



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



## Reflecting on the past as we plan for the future

Each year millions of people make New Year's resolutions with the goal of changing their lives for the better. The most popular resolutions involve losing weight

and getting in shape, with financial fitness also topping the list. At City Hall, we're also gearing up for the new year and reflecting and reevaluating 2016 so that we can make plans for 2017. Much of this planning takes place at the City Council's Strategic Planning Session.

The annual Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for sometime at the end of January in the City Hall Community Room, 8000 S. Redwood Road. This is an important meeting where we work together to set the course for the upcoming year. Once council determines priorities, staff works to implement the goals. The public is invited to the Strategic Planning Session. The exact date will be posted online at WJordan.com and shared on the West Jordan City Hall Facebook page, and an agenda will be posted prior to the meeting. Meeting minutes will be posted later for review so you can see what was discussed and the goals that were set.

Typically at the Strategic Planning Session, the City Council also assigns

council members to oversee city committees. These committees help plan different programs and events that enhance our community. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on these committees, so if "making your community a better place" is one of your resolutions, please email [volunteer@wjordan.com](mailto:volunteer@wjordan.com) to find out how you can get involved.

We have a variety of committees including an Arts Council, Western Stamped Committee, Parks & Open Lands, Design Review Board, Planning Commission and more. And if you are one of the many Americans who has made a resolution to "get fit and healthy," the Healthy West Jordan committee's "Way to a Better Life" contest can help. This committee puts together events that promote healthy lifestyles. Their current contest is a win-win because participants can win great prizes and improve their health in the process – and good health is something we all want.

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year and good luck seeing your New Year's resolutions through! I'm excited about the many things that are in the works for our community and look forward to working with the City Council and staff to bring them to life. Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas, concerns or comments that you'd like to share. Email [mayorsoffice@wjordan.com](mailto:mayorsoffice@wjordan.com) or call 801-569-5100.

## West Jordan Police K9 Duo Tops in California Competition

West Jordan Police Officer Steve Hutchings and his K9 partner, Bronco, went to California in early November to compete against some of California's best teams and surprised those officers with superior scores and trophies for the duo to bring home to Utah.

The judges awarded the pair the "Top Dog" prize at the end of the first day of competition in Riverside, California. Day two ended with Officer Hutchings and Bronco receiving the "Judges Choice" award. The pair competed against 61 dog teams from throughout California and Mexico including seven Federale teams. Officer Hutchings and Bronco competed in a dozen different scenarios during the weekend including vehicle and building searches, narcotics discovery, open field searches and canine bite release protocol.

The teams were awarded points based on the judge's appraisal of how each team performed. Officer Hutchings described the wins as a big step for him and his 3-year-old Dutch Shepherd. "I hope we have a long career ahead of us," he said.

When asked how the California and Mexico officers felt about the top awards going to the West Jordan team Hutchings said, "They were very gracious and shared a lot of information and shared a lot trends with me. It's fun and great but, it is the sharing of information that is important. We are all on the same team. We all have the same goal. It is important to understand what is happening in California because Utah officers will see the same trends coming here within a year."

The West Jordan Police Department currently has three dog teams. The other teams all won competition awards in a 2015 competition closer to home. Hutch-



ings has high praise for the other handlers and dogs in the department. He said that the police administration is very supportive of the teams and allows them to have daily training and specialized critical training.

"A K9 team is not just our job. It becomes our lifestyle," he said. "We are dedicated to making the lives of West Jordan residents better. We don't want to violate people's rights. We are very conscious of this."

He also praised his family for their support of his work and the addition of Bronco to the Hutchings family. "It makes it easier for what I have to do as a police officer," said Hutchings. He has had Bronco for two years. It takes one year for a handler and a dog to get accustomed to working together. And not every dog can be trained for police work. It takes certain abilities and it took Hutchings some time before he selected Bronco as his partner. The work can be dangerous. Bronco injured his back during a call and it wasn't clear if the dog would recover. But he has made a full recovery as evidenced by his superior work against the 61 dogs in California.

