



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending April 17, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

Snow and cold hasn't been my idea of a great time but it seems a better alternative to working in a sweltering hot building. The pile of dirt in front of City Hall is a sign of progress as a company bores a hole into the basement for new lines to the cooling towers.

Our IT staff has been ordering replacement parts and working around the clock to resolve an equipment failure with our email. I appreciate Michael's efforts to tell me what is wrong. I just wish I had a better understanding of all the technical terms so that it didn't sound like a Martian.

It's much like the mechanic telling me I need a tune-up and oil change and to me it sounds like; "It may be the bearing balancers on the carburetor influx valve grinding on the windshield wiper defibrillator. Or it could be the piston pivots knocking on the glove box modulator assembly." He's kindly refused my help when I say, "Let's just kick it over here." or "I have a big hammer at home. Want me to go get it?"

Joking aside, I'm grateful that we have skilled and knowledgeable people working hard for us so we can work hard for our citizens. Sure it is discouraging when equipment failures slow our progress but isn't it great that we have qualified people to help us fix it? What we must all be responsible for is learning from the past and making efforts to prevent it from happening in the future.

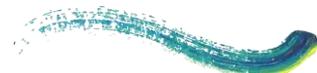
I've spoken with Michael and have learned that it is possible to make our email system more reliable. The boring project will enable us to fix future air conditioning problems with less effort in the future. I applaud each of our staff and you as Council when I hear, "What can we do to make it better."

Let's continue to move in that direction and not lose our focus on making West Jordan the best it can be.

Read on for other news on what has been happening around our great City.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Building permits issued in the last week included 4 new single family dwellings. Total valuation of all permits was \$1.6 million. Issued a new tenant improvement permit for Southwest Children's Clinic at 8822 South Redwood Road.



The Board of Adjustment met on April 14th to hear requests for a variance on two separate locations to allow for accessory photovoltaic carports to be located within the front yard portion of the lot. In a 5-0 vote the Board granted variances for the following locations:

- National Guard Armory property; 7602 Airport Road
- National Guard Hangar property; 7691 Airport Road

PARKS

Preparing for Comcast cares day on April 25th.

Continue recruiting staff for Parks seasonal positions.

Parks general maintenance.

Charging irrigation systems throughout the city. (Have not turned water on at this time.)

Moving forward with Parks project list.

FIRE

Crews responded to a traumatic injury at 9000 South and 3500 West. A motorcyclist was driving down the road when he stated he was struck in the head by a foul ball from the baseball game going on at the community college. The patient was transported to the hospital in good condition.

Crews responded to a suspicious device located at a residence. Crews from the Metro Bomb Squad were summoned and with the aid of their equipment, the device was disrupted and rendered safe.

A major disaster was averted when E 52 responded to the report of little ducklings stuck in a storm drain. Upon arrival we had a mother duck and one little duckling frantically crying out for the lost little ones. We quickly formulated a plan to flush some water down the storm drain to get the ducklings into the culvert and with the use of two shovels to block the ducks from continuing on down the drain system. We opened up a fire hydrant and flushed water down the drain. With the aid of a bystander who had taped a milk jug with its top cut off to a golf club we were able to save all twelve victims! It was amazing to see the mother and little ones reunite and in one little pack head off with little quacks of joy. Our day was fulfilled with the satisfaction that we reunited this family on Easter Sunday so they could spend more joyful moments together! E 52 cleared the scene and went with smiles on our faces and warm fuzzy's in our hearts.

Company 52 responded to the report of a 500 pound man who needed assistance getting into his motorized wheelchair. Upon arrival we were met by a homeowner who stated that their friend came by to visit and was driving his wheelchair into the back yard. The ground just after the concrete became very uneven and he was bucked off and couldn't get up. We found the man lying on the grass with no medical complaint except that he can't stand up on his own. We made a plan of how to get him up and into his motorized wheelchair. We used both a sheet and a hoist belt that he had on him to get him to stand up and then drove the power chair into the back of his legs so he could sit. He sat down and with the aid of the chair

adjusted himself into a comfortable position. They decided to go out front where the ground was even to visit. We stayed with him making sure that the chair didn't roll over or throw him off on his way out front. Once he was out front on the concrete and didn't need us any more we cleared the scene.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Community Affairs

Comcast Cares Day is eight days away! If you have not registered, please do so at Wjordan.com. We currently have commitments from approximately 796 volunteers. Our goal is 2,000. Please join us if you can to spruce up our city on Saturday April 25th.

