranged in a city. Planning can inspire change by promoting a shared and a clear vision of the future. The planning process has several objectives, including public health and safety, ease of access and convenience to community resources, economic development, and aesthetics. Ultimately, planning aspires to build a community that is safe, comfortable, convenient and desirable.

#### With those lofty goals, why are there so many problems with our community now?

Good question. Because our country is founded on the principles of democracy and the free market, city planners must be very careful to balance free enterprise with over-zealous government control. Finding this balance takes care and time. A dream for improved housing, commercial development, or great public spaces is constrained by economic conditions. While planners can guide a development’s design or location, ultimately



it is the developers who decide when and exactly what to build. When you consider transportation upgrades—that can take years or decades to finish—the planning process requires patience and a keen eye to the future.

#### What can I do to make a difference?

West Valley City is revising its General Plan, which will clarify the city’s aspirations and planning priorities for the next 25 years. Your best opportunity to make a difference is to help guide the General Plan revision. We will be holding public meetings later this year, but you don’t need to wait for a meeting to provide input. Planners will be present at WestFest at Centennial Park from the 21st through the 24th of June to hear your ideas, or you can call 965-5841 at any time to speak to a long range planner. In next month’s UpDate you will read more about the General Plan and what you can do to make a real difference for your community.

**Are you interested in representing the West Valley City community as a City Council member? If so, the period to file for candidacy is quickly approaching; valid candidates are invited to file for the 2007 election from July 2 through July 16. For candidacy requirements and other 2007 election questions, call 963-3203.**

### UDOT Construction Update



#### I-215 West, 3800 S & 4100 S Bridges:

Daytime pile driving activities on 3800 South under the I-215 Bridge will continue through the end of May. I-215 will be restricted to three lanes in each direction during this time. Detours are in place on 3800 South at 2200 West and Constitution Boulevard; the road will be closed under the I-215 bridges as the project continues.

**Suggested Alternate Routes: Use 4100 South or 3500 South to Constitution Boulevard or 2200 West.**

For more information call (801) 661-7285, or email I-215westbridges@comcast.net if you would like to be added to the weekly update list. You may also visit the project summary page at [www.udot.utah.gov](http://www.udot.utah.gov).

#### Redwood Road, 2320 South - 3100 South:

Crews are excavating the roadway and installing a storm drain. Concrete paving will occur approximately May through June.

For more information, call 1-800-948-4002 or email [hotline9@msn.com](mailto:hotline9@msn.com).

#### 3500 South & Bangerter Highway - Continuous Flow Intersection:

Left turn lanes on 3500 South (turning onto Bangerter Highway) will be reduced from two left turn lanes to one left turn lane. Two through traffic lanes will remain open in both directions. Expect lane restrictions while the road is being re-striped. The right lane closures in all directions at Bangerter Highway and 3500 South will continue into the near future. The south sidewalk across Bangerter Highway is closed. Use the north sidewalk and follow the designated pedestrian path. Temporary delays and lane restrictions may be in place during off-peak hours.

For more information about the CFI Construction, call 1-877-350-2346, email [cfi@utah.gov](mailto:cfi@utah.gov), or visit [www.utah.gov/cfi](http://www.utah.gov/cfi).

#### Prepare to Drive the New CFI:

A 15-minute presentation on how to drive the new intersection is available. Call Wendy Hansen at 487-4800 or email [cfi@utah.gov](mailto:cfi@utah.gov) to schedule an appointment.

**Please use extra caution and obey traffic control signs when driving in the work zone.**

*Work schedules are subject to change.*

## Progress as Promised: West Valley City Redevelopment Project Update



### City Center

Work has begun on West Valley City's City Center project. The first sign of progress has been the demolition of the former Francesco's Restaurant, located at the corner of 3500 South 2700 West. Construction on a new 18,000 square foot retail/office building will soon be underway. City officials are also working closely with developers and architects to identify and design the most viable retail and residential projects, which will begin construction in 2008. In addition, the City is working with UTA to develop an intermodal transportation center, west of City Hall; the center will combine light rail, bus, and bus rapid transportation.

### Valley Fair Mall

The Valley Fair Mall is currently in the process of finalizing plans for a \$100 million makeover, including an additional 300,000 square feet of retail space. In addition, a mixed-use component planned in the area west of the main entrance could include ground floor retail space, condominiums, a hotel, a plaza, and other exciting features. The list of retailers has not yet been announced to the public, but



includes a number of new nationwide restaurants and retailers. Groundbreaking for the new Valley Fair Mall is projected for spring 2008.

### Costco

Construction work on the all-new Costco store, located south of the Valley Fair Mall, began in April and is continuing at a furious pace. The new store is planning an August grand opening and will employ as many as 300 employees.

### Granger Elementary

The brand new \$14 million Granger Elementary school which was relocated to the former Glenn Weaver Park in order to make way for expansion of the Valley Fair Mall, is under construction and scheduled for completion in December 2007.

