



Mayor's Message



We come to the end of another year. Amazing how quickly the years pass in retrospect. I approach the end of this year with mixed feelings. I chose not to run for another term as your Mayor for many reasons, most of them personal.

I have loved and hated the last four years as I have served in this position. I have loved meeting many of you. I have realized that West Jordan is a vibrant active community populated by many caring people. I have enjoyed solving the problems that inherently occur between citizens and their government. I have been pleased that we have been able to make City Hall a friendlier place as we tackle the myriad of problems that occur in a city of this size. Not all of the decisions we make are popular or make everyone happy. But I want you to know that the council members that have served the last four years and those that will continue, take their role very seriously and in many cases agonize over these decisions. We are well served by these public servants.

We are well over 100,000 residents now and still growing. My plea to each of you: become involved in the community in some manner. Volunteer in some way. There are many ways to be involved whether it be in schools, churches, sports, arts, City committees, the Chamber of Commerce, civic clubs, or any number of other worthy causes. Take a bit of time to give back to the community you live in and you'll find that you will be well rewarded for your efforts. This is our City. This is our community. WE are West Jordan.

I have been blessed abundantly and thank each of you for the opportunity that I've had to serve. Together we can make a difference. Together we can accomplish all that we desire. Together we can succeed as we work, play and grow in "The Home of the Good Neighbor."

Thanks West Jordan.
Mayor David Newton

Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup

Attention: West Jordan Residents Christmas Tree Recycling by Ace Disposal

West Jordan residents can place their Christmas trees at curbside for a two-week period starting Monday, Dec. 28 through Friday, Jan. 8. Simply place your tree at your curb for pickup on your normal trash collection day.

Please note:

- Do not bag trees
- Remove all ornaments, lights and tinsel
- Please no flocked trees
- Do not block other garbage containers
- Disposal is strictly limited to Christmas trees, no trash or debris
- No artificial trees



Holiday Collection Reminder

There will be no garbage collection on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If any of these holidays fall on your normal collection day, all collections will be made the following day. For example, Friday's collection will be made on Saturday. Normal collection schedules will resume the following week.

Thanks for your cooperation! Should you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 801-569-5700.

Compete for prizes and improved health! Sign up now for 'Weigh Biggest Loser Contest'

Sign up now for the third Annual Healthy West Jordan Weigh Biggest Loser Contest. The kick-off is Jan. 19, 2010 at the Gene Fullmer Rec Center, 8015 South 2200 West, at 6:30 p.m. Free cholesterol screening, blood pressure testing, blood sugar testing along with BMI checks will be available that night.



Weekly weigh-ins will be held at West Jordan City Hall, 8000 South Redwood Rd. through April 20. 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 is the capstone event of the contest where the winners will be announced.

The Healthy West Jordan committee sponsors the contest. The committee's purpose is to promote healthy living in West Jordan. Based on a 2007 Utah Department of Health survey, 13.4 percent of West Jordan residents reported poor health and 62.9 percent were considered to be overweight or obese.

In 2009, West Jordan Weigh Biggest Loser contestants lost a total of 752 pounds during the 12 week contest. So don't delay, sign up today! Download a registration form online at wjordan.com and return it to City Hall with payment of \$35 or \$55 per couple or stop by City Hall Administration, on the third floor. Details will be posted at wjordan.com. Registration is limited to the first 150 registrants.



Poetry Contest Winners

Three residents recently shared their poetic talents when they were named winners of the Arts Council's Veterans Day poetry contest. The poems were shared during the Arts Council's Veterans Day USO Show.

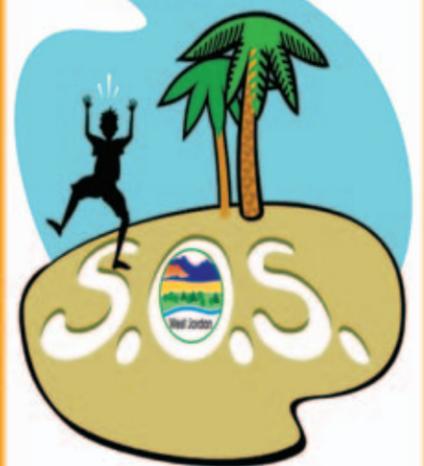
The three winners were Eva Lucero Jensen for the poem "Answering Muster," Judith Zaragoza for the poem "A Hero" and Jim Lee for the poem "Veteran's Day Message: 11 November 2009."

The winning poems can be viewed online at West Jordan's Gallery of Writing (see website below).

Alena Balmforth, curator of the West Jordan Gallery of Writing, is looking for additional entries. "This site is a wonderful place for all West Jordanites to express themselves in writing about just about any topic and any genre," she said.

West Jordan residents from all walks of life and of all ages are encouraged to submit one original piece of work. Work can be submitted online at <http://galleryofwriting.org/galleries/283103> after creating a login and profile.

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK HARD FOR NO MONEY?



Your community needs you! Volunteer opportunities range from one-time projects to ongoing commitments.

E-mail info@wjordan.com or visit wjordan.com.



Reminders from your Police Department

With the onset of colder weather, the West Jordan Police Department's Community Oriented Policing Unit would like to discuss two issues that we as a community are confronted with each winter season:

Parking on City Streets

From Nov. 1 through April 30 it is unlawful to park vehicles on city streets if it is snowing or if there is snow on the street. Parked vehicles greatly impede the ability of snowplow crews to plow the streets.