We are collecting and preparing information for display and events to support the opening of Station 54 on April 30th and the public open house on May 2nd.

Sterling Poulson of Channel 2 News has graciously accepted our offer to Emcee our Memorial Day Tribute on May 25th.

Our Get Into The River Festival event May 30th is slowly coming together with possible chalk artists, a Mayors Mile kids run and kids chalk art sections.

Healthy West Jordan is finishing up the Weigh Biggest Losers contest and working with Jordan Education Foundation for what is going to be a fantastic run and obstacle event on June 6th. They are currently recruiting sponsors.

Planning continues with the Salt Lake County Library for their summer kick-off event on June 6th. Per council direction we will be rolling our Meet the City items into this event with all departments.

The rodeo committee continues to make incredible progress on what should be an amazing rodeo this year!

We now have Independence Day parade applications online for download.

The General Fund section of the Preliminary Budget is complete and online.

Information Technology

IT continues its work on the phone system implementation. CenturyLink is working on completing the Fiber line upgrades to various City sites to help with the communications within the City for data and phone service. Completed the State Transparency data upload for the FY14 and it was accepted by the State. Restructuring the email environment to help eliminate downtime and outages for the City.

POLICE

The WJPD K-9 Unit, along with 5 other guest police agency K-9 units, attended a course on working dog critical care from a local veterinarian clinic. The clinic is located in Midvale and is the only level I trauma center for animals in Utah. The course materials included information on how to spot distress in working dogs and how to render first aid or mitigate emergency medical problems that may arise in the line of duty. We are very pleased to have

formed what we hope will be a long lasting relationship with this organization. Thanks to Officer Ian Adams for identifying the need for this type of course and for coordinating its delivery.

Officers responded to a Domestic Threats call in Oquirrh Shadows. The suspect had been threatening to kill his estranged wife and was now at her house pounding on the door. When officers arrived the suspect was gone but they located him still in the neighborhood. Officer Gray attempted a traffic stop and the suspect fled. Officer Gray chased briefly and then terminated the chase. Following up on leads, officers located the suspect in an apartment in West Valley. He was booked into jail and charged with Domestic Threats and Felony Evading.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Office of Development Services

Economic Development

Staff and the Mayor conducted a business retention visit with the store manager of Target on Redwood Road. Topics included dispelling the rumor that they may move, the possibility of a pad site on the eastern edge of their parking, a traffic signal on Redwood Road at their entrance, and the impact of flies from the mink farm.

PUBLIC WORKS

Graffiti

Graffiti was removed from 15 locations totaling approximately 2,199 square feet this month.

Graffiti was removed from 8 public property locations (approximately 609 square feet)

Graffiti was removed from 5 private property locations (approximately 1,590 square feet)
Staff reported a total of 3 private property incidents to Code Enforcement this month.

Below are photographs of some graffiti which was removed from public and private locations during this past month.

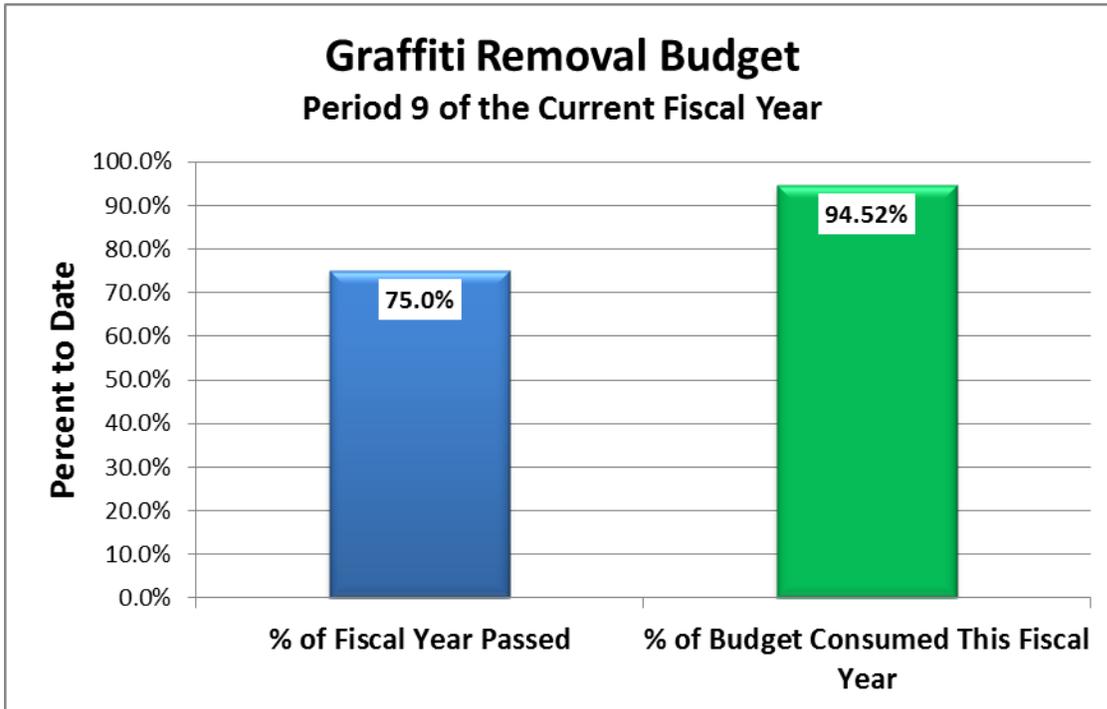
Public:

