



Register now for Citizen Police Academy

The West Jordan Police Department is gearing up for its next session of the Citizen Police Academy. The 13-week session begins Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. Participants get an inside look at how the police department works and learn about different aspects of police work, including firearm safety, crime scene investigation, K-9, crime prevention, and defensive tactics. Course highlights include field trips to the Adult Detention Center, Firearm Range and the call Dispatch Center.

Classes are held each Thursday and last about three hours. Participants must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in West Jordan, and pass a basic background check. There is no fee. Additional information and an application can be found online at www.wjordan.com by clicking on "Departments," "Police" and then "Citizen Police Academy." For more information, contact Barb Tatangelo at 801-256-2033 or via e-mail at barbarat@wjordan.com.

Submit a Service Request Using City Smart Phone App

Did you know West Jordan has smartphone apps to help you connect with city information and submit service requests? The apps are available in the Apple store and Android store and can be found under "West Jordan" and "My Police Department." The city app includes shopping and dining; city calendar and directory; service request; parks, trails and attractions; service providers; emergency alerts; and also links to the city's Twitter posts. The My PD app includes submit a tip; commend an officer; questions and feedback; contacts and more.



*Holiday music, City Hall
lighting ceremony and pictures with Santa!*

Arts Council presents 'A Most Wonderful Holiday' Dec. 7

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 7 and join the West Jordan Arts Council and the Chamber of Commerce to kick off the holidays! The event starts at City Hall where you can bring your children to get their picture taken with Santa from 2-6 p.m. The music starts at 6 p.m. at the Viridian Event Center, 8030 South 1825 West (behind City Hall), when the West Jordan Band, Symphony and Mountain West Chorale join together to present "A Most Wonderful Holiday" concert. The holiday lights will be turned on at 6:30 p.m. during intermission.

Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

There will be no garbage collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28. For the remainder of this week, collections will be made the day following your normal collection day. For example, Thursday's collection will be made on Friday; Friday's will be made on Saturday. Normal collection schedules will resume the following week. Please note that this is the final week of Green Waste collection. This seasonal program will resume on Monday, April 7, 2014. Thanks for your cooperation! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 801-569-5700.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

NOVEMBER

- 28 Thanksgiving Day – City Offices Closed
- 29 Day after Thanksgiving – City Offices Closed

DECEMBER

- 3 Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd.
- 4 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd.
- 7 "A Most Wonderful Holiday," 6 p.m., Viridian Event Center
- 14 Christmas for the Animals, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Animal Shelter, 5982 W. New Bingham Hwy.
- 17 Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd.
- 24 Christmas Eve Day – City Offices Closed
- 25 Christmas Day – City Offices Closed

More information at WJordan.com.



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Dreaming of a Santa to help my shelter friends

Support the Animals at the West Jordan
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Saturday Dec. 14, 10am - 2pm

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ARE THE RUMORS TRUE?

A West Jordan city inside source has confirmed the rumor that this year's Chamber of Commerce Gala/Community Awards Banquet will be the stage for the unveiling of the community branding initiative for West Jordan as well as exciting new programs from The Chamber. The annual "Share the Magic" event theme this year is "Imagine West Jordan" and will be attended by local leaders, community businesses and residents, all are welcome to participate and attend. This special event held on January 24th, at The Gathering Place in Gardner Village will host the unveiling of West Jordan's Logo with exciting energy for the future. The Gala/Banquet is intended to fuel a festive futuristic atmosphere and stimulate community involvement in the imagination process, as well as honor some of our outstanding citizens with an Archie Award. What is an Archie Award you ask? It is named after Archibald Gardner, a pioneering businessman who helped establish West Jordan, Utah. In honor of his early dedication to business in West Jordan, the West Jordan Chamber of Commerce recognizes individuals who go above and beyond for our community.

The "Archie Awards" are awarded to individuals who have shared their time and talents to improve the lives of others in our community as:

- Business of the Year
- Business Person of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement

WHO do you know? This is your opportunity to cast your vote for community excellence.

If you know of anyone that has shown great leadership, selflessness and or giving to others please nominate them for an "Archie Award" in person at West Jordan Chamber of Commerce office inside West Jordan City Hall (8000 South Redwood Road), go to www.westjordanchamber.com or email info@westjordanchamber.com to have a nomination form sent to you.

All nominations are due to the West Jordan Chamber by December 20th at 5pm for consideration. Also, if you would like to attend this exciting event and be the first to see what will be unveiled, please go to www.westjordanchamber.com or email info@westjordanchamber.com for more information.

**Presenting: Santa at City Hall
Free Family Event**



Come Visit Santa at City Hall and Walk through a Christmas Village of West Jordan Businesses 8000 South Redwood Road, West Jordan UT 84088.

December 7th, 2013

See Santa from 2:00 - 6:00pm. Use Your Own Camer or Purchase Portraits from Holly's Hobby's Photography. Packages Start as Low as \$5.00.

Then watch as we light up city hall, and stroll over to

The Viridain Event Center at 6:00pm to listen to "A Most Wonderful Holiday" concert.

Donation Fundraiser

Bring a donation of dog/cat food, toys, treats, blankets, towels, or pillows/beds for the West Jordan Animal Shelter and receive a free dessert from Black Bear Diner in Jordan Landing.

One Sweet Slice will be here selling their award winning cupcakes for donations to the South Valley Sanctuary, a domestic Violence shelter that provides families with help and support.

Call the West Jordan Chamber at 801-569-5151 or email info@westjordanchamber.com

We'd Like to Thank Our Reinvesting Members

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Family Learning Center celebrates success

By Jaime Theler

Many have heard the Chinese proverb: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

The Family Learning Center at Columbia Elementary is all about teaching families to "fish" – by helping them further their education. This past summer, the center held a graduation to celebrate the success of some of those families.

The objective of The Family Learning Center at Columbia Elementary is to improve school performance and student academic achievement through the promotion of parent involvement, family literacy and parenting skills. It operates under the principle that more students succeed in school when parents and other adult family members provide a home environment that promotes the value of education.

In keeping with that objective, the center provides English as a Second Language classes for parents of students who do not speak English, GED preparation classes, Basic Computer classes, Zumba classes, knitting and sewing classes, volunteer time and more.

In a touching event this summer, over 180 family members and friends packed Columbia Elementary's gym to witness the graduation ceremony for 35 adults who completed their GED or Computer Basic classes at the Columbia, Heartland Elementary or Oquirrh Elementary Learning Centers.

Both the GED and Computer Basic classes take up to a year to complete.

Claudia Kassner, the administrative intern at Columbia who was over the graduation, said, "Each one of these parents worked really hard to finish these programs." Eight adults completed their GED with help from the center.

"It was a big night," Kassner said. "They (the graduates) took pictures and they were so excited." She said the children of the graduates, many who attend Columbia, were also really excited. "They were proud of their parents."

Jordan School District Superintendent Patrice A. Johnson spoke at the ceremony, along with other speakers. Kassner said the graduates were so impressed that the superintendent was able to attend. "It was a big deal for them." There was also a dance performance by Desde La Mitad Del Mundo.

One of many tender moments of the night happened when an older graduate became emotional while receiving his GED. He declared he should have graduated 60 years ago. "It meant so much to him," Kassner said.

About 200 people per month attend the Columbia Family Learning Center's various courses and programs. Classes are free of charge and open to all families in the community. "[It's] not only for the Hispanic population," Kassner said. "It's for all families that want to improve their skills. We believe by helping our parents, we help our students."

More information about the Learning Center can be found on Columbia Elementary's website.