### West Valley Auto Mall

The West Valley Auto Mall, located at the corner of 3500 South 4000 West at the site of the former Fred Meyer is currently under construction. The Mall will house a brand-new Henry Day Ford dealership, scheduled to open in July, and an expanded Ken Garff dealership, scheduled to open this fall. In addition, a new lighted intersection will be constructed at 3500 South Pioneer Parkway.

## West Nile Virus – Prevention Begins With You!

The approaching summer brings thoughts of fun outdoor activities with family and friends. The South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District would like to remind everyone that along with these outdoor activities comes the possibility of being bitten by mosquitoes, some of which do transmit West Nile Virus, St. Louis of Western Equine Encephalitis, and Dog Heartworm.

Symptoms of West Nile Virus include fever, headache, body aches, rash (generally, but not always), swollen lymph glands, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, and rarely, death.

You can help protect yourself and others by:

- Eliminating any standing water in your yard, neighborhood, or business property
- Stay indoors whenever possible (especially after dusk)
- When outdoors, wear clothing that covers as much skin as possible
- Apply repellents containing DEET (check label for proper application)

For more information, contact the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District at 255-4651, or visit [www.soslvmosquito.org](http://www.soslvmosquito.org).



Book your event and catering at the West Ridge or Stonebridge Golf Course now through June 30 and get your room rental for only \$500!

To take advantage of this offer, call Stonebridge at 957-9000 ext. 15 or West Ridge at 967-7596 today!

## Get Ready for the Lookin' Good Awards

The West Valley City Clean & Beautiful Committee is gearing up to award the 2007 Lookin' Good Awards. Homes and businesses will be judged in the month of June with the winners being announced in July. The 70 winners will be selected

based on curb appeal, well-managed shrubbery, weed-free lawns, blooming blossoms and water-wise landscaping.

For more information about the West Valley City Clean & Beautiful Committee or the Lookin' Good Awards, call 963-3448.

## Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West  
965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is pleased to announce the addition of a model railroad club. Join and build a rail like no other. You're certain to be "well-trained."

### May

- 16 Snake Man, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 10,000 Dice Game, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 Drama Class, 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Let's Talk 1930's, 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Bingo, 12:45 p.m.
- 17, 18 Driver Safety Class (Call for information)
- 18 Tracy Aviary & Lunch in the Park, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Free Bingo, 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Granger High Zoo Day, 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Deal or No Deal, 11:00 a.m.
- 22 Diabetes Class, 1:00 p.m.
- 23 10,000 Dice Game, 11:00 a.m.
- 24 You've Got Personality, 11:00 a.m.
- 25 Free Bingo, 10:30 a.m.
- 28 Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
- 29 Diabetes Class, 1:00 p.m.
- 30 10,000 Dice Game, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 Model Railroad Club, 11:00 a.m.
- 31 Let's Talk 1931's, 11:00 a.m.

### Weekly Activities

- Ceramics** – Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
- Pinochle Lessons** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
- S.E.A.L.S.** – Thursdays, 12:45 p.m.
- Tai Chi** – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., \$1 per class
- Chair Exercise** – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
- Bingo** – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:45 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
- Choir** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
- Scrapbooking** – Mondays, 1:00 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards** – Daily
- Oil Painting** – Mondays, Call for time
- Basic Computer Classes** – Call for more information

## National Night Out 2007 - Plan Your Neighborhood Block Party Now!

The 24th annual National Night Out will be taking place on August 7, 2007.



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, more than 30 block parties were held throughout the City. We hope to make 2007 even bigger and better, truly making a statement against crime and drugs in our neighborhoods.

**Anyone can participate... please plan to join us!**  
**We can make a difference!**

For more information about West Valley City's neighborhood programs or National Night Out, call Craig at 963-3285.



## Calendar

### May

- 19-20 Cirque Du Soleil "Delirium"**  
The E Center, 7:00 PM
- 22 Celtic Woman – A New Journey**  
The E Center, 6:00 PM
- 25-26 Fiesta!**  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

### June

- 15 Face of Utah Sculpture Exhibit (through August 1)**  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 21-24 WestFest**  
Centennial Park
- 25 2007 Honda Civic Tour with Fall Out Boy**  
The E Center, 6:00 PM

### July

- 2 World Stage Concert Series (Monday Nights through August 2)**  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center



Did you know there are seven primary sources of litter?

1. Pedestrians who do not use trash cans
2. Motorists who do not use ashtrays or litter bags
3. Business trash bins that are improperly covered
4. Loading docks and recreational marinas with inadequate waste receptacles
5. Construction sites without tarps to contain debris and waste
6. Trucks with uncovered loads on local roads and highways
7. Household trash scattered during collection

For more information about the West Valley City Clean & Beautiful Committee and how you can make a difference in beautifying our community, call 963-3448.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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