



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL  
Week ending May 1, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

The Comcast Cares Days was a huge success and no one got rained on. Thanks again to everyone that came out and made a difference in how West Jordan parks, trails, and open spaces look! It is opportunities like this that we get to rub shoulders and show how much we care for and love our community.

The Station 54 handcuff cutting ceremony was outstanding with a great turnout from citizens, staff and dignitaries. We look forward to seeing how this great building can serve our community for public safety and be a meeting place for progress and purpose. The support of Jordan Valley Hospital to provide the food for the event is another demonstration of our community support and friendships that we share. Don't forget the open house this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The trench in front of City Hall is getting closer to being filled back in so that we can go back to business as usual. We await the cool flow of air conditioning as the system becomes operational and appreciate the countless hours of effort by staff and contractors to keep us from melting. With this upgrade we should be chill for years to come.

And our email challenges appear to be on the mend. A new program is being installed this weekend and the system enhancements should reduce our chances of going back to the dark ages of having to use a telephone or talk to someone face-to-face.

Thanks to everyone that has helped us make progress and improve these and other elements of our City. It is an honor to serve with so many dedicated individuals and recognize that in spite of our differences and unique personalities, we can work together for the betterment of West Jordan.

Read on for more information about what has been happening during the past week in our City.

**FIRE**

We responded to a flooding basement at 8012 So. Bueno Vista Drive. A culvert screen in an irrigation ditch on the west side of the property had clogged and overflowed the incoming water into the property. The water filled several window wells to capacity and had filled the homeowner's basement with approximately fourteen inches of water. We were able to clear the culvert and divert water away from the home. We also used a sump pump off our heavy rescue unit to pump out the window wells. Crews removed a toilet in the basement to help drain the water downstairs.

Company 53 was dispatched to 9000 South Bangerter Hwy. on a traffic accident. Upon arrival, we found four vehicles involved in the accident. One vehicle had significant damage and the patient in the vehicle required extrication. Battalion 51, Medic Engine 54, Engine 52, Ambulance 52 and South Jordan Engine 62 also assisted with treatment and transportation. A total of three patients were transported to the hospital with injuries. One person reportedly fled the scene on foot.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Staff contacted Willard Malmstrom regarding their property on 90<sup>th</sup> South and 40<sup>th</sup> West and the property at 90<sup>th</sup> South and 48<sup>th</sup> West. The family is looking at options for the development of the land. They will consider letting us market the land at the upcoming ICSC trade show in Las Vegas.

Staff spoke with representatives of Holiday Oil regarding the site at 2700 West and 7800 South. They have been busy with several other projects and subsequently have moved this project to the "back burner". They will give it a little more attention. If so, they intent to construct a new building on the western portion of the lot.

Staff met with Bob Kelez regarding the development of his property on Prosperity Road. He is negotiating with a food manufacturer for a large building. Staff will be assisting with changes that will need to be made to accommodate the user.

Staff is making some headway regarding a possible land swap for a parcel on 7800 South. The owner has agreed to move forward with the negotiations.

## **POLICE**

Officers Hansen and Horman attempted to stop a suspicious vehicle in the area of Copper Hills High School where a truck pulling an industrial generator on a trailer. The suspect fled, and the trailer popped off the hitch. Officers terminated after a short pursuit due to speeds. Officer Horman found the truck abandoned nearby and called for more units. The suspects were located hiding near a church and the generator was found to be stolen from a construction site. The two suspects were booked into jail for the theft and fleeing.

Officers responded to a burglary in progress at a residence. A 19-year-old resident came home in the afternoon and found a male, who had no ties to the family, sitting on his couch. The resident confronted the burglar and was able to get him to leave the home. He then called police and was able to provide a good description and last known location of the suspect. Officers located the male behind a home in the area of 7700 S Redwood Rd and were able to take him into custody. A search of the suspect revealed that he was in possession of a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. It was later determined that the gun had been stolen during a previous burglary.

