

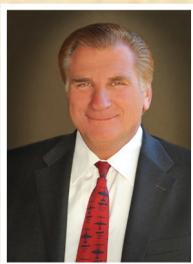


## WEST JORDAN GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

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December 2016

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



The holiday season is a time to reflect on the many wonderful blessings we enjoy by living in this great nation and in this great city. During the past month, I've had the opportunity to see first-hand many acts of kindness and service that benefit our community.

Here are just a few examples:

**Tree Planting** – About 200 volunteers helped plant 76 trees to replace those that had been vandalized. I had a great time helping to make a pancake breakfast for the volunteers and appreciate the extra help. Because of the volunteer labor, we were able to get the replacement trees in the ground this fall rather than wait until spring.

**Veterans Day Survival Bracelets** – Volunteers made over 1,700 survival bracelets for troops serving overseas. For two weeks before Veterans Day, volunteers of all ages made bracelets with paracord provided by the city events team. Then on Veterans Day volunteers joined at City Hall to make more bracelets, write 'Thank You' cards and bring stuffed animals to donate to Operation Gratitude. It's important to remember our service men and women and the sacrifices that they and their families make to protect our way of life.

**Extra Mile Winners** – At the Nov. 2 City Council meeting, we had the honor of recognizing this year's Extra Mile Day recipients, including:

**Al Richards** – Whether serving on a city committee like the Healthy West Jordan Committee or the Western Stampede Committee or raising money for the police department's Peer Support Program, Al is willing to give his time and talents for a good cause. He also serves as the Chamber of Commerce's member relations ambassador and is a great asset to our business community.

**Melissa Worthen** – Melissa is the driving force behind the City Journal's community foundation where she spearheads the annual Spelling Bee; serves as the liaison with Mascots

for Miracles; helps with a fundraiser for the Rape Recovery Center; helps coordinate the Pumpkinpalooza event; serves on the Chamber of Commerce's Women In Business Council; and much more.

**Jen Campbell** – Under Jen's direction, the Exchange Club recently raised funds for the Children's Justice Center and also partnered with Dannon to provide scholarships to local students who had excelled in the face of adversity. As the director of South Valley Services, she has helped open two community resource centers in West Jordan City Hall and Riverton and works continually to strengthen the relationship between South Valley Services and law enforcement.

**Bonnie Hutchings** – Bonnie is one of the original members of the Volunteers in Police Service program. She joined the newly organized unit in July of 2008 and splits her volunteer time between the victim advocate unit and the police department.

#### Craig Dearing

– Craig has devoted more than 40 years to our community. He founded the Chamber of Commerce in 1986 and served as president until 2014. He formed the West Jordan Rotary Club in 1987 and was instrumental in starting the West Jordan Exchange Club in 2003 – and he is still an active member in both these organizations

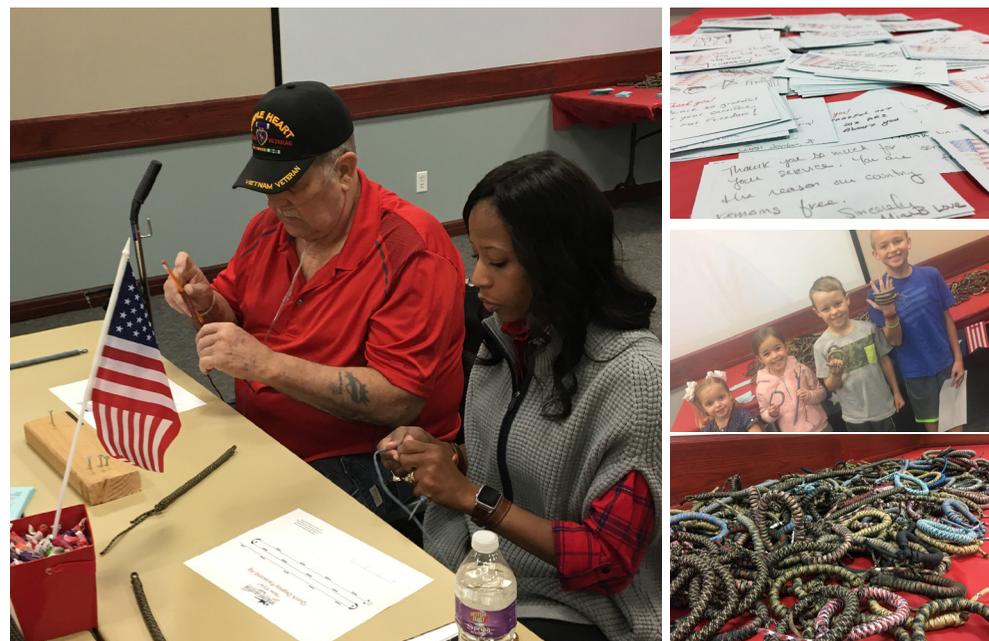
today. Craig has championed the ideal that no matter how large we grow we will always be the "Home of the Good Neighbor."