## Join Our Team

The City of West Jordan has several job opportunities available including GIS Specialist I and II, Animal Control Officer, Combination Inspector II or III, Police Officer I (LEO Certified), Police Recruit, Stormwater Program Manager, and Water Division Supervisor. We are also looking for several more crossing guards to help children safely arrive at school. This is a great part-time job for someone looking for flexibility and extra income. Job opportunities continually change so if you don't see something that interests you now or need more information check our website at [WJordan.com](http://WJordan.com).





# GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS: WEST JORDAN NEWSLETTER

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## NO STREET PARKING during winter months\*

**\*WHEN IT IS SNOWING OR SNOW IS ON THE STREET** *per ordinance 7-3-10*

City ordinance prohibits parking a vehicle or semitrailer upon a street when it is snowing or snow is on the street from November 1 – April 30 of the following year. Violations will result in citations. If left snow-bound for more than 48 hours, the vehicle is subject to impound.

## No street parking during winter months

City ordinance prohibits street parking during winter months when it is snowing or snow is on the road. Please do your part to help snowplow crews clear the roads by keeping vehicles off the street when the plows are out. Violations will result in citations. If left snowbound for more than 48 hours, the vehicle is subject to impound.

City street crews are responsible for clearing more than 855 lane miles of streets in West Jordan. (That's more than the driving distance from Salt Lake City to San Diego!) Not all roads are the City's responsibility. Some are state roads and are maintained by the Utah Department of Transportation, these are:

- Redwood Road
- Bangerter Highway
- 7000 South from the Jordan River to Redwood Road
- 9000 South from the Jordan River to 5600 West
- U-111 from New Bingham Highway to the Northern City border
- Mountain View Corridor
- New Bingham Highway from 7800 South to west of U-111

A limited amount of resources and the need to provide the greatest safety and benefit to the traveling public, in the most efficient manner, necessitate that priority be given to certain streets. Streets with higher traffic volume have a higher priority for snow removal service. Streets with lower traffic volume (subdivisions and cul-de-sacs) have the lowest priority.

### Please Wait 24 Hours After a Storm Before Calling

Please wait at least 24 hours after a storm ends to call to report issues. Our drivers follow the priority plow route (listed below) for safety and efficiency. It's inefficient to pull drivers off the scheduled route to address individual complaints.

### City Street Priority Categories

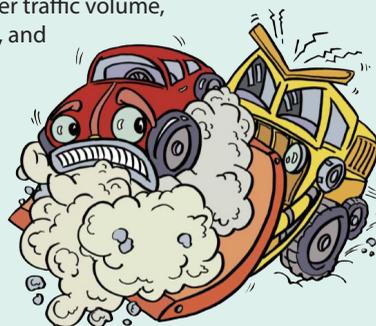
**Priority One:** These are arterial and major collector streets.

**Priority Two:** These are generally subdivision collector streets.

**Priority Three:** All other residential through streets, (excluding cul-de-sacs.)

**Priority Four:** Cul-de-sacs and other dead end streets. The City incurs proportionally more time and costs clearing snow from cul-de-sacs than on typical "uninterrupted" stretches of streets. Because of the high cost-to-benefit ratio, and lower traffic volume, cul-de-sacs and dead end streets have the lowest priority, and will be the last areas addressed.

Residents need to be prepared for winter driving conditions in Utah. Streets in subdivisions will be slick, and travelers will need to exercise caution and travel at a lower speed. Please note, if another storm passes through the area before all streets have been cleared, the process starts over from the beginning with the priority one streets. Thanks for your help.



## Healthy West Jordan Committee

The Healthy West Jordan Committee is looking for members to help bring to life events that promote the committee's goals of ensuring West Jordan is a city where residents can live a healthy, productive life in a clean, safe environment. The committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. Email [volunteer@wjordan.com](mailto:volunteer@wjordan.com) for information.



