



**WEST JORDAN  
HIGHLIGHTS**  
Week ending August 22, 2014



Dear Mayor and City Council:

We are trying a new format to our weekly report that is intended to focus on the most amazing things happening in West Jordan. We hope that you find it easier to read and more focused on the greatest accomplishments of the week. With that said, let me lead off with a few items of interest.

The week started off with a fantastic employee party where the Employee Association Board busted their humps to give us a great opportunity to meet each other's families, have fun with a dunk tank, shaved ice, and a great meal. I hope that we can continue this event that was requested to build morale, be together in a social setting, and remind each of us, that underneath our uniforms and work clothes is a body that we aren't ready to expose in a swimsuit at the splash pad.

Emotions were quickly dampened by the horrendous thunderstorm that dumped nearly an inch of rain in 30 min. Our hats are off to our Public Works crews that worked through the night to prepare for and react to the storm, as well as our firefighters that responded to help citizens pump water out of their basements. We are evaluating what went well and what we can do to improve. Based on the fact that numerous cities in the valley experienced flooding, we are forced to concede that Mother Nature will occasionally get the upper hand.

Development in the city continues to advance and our economic development efforts are about to bear fruit that we can talk about. It is challenging to keep it under wraps but in many ways it's like the birth of a baby. Keep everyone out of the delivery room for privacy and discretion, but everyone can love it when you get it home!

I've been working with staff to get into the flow of our new work arrangements. Everyone is being so positive and supportive and we are committed to moving forward. Thanks again to our Council for your trust and support. And thanks to each one of our employees that did what it takes to get the job done.

Best Wishes,  
Bryce

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

*Business in Focus Magazine*, interviewed the Mayor and staff for an article and photos in their magazine. The October publication will include a brochure of the article that we will be able to use for marketing purposes.



Kim Wells is working with CGI Communications to produce four free 1-minute videos that we can use for economic development. Shooting takes place in September.

ERP implementation process is currently focusing on: Payroll, Human Resources, Business License, Code Enforcement, Building & Safety, ODA, Planning, and Engineering division to start mapping out the data connections that are needed for conversion.

The IT staff is completing the evaluation for a new phone system that will enhance productivity and communication.

The Fleet Dept. took delivery of two new F550 Dump Trucks for the Streets department which will have a plow and a salt dispenser.

## **FIRE**

We completed the Community Mass Care Management course as part of our ongoing training. This also helps us fulfill one of the requirements of the Emergency Management Program Grant we received this year.

The Deputy Fire Marshal completed a review of the current road closure/restrictions that can affect our emergency response. The crews were then provided with the updated information.

Company 53 & BC-51 responded to the report of a small airplane crash at the soccer fields off 4000 West. A single engine airplane had crashed on the southwest soccer field. The aircraft was on fire however, the three occupants of the plane had been removed by bystanders and moved away from the burning debris. Due to the number of patients and the difficulty with access to the crash site a first alarm fire assignment was called to the scene. Two of the victims were flown via medical helicopters to trauma centers having sustained critical injuries. The third was transported by ambulance having sustained serious injuries. Due to the cooperative efforts of both bystanders and all emergency personnel involved, the scene was brought to a successful conclusion with all three passengers of the plane surviving.

Firefighter/Paramedic Joy Stearns has been accepted into a graduate program at the University of Utah. She will be studying Health Promotion and Education Science.

Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Young, received the Firefighter of the Year award at our summer BBQ for his work on the Rescue Task Force (RTF) program.

Our main focus this week has been on training for Heavy Rescue, we have two training sessions planned 4 hours each on August 19 & 20.

Firefighter/Paramedic Sharee Rosqvist has been selected to represent Utah at the National Burn Camp in Washington DC this year.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### ***Capital Projects***

**5600 West Project – 7000 South to 7800 South** – The amazing item that Kilgore Contracting had to struggle with this week was losing his curb crew due to scheduling constraints because of the heavy rainfall in the Tooele Valley this week. The scramble was

on to find another sub-contractor to step in and complete the work so the road paving and opening could stay on schedule. Fortunately after about a two day uncertainty time frame, the original sub-contractor was able to rearrange his schedule to accommodate the work on 5600 West. All utilities have been placed on 7800 South, less the power conduits for the traffic signal. The closure is on track for the August 29<sup>th</sup> opening date and weather could still be a problem. Road base placement continues, and median work on 5600 West and 7800 South will take place immediately following the paving of 7800 South. The portion of 5600 West from 7800 South to 7000 South is completely paved, but open to construction traffic only at this point.



Curb placement for 7800 South roundabout near 6000 West

### ***Public Utilities - Stormwater***

On August 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 at around 4:00 am the southern part of the Salt Lake Valley including West Jordan experienced a heavy rain event. In anticipation of this, the city stormwater and wastewater crews were out last night cleaning inlet grates, catch basins etc. It is estimated that the storm produced 3/4 of an inch of water within a one hour period. This is a lot of water at one time and the city's storm drain system was being stressed.

Our stormwater crews responded to between 15 and 17 homes being flooded, predominantly in the area of 3200 west and 7000 south. The city utility crews continued to respond and provide service to our citizens as they become aware of problems. Crews were checking and adjusting stormwater retention basins to ensure these components were doing their job of retaining water.

Again, on the 21<sup>st</sup> another heavy rain event occurred. This time the area around 9000 south and 6400 west was the unfortunate recipient of the mud and debris the flood water contained. The stormwater crew is currently cleaning up that area. We estimate the cleanup from this two day event will take two weeks and include equipment such as sweepers, vac trucks, and skid steers in addition to every one of the three stormwater crew members and possibly help from other crews.

Earlier this summer, our stormwater crew worked hard to improve the stormwater system in this specific area by rebuilding a retention basin and making other minor adjustments to the system. These modifications worked flawlessly to improve how the storm system handled the excess water.

## **POLICE**

Our two newest officers, Dallin Turner and Charlie Sandness, graduated from POST on August 14 and began their field training in the department on Monday, August 18.

We completed 2-day training with the Fire Department on active gunman incidents.

Our Narcotics Unit, along with the DEA, seized 4.5 pounds of heroin with a street value of over \$600,000. The seizure is part of an ongoing investigation.

The K-9 Unit selected and purchased a replacement police service dog for Officer Steve Hutchings; a 1½ -year old Dutch Shepherd.

When officers stopped a suspicious vehicle, they found the driver to be an active white supremacist gang member. He was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and was charged.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

On August 14, 2014, an open house was held at Pioneer Hall for the neighborhood and residents which abut the proposed Gardner Station Development. This open house was intended to show property owners a revised plan for the project previously called the Station @ Gardner Mill (a 224-unit multi-family project consisting of 6 buildings, 9,000 sq. ft. of retail/commercial, a clubhouse, and possible pedestrian bridge across 7800 S.).

On August 19, 2014 the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation (5-2) to the City Council for the Gardner Station Preliminary Development Plan and Preliminary Site Plan. A request for ratification of density will be heard at a City Council public hearing on August 27, 2014.

Received new building permit applications for Big Dog Pawn addition and CVS Pharmacy at 7800 S. Redwood Road.