



Good Neighbor News

WEST JORDAN'S CITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Mayor's Message



The first flakes of snow are starting to fall, reminding us that it's a good time to finish winterizing our homes and yards. It's also a good time for a reminder about some city services that are affected by the changing seasons.

The city-wide green waste collection is a service that runs thru the end of the growing season, so the final collection date will be the last week of November this year. Please try to get your leaves, grass clippings, small branches, and other plant materials into the green containers by the end of the month, and remember not to use plastic bags.

If your green waste container is not sufficient for your needs, the city still provides large neighborhood containers for your use. You can sign up for one of these at our Public Works building at 8030 South 4000 West in West Jordan. You can either stop by in person during regular business hours from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or fill out the form online by accessing our website www.wjordan.com. You may also want to plan ahead for next spring by making a reservation in advance. Starting in January, you will be able to reserve containers for all of 2013.

Snow removal is the other city service that receives a lot of attention this time of year. The current city policy places the greatest emphasis on clearing snow from main arterials and roads with a significant slope. Smaller neighborhood streets are cleared as a second priority, after the roads with higher traffic volumes. It is important to remember to park off the street or the snow plows will not be able to navigate safely. Also, please let us know if there are areas that need additional attention. Thanks, and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Mayor Melissa K. Johnson



Thanks to the West Jordan Lions Club, the City has a new granite bench outside City Hall. "The West Jordan Lions Club is excited to give this gift to the city," said Ruth Leister, Lions Club representative. "We believe it will be an asset – something to be enjoyed by not only City employees waiting for a ride, taking a reading break, or enjoying a rest and fresh air, but also visitors waiting to meet someone."



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."

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. 10, 2013 at 6 p.m. Participants get an inside look at how the police department works and learn about different aspects of police work, including firearm safety, crime scene investigation, traffic/motor squad, K-9, and SWAT. Participants will receive hands on firearm practice at a local range and experience the Firearms Training Simulator.

Course highlights include a simulation gun scenario where participants armed with simulation guns and simulation ammo role play as officers tasked with clearing a building occupied

with "bandits." Participants also learn about the latest in ID thefts, scams and frauds; narcotics; and gangs.

Classes are held each Thursday and last about three hours. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and pass a basic background check. There is no fee. Graduation from the Citizen Police Academy qualifies an individual to participate in the Volunteers in Police Service program. Class size is limited. Additional information and an application can be found online at WJordan.com by clicking on "Departments," "Police" and then clicking on "Citizen Police Academy." For more information, contact Barb Tatangelo, CSO, at 801-256-2212 or via email at barbarat@wjordan.com.

Looking for helping hands West Jordan Arts Holiday Celebration Dec. 1

The West Jordan Arts Council will be holding a Holiday Celebration Saturday, Dec. 1, from 6-8 p.m. at the Viridian Event Center, 8030 South 1825 West. Come enjoy the sounds of the season featuring the West Jordan Band, Symphony and the Mountain West Chorale. Mayor Melissa Johnson will also share a holiday story and Santa will visit the little ones. It's the perfect kick-off to the holiday season for the whole family.

Arts Council Volunteers Needed

The West Jordan Arts Council is looking for committee volunteers to help shape programs and activities that encourage the advancement of art and cultural events and activities in the community. The Arts Council meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. If you'd like to be involved in a variety of cultural events, please email info@wjordan.com for more information.

Your input is needed! Redwood Road Open House Dec. 6

The City of West Jordan is holding an open house where residents can meet with city staff to talk about how Redwood Road will look and function in the future. Please plan to share your ideas Thursday, Dec. 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Viridian Library, 8030 South 1825 West.

Redwood Road is a major regional transportation corridor along the Wasatch Front that has become an integral part of West Jordan's heritage and identity. The Wasatch Front Regional Council projects that by 2030, there will be 500,000 new residents in Salt Lake County. In the same timeframe, it is anticipated that West Jordan will add 50,000 new residents to its current population of just over 107,000. Although much of Redwood Road is currently developed, it is expected that regional growth will likely continue to increase traffic on the street and influence how property will develop and redevelop in the future.

Given the importance of this street to West Jordan residents, the City of West Jordan is conducting a study to examine future development opportunities and economic needs along Redwood Road. The study will also look at ways to improve the look, feel and efficiency of the street. Plan now to attend the open house or email info@wjordan.com to provide input.

Will YOU be our SANTA?

Christmas donations accepted
Saturday Dec. 8
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Support the Animals
at the West Jordan
Animal Shelter with
a Donation.



Our shelter relies heavily on
donations and community support.

We ALWAYS need adult cat and dog food, cat furniture, kitten food, scratching posts, puppy food, treats, toys and bones, cat litter, and dog and cat beds.

Socialized and behaved pets welcome. Light refreshments
available for pets and their humans! PLEASE JOIN US.
5982 W. New Bingham Hwy ☎ (801) 282-3951

NOTICE OF VACANCY SOUTH SALT LAKE VALLEY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

The City of West Jordan hereby gives notice of one vacant position on the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District Board. Any persons interested in applying for the position must live within the boundaries of the City of West Jordan, be a registered voter, and may not be employed by the Mosquito Abatement District. Application must be in writing and submitted to:

Melanie Briggs, City Clerk
City of West Jordan
8000 South Redwood Road, 3rd Floor
West Jordan, Utah 84088

The deadline for applications to be submitted is Friday, November 30, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

The City Council will appoint an applicant on December 12, 2012, during the Business Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at West Jordan City Hall, 3rd Floor, 8000 South Redwood Road.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact
Melanie Briggs, City Clerk, at 569-5117.