## WEST JORDAN UTAH CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

- \* No flocked trees
- \* No artificial trees
- \* Do not bag trees
- \* Remove all ornaments, lights and tinsel
- \* Do not block other garbage containers



### Options

#### Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup

January 2-13

West Jordan residents can place their Christmas trees at curbside for a two-week period, January 2-13. Simply place your tree at your curb for pickup on your normal trash collection day.

#### Christmas Tree Drop-Off

January 2-13

For two weeks after Christmas, West Jordan residents can drop their Christmas trees for recycling at the following three locations:

- \* West Jordan Soccer Complex, 7876 S. 4000 West
- \* Constitution Park (west parking lot), 3200 W. 7000 South
- \* West Jordan Swimming Pool, 8125 S. 2200 West

### Questions?

Please contact West Jordan Public Works Department at 801-569-5700 or e-mail [info@wjordan.com](mailto:info@wjordan.com)





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2017

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

January 2

City Hall Closed for New Year's Day

January 3

Planning Commission, City Hall,  
8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.

January 11

City Council Meeting, City Hall,  
8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.

January 12

Citizen Police Academy, Justice Center,  
8040 S. Redwood Road, 6 p.m.

January 16

Martin Luther King Jr Day –  
City Offices Closed

January 17

Healthy West Jordan Committee's "Way to  
a Better Life" Kick Off, Gene Fuller  
Center, 8015 S. 2200 West, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

January 17

Planning Commission, City Hall,  
8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.

January 25

City Council Meeting, City Hall,  
8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.

February 4

Document Shred and E-waste Recycling,  
10 a.m.-noon,  
8000 S. 1825 West (parking lot behind City Hall)

February 7

Planning Commission, City Hall,  
8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.

February 8

City Council Meeting, City Hall,  
8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.



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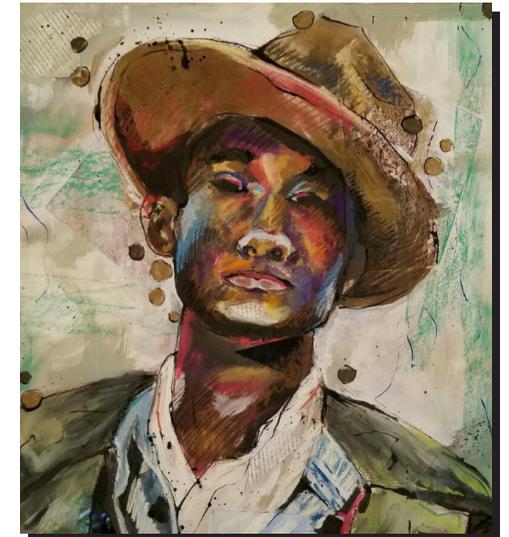
**West Jordan Police Dept.**  
8040 S. Redwood Rd. West Jordan, Utah 84088  
801-256-2000 | 801-840-4000 Dispatch

## Student works on display at the Schorr Gallery

Stop by the City Hall Schorr Gallery to see the creative works from young students of the Visual Art Institute located in Salt Lake City. About 30 works of art will be on display from students ages 5-18. The exhibit will be on display Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through the end of January. The gallery is located on the third floor of City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Road.

Founded in 1978, the Visual Art Institute is Utah's oldest nonprofit after-school program. The Institute is a resource for the arts by providing art instruction to about 1,400 people of all ages and backgrounds annually. It offers year-round classes in drawing, figure drawing, oil painting, watercolors, ceramics, cartooning, shadow puppet theater, creative design, 3-D modeling, Photo-shop, digital illustration and animation.

"Art touches everyone's life whether we realize it or not," said Executive Director Bruce Robertson. "The design of our cars, clothes, household goods, furniture and the things we surround ourselves with all came from someone's imagination. Most of us go through our daily routines and not realize just how much we are stimulated, motivated and influenced by the visual world of art and design."