**New Council Member** – I'd like to welcome Alan Anderson as our newest member of the City Council. Alan was selected from a pool of very qualified candidates. In the end, the vote was split 3-3, and it came down to a coin toss to determine which of the two candidates would be the next District 4 councilmember. Alan is excited to serve and help the City Council look toward the future.

I appreciate those who give back so generously to make West Jordan a great place to live! As we head into the holiday season, take a look around you and see if there is something you can do to brighten someone's day. It's the little things that make a difference – even if it's as simple as sharing a smile and friendly greeting. Happy Holidays!



## Over 1,100 volunteers make paracord 'survival' bracelets for Troops



What started out as a small project with a goal to make 300 paracord "survival" bracelets to give deployed troops, captured the interest of over 1,100 volunteers of all ages. In honor of Veterans Day, volunteers signed up to make survival bracelets and donate stuffed animals to send to troops. Volunteers, including Congresswoman Mia Love, joined the West Jordan events team to "Serve Those Who Serve."

"Thank you for being here," Love said to the volunteers. "This may seem like a small thing, but it is very important."

The city partnered with Operation Gratitude to make bracelets, collect Beanie Babies and write 'Thank You' cards for our troops. Operation Gratitude sends packages to active military and these are some of the items they requested.

"Our original goal was to make 300 paracord 'survival' bracelets for the troops," Kevin Schmidt, West Jordan events manager, said. "Thanks to all the amazing volunteers in the community, we are up to

over 1,700 bracelets with more coming in." In addition to the Veterans Day gathering, over 1,100 volunteers have been assembling the bracelets for the past couple of weeks with materials provided by the West Jordan events team.

"We had youth groups, girl scouts, students from Sunset Ridge Middle School, businesses, individuals and families all take supplies and make bracelets," Schmidt said.

The bracelets are made of 7.5' of paracord, which is exceptionally strong and can hold 550 pounds. This cord is used for emergency and survival situations. Just as important, the bracelet sends the message to service men and women that someone cares about them and they love to wear them. The nylon cords that make up the paracord can also be used as sewing thread, emergency sutures, fishing line and more.

If you would like to get involved by volunteering with the West Jordan Events department, contact them at [events@wjordan.com](mailto:events@wjordan.com) or 801-569-5160.



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**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

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- \* 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)



**Volunteers plant 76 trees to replace those damaged by vandals**

About 200 volunteers helped plant 76 trees on Nov. 5 to replace those damaged by vandals. The planting project kicked off with a hot breakfast cooked up by Mayor Kim Rolfe, Councilmember Dirk Burton, City Manager Mark Palesh and members of the events staff.

Trees were replanted along 2200 West (between 7800 South and 9000 South), in Veterans Memorial Park, and also along 4800 West (between 8620 South and 9270 South). The tree damage in Veterans Memorial Park and along 2200 West occurred beginning Pioneer Day weekend and continued until a suspect was arrested

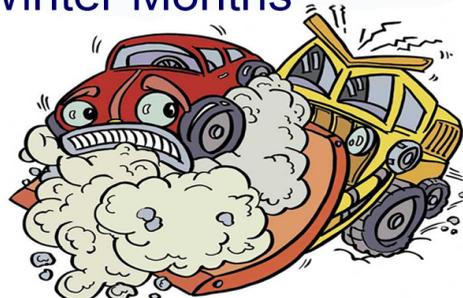
Aug. 28. Tips from the public were crucial in identifying and locating the suspect who was wanted in connection with more than 80 tree vandalism cases in West Jordan and South Jordan.

To help fund the replacement of the damaged trees, the Urban Forester applied for and received the Community Partnership Grant from the Utah Community Forest Council. Because of the grant money and an abundance of volunteer support, 76 trees were planted during the tree planting project. Four Eagle Scout projects also took place during the project.



**No Street Parking During Winter Months\***

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.



\*When it is snowing or snow is on the street per ordinance 7-3-10.

