



Mayor's Message



Residents who live west of Bangerter Highway will be noticing a lot of activity in the next few months. The city will be building a new regional park to serve some of the newest neighborhoods. Specific details about the park are being considered now, and construction will begin next spring.

I have been asked why the city is building a new park now, especially if the economy has not fully recovered. Some people are concerned about spending money on something less important than public safety or fixing roads. The simple answer is that we are building a park to fulfill a commitment we made to people who built new houses in West Jordan.

This new park is not the result of a tax increase. When someone builds a house in the city they are charged an "impact fee" as one of the requirements to move into their new house. The fee pays for the added impact of each new home on existing public facilities such as roads, water tanks, and even parks. The city collects all the impact fees and deposits them in separate funds to cover each type of facility. When enough money is collected to build a new facility, or enough time has passed, the city is required to construct the facility.

In this case, the city has been collecting impact fees for over five years to build a new park in an area that does not have one. Each new home that was built paid into a fund that was set aside to build this park. We cannot use the money for a different purpose because it is against the law, and it would be unfair to the new homeowners who built here with an expectation that we would eventually build a park in their neighborhood.

Mayor Melissa K. Johnson

Fall is a great time to trim trees

Fall foliage provides a "color show" in Utah's mountains and in our own backyards. When the show ends and the leaves fall, make use of the city's green waste program, which runs through Nov. 30. Remember to place the leaves directly in the green waste cans (plastic bags are not accepted).

With the leaves off the trees, it's easier to see structural problems and correct them through proper pruning so they don't become safety hazards. Common city tree code violations occur in four areas:

1. Sign visibility – Trees must be trimmed so their canopies don't interfere with the visibility of stop signs, yield sign, street address signs and other regulatory signs.
2. Clear vision – trees or bushes must be trimmed so motorists or pedestrians can see oncoming traffic at intersections.

3. Sidewalk clearance – Trees or bushes must not obstruct pedestrian travel. Trees adjacent to pedestrian walkways need to have a minimum canopy clearance of eight feet above grade.

4. Street side clearance – Tree canopies that extend over streets need to provide canopy clearance of at least 15 feet above the pavement. Low-hanging trees interfere with motorists and cause issues for snowplow operations, paving operations, garbage collection, street sweeping operations and more.

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain their trees and planting material. If there is a complaint or an operation that is being altered due to your trees or planting material, you may receive a visit from a Community Service Officer to correct the issue. Details about the city's tree code are online at WJordan.com or contact the city's Urban Forester, Dave Naylor, at dnavlor@wjordan.com.



Hats off to Dave's Body Shop and Pendleton's Towing! These local businesses sponsored a fun event Oct. 13 to raise money to replace a police K-9 who is retiring due to health issues. Thanks for giving back to the community.



Green waste collection ends Nov. 30

Green waste collection ends on your regularly scheduled collection day the week of Nov. 26-30. The seasonal green waste program will resume the first Monday in April. Thank you for your participation and help with "Keeping It Green."

Applications Available for Public Service Agencies

Applications are currently available for Public Service Agencies wishing to apply for funding under the FY2013-2014 West Jordan Community Development Block Grant Program. Applications are due by 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. Agencies that provide services to West Jordan low and moderate-income residents are invited to apply. Services provided in the past have included homeless shelters, food banks, counseling services for abused children and adults, dental assistance programs, and business start-up loans. Funding will be available beginning July 1, 2013.

All agencies that receive funding will be required to

comply with all CDBG regulations, reporting requirements and Executive Order 11246. Agencies requesting funding for construction projects will be required to comply with the additional requirements of the following regulations: Davis Bacon Wage Requirements-HUD 4010, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and all laws and regulations of the federal government and State of Utah pertaining to bonding/insurance requirements.

Request an application by contacting Charles Tarver, CDBG Coordinator at 801-569-5062, or download one at WJordan.com.

'Pink Heals' Oct. 22-27

The West Jordan Fire Department is continuing to support The Pink Heals "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" program by wearing pink t-shirts Oct. 22-27. The Fire Department invites you to participate and show your support for the women of our community by wearing pink during this week.

The goal is to "turn the world pink" to show support for "All Women, All Cancer."



Compete for prizes and improved health!

Sign up now for 'Weigh Biggest Loser Contest'



Sign up now for the 6th Annual Healthy West Jordan Weigh Biggest Loser Contest. The "kick-off" will consist of the initial weigh-in, free cholesterol screening, blood pressure testing, blood sugar testing, along with BMI/body composition check and will be held Jan. 15, 2013 at the Gene Fullmer Rec Center, 8015 S. 2200 West, from 5:30-8 p.m. Contestants can come in anytime during those hours. The committee will also be handing out rule sheets and be available to answer questions.

