

Thanks to our awesome Comcast Cares Day volunteers!

City officials and staff would like to extend a big thank you to the many volunteers who participated in this year's Comcast Cares Day event on April 25! About 1,100 volunteers came together and spent the morning helping with a community-wide cleanup. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Comcast, who will in turn make a cash donation to nonprofits based on the number of volunteers who took part in this annual day of service.

Thanks to many helping hands, the following projects are now complete:

- 105 trees planted in six different parks
- 310 yards of mulch spread
- 14 tons of playground sand spread
- 70 yards of playground soft fall chips spread
- graffiti removed
- several dumpsters filled with trash hauled away
- Fence slats installed, windows cleaned, weeds pulled and flowers planted at Copper Hills High



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Overcoming Adversity to Reach Our Full Potential

I realize there has been a lot of media coverage about our City as of recent. There are a lot of things happening right now and a lot of questions being raised.

In the midst of all of this, I want to make one thing perfectly clear: I take my responsibility as your Mayor very seriously. Whenever I make a decision or take action of any kind, it is always based on my consideration for the City and its residents, not upon my own interests.

It is difficult to have your actions questioned in the media and be unable to address those questions head on. Because of the legal issues involved, that is my current predicament. Rest assured that the facts will come out eventually and the truth will prevail.

In the meantime, I will continue to work toward the best interests of West Jordan and its residents. Since being given the privilege of becoming your Mayor, I have seen some amazing things happen in our city. Here is a recap of some of the highlights:

- We established a six-month moratorium on multi-family housing while we work on a cap and grade system. This will allow us to control the ratio and quality of multi-family high-density housing that is built in our city.
- We appropriated surplus funds for the Calsense central irrigation system. This automated parks watering system will reduce water usage and labor costs.
- We approved bonds for \$6 million to upgrade our existing parks and change our streetlights to LED. This was done with no tax increase. The new streetlights will save the city thousands of dollars every year.
- We negotiated the acquisition of the old library. This building is currently being used by the Arts Council until a new facility can be built. This was all done without cost to West Jordan taxpayers.
- We brought greatly needed funds to our Fleet Department to upgrade the antiquated Fleet, Police, Fire and Public Works vehicles. Again, this was done without raising taxes.
- We made a jurisdictional transfer of 9000 South and 7800 South to UDOT. This relieves West Jordan taxpayers of the high maintenance costs for these major thoroughfares.
- We stopped the prison from coming to West Jordan. It was an amazing thing to watch our entire community come together to protect the future of our city!

This is only a fraction of the great things we have accomplished. There is so much more that is possible. You have my word: I will not rest until I see our city reach its full potential.



New Fire Station 54/Bagley Park Police Substation Open

West Jordan Mayor Kim V. Rolfe cut the "hose" at the April 30 Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Fire Station 54/Bagley Park Police Substation. The mayor used the Jaws of Life to cut through handcuffs and fire hose to celebrate the opening of this new facility, which was built on the site of an old fire station that was demolished last spring.

"The new station is a great addition to the community and replaces one we had outgrown and worn out," said Fire Chief Marc McElreath. "It is designed to serve the needs of this fast-growing area for many years to come. It's seismically safe and large enough to house our firefighters and equipment so that we're prepared to respond to the community."

The Police Department's motor squad will also be based out of the combined fire station/police substation.



The original facility was built in 1980 when West Jordan had only about 27,000 residents. Today, West Jordan has about 110,000 people and more than 3,000 businesses, including many large industrial businesses in the area that the new station will serve.

The station includes a 50-foot tower for rope rescue training as well as tunnels to practice confined space rescue. It has the ability to house seven firefighters and includes a 50-seat community/training room that is available for public use. The station is located at 9351 S. Hawley Park Road (5595 West) and cost about \$3.5 million.



Wild West Jordan Playground Celebrates 10 Years

Ten years ago a dedicated group of volunteers had the vision to build a one-of-a-kind playground. Playground co-chairs Jennifer Scott and Cynthia Bee and their team of 13 committee chairs spent a year raising over \$400,000, soliciting tools and supplies, recruiting volunteers and preparing for this massive undertaking. School children designed the structure and even raised nearly \$4,000 in pennies to fund the project.