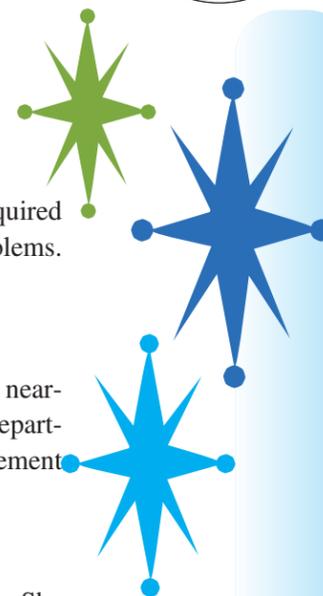
Stolen Vehicles

Each winter there is typically an increase in the number of stolen vehicles. Criminals are opportunistic and know people often warm their vehicles in driveways or leave them running while they make their

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City Employees Who Make a Difference Employee Recognition Winners



Ben Jeffs – Fire Captain

Capt. Ben Jeffs represented our Fire Department with the Metro Fire agency in planning a six-day training exercise. This required many hours of pre-planning and working alongside other fire departments to make sure the event went off without any problems. Thanks to Ben's efforts, the event was a great success and provided valuable training for all fire departments.

Eric Okerlund – Budget Officer

The fiscal 2010 Budget was prepared using a "program" approach for the first time. This change required Eric to reformat nearly every worksheet and formula in Excel that were used in prior years. It also required training to explain the new format to other departments. Eric took on this project with a great attitude and was key in implementing the program budget which will benefit management and City Council in making informed decisions.

Liz Hall – Utility Service Tech

Liz has an excellent work ethic. She is organized and detail oriented. She completes her work in an efficient and effective way. She is well liked by her co-workers and routinely deals with unhappy citizens when water service is terminated. She handles these situations in a calm, polite manner. Recently she has gone above and beyond her required duties by learning more about the computerized meter reading system and suggesting improvement to the meter reading process.

Michael Rossi – Police Detective

Det. Michael Rossi recently thoroughly investigated a fraud/scam where the elderly victim was scammed of all home equity, about \$35,000. This investigation required numerous hours of investigative time, resources and knowledge. Det. Rossi, with the assistance of the Utah Attorney General's office, has been able to recover approximately \$12,000 of the victim's money. Charges are pending on individuals involved with this scam. This investigation identified other elderly victims as well. With Det. Rossi's commitment and dedication, our victim has been able to retain ownership of her home.

Public Service Agencies Applications Available

Applications are currently available for Public Service Agencies wishing to apply for funding under the FY2010-2011 West Jordan Community Development Block Grant Program. Applications are due by 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010 from nonprofit or for-profit agencies that provide services to West Jordan low- and moderate-income residents. 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.

Any agency wishing to submit an application can request application forms by contacting Charles Tarver, CDBG Coordinator at 801-569-5062 or via e-mail at charlest@wjordan.com. Applications can also be downloaded at wjordan.com.



Keep your dollars in your community Shop local during this holiday season ... and throughout the year

Did you know that a portion of your sales tax dollars go to the city in which you shop? As residents of West Jordan, it makes sense to shop in West Jordan as much as possible so your sales tax dollars are benefitting the community in which you live.

The City of West Jordan has a wide variety of shopping and dining opportunities – everything from big box retailers, to specialty shops, to locally owned and

operated stores and restaurants. During this holiday season, remember to buy local. Where and what you buy has a big impact on the local economy and our community's quality of life.

Help keep your property taxes down by supporting the businesses in our community. Remember to shop West Jordan. Not only will you be helping your community, you'll save a little gas too.

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the morning convenience store purchases. The criminal element often takes advantage of this circumstance by stealing vehicles that are left running while unattended. Please don't let yourself become a victim this winter.

As always, please contact the West Jordan Community Oriented Policing Unit with any questions or concerns regarding these topics. The C.O.P. Unit can be reached at 801-840-4000 or via e-mail at richardb@wjordan.com.

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and advisories
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at nixle.com**

City Snow Removal Guidelines

- This time of year City Hall phones ring with calls from residents wondering when their streets will be plowed. The city follows a policy where high traffic roads are plowed first, focusing on hills and intersections, with subdivisions being plowed last. The city has a limited number of plows and devotes most of the effort to clearing busy streets first.



- In fact, city street crews clear snow from more than 800 lane-miles of streets in West Jordan! Also, not all roads are the City's responsibility. Some are state roads and are maintained by the Utah Department of Transportation.

- Snow removal typically begins when 1" of snow has accumulated on roadways. When snow or ice begins accumulating on the streets after regular working hours, the Police Department notifies the plow crews to begin clearing the streets.

- If there are cars parked on the streets, plows can't fully clear the roads and run the risk of hitting parked vehicles. Please do your part by keeping your vehicles off the streets during winter months.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

DECEMBER

- 20 Messiah Sing-Along, 7 p.m., Copper Hills Stake Center, 5176 W. Parr Dr. (8540 South)
- 24 Christmas Eve Day – City Offices Closed
- 25 Christmas Day – City Offices Closed



JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day – City Offices Closed
- 9 Schorr Gallery Reception featuring artist Susan Plouzek, third floor of City Hall, 7-8 p.m.
- 13 City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 19 Weigh Biggest Loser Kick-off, 6:30 p.m., Gene Fullmer Fitness Center, 8015 South 2200 West
- 27 City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 28-29 . . City Council Strategic Planning, Community Room



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