Good Neighbor News

WEST JORDAN'S CITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 21, 2010

Mayor's Message

Last month disaster struck close to home. The Herriman fire had us all fearing for the safety of our friends and neighbors to the south, and looking for ways to help. Now that the fire is out and the dust has settled, we can use their example to make us better prepared for an emergency in West Jordan.

When the call came to start evacuating homes, officers were only able to reach about 60 percent of homeowners with their 911 callback system. Traditional Qwest phone service comes equipped with this service, allowing police to automatically notify you in the event of an emergency. Cell phones or Internet phones (including Comcast) are not included automatically and must be registered. The process is simple and only takes a few minutes, but most people are not aware the service exists. Registering your cell numbers will give you advance notice of an evacuation or other emergency, and more time to leave your home.

We have a link on our homepage at WJordan.com to walk you through the steps. If you don't have access to a computer at home, there are public computers at libraries and senior centers throughout the county. You can call City Hall at 801-569-5100 for more information.

The City will also be sponsoring Community Emergency Response Team training beginning early in 2011. CERT classes will help residents become better prepared to assist public safety officers in emergency situations. The city will cover the cost of tuition, but space will be limited. Look for more information about these classes in the Journal in the coming months.

The Herriman fire showed us ways to be better prepared for an emergency in our own community. It also showed that one of our biggest strengths is our ability to pull together to help each other.

Mayor Melissa K. Johnson

Shop West Jordan

Shop your local West Jordan stores. They provide needed sales tax revenue which in turn funds needed city services such as police and fire.

Think local!

The city is turning pink!

Wear pink Oct. 25-30 to support cancer awareness

Join the West Jordan Fire Department, Police Department, city officials and city staff as they wear pink Oct. 25-30 to support cancer awareness. Pink ribbons will also be tied on light poles around the city. It's all part of a national campaign called "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" where firefighters and police officers trade their blue shirts for pink in honor of women.

"We plan to wear pink shirts to raise awareness and show the people of our community we recognize and support their battles with cancer," said Firefighter Sharee Rosqvist. "Next year we hope to have the pink fire trucks stop in Utah as part of the 'Pink Heals' tour."

The pink fire trucks canvass the country each year spreading the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" message. Firefighters dressed in pink gear drive the pink fire trucks and bring hope and love to cancer sufferers.

In 2010 the American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 1.5 million individuals will be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. Approximately 569,490 people will die from cancer – more than 1,500 a day.

Mayor Melissa Johnson will read a proclamation at the Oct. 27 City Council meeting that proclaims Oct. 25-30 as "Cares Enough to Wear Pink Days."

"I encourage our community to join with us to display an image of hope, courage, love and awareness by wearing pink in support of those battling cancer," she said.

Any donations raised in conjunction with this campaign will be donated to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

Green waste recycling ends Nov. 26

Now is the time to finish your fall yard projects! Gather grass clippings, tree branches, weeds and other compostable yard waste and place it in your green waste can. Green waste collection ends on your designated trash pickup day during the week of Nov. 22-26. There will be no green waste or garbage collection on Thanksgiving Day. Both green waste and trash will be collected the following day. (Thursday will be Friday, Friday will be Saturday.) The seasonal green waste program will resume Monday, April 4, 2011.

Thank you for your help "Keeping It Green!"

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN

Melissa K. Johnson

cordially invites you to an Open House for the

West Jordan Community Covenant Signing Ceremony

A PUBLIC COMMITMENT to SUPPORT OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

and **Freedom Shrine Unveiling**

Thursday, November 11, 2010 from 3 P.M.—6 P.M.

Community Room, West Jordan City Hall
8000 South Redwood Road,

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West Jordan Symphony
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Biggest Losers

West of Jordan

For more information, Visit WJordan.com

Utility rates increase

You may have noticed that the City of West Jordan recently implemented increases in its utility rates. The new rates are necessary to cover increasing operating costs (fuel, vehicles, electricity, contractors, water purchases, wastewater treatment, state/federal regulations). The new storm drain fee will help meet state and federal regulations and maintain the storm drain system that prevents flooding during rainstorms.

Your City Council and management are very aware of the economic challenges facing West Jordan residents and businesses and will adjust rates only when absolutely necessary to cover basic operating costs. The city is committed to providing excellent service for the lowest cost possible. Visit WJordan.com for more details. Click "Resident" and then "Utility Billing."