**Please Help Us Save Animals By Donating This Holiday Season**

Saturday, December 10, 10am - 2pm

Support the animals at the West Jordan Shelter with a Gift or Donation!

Socialized and behaved pets welcome.

Light refreshments available for pets and their humans!

Thank you for your support.



**WEST JORDAN Animal Shelter**

5982 W. New Bingham Hwy  
801.282.3951



**West Jordan POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2016

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

December 3

**Arts Council Holiday Celebration, Viridian Event Center,**  
6-8 p.m.

December 3-12

**West Jordan Theatre Arts "It's a Wonderful Life, a Live Radio Play," Midvale Performing Arts Center,**  
695 W. Center Street, 7:30 p.m., Matinee on the 3rd at 2 p.m.

December 6

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

December 7

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

December 15

**Literary Arts Guest Speaker, "Network Security for Authors," City Hall Community Room,**  
8000 S. Redwood Road, 7 p.m.

December 18

**Interfaith Council "Messiah Singalong"**  
7 p.m.

December 20

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

December 21

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

December 25-26

**Christmas Holiday – City Offices Closed**



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## Sign up now for the next session of the Citizen Police Academy

Is your view of law enforcement something you learned from watching television programs or going to the movies? If you want to find out what really happens in law enforcement and get to know the people behind the West Jordan Police badges, sign up now for the next session of the West Jordan Police Citizen Academy.

Applications are being accepted for the two sessions scheduled in 2017. There is no charge to enroll, but applicants must pass a police background check and commit to attend the 11-week course. The Academy is held on Thursday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Community Room at the Police Department, 8040 S. Redwood Road. Participants must be 18 years of age.

Academy attendees spend part of their time in a classroom learning about law enforcement and the situations officers encounter. But the experience is not limited to the classroom. Participants also get to ride along with officers as they answer calls



from the public. Other course highlights include firing weapons under police supervision, participating in a role-play SWAT scenario where they make split second decisions in a "shoot no shoot" interactive video training experience

"I have been so impressed with the caliber of people I have met while attending the academy," said Liz Halloran, a recent graduate. "I have learned there are many specialties within the police department." The city's gang detectives also opened her eyes to the problems drug traffic brings to the state.

Julie Rowland enjoyed meeting the officers and "getting to know them as people." Ankur Verma participated because he wanted to better understand the role of police and also educate his family. "I learned that police officers have to react in a split second and react within the law," Verma said. "It's a very tough job." He spoke so highly of his experience that Verma's wife is applying for the next session.

The next session starts Jan. 12, 2017 and is limited to 24 participants. To sign up, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Barbara Tatangelo by calling 801-256-2033 or emailing barbarat@wjordan.com.

## 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 #61

Recycle all your clean paper products. From **junk mail** and **newspaper** to **cardboard boxes** and **toilet paper rolls**, your paper products are recyclable!



Sugar Factory Playhouse / West Jordan Theater Arts present

IT'S A  
**WONDERFUL LIFE**  
A LIVE RADIO PLAY

by Joe Landry

Dec. 3, 5, 8-10, 12 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 3 2:00 p.m. matinee

Midvale Performing Arts Center \$5-\$8  
695 W. Center Street cash or check

www.SugarFactoryPlayhouse.com





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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)

## 'Extra Mile' Winners Honored



Each year the City of West Jordan joins with other cities across the nation to recognize individuals who create positive change in their community through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service. As part of this year's "Extra Mile Day," the City Council honored several individuals who go the extra mile and give back to our community both personally and professionally including

Al Richards, Melissa Worthen, Jennifer Campbell, Bonnie Hutchings, and Craig Dearing. Pamela and Omani Gatoloai were also honored with a Meritorious Service award for helping a West Jordan Police Officer who was being assaulted. This is just a tiny sample of the many great people in our city who regularly go the extra mile to strengthen our community. Thank you for your service!

## West Jordan Santa Search



Join West Jordan Events and local businesses for this fun and free scavenger hunt for your chance to win great prizes!

December 5-16th on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and all over West Jordan!

Santa is hiding somewhere in West Jordan and it's your job to find him! Discover his hiding spot and turn him in for great daily prizes from December 5-16th.

Prizes include gift cards, gift baskets, tickets and other great stuff from local businesses!

Can you find Santa?  
#WJSantaSearch  
#WJEvents



Follow **WJEvents** on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook and **enable notifications** to be among the first to see the clues! Use hashtags **#WJSantaSearch** and **#WJEvents**. You can also find daily clues at [westernstampede.com](http://westernstampede.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.