Before



After





Streets

Paved the first layer of the Public Works north complex, which consisted of 336 tons.



One of the locations where the mud pumping took place was sunken by more than 4". That location included the pumping/raising of 6 panels. From start to finish (including clean-up) the work was completed in one hour at this location and it eliminated the hazard.

Set up plow trucks for forecasted snow storm and plow trucks were out Wednesday.

Prep for the new chevron signs for Center Park Dr.

Poured and finished the concrete for the chevron signs and for the street light on 7703 South 5080 West.

“Shake out” drill - Streets supervisors were called at 9:59 am. Staff was not informed of the drill prior. We had them start calling their crews and telling them we had an emergency at the Rodeo Grounds. We told them we needed a loader, backhoe, a sweeper, and dump truck. It

took 14 minutes for all to arrive at the Rodeo Grounds and then roll call was conducted. If it had taken place during “off hours” it obviously would have taken longer to mobilize, but it was a good drill just the same.



Formed and poured gutter and sidewalk for Water Division’s fire hydrant installations on 9000 South, see above.

Attended training at Wheeler Machinery on the new replacement for the new asphalt paver.

Crack sealed Grizzly way, 7800 South to New Bingham.

Completed large asphalt repair on Canmore Dr.

Installed concrete barriers on Dunlop Dr.

Pot hole patching – various locations, on-going.

Crack seal on 2700 West from 7800 South – Bueno Vista Dr.

Mud pumping to address concrete issues in the proposed overlay area.

Electrical for the new score board installation at Ron Wood Park.

Solid Waste

- New cans: 6
- Repaired: 14
- Replaced: 65

Stormwater

Ongoing efforts for Dry Weather Screening as part of the city’s requirement for our stormwater permit.

Updating storm drain line correction for the stormwater master plan map.

Cleaned 125’ of storm drain culvert on 8200 South Grizzly Way.

Washed down the rock drainage project in Trimble Creek to keep vegetation from growing.

GIS

The City of West Jordan (GIS Department) has been selected to receive a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) award at the 2015 ESRI User Conference. This award is given to user sites *around the world* to recognize outstanding work with GIS technology. Our organization stood out from more than 100,000 others.

In addition to receiving this award, ESRI would like to showcase our organization and its important contributions to GIS at the SAG Award ceremony and online at www.esri.com/sag.

Congratulations to Clint Hutchings, Sheldon Baumgartner, Andrew Thorup and Marlene Vigil. It's employees like you that make the City of West Jordan a stand-out by achieving such an exceptional award. Kudo's to all of you!!!!

1300 West

The 1300 west culvert is nearing completion. The wing walls are formed and being poured. Storm drain pipe is underway for the road. Once this is complete, the road will be back filled and curb, gutter, and sidewalk installed.



Fire Station 54 construction: The station has been completed enough for the Fire Department to move in. Landscaping, fencing and other exterior items are being completed. Punch list items inside the building are being worked on. The ribbon cutting is set for April 30 and the open house for May 2.

Maintenance yard at Ron Wood Park. The project has been awarded to Valley Design Construction and has started. Completion is scheduled for the middle of August.

Chiller to tower water line: The work has begun with the system scheduled to be operational by May 1, just in time for the warm weather.