



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending April 3, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

April Fool's Day came and went in our office without any fooling around except for the sayings on Kristy's desk that reminds us to not take life too seriously. Stop by and check it out for a good chuckle. What we can't laugh about is our health. We've been working on our insurance renewal over the past month and we face some challenges.

It turns out that our claims are costing more than the premiums we pay to our health insurance companies. Businesses don't take kindly to losing money so it is being reflected in our renewal cost. We looked at self-insurance and with the trend it could put the City at risk for a loss so we have decided to avoid that this year.

We will be presenting the proposals to you at the April 22nd meeting and appreciate GBS, Mayor Rolfe, Council Member Haaga, our HR staff and our employee organizations for working together to find the best option. I don't want to spill the beans right now because we are still doing some fine tuning but it is a good time to talk about what we can influence.

We make choices every day that impact our immediate health or how we will be functioning in the future. Diabetes, hypertension, stress, and related issues are plaguing us as much as the rest of the nation. The median age of our workforce at the City is 46. Just like a car with 100,000 miles; we require more regular maintenance.

Thank you for providing good insurance as one of the cornerstones of our great benefits. I believe that I speak for all of our employees and their dependents when I say that we appreciate it. So I issue a challenge to all of us that are on the plan to take an accounting of how we are living and decide what we can do to improve our health in order to reduce our dependence on medicine where possible.

If we each do something it will begin to make an impact on the bottom line . . . the belly line . . . or the line on the heart monitor. We have those that are already great examples of healthy living and then we have the rest of us. I'm going to try and do better on my part. Excuse me while I go chomp on some salad.

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

PARKS

Continuing to recruit for seasonal staff with very low success with employees that can start immediately, We have received quite a few application for school aged kids that are not able to start until June.



Preparing for Comcast cares.

Preparing bids for tree replacement at City Hall.

Applying turf treat at city hall to better the soil and turf conditions.

Continuing to work with Architect on Calsense design.

Weed abatement crew starting to apply herbicide throughout different areas of the city.

Athletic fields are being prepared for April 6th start date.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff spoke with the owner of a major tenant looking at the western area of the City for the placement of a new facility. Staff received a conceptual site layout.

Staff contacted a local broker who is looking to place a fast casual dining restaurant near Jordan Landing. Staff will continue to assist the broker.

Staff contacted a potential warehouse tenant. The contact came through the Rotary Club.

FIRE

We responded to the report of a sixteen-month-old toddler in cardiac arrest. Upon paramedics' arrival, West Jordan Police met the ambulance crew at the curb with the toddler. Assessment revealed that the toddler was not in cardiac arrest but had suffered a seizure. The toddler was provided oxygen and comfort and transported to Primary Children's Hospital for further care.

We were dispatched to a report of a male unconscious from huffing, the door to the residence was locked. Police and fire had to force a door and found the male with a dusting can alert and oriented, he just didn't want to let us in or talk to us. Patient was transported to Jordan Valley Hospital.

POLICE

Officers Gus Andreen and Ian Adams located and stopped an occupied stolen vehicle that has been used in multiple thefts around Salt Lake County. A male and a female were arrested and booked into the county jail. The investigation continues as the stolen full-sized van was full of suspected stolen property.

The SWAT team assisted the Attorney General's Office in serving two search warrants simultaneously on two different locations on the Salt Lake Valley. These warrants capped a major investigation into a large counterfeit ID and counterfeit government document operation.

Crime Prevention coordinated another successful Citizens Academy. Graduation was held April 2nd.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Community Affairs

Creating invites for the Fire Station/Police Substation Ribbon Cutting April 29 at 11 a.m. Invites will go out by April 10.

Gathering survey information on proposed Cultural Arts Complex as well as Transportation Master Plan.

Planning and promoting a variety of events (see back page events calendar).

Deadline for next newsletter is April 8, for a paper that mails April 17.

Fleet

Out of 85 new vehicles scheduled to be acquired this fiscal year, there are only eleven more to be received and put into service! We've sent quite a few vehicles off to surplus, and after the recent auction, received a payment from TNT Auction for a little over \$330,000.00! We still have more vehicles to send, so that's not the end of our recovery efforts just yet.

We are starting to set up to install the new FASTER Web fleet software. Our kickoff meeting for the installation process is coming up in a week, and we should quickly find out what our expected date to 'Go Live' will be. This new software should give us much better control of our reporting and better availability to share fleet information with everyone who needs it.

On another note, we are knee-deep in re-licensing all of our EX-plated vehicles. Many of you have probably seen much longer Preventive Maintenance lists arriving in your inboxes. Please be patient with us as we work through this task. We have already identified some key ways to reduce this workload in the coming years, but unfortunately the 'pre-planning' won't relieve this year's burden.

Facilities

The Facilities worked on the following:

- New Carpet installed on 1st floor at Parks Sexton Building.
- Painting of all offices and Hallway 1st floor was completed at the Parks Sexton Building.
- All interior fluorescent lights and exit lights replaced at the old library (Arts Building).
- Lobby chairs in Development Services where cleaned 2nd floor at City Hall.
- Water leak repaired in wall at the Concession Stand to the restrooms at the Rodeo Arena.
- Removed dragonfly light and switch in Police Chief Doug Diamond office at the Justice Center.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Office of Development Assistance

The Jordan Industrial Condominium plat was recorded with Salt Lake County, and the accompanying amended site plan for Countertop Factory was approved.