## Donations Sought for Sculpture



Artist Dan Snarr is seeking sponsors to fund the installation of a bronze sculpture at Veterans Memorial Park. This beautiful piece, known as "Proud," was originally commissioned by the family of World War II veteran Robert Calder and is placed in Robert Calder Memorial Veterans Park in Garden City. West Jordan is honored by the gracious offer of a second (and only duplicate) casting for our Veterans Memorial Park.

The fundraising goal is \$62,650 and will cover all production and transportation costs. Major donors will be recognized on a plaque placed on the sculpture pedestal and will receive a limited edition sculpture maquette. For more information, contact Dan Snarr at 435-849-2619 or dan@dansnarr.com.

## Recycling Tip #36



Take your expanded polystyrene (block Styrofoam) to Marko Foam to ensure recycling. They are located at 3940 W Directors Row in Salt Lake City. Visit their website at [www.MARKOFOAM.COM](http://www.MARKOFOAM.COM) for more information.



Remember, Styrofoam is not recyclable curbside! Most shipping stores, such as UPS, will take packing peanuts to be reused! For more recycling information visit [slco.org/recycle](http://slco.org/recycle) or email at [recycle@slco.org](mailto:recycle@slco.org)



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# SAVE THE DATE

## WAY TO A BETTER LIFE CONTEST

*Formerly the Weigh Biggest Losers Contest*

Join to improve your health and a chance to win great prizes

Contest runs from **January 17 - April 25, 2017**

## WEEKLY WEIGH-INS

----- tuesday nights -----

**5:30pm-7:30pm**

### health challenges

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
EXERCISE AND NUTRITION**

**INFORMATION AND TIPS ON  
exercise, nutrition, weight loss  
and healthy recipes**



Volunteers needed to join the Healthy West Jordan Committee!  
Interested? Email [HealthyWestJordan@gmail.com](mailto:HealthyWestJordan@gmail.com)

## Volunteers Needed for Victim Assistance Program

If you want to make a difference for women and men who are experiencing domestic violence and victims of violent crimes, West Jordan Victim Assistance Program (under the direction of the City Prosecutor's Office) is just the place for you to get involved.

Contact us about participating in our victim advocate volunteer training. On-call volunteers are trained to offer support, guidance and resources to victims and survivors of domestic violence. No experience necessary – just a clean record, empathy and willingness to learn and commit some time to our program. Training starts soon. Call 801-566-6511 or email [ceciliab@wjordan.com](mailto:ceciliab@wjordan.com) for more information.



### Stuffed...

## Guidelines for donating stuffed animals for children in crisis

The West Jordan Police Department is stuffed, overstuffed and overflowing with stuff ... stuffed animals by the box load. West Jordan residents are showing their tender hearts as they think about children in crisis. The outpouring is gratifying to police.

But there is a problem. Police and fire personnel can't accept stuffed animals that are used –even if cleaned before donation. The departments face a liability because officers don't know where the stuffed animals have been and under what conditions those toys were used or stored. There is another factor: size. Officers don't have a lot of space in their vehicles, and there is little room for big stuffed toys.

The police department can accept small stuffed animals that are new with price tags still attached. Small animals about the size of an adult fist can be taken to the records division. The animals must be placed in new zip lock bags to protect the toys from dirt and moisture.

"It is heart-warming that residents want to help the police and bring joy to chil-



dren at a time of crisis," Police Chief Doug Diamond said. "But we have to follow strict guidelines to protect the health of our precious children."

Used stuffed animals should be donated to local organizations that recycle used toys and other items for reuse or resale. Residents with questions about the guidelines are welcome to call Crime Prevention Specialist, Christie Jacobs, at 801-256-2032

## Tree vandals damage trees at Ron Wood Park

Sometime over the weekend of Dec. 10, vandals damaged seven trees at Ron Wood Park, 5900 W. New Bingham Highway. Damage is estimated at \$3,973. It appears that a vehicle ran over seven trees, knocking four of them crooked and ripping off

bark from the root flair to 5 feet tall. Three trees were snapped off completely and all seven had to be removed. If you have any information on the damage, please call 801-840-4000.