K-9 officers responded to assist other units following the conclusion of a vehicle pursuit of two males driving a stolen vehicle. The suspects were located by the K-9 officers hiding in some bushes at an LDS church. Stolen property and burglary tools were recovered in addition to the stolen vehicle.

Officers responded to 9000 S Bangerter Highway on report of a 5-car accident. A male suspect, driving a stolen truck northbound on Bangerter Highway, slammed into vehicles stopped at a red light. The resulting impact totaled three vehicles, sending two occupants to the hospital in critical condition and one in serious condition. The suspect fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. The intersection was closed for about 1½ hours while emergency personnel completed their investigation.

Officers responded to a residential burglary in progress. The complainant reported three unfamiliar males were knocking on doors in a neighborhood, acting suspiciously. At one home, the complainant saw one of the males go into a backyard. Officers responded to the home in question and found the garage door opened and the front and side doors kicked in. They also found the owner's property stacked near the front door, ready for transport. One of the officers saw individuals matching the suspects' descriptions jump a nearby fence. Officers combed the area and found one of the males about two blocks away. He was arrested and eventually divulged important information about the other two suspects. Detectives are following up.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### ***Fleet***

Fleet is still actively involved in acquiring all of the inspections and emissions certificates needed for relicensing vehicles by June. We appreciate all of your help in accomplishing this daunting task. Additionally, if your vehicle is on the Preventive Maintenance reports and is requiring a Type E or I, we need your vehicle as soon as possible. These are the inspections and tests we need completed for licensing.

We've received the last F-series trucks for FY2015 replacements! The two new electrician boom trucks are getting lights installed, and a few of our utility trucks are getting the installations completed and lights installed. Our two new Mack trucks should be arriving any day! And the new TV Inspection truck for Storm Water should be arriving by the middle of May. Our goal to have all replacements here by June 1<sup>st</sup> is still on target!

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Building permits issued in the last week included 2 new single family dwellings and 3 new multi-family units. Total valuation of all permits was \$1.9 million. Applications for new commercial permits included a tenant finish for Sports Authority at Jordan Landing and Jordan Credit Union at 4830 West New Bingham Highway.

On April 28, 2015 the Design Review Committee held a public hearing and considered for recommendation two projects: The Salt Lake County Health Department Public Health Center located at 7971 South 1825 West and the West Jordan Business Plaza at 4792 West New Bingham Highway. Both designs received a positive recommendation in 5-0 votes from the committee.

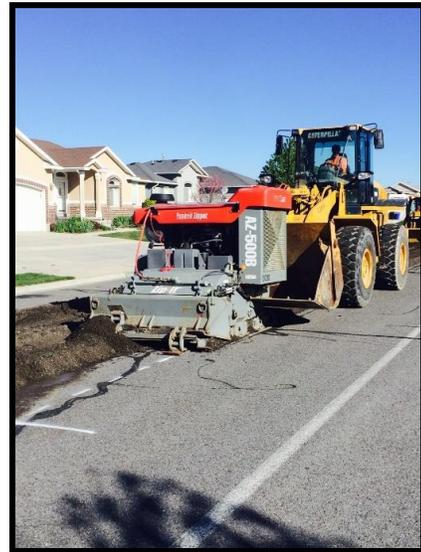
## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### *Streets*

Mud pumping in the areas of the proposed in-house overlay work.

Prepared for e-waste and shred event this weekend, May 2, 2015 at city hall from 10 am – noon behind city hall.

Prepared questions to obtain clarification from LED suppliers who submitted proposals on the recent RFP.



Staff repaired large road cut on Wisteria Way. Staff placed 58 tons of asphalt.



Staff replaced signs on Center Park Drive



Staff removed graffiti – multiple tags in the area of Bateman Pond



Electricians did troubleshooting to locate and then repair a short in power line in the area of 2830 W Dunlop Dr – power line.

### ***Capital Improvement Projects***

4000 west road and culvert project is underway. The road will be closed for 30 days while the contractor removes the old corrugated metal pipe culvert and replaces it with a new concrete box culvert.