The amended site plan for Cruise Lady was approved, and they have received their building permit to begin construction.

Plans were submitted and are currently under review for preliminary site approval for the Salt Lake County Health Department building to be located at 7971 South 1825 West.

Plans were submitted and are currently under review for final site approval for The Shops at 1650 West located at 1650 West 9000 South.

Economic Development

Staff had an introduction meeting with the District Representative from Mia Love's Office.

Staff met with the plant director and operations director of Dannon on a business retention visit. Expansion, current production, waste water re-use, vendor re-location and current events were discussed. Follow-up includes drafted a waste water re-use plan to be presented to Dannon.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Development

Planning staff conducted a tour on Saturday morning, March 28 of townhomes and patio homes for city council and planning commission. The tour included three site visits consisting of Somerset Townhomes, Bridlewood Villas and Daybreak Townhomes.

Daybreak Townhomes



Building & Safety

Building permits issued in the last week included 1 new single family dwelling 5 multi-family dwellings and numerous miscellaneous permits. Total valuation of all permits was \$1.6 million.

PUBLIC WORKS

Capital Projects Work Completed

5600 West Project – 6200 South to 7000 South – The Contractor is continuing roadway excavation both sides of the roadway from 7000 South to approximately 6600 South. Storm drain construction in 6600 South is complete less one lateral that is being removed and replaced on a change order. The 15 inch Corrugated Metal Pipe has decayed to the point where there are holes in the bottom of the pipe. The change order for Kearns Improvement District water lines looping at Ticklegrass Road is complete. Rocky Mountain Power has removed their power lines from their poles and the lines are buried and functioning. Zayo Communications will remove their line from the poles starting April 6. Wall repairs are proceeding, and two old breaks in the wall have been closed in so far, as well as other repairs. The project is still moving at a brisk pace, and will accelerate once all the old power poles have been removed. The required contract deadline is still July 2, 2015.



Bingham Creek Culvert Project – 4000 West and 1300 West – At 1300 West, the box culvert has been set across the roadway (see pictures), however, soft soils are causing two end sections to settle as excavation for the wing-walls occurs. These end sections will be removed and concrete will be placed under both end sections to stabilize the soils. The road is reopening on April 3rd, and wing-wall finishing will take place on the sides of the repaired road. Temporary pumps are in place to control ongoing runoff water and spring water from the surrounding subdivisions.



1300 West Road Culvert

The culvert pre-cast sections are now installed, and the contractor is backfilling along the sides of the boxes with road base. He plans to have the excavation up to grade by the end of the week, and to pour the footings, wing walls, aprons, and cut-off walls over the next week. After the channel is complete the contractor will install the surface storm drain, sidewalk, curb and gutter, storm drain, and asphalt before the road is again opened.



EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
April 6	Green waste collection begins on regular pickup day
April 6	City parks open for the season. Parks close for winter the first Monday in October.
April 9-11, 13, 16-18, 20	Theater Arts presents "The Nerd," 7:30 p.m. Pioneer Hall, 1137 W. 7800 South. Tickets \$5-\$8 at Macey's or at the door. More Info
April 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20	Youth Theatre presents "Willy Wonka," 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday matinee, Joel P. Jensen Middle School, 8105 S. 3200 West. Tickets \$7 at the door or \$5 pre-purchased from cast members. More Info
April 15	Transportation Master Plan Open House, 6-8 p.m. City Hall Community Room, 8000 S. Redwood Road Info & Input
April 16	Cops For Kids, 4-8:30 p.m. Sizzler, 1477 W. 7800 South
April 16	Transportation Master Plan Open House, 6-8 p.m. Bingham Creek Library, 4834 W. 9000 South Info & Input
April 17	Mountain West Chorale, 7 p.m. Copper Hills High School, 5445 New Bingham Hwy.
April 21	Healthy West Jordan's Weigh Biggest Loser Finale, 6 p.m. Gene Fullmer Rec Center 8015S. 2200 West More Info
April 25	Comcast Cares Day, 8 a.m.-noon. Community-wide beautification. Comcast provides a dollar match for each volunteer who participates. Comcast Cares Online Registration
April 30	Fire Station 54 & Police Substation ribbon cutting 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 9351 S. Hawley Park Road (5595 West)
April 30	Storm Water Open House, 6-8 p.m. City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Road
May 2	Document Shredding & E-waste Recycling, 10 a.m.-noon, City Hall parking lot
May 2	West Jordan Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m. Viridian Event Center, 8030 S. 1825 West
May 8 & 9	CERT Training, May 8 from 6-10 p.m. May 9 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fire Station 53, 7602 S. Jordan Landing Blvd. More Info
May 25	Memorial Day Tribute, 7 p.m. Military Services Monument, Veterans Memorial Park, 1985 W. 7800 South More Info
May 30	Western Stampede Royalty Contest, 8 a.m. Viridian Event Center, 8030 S. 1825 West. National Anthem Singing Contest, 10 a.m.-noon, Arena, 8035 S. 2200 West More Info
May 30	Get Into the River Festival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. More Info
June 6	Linda Buttars Fun Run, 8 a.m. Veterans Memorial Park, 8030 S. 1825 West
June 6	Library Summer Reading Kickoff, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 8030 S. 1825 West Including Mutton Bustin' Signups and Princess Contest Signups.