Good Neighbor News
WEST JORDAN'S CITY NEWSLETTER
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Help us lower your water bills!

Water conservation is not just a plan to accommodate future growth; it also affects the price we pay for water today. Conservation obviously lowers your water bill because you are using, and paying for, less water. But there is another way it saves money. The City of West Jordan purchases most of its culinary water from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. The price usually goes up a little each year to cover Jordan Valley's rising operating costs. But the price also changes based on "peaking factors." The city's combined water demand reaches a peak in July or August every year. The higher the peak, the more demands are placed on Jordan Valley's water system and the higher rates they charge – not just during the summer, but for the entire year.

You can help us lower the "peaking factor" and lower your water bills by simply watering your landscape more efficiently. Most homeowners and businesses use about twice as much water as their lawn really needs to stay healthy. It is actually healthier for a lawn to be watered deeply, then wait as many days as possible before being watered again. Adjust your sprinklers to match the temperatures. Give your yard the same deep soaking each time (about ½" of water reaches 7-8 inches into the soil), but change the frequency as needed (once every four-five days in spring and fall, every two-three days in summer).

Visit conservewater.utah.gov for a real-time watering guide and tips. Sign up for a free Slow the Flow "Water Check" sprinkler tune-up at 1-877-728-3420. And check WJordan.com to find out which specific days are most important to minimize your watering and lower the summer "peak." Thank you for doing your part to Slow the Flow in West Jordan.

It's Simple – Shop West Jordan

Being invested in your community can mean something different to each of us. For some it may mean volunteering for a nonprofit organization, for others it may involve participating in a community cleanup day. Did you know that every day you have the ability to positively affect your community? It is quite simple really, so simple in fact that most of us don't even know we are doing (or, not doing) it. Three words – SHOP WEST JORDAN.

It's that simple. Think about it. What happens when we, as consumers, purchase our goods and services locally? Well first, we are contributing to the sales tax revenue of our City … those sales tax revenue dollars provide substantial funding for things we expect in our community. Like what, you ask? Sales tax revenue can positively affect our police force, our fire department, our local parks and public utilities.

By buying local we are also keeping businesses here in the City of West Jordan, which means that those businesses will need employees and those employees will need housing and those employees will shop and reinvest in our community. Do you see where this is going? We, as residents of the City of West Jordan, hold the power to effect change. It's that simple!

Mayor's Message

It is time again for the National Night Out Against Crime. The first Tuesday in August has been set aside as a day when neighborhoods across the country can gather to visit with police officers and learn more about crime prevention. Some neighborhoods organize block parties, ice cream socials or barbecues to increase involvement and spread the word that we are watching out for each other.

There is significant crime reduction in areas with neighborhood crime prevention programs. Neighborhood Watch, Citizen's Patrols and other programs are active throughout the City and there is always room for more volunteers. There is also an advantage to learning what to do if you see a crime in progress. The City of West Jordan has several online tools to help with neighborhood safety. You can sign up to receive e-mail or text alerts for emergencies, read tips to protect yourself and your property, register for our Citizen's Police Academy course or even see a map of crimes reported throughout the City on our website WJordan.com. As citizens we can help our Police Department keep our streets, parks and neighborhoods safe.

We are looking to involve as many people this year as possible. You can find out if your neighborhood is participating by calling crime prevention specialist Aaron Serr at 801-256-2033. If you'd like to form a Neighborhood Watch group or connect with an existing group, call crime prevention specialist Christie Jacobs at 801-256-2032. Plan to be part of the National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 7-10 p.m. I will be visiting as many neighborhoods as possible along with members of the City Council. I hope to see you there. Let's send a clear message that criminals are not welcome in West Jordan.

Mayor Melissa K. Johnson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

JULY

16 . . . . . Free Movie Friday, "Madagascar" at Ron Wood Baseball Complex, 6000 W. New Bingham Hwy., 8:45 p.m.
20 . . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
23 . . . . . Pioneer Day Observed – City Offices Closed
28 . . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.

AUGUST

3 . . . . . 27th Annual Night Out Against Crime.
3 . . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
3 . . . . . Farmers Market held Tuesdays from 3-7 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park, 1985 West 7800 South (Runs through Oct. 18)
7 . . . . . Schorr Gallery Reception featuring artist Rosemary Ravesten, fiber artist from Idaho, 7-8 p.m. (show runs Aug. 10-Sept. 17)
. . . . . 11 City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
7 . . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
20 . . . . . Free Movie Friday, "Over the Hedge," Constitution Park, 3200 West 7000 South, 8:45 p.m.
25 . . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.

For information regarding activities and events, call 801-569-5100 or visit WJordan.com.

FREE MOVIES IN CITY PARKS, JULY 16 AND AUGUST 20!