



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL  
Week ending August 21, 2015**



Dear City Council and Staff:

School starts this coming Monday for many West Jordan families. This means children in crosswalks, parents scrambling to get to and from a variety of commitments, and the realization that summer vacation is coming to a close. It is also a sign that many of our construction projects are winding down in order to beat the cooler weather that is coming.

In other areas of our city we are just ramping up. Building permits are climbing as is the demand for more inspections, the concern and watch for wildland fires is a concern where dry fields border housing tracts, developers continue to flow in and out of City Hall asking questions and looking for answers. The demand on our staff flows from one season to another without any reprieve and the transition from one project to another goes on without much fanfare.

I mention this because I hope that we don't forget that behind all of this work are people with individual lives, hopes, aspirations, and attitudes that put a personal signature on the work we do. I've kept an eye on the social media scene and comments on news websites. It is discouraging to hear the few who believe that government workers are somehow less than those in the private sector. It is true that there are layers of bureaucracy that slow some elements of our work. But it is my opinion that we have some of the greatest talent and knowledge in our workforce as in any city I've worked in.

I hope that we won't hesitate to tell the great story of all that we are accomplishing and let people know that our work and efforts are to make their lives better. Thanks again for your individual efforts to make a positive difference. Thanks for caring, following the laws that we are expected to enforce, and doing your best to make challenging situations turn out for the better. As a team we will always be able to accomplish so much more than when we attempt to do it individually or take credit for ourselves.

And if you are in that part of your life where you are trying to get to the store and buy school supplies before Monday, don't forget the protractor and compass. Now you can read on for more news of what has been going on around the City during the past week.

**FIRE**

***Operations***

Fire units responded to a reported single vehicle rollover. Upon arrival we found a Honda SUV on its side and the occupants sitting on the sidewalk declining any medical attention. The vehicle had impacted a large tree in the drive strip and broke it off at the base, which had

then come to rest against another tree. Because the tree was blocking the emergency lane and the sidewalk, we notified the streets department and they responded and removed the tree.

Medic Engine 54 was dispatched to an auto-pedestrian accident involving a 13 year old female. She was riding her bike across the street when a van hit her. The driver of the van stated "I was unaware that I had hit anyone, I think she hit the side of the van." There was significant damage to her bike. Ladder 118 arrived on scene and initiated care prior to our arrival. Upon our arrival we found the patient sitting on the ground. She was alert and oriented with complaining of right leg pain. She denied hitting her head or any loss of consciousness. We applied an air splint to the right leg on scene. The patient was then transported to Jordan Valley Hospital.

Units from West Jordan and South Jordan Fire responded on a structure fire. 911 callers reported that a vehicle in a detached garage had caught fire and was rapidly spreading to the structure. Upon our arrival the garage was fully involved in fire and a home to the south was being threatened. Hose lines were placed between the garage fire and threatened home. The fire was extinguished within fifteen minutes, however, two awnings and the fence between the properties were destroyed and the garage was a total loss. The homeowner was required to be transported to Jordan Valley Hospital from sustaining inhalation injuries and minor burns while attempting to fight the fire with a garden hose. Damages are estimated to be \$60,000 to \$100,000.

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Staff met with Ted Knowlton and Val Halford of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to discuss the future of West Jordan. They talked about several funding sources for planning and projects.

Staff spoke with a broker/developer that specializes in purchasing and repurposing high tech buildings. We talked about Fairchild Semiconductor and hope that it may lead to a good reuse.

Building permits issued in the last week included 2 new single family dwellings, 4 multi-family units, and a commercial permit for West Jordan Gateway Office Phase 4 at 9200 South 1300 West, a 15,562 square foot building valued at \$1.5 million. Total valuation of all permits was \$2.9 million.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 18, 2015 and approved the following items:

1. A Preliminary Site Plan for the Taffy Town manufacturing and warehouse facility located at 9813 South Prosperity Road.
2. A Preliminary Site Plan for a new Holiday Oil fuel station located at 2730 West 7800 South. Demolition of the existing vacant gas station has already begun to make way for the new facility.

During the same meeting, the Planning Commission also forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council to rezone the South Valley Regional Airport from the Public Facility (P-F) zone to the Airport Special Purpose (A-SP) zone. The regulations of the

A-SP zone were adopted by the City Council last year to provide specific support to the long term vitality of the airport. Rezoning the airport property to this new zone will officially put into place these adopted regulations.

A preconstruction meeting was held for the Salt Lake County Health Department facility located west of Fire Station #52.

Okubo Farms Phase 2 (17-lots) subdivision plat at 2021 West Gardner Lane was recorded.

## **POLICE**

The fugitive team, working with the US Marshals, tracked down two different wanted, violent felons who had been fleeing the police for weeks. They followed the brother of a suspect, wanted for attempted homicide, and eventually stopped the car. The suspect was found hiding in the trunk.

We have now begun the Police Activities/Athletic League (PAL) Program here in West Jordan. PAL is a National Organization. Our introduction was a 4-week program that started at the end of July.

We met on Mondays at a park across from Fox Hills Elementary and Wednesdays at Veterans Memorial Park. There were multiple activities in which the kids were involved in to include flag football, Frisbee and Frisbee golf, kickball, badminton, and soccer. The kids had a great time and are anticipating our next activity.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Graffiti Removal Work Completed

- Graffiti was removed by staff from 13 locations totaling approximately 480 square feet this week: 9 public property locations (approximately 444 square feet) and 4 private property locations (approximately 36 square feet)
- 4 Locations reported to Code Enforcement

Below are photographs of graffiti which was removed during this past week.

Before



After



### ***Solid Waste***

- Preparations are being made for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the city hall parking lot.
- Staff met with Esther Davis at the Trans Jordan Landfill for training in recycling education and outreach in our community. Esther does a remarkable job educating folks in our community about the various aspects of the landfill and recycling. Below is a link to an article that highlights a portion of Esther's dedication and valuable experience: <http://www.triplepundit.com/2015/07/photos-audi-sponsors-landfill-gas-capture-in-utah/>



In-house overlay work continues – paving taking place on the following streets:

- 8350 South from 3336 West to 3220 West
- 3220 West from 8350 South to 8410 South
- 8410 South from 3200 West to 3320 West.
- 3320 West from 8410 South to 8350 South.
- 3310 West from 8510 South to 8580 South.
- 8580 South from 3310 West to 3220 West
- 8525 South from 3220 West to 3200 West



On-Going crosswalk painting

***Sewer***

Maintenance crews cleaned 38,731' of sewer mainlines in the city in the following areas, Mountain Meadows, and Bagley Industrial Park. Jet Truck South cleaned 24,161' in the following areas, Normandy Mobile Homes, Bateman Farms, Jordan Mobile Estates, Lucky Clover, Canterbury Junction, Lucky's Place, 7000 South 3420 West, Fox Point Ridge, Gardner Village, 1300 West 6800South.

Maintenance crews performed TV inspections on 7,023' in Schorr Estates, and Sunset Estates.

Jet truck V08116 in for service and repairs for three days, numerous repairs made to the Vector including repairing the locking mechanism on the front rodder reel, and repairing the hydraulic motor drive mechanism.