



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending July 23, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

SNAKE!! I thought you should know why we are a little on edge around City Hall. We didn't even call Animal Control to apprehend the monster. First, because he was too fast and would have gotten away and secondly because I was standing on his tail shortly after I saw him.

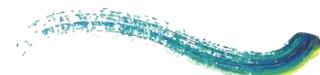
I called for someone in Finance to help me catch him because I didn't like the way he was hissing up at me and trying to attack my shoe. I couldn't tell what breed it was so I decided not to grab it out of concern that it might be a rattlesnake, boa constrictor, or a cobra for that matter. There was no need to create a workman's comp claim out of a snake bite either. Did I mention it was hissing at me?

It got a little crazy with some screaming, whimpering and shouting. Then Julie and Kim showed up and said, "Knock it off, we can't get any work done."

Ryan, manned with a cup was wrangling the snake into captivity as only a Beaver, Utah boy could. For a second I thought that the snake and I were going to end up together in the cup and Ryan was strong enough to do it. With the reptile apprehended we all went back to work and didn't think much of it until Ryan sent me text on Wednesday night, SNAKE! I'm embarrassed to admit that I didn't run to his aid, I was staying on the third floor ready to defend the City Council members from attack.

We've called for the exterminator and are ready for heart rates to go back to normal. There's no end to the action going on around the City. Brock and crew are finding out how passionate people are about wall murals. We appreciate the business owner's cooperation and willingness to work through the process in-spite of healthy dose of social media excitement. I just wonder if those same people would get the same excitement out of someone yelling, SNAKE!!

Have a great Pioneer Day weekend and read on for other memorable projects that are going on around the City.



FIRE

Fire Prevention and Emergency Management

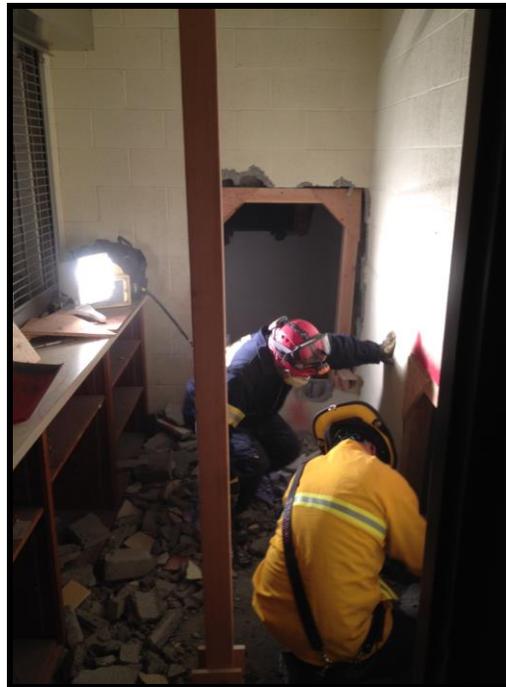


Paramedic Josh Kopinsky, Firefighter Ken Moeller, Paramedic Janese Fotheringham, Acting Captain/Paramedic Royce Parsons and Deputy Chief Reed Scharman assisted Sandy Riesgraf and Steve Dunham with the Jordan School District in shooting a segment of a “Student Reunification” video. Student Reunification is the process that happens when school is let out at an odd time following a significant incident or disaster.

Operations

Ladder 53 and Medic Ambulance 53 responded to assist a female patient. Upon our arrival we found that the female had three of her front teeth knocked out. After assessing the patient, we were able to transport the female along with her teeth in hopes of having them re-inserted. We encountered some problems in that the patient didn’t have any other adults on scene, no family members or friends available to care of the four young children remaining on scene. After obtaining a child car seat, Medic Ambulance 53 was able to transport all the children safely along with the patient to the closest hospital for definitive care.

Training



West Jordan Heavy Rescue crews along with other Metro rescue crews in the valley participated in an earth quake scenario at Hillcrest Jr. High in Murray. Teams were tasked to tunnel through multiple cinder block walls and structures to rescue victims. Approximately 100 personnel over three days participated in this drill. There were no injuries and a lot of fun was had by all.

POLICE

Members of the WJPD Bike Patrol Unit and have been making it a point to note locations of thefts, burglaries, and other property and drug crimes. They have been dutiful in providing

extra patrol of these areas. On the night of Thursday July 16th Officers Gregersen, and Stilson were in the area of 8100 South 1460 West, performing business checks on their bikes. This area has been recently a hotbed of thefts, business burglaries, and vehicle thefts. While patrolling this area Officers Stilson and Gregersen on-viewed a suspicious male and observed him committing a theft. The officers subsequently detained the suspect; collected evidence found on his person and arrested him. During the course of the investigation they determined that he may be involved in many of the other property crimes that have been occurring in this area.

The following night Officer Gregersen and Stilson stopped another suspicious male. This individual happens to be the brother of the suspect in the previously mentioned case. During the course of this stop they found reason to arrest the suspect for narcotics related charges. As they further interviewed the suspect they were able to obtain additional information and investigative leads to several of as yet unsolved thefts in the area of 8100 South 1460 West.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building permits issued in the last two weeks included 14 new single family dwellings, five new multi-family units and a commercial permit for Salt Lake County's 19,911 sq. ft. Health building located at 7971 South 1825 West. Total valuation of all permits was \$9.3 million.

Café Rio at Jordan Landing was issued their certificate of occupancy and they held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 22nd.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Fleet

Fleet took delivery of two new mowers for the Parks Department last week:



They will make a great addition and improvement in the cemetery!

Community Affairs

Sponsor banners, thank you letters and information about the 2016 Western Stampede were all delivered this week. Tickets for the West Jordan Demolition Derby and the West Jordan Moto Stampede (Endurocross) went on sale Monday at WesternStampede.com. All tickets are general admission; \$12 online and \$15 at the gate.

Coordinated multiple media interviews regarding 5600 West opening on July 24th and La Taqueria mural issue. Created online survey to solicit input from the community to help shape sign ordinance with respect to murals.

PARKS

Calsense central irrigation system retrofit is currently out to bid with the qualified contractors.

Replacement pavilion bid has been awarded pre-construction meeting scheduled.

Reviewing second round of proposals for playground replacement.

Parks staff assisting with The Osmond pageant.

Parks staff is preparing for soccer tournament this week.