Weekly weigh-ins will be held Tuesday evenings between 5:30 and 7:30 at West Jordan City Hall, through April 9. Each week classes will be offered ranging from nutritional counseling to exercise instruction and cooking demos. In addition, a walking/running group will train

together for the Linda Buttars Memorial Fun Run, which will be held on June 1.

In 2012, West Jordan Weigh Biggest Loser contestants lost 761 pounds, 115 inches from waist circumference and 169.4 percent body fat during the 13-week contest. So don't delay, sign up today! Register online via Active.com or download a registration form online at wjordan.com and return it to City Hall with payment of \$40 per individual or \$60 per pair, or stop by City Hall Administration, on the third floor. Details will be posted at wjordan.com.

The Healthy West Jordan committee sponsors the contest. The committee's purpose is to promote healthy living in West Jordan. You can find us on Facebook @ <http://www.facebook.com/HealthyWestJordan>.



Help for the Jordan River Parkway Connector Project



Left to right: Chris Haller, Utah State Parks; West Jordan Mayor Melissa Johnson; Councilmember Judy Hansen; Betty Bangenter, Federal Highway Administration; Councilmember Chris McConnehey; Councilmember Justin Stoker; Councilmember Ben Southworth; Councilmember Clive Killpack; and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon.

Representatives from Utah State Parks and the Federal Highway Administration presented \$110,000 to the City of West Jordan at the Sept. 26 council meeting. (They also presented \$100,000 to Salt Lake County for use on the same project.) The money is from the non-motorized trail program and will be used for the construction of the Jordan River Parkway Connector Project. The city is partnering with the county to connect the Jordan River Parkway via a tunnel underneath 9000 South. The project is scheduled for completion September 2013.

West Jordan Youth Committee

The West Jordan Youth Committee is looking for volunteers. The committee was organized earlier this year and includes three subcommittees: City Youth Council, Youth Activities and Youth Theatre. Unfortunately, three members resigned due to heavy schedules.

If you want to help organize and build the Youth Committee and have the time and energy to commit to a worthy organization, visit the city website at wjordan.com and volunteer today.

Subcommittee activities

City Youth Council

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Looking for something cool to do for Halloween?

Come to West Jordan City's Halloween Bash!

What: Halloween Bash sponsored by West Jordan Youth Committee and the City Youth Council

When: Friday, Oct. 26 from 7-10 p.m.

Where: Viridian Library, 8030 South 1825 West, behind City Hall

Admission: one can of food (or more) to donate to the Utah Food Bank

We'll be having music, activities (e.g. a costume contest) and food. Costumes are optional. If you do choose to wear one, please make it conform to the school dress code. NO MASKS please; face make-up is okay.

We will be having a pumpkin carving contest. If you are interested, carve a pumpkin and bring it to the bash! No lit candles, please.

Hope to see you there!

Youth Theatre

Fall Classes

- PLAY THEORY
- Nov. 6, 8, 13, 15
- 5-6 p.m.
- \$35 per student (7 years old through seniors in high school)
- Instructor: Stephanie Whiting (co-director of Narnia)
- Limited class size so get your name on the list today by emailing westjordanyouththeatre@yahoo.com with "atten: classes" in the subject line
- Registration: Oct. 30 from 5-7 p.m. at City Hall (Parents must sign registration forms etc.)

Watch our website for coming events at wjyouththeatre.com



BUY FRESH ... BUY LOCAL

Farmers Market

Tuesdays, August - October
3-7 p.m.

7975 S. Redwood Rd.
WJordan.com

Volunteers needed for Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission is a seven-member commission that is appointed by the City Council to serve three-year terms. This commission typically meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. to make recommendations to the City Council regarding annexations and zone changes, commercial development plans, subdivision plans, and various other development and planning activities. If you're interested in serving, please submit an application found online at WJordan.com under the "Resident" then "Committee" tab or email info@wjordan.com.

Volunteer Today

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

OCTOBER

- 22 Schorr Gallery Reception featuring "Just for Kids," 7-8 p.m., City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd. (Show runs thru Nov. 23)
- 24 City Council Meeting, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 27 Symphony Fall Concert, Senior Center, 8025 S. 2200 West, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Epic Halloween Bash for High School Students, Viridian Event Center, 8030 S. 1825 West, 7-10 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 12 Veterans Day Observation - City offices closed
- 14 City Council Meeting, City Hall, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.

For more information, visit WJordan.com or call 801-569-5100.