'Rented Christmas' brings holiday cheer Dec. 6-10



Come join the West Jordan Theater Arts for a real Christmas treat as they present "Rented Christmas" Dec. 6-10. The story unfolds as successful businessman John Dale decides to celebrate Christmas in 1958 with "the works" – a fully decorated Christmas tree, presents, Christmas carols, a wife and six children. The problem: he hasn't celebrated Christmas for years and he ISN'T married. The solution: to rent a Christmas from a local rental shop with a sign that says "We Rent Anything."

Add a lovely, spunky lady who owns the rental shop, nosey neighbors with six children, and their cousin Eunice who is looking for a husband, and you have the ingredients of a special holiday treat. Toss in a grumpy rent collector, a "cool man" store clerk, a housekeeper, a handyman who keeps John's home shipshape, and of course a bunch of adorable and highly energetic orphans and you have an entertaining, heart-warming family "Rented Christmas" story.

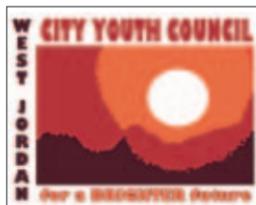
Come see John Dale (Mike Muren), Anne Weston (Julie Konishi), Briggs (John Berry), Martha (Candice Carbine), Jimmy (Alex Miller), Jean (Sofie Oldroyd), Ben (Steve Pratt), Sarah (Natalie Darling), Eunice (Marcy Muren) and the rest of an amazing cast. Directed by Rosalie Richards, Music – Pat Oliver, P.A. – Callie Stoker, Accompanist – Cheryl Nielson.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6; Friday, Dec. 7; Saturday, Dec. 8; and Monday, Dec. 10. A 1 p.m. matinee is also scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10. Shows are performed at the Viridian Event Center, 8030 South 1825 West, behind West Jordan City Hall. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors, students and children under 12. Please no babies. Tickets are available at West Jordan Macey's and at the door.

West Jordan Symphony

Come make a joyful noise with the West Jordan Symphony! Call 801-280-1530 or email info@wjordan.com.

West Jordan Youth Committee



Thanks to those who have already applied to volunteer on the Youth Committee. We still have openings on several subcommittees (listed below), which provide an opportunity to serve the youth and future leaders of our community. Applications and more information on all of our programs can be found at WJordan.com or email info@wjordan.com.

Youth Activities

The Youth Activities Committee held their first meeting Oct. 24. This is a committee that understands that not everyone fits with league competition and strives to make movement fun.

City Youth Council Update

Halloween Bash

The City Youth Council held their inaugural Halloween Bash and Food Drive Oct. 26. The youth worked hard to create a fun event for all high school students in West Jordan. Thanks to the Jordan Landing Sam's Club, the City of West Jordan, the Viridian Event Center, and all of the volunteers for their support.

Participants joined together for games, snacks and dancing. The cost of admission was a can of food to donate to the Utah Food Bank. "This is a good way to bring kids together," said Jessica I., 15, a City Youth Council Member. "It is fun to get to know kids from other schools."

The Halloween Bash had three purposes: to bring youth together from throughout the city; help the Food Bank; introduce youth to the City Youth Council and encourage them to find out more.

Calling all high school students...

West Jordan High, Itineris, Paradigm, and Bingham where are you? If you are a resident of West Jordan who cares about what happens here and would like to learn and serve, apply for the CYC today! BONUS! It looks great on college applications. Come to a meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at City Hall room 331 at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Theatre Update

The YT just concluded a workshop in Play Theory conducted by Stephanie Whiting for youth ages 7-17. Play Theory was used as the basis of our summer production of "Narnia." Play Theory was instrumental in creating a more cohesive group of actors, showing great mentoring and a willingness to allow others to shine.

Audition for 'Ghostchasers!'

Are you looking for an adventure, either as an actor or audience? WJYT will be casting our first non-musical play in January. *Ghostchasers!* is "a comic thriller farce in two acts" from Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. Auditions will be Jan. 16-17 at City Hall for youth ages 9 through high-school seniors. Brett Turner will be the director.

Volunteers Needed

Thanks to Becky Jorgensen for serving as our Youth Theatre chair. Becky recently resigned, and we also have two other YT committee member terms ending in December. As a result, the WJYT is in great need for committee members. Volunteer! Details online at WJordan.com.

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>.

Volunteers Improve City Parks

The City of West Jordan would like to thank all of the members of the community who put forth time and effort to assist the Public Works Department with various service projects during this past year. Budget reductions in recent years combined with additional areas of maintenance responsibilities have proved extremely challenging for staff. As a result of the hard work of those in our community, a number of service projects were completed during this past year, and the result was an improvement in our surroundings. The Public Works Department would like to thank the community for assistance! There were a number of church groups, civic organizations, school groups and scouts who provided time and effort to complete the following:

- Hydrant painting
- Curb painting

- Repainting of play structures
- Refinishing of wooden structures
- Fence painting
- Pavilion painting
- Construction of a reservation board
- Repainting of a historical cannon
- Sod placement
- Trail clean-up
- Weed abatement
- Sidewalk sweeping
- Park clean-up
- Neighborhood clean-up

Thank you for your assistance, as a number of these items would not have been possible if it were not for the wonderful volunteer spirit of our community! If any individuals or groups are interested in organizing future service projects, please feel free to contact Tim Peters in the Public Works Department at 801-569-5722.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

NOVEMBER

- 20 Planning Commission, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day – City offices closed
- 23 Day after Thanksgiving – City offices closed
- 28 City Council Meeting, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 Holiday Celebration
- 1 Schorr Gallery – Christmas Sale
- 4 Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 5 City Council Meeting, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 6 Redwood Road Open House, Viridian Event Center, 8035 South 1825 West, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 8 Christmas for the Animals, 5982 W. New Bingham Hwy., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 12 City Council Meeting, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve – City offices closed
- 25 Christmas Day – City offices closed

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