To sign up for equal bill pay, call 801-569-5020 before Oct. 31.

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Register now for Citizen Police Academy

The West Jordan Police Department is gearing up for its next session of the Citizen Police Academy. The 13-week session begins Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011. Participants get an inside look at how the police department works and learn about different aspects of police work, including hands-on classes in firearm safety, crime scene investigation, K-9, crime prevention, defensive tactics and more. Course highlights include field trips to the Adult Detention Center, Firearm Range, the call Dispatch Center and a four-hour ride-along with an officer.

Classes are held each Thursday and last about three hours. Participants must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in West Jordan, and pass a basic background check. There is no fee. Additional information and an application can be found online at WJordan.com by clicking on "Departments," "Police" and then "Citizen Police Academy." For more information, contact Barb Tatangelo at 801-256-2212 or via e-mail at barbarat@wjordan.com.

Citizen Police Academy participants get hands-on classes and an inside look at how the West Jordan Police Department operates.

2010 General Election Early Voting

The Salt Lake County Clerk's Office provides voters the option of voting prior to Election Day at an Early Voting Location. Voters do not need an excuse to utilize this convenient voting method. Registered voters may visit an Early Voting Location and cast a ballot in person using a touch screen-voting device. Early voting begins 14 days before Election Day, and ends the Friday before Election Day. In order to be eligible to participate in Early Voting, voters must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election and provide valid voter identification.

In-Office Voting Schedule

Monday-Friday between Oct. 11-Oct. 29
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Also, open on Saturday, Oct. 23-10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Salt Lake County Clerk's Office, Elections Division
2001 South State St.
South Building, Suite S1100

West Jordan Early Voting Locations

Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 19-Friday, Oct. 29 **(Weekdays only)**
Hours: 12 p.m.-6 p.m. (ending 5 p.m. on Oct. 29)
West Jordan City Hall – 8000 S Redwood Road (1700 W.)
(ADA access on the west side of the building)
Mountain America Credit Union – 7181 S. Campus View Dr.
(3830 W.) (Upper parking lot on west side of the building)
(Other early voting locations include most city halls. A complete list can be found at WJordan.com.)

Recently community volunteers came together and assembled new play structures at two city parks. Not only was it a great project that stretched tax dollars by using volunteer labor, it also helped 13 boys on their paths toward the rank of Eagle Scout. In fact, one of the parks is now called "Eagle Park" in their honor. Eagle Park is located at 5200 West 7530 South, and Grizzly Park is located at 7400 S. Grizzly Way.

City employee named president of northwestern chapter of IAEI

Layne Western, senior plans examiner for the City of West Jordan and long-time member/officer in the Utah Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors has been named president of the northwestern section of IAEI.

Western has served locally for many years in roles as president, secretary, treasurer and board member for the Utah chapter of IAEI. As president of the Northwestern Section of IAEI, he will preside over six states, including Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Western, who lives in West Jordan with his wife, Lorinda, and two children, Thomas and Kelsey, is well respected in the inspection industry with more than 18 years of experience. He has been employed by the city for more than 13 years and continues to demonstrate his knowledge in the electrical field. Western helps train city inspection staff and advises both contractors and residents on safe wiring methods.

Over the last few years, Western has arranged free electrical training classes every other month. The classes are held at City Hall, and are open to inspectors, contractors and the public.

"Congratulations are in order for Layne's appointment to this nationally recognized organization," said Bill Bailey, city building official.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

OCTOBER

27 . . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 . . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
5-15 . . . West Jordan Youth Theatre's "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" 7:30 p.m.
10 . . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
11 . . . . . Veterans Day – City Offices Closed
11 . . . . . Deadline to enter Playwriting Contest, West Jordan City Hall Admin., 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 5 p.m.
13 . . . . . Schorr Gallery exhibit "New Harmonies" traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution (show runs thru Jan. 21)
16 . . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
17 . . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
25 . . . . . Thanksgiving Day – City Offices Closed
26 . . . . . Day after Thanksgiving Day – City Offices Closed
26 . . . . . Last day of Green Waste pickup

For information regarding activities and events, call 801-569-5100.