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JULY 2015

Election Update

Once again, the Municipal Election will be conducted as an all Vote By Mail Election. The General Election in 2013, which was the first year the City held an all Vote By Mail Election, saw an increased voter turnout from 16 percent in 2009, to 34 percent. As you can see, we more than doubled our voter participation.

Salt Lake County Elections Division mailed the Primary Election Ballot to all registered voters in Council District 1 by July 14. These need to be mailed and postmarked no later than the Monday before the election or dropped off at a designated drop site by 8 p.m. on election night. There is a ballot box in the City Hall parking lot, 8000 S. Redwood Road.

The General Election Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in the City by Oct. 6. Vote Centers will also be open on election days. For the Aug. 11 primary (only for District 1), voters can come to the West Jordan Library, 8030 South 1825 West from 7 a.m.-8p.m. Two vote centers will be open on Nov. 3 for the general election. In



addition to the West Jordan Library, the Bingham Creek Library at 4834 West 9000 South will also be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thanks to all who entered the race to fill four City Council seats in this year's municipal election! Get to know your candidates and the issues and help shape the future of your community. Candidates running for City Council Districts 1-4 are as follows:

DISTRICT 1: Jay Thomas, Kevin L. Mertin, Christopher M. McConnehey

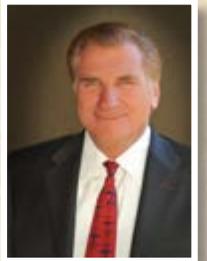
DISTRICT 2: Dirk Burton, Judith M. Hansen

DISTRICT 3: Zach Jacob, Tim McConnehey

DISTRICT 4: Alan R. Anderson, Sophie Rice

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

City Parks to Get Makeovers



Did you know West Jordan has over 477 acres of open space and 350 acres of park properties? Recently the City Council approved a \$4 million bond to fund park improvements including \$1,177,500 for playground equipment, \$440,000 for pavilions, \$250,000 for sprinkler upgrades, and \$90,000 for Ron Wood Baseball Park improvements. I'm pleased to report that these projects are all being completed without a tax increase.

City parks come in all shapes and sizes and include community parks and open spaces, neighborhood parks and pocket parks. Our parks are the site of community events, sports leagues, family reunions, company parties, relaxing, recreating, and much more. With the heavy use our parks receive, regular maintenance and repair is essential. Even with regular repair, equipment wears out and some parks don't yet have playground equipment. The bond money will help fund park improvements including new playgrounds at 24 parks. The first nine to be replaced include:

- Bicentennial • Beargrass • Brown's Meadow
- Dixie Valley • Harvest Estates • Lobelia
- Meadow Green • Teton Estates • Veterans Memorial

Park pavilions are also heavily used and can be reserved at Veterans Memorial Park and Constitution Park. Other park pavilions are first come, first serve. We will be replacing 10 pavilions in the following parks:

- Bicentennial Park • Camelot • Constitution (2)
- Dixie Valley • Green Meadow • Lexington
- The Ranches • Vista West • Veterans Memorial

If you haven't visited many of the city's parks, I encourage you to discover a new favorite. Have you visited the splash pad and all-abilities playground at the Ron Wood Baseball Complex? These new amenities opened a year ago and have been very popular. Or did you know that the community-built playground at Veterans Memorial Park just celebrated a 10-year anniversary? This playground was designed by school children. Volunteers also raised over \$400,000 and then came together and built it over the course of 10 days. This playground will also get a mini-facelift so that the next generation of young ones can enjoy it too. Which one is your favorite? Visit the city website at WJordan.com and you'll find a complete list of parks and their amenities.

YOUTH PIONEER PRODUCTION

July 23-24 • 8:00PM • West Jordan Arena
Live Entertainment & Fireworks
FREE ADMISSION



UTAH PIONEER DAYS.COM



2015-2016 Budget highlights

One of the most important things the City Council does each year is review and approve the annual budget. This process takes several months where projected revenues and expenses are scrutinized, projects are developed to match City goals, and finally the budget is presented at different meetings for council discussion and public comment. At the June 10 meeting, the City Council unanimously approved the budget for fiscal year 2015-16.



The total budget for the city is about \$118 million. The budget includes different funds, in which the money can only be used for certain expenses as defined by state law. The General Fund includes police, fire, streets, administration, the justice court, etc. Utility funds are standalone funds that resemble an independent business, and revenue and expenses must stay in that fund. In some cases, the enterprise fund leases or purchases labor and materials from other departments. This is done by transferring money to that department such as vehicles from the fleet department, billing, payroll, IT, administration staff and even the City Council that makes decisions for these funds. And money that is collected as impact fees for new development can only be used for projects associated with the new growth and for the specific utility or service that it is collected for.

State law also mandates that the city keep between 5 percent and 25 percent of its General Fund operating expenses in a "rainy day" fund (essentially a savings account). This "fund balance" equates to about a three-month financial cushion

that would keep the city running in the event something unexpected happened to its projected revenues, as was the case with the recession. Each of these "funds" must act independently and cannot rely on the cash in a different fund other than to borrow from it and pay it back with interest.

Budget highlights for fiscal year 2015-16, which began July 1 include:

Central irrigation system for city parks. One centralized controller will allow staff to adjust sprinklers from one location, which saves water and time.

LED street lighting will provide a cost savings over time by using less electricity and lasting longer. It also provides better lighting.