Over the course of 10 very wet, muddy days, 6,000 volunteers built the Mountain America Wild West Jordan Playground in Veterans Memorial Park. With a unique two-story superstructure, it was the largest playground in the state. (You can see many news clips and pictures on the West Jordan City Hall Facebook page in celebration of the 10-year anniversary.)

At 10 years old, this much loved and well used structure needs a mini facelift. The City Council has allocated funding to make some needed repairs to the playground to make sure the Wild West Jordan Playground continues to delight children for years to come.



Kids' "Mayor's Mile" May 30

Hey kids! Can you outrun the mayor? Kids 14 and under are invited to race Mayor Kim V. Rolfe in the "Mayor's Mile" event on May 30 as part of the "Get Into the River Festival." Sign up for this free race from 9-10 a.m. at the Gardner Village trailhead, 1100 W. 7800 South. The run starts at 10 a.m. (Adults can race too but are ineligible for prize ribbons.) This second annual "Get Into the River Festival" includes many different events and activities that take place along the Jordan River Trail from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Details at GetIntoTheRiver.org.



Looking for singers each night of the rodeo July 2, 3 and 4

RODEO ANTHEM SINGERS

Auditions
May 30th
10am-noon

West Jordan Arena
8035 South 2200 West
Pre-register by emailing wjprca@wjordan.com
Pre-registrations are guaranteed an audition. Walk up will be taken as time permits.
Must be willing and encourage the audience to sing along.
Solo or groups welcome.

Mountain America Credit Union logo
The West Jordan Western Stampede logo

details at WesternStampede.com

★ **ON LOCATION:** Gardner Village
JORDAN RIVER parkway 1100 W 7800 S

May 30 ★ 10am-2pm
saturday

CELEBRATE WITH YOUR FAMILY & NEIGHBORS IN WEST JORDAN & OTHER FESTIVITIES ALONG THE ENTIRE RIVER CORRIDOR

+info: GETINTOTHE RIVER.ORG



West Jordan Receives Tree City USA Award for 19th Year



From left to right: Brian Cottam, State Forester/Director; Dave Naylor, West Jordan Urban Forester; Brian Clegg, West Jordan Parks Director; and Scott Zeidler, Community Forester for the Wasatch Front Area.

The City of West Jordan was honored as a Tree City USA community for 2014 for the 19th consecutive year. In order to be eligible for the award, the city is required to have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

In 2014, 203 trees were planted in city parks and streetscapes. And an additional 593 trees were added to city properties. About 500 volunteers put in over 1,900 hours of service working on tree-related projects. 2015 is off to a strong start with 105 trees planted on Arbor Day and 54 more trees scheduled as part of an upcoming project.

Ever thought about running for City Council?

2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDACY DECLARATION



The City of West Jordan will be electing DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 Council Seats during this year's municipal election. To declare candidacy to run for a Council District position, the filing period this year is as follows: Monday, June 1 through Monday, June 8 at 5 p.m., in the City Clerk/Recorder's Office, City Hall, 8000 South Redwood Road, 3rd floor. For more information regarding the upcoming Municipal Election, please contact Melanie Briggs, City Clerk, 801-569-5117. All positions have four-year terms. If you are interested in running, listed below are the requirements:

- (1) Be a United States citizen.
- (2) Be at least 18 years old.
- (3) Be a resident of the municipality or a resident of the recent annexed area for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
- (4) Be a registered voter of the municipality.

[Utah Code 10-3-301; 20A-9-203]

Construction Update

If it seems like there are more construction projects happening around the city this year than ever before, you're right. The City Council allocated additional funding this year in an effort to improve the city's transportation network and other infrastructure. Construction projects are never convenient, and we ask for patience as we work to rebuild failing roads, improve the city's storm drain system, upgrade water pumps and reservoirs, and make other much needed repairs. You can find up-to-date information on the city website WJordan.com or follow us on Facebook at West Jordan City Hall.

Here's a quick overview of some of the projects under way:

5600 West Project – 6200 South to 7000 South

This section of road is being rebuilt and widened, with new curb, gutter and sidewalk being installed. Storm drain work is also nearing completion. When complete, the road will include two travel lanes in each direction, a median/left turn lane, and bike lane within the shoulder. The project is ahead of schedule and should be complete before the contractual deadline of July 2.