General Fund	\$ 57,471,878
KraftMaid SID Fund	201,617
Capital Support Fund	2,582,314
Road Capital Fund	4,991,522
Parks Capital Fund	2,447,897
Buildings Capital Fund	132,800
CDBG Fund	802,160
Water Fund	22,789,093
Sewer Fund	12,212,514
Solid Waste Fund	4,349,783
Stormwater Fund	2,877,204
Fleet Fund	5,484,354
Information Technologies Fund	330,000
Risk Management Fund	1,250,000
TOTAL	\$ 117,923,136



Water Memorandum



On May 12, 2015 the Salt Lake County Council passed a water conservation resolution urging residents, businesses and governmental entities to conserve our limited water resources.

"This year's record low snowpack, warmer-than-normal temperatures and regional multi-year drought conditions are combining to create a potentially serious water situation in the state of Utah."

- County Resolution #4946

In order to support the Council's initiative, Salt Lake County government is committed to reducing water usage in all of its facilities.



Approximately 65% of the water used by residents is on their landscape

Check Your System - broken heads and leaks rob your system of pressure and waste water

Get a Water Audit - Contact Slow the Flow or Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District

Switch Your System - Manual operation prevents accidental watering during a rainstorm

Reduce Water Usage - Cut one of your regular water cycles

Learn More - Visit Utah State's water conservation website: conservewater.utah.gov

PARTY IN THE PARK
AUGUST 15 4-7 PM
Butterfly Releases 5:15 & 6:30
 CONSERVATION GARDEN PARK 8275 S. 1300 W. - West Jordan, UT
CONSERVATIONGARDENPARK.ORG

FREE EVENT!

2015 Water Quality Report

The City of West Jordan's 2015 Water Quality Report is online at WJordan.com. You can also pick up a copy at West Jordan City Hall in the first floor Finance/Information area. The report contains important information regarding the quality of your drinking water, which surpasses all federal and state requirements. For more information, call the Utilities Manager at 801-569-5707.



Plan now to give crime a 'going away party' during the Night Out Against Crime Aug. 4



Party planning is in full swing for the 32nd annual National Night Out Against Crime, Aug. 4, at block parties and ice cream socials around the community. Each year West Jordan neighborhoods come together to give crime a going-away party with more than 35 million people in 11,000 communities

throughout the U.S., Canada and military bases around the world. The National Association of Town Watch sponsors the activity.

The parties provide a forum for neighbors to get to know each other and talk about neighborhood issues. "The best crime prevention efforts happen when people know their neighbors and are familiar with who belongs in each house and what kind of vehicles they drive," said Police Chief Doug Diamond. "As neighbors get to know each other, they start to watch out for each other and recognize suspicious people or activities. They become effective eyes and ears for the police department."

To find out where the parties are or to host one of your own, contact Christie Jacobs at 801-256-2032 or christiej@wjordan.com or Barbara Tatangelo at 801-256-2033 or barbarat@wjordan.com.

Free residential disposal of household hazardous waste

If you come across hazardous household waste during your cleaning, remember it's important to dispose of properly. The Trans-Jordan Landfill, 10873 S. Highway U-111, accepts a variety of hazardous waste, including:

- Paint • Pesticides
- Oil • Transmission Fluid
- Antifreeze • Batteries
- Household chemicals
- Ink jet cartridges
- Electronic devices



Materials can be dropped off free of charge, Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. While you're there, visit the re-use shed to see if there's anything you might need.

You'll find paint, household chemicals, as well as lawn and garden chemicals that are still useable and free to the public. One man's trash is another man's treasure. Call Trans-Jordan Landfill at 801-569-8994 for more information.

There is also a free household hazardous waste collection event at City Hall on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon for residential waste only, no commercial waste.

Report illegal dumping of household hazardous waste by calling the Salt Lake Valley Health Department tip line at 385-468-3862. Remember we all live downstream.

September 12th at 7 pm

WEST • JORDAN

DEMOLITION DERBY



WJ Arena 8035 S 2200 W • Tickets and Info at WesternStampede.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY
22

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

JULY
23-24

OSMOND'S UTAH PIONEER DAYS

JULY
24

PIONEER DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED



AUGUST
1

DOCUMENT SHRED AND E-WASTE RECYCLING

8000 S. 1825 West
(parking lot behind City Hall)
10 a.m. - noon

AUGUST
4

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

AUGUST
12

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

AUGUST
18

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

AUGUST
25

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SEPTEMBER
1

PLANNING COMMISSION

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



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801-256-2000
801-840-4000 Dispatch

DATE 8/1/2015 TIME NOON-4:30
TO BENEFIT FRIENDS OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER
PLACE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK
(8020 S. ROSA PARK DR., WEST JORDAN, UT)
ACTIVITIES ROCKIN' HOT ROD ALL DAY! / FOOD TRUCK WARS WITH GREAT FOOD! / KIDS ACTIVITIES (SCALES & TAILS REPTILE SHOW, CASTLE PLAYGROUND, GAMES & FACE PAINTING)

4TH ANNUAL DAY OF HOPE



PAPER SHREDDING & ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st
FROM 10 A.M.-NOON

WEST PARKING LOT BEHIND CITY HALL
8000 SOUTH 1825 WEST

Residential Recycling Only
Two "Banker's Boxes" of Paper
Hard drives must be removed if you would like them shredded



WEST JORDAN

YOUTH THEATRE

SUMMER WORKSHOP

The West Jordan Youth Theater will be holding their summer workshop July 21-23 and July 28-30 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sign up now for a fun learning experience! Auditions for the fall production of "Beauty and the Beast" will be held Aug. 5-6 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., with call backs on the 8. For more information, visit www.wjyouththeatre.com.



Youth Theatre members participated in the Fourth of July Parade.