9000 South Project – 4800 West to 5500 West

9000 South from 4800 West to 5300 West closed on April 29 so that crews could remove the existing road surface. Fencing was installed to protect pedestrians and school children. The

contractor is currently removing almost 3' of supporting roadway soil materials to prepare for placement of the roadway fabric and new structural fill material. The project is expected to take 90 days, with plans to reopen by the end of July.

Grizzly and Bingham Junction Reservoirs

Two new water reservoirs have been constructed: Bingham Junction Reservoir is complete and operational, and the final work on the Grizzly Reservoir will be complete in the next two months, with the reservoir operational for the July summer peak.

Well #3 – 5700 West and 9000 South.

A new pump station is almost complete, with the well already tested and approved for operations.

1300 West – Bingham Creek Box Culvert Project

Final cleanup and paving work along 1300 West is almost complete. All new curb and sidewalk has been placed.

4000 West – Bingham Creek Box Culvert Project

The road is closed for the next 30 days along 4000 West as crews remove the old culvert. This closure is necessary to complete the removal and replacement of the storm drain culvert.

2015 Surface Sealing Project

This year city crews will seal approximately 835,000 square feet of roads, which represents about 1.5 percent of the city's 53,856,000 square feet of road surface. Surface sealing takes place in June and July.

Are You Up For THE CHALLENGE?

Presented by: West Jordan City and Jordan Education Foundation

WEST JORDAN | **Jordan Education Foundation**
Your children. Their education. Our collective future.

Date: Saturday, June 6th
Race Start Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Veterans Memorial Park (race begins at the park)
Register Online: <http://edge.webconnex.com/TheChallenge>
Activities and exhibits to follow race.

Choose Your Challenge

- 5K Race
- 5K Obstacle Course
- 10 K Race
- 1-Mile Linda Butters Fun Run

Scan Here to Register

Rodeo Princess Contest

Register June 6
beginning at 10am until full at
the Salt Lake County Summer
Reading Kickoff, 8030 S. 1825
West, in Veterans Memorial Park.
Limited entries
\$15 nonrefundable registration fee

GIRLS
Ages 6-12
years old

DETAILS AT
WesternStampede.com

Storm Water Open House May 21

Come learn about the City's storm drain infrastructure and the efforts being taken to stay compliant with the EPA and manage flood run off. Staff will be on hand **Thursday, May 21 from 6-8 p.m.** at Constitution Park, 3200 West 7000 South, to explain the system, answer questions and share future planned improvements.

Email info@wjordan.com for more information.



GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS: WEST JORDAN NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
21

STORM DRAIN OPEN HOUSE

Constitution Park
3200 West 7000 South
6-8 p.m.

MAY
23

"SPRING INTO BOOKS" AUTHOR SIGNING EVENT

Viridian Event Center
8030 S. 1825 West
3-7 p.m.

MAY
25

MEMORIAL DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE
6-7 P.M.

MAY
27

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall
8000 S. Redwood Rd.
6 p.m.

presented by **WELLS FARGO**

MAY
30

GET INTO THE RIVER FESTIVAL

Events and activities along
the Jordan River.
10 a.m - 2 p.m.

MAY
30

WESTERN STAMPEDE ROYALTY CONTEST

Viridian Event Center
8030 S. 1825 West
8 a.m.

MAY
30

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGING CONTEST

West Jordan Arena
8035 S. 2200 West
10 a.m.

JUNE
2

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Hall
8000 S. Redwood Rd.
6 p.m.

JUNE
6

HEALTHY WEST JORDAN'S LINDA BUTTARS MEMORIAL FUN RUN

Veterans Memorial Park

JUNE
6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF

Veterans Memorial Park
10 a.m.-2 p.m.



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801-840-4000 Dispatch

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Mutton Bustin' Sign-Ups
June 6th 10 am-2 pm

Kids ages 4-8 can ride
sheep during the
Western Stampede
July 2, 3 & 4

Veterans Memorial Park 8030 S 1825 W
WesternStampede.com

Sugar Factory Playhouse and
West Jordan Theater Arts present

**JOSEPH
AND THE AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR
DREAMCOAT**

Music by
Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by
Tim Rice

June 17-20,
22, 25-27
7:30 p.m.
Copper Hills
High School
\$5-\$8 cash or
check

SugarFactoryPlayhouse.com

