



Mayor's Message



With the Thanksgiving holiday behind us and the Christmas season in full swing, I wanted to wish you all a happy holiday and a bright and prosperous New Year! I also wanted to bring your attention to a problem some of our neighbors are having this time of year. As you all know, there are still quite a few people suffering from the effects of the recession. Many of our friends and neighbors are struggling financially and trying to make ends meet. We still have people who are looking for work and others who live from paycheck to paycheck. That situation sometimes makes it hard to pay all the bills when there are unexpected expenses, so the city has set up a hardship fund to help out.

The fund is designed to pay up to \$175 toward the water bills of residents who are in crisis. The problem we have is that this program is funded by donations, and donations are decreasing each year. Five years ago, the fund had a balance of over \$10,000 and now it hovers around \$500. I know there are people in our city that could use our help, so please donate a few dollars if you can. There is a place reserved on your water bill for this donation, or you can contact City Hall for more information at 801-569-5020.

We don't want people to take unfair advantage of the goodwill of others, so there are limits in place:

- The program is only available to homeowners, not renters.
- It is for one-time use and based on need – unemployment, medical crisis, etc.
- People have to apply for it.

I know if we each give a little it will make a real difference to our neighbors. Thank you for your generosity.

Mayor Melissa K. Johnson

Firefighters honored with 'Amazing Save' award



Family members of a 32-year-old man who went into cardiac arrest thanked West Jordan Firefighters Jim Potter, Jed Harris, Joe Terry and Jeff Paul.

Jordan Valley Medical Center honored four West Jordan firefighters for saving the life of a 32-year-old man who went into full cardiac arrest while on a walk with his wife and young daughter. JVMC awarded their first "Amazing Save" award to captain/paramedic Jed Harris, paramedic Jim Potter, paramedic Joe Terry, and engineer/EMT Jeff Paul.

The firefighters were on scene within 4 minutes of the 911 call and found the patient in full arrest. Thankfully the patient's sister who is a nurse, an EMT and a Lifelight nurse were nearby and had begun CPR before the firefighters arrived.

"The quick, decisive and heroic actions of paramedics Harris, Potter and

Terry and engineer Paul made the difference in the outcome," said Holly Burke, EMS liaison at JVMC. "We at JVMC are proud to be partners in healthcare with such a great fire department and incredible paramedics. They are the first responders in our community and an integral part of the treatment and survival of patients."

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>.

West Jordan Youth Committee

Volunteers are needed for the West Jordan Youth Committee and all subcommittees. More information and an application can be found online at WJordan.com.

The City Youth Council will be attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns 2013 Local Official's Day in January. Youth who are 9th graders through high school seniors and live in West Jordan are welcome to submit an application to join the CYC. Applications are online at WJordan.com under residence/committees.

West Jordan Youth Theatre Auditions for 'Ghostchasers' Jan. 16-17

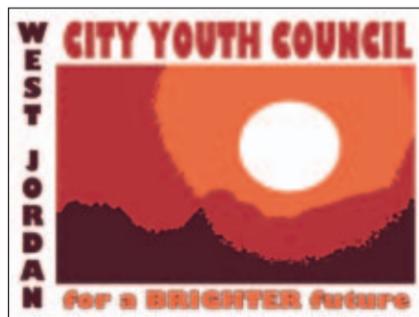
Ghostchasers, written by Tim Kelly, is West Jordan Youth Theatre's first non-musical play. When Harriet Hollyhock's plane is delayed due to weather, she decides to visit her cousin, Dr. Roy, who runs the Hangtown

Asylum for Over Anxious People. While on her visit, Harriet discovers that among other odd occurrences there is a poltergeist haunting the hospital. Wishing to help, Harriet calls the Ghostchasers to take care of this ghostly apparition. As the Ghostchasers arrive, laughter ensues as it is quickly discovered these people are not who they claim to be.

Auditions for this comedy/thriller are Jan. 16 and 17 from 5-7 p.m. at City Hall. Callbacks are Jan. 19 from 1-4 p.m. and are by invitation only. Not everyone who is cast will be needed at callbacks.

Ghostchasers has 27 parts. Auditions are opened to youth between the ages of 9-18 (18-year-old participants must be in high school). No parts have been precast and are opened to all who audition. Come prepared to read lines printed from the script. Remember, pretending is fun!

We will also be taking information from



those wanting to participate as sound or lighting tech, stagehand, and set design and construction. These are all volunteer positions.

There is a nominal fee and parental participation required for those who are cast. Brett Turner, director for "A Connecticut Yankee, the musical," will return to direct this production. For more information about characters, auditions and fees, visit wjyouththeater.com.





Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup



West Jordan residents can place their Christmas trees curbside for disposal for a two-week period starting Monday, Dec. 31 through Friday, Jan. 11. Simply place your tree at your curb for pickup on your normal trash collection day.

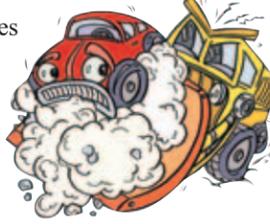
Please note:

- 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

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable holiday!

When's the plow coming? City Snow Removal Guidelines

As soon as the snow starts to fall, City Hall phones begin ringing 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. The complete policy and snow removal map can be found online at WJordan.com.

Interfaith Council presents 'Messiah Sing-Along' Dec. 16

This year's annual 'Messiah Sing-along' is sponsored by the Interfaith Council of West Jordan and will be held Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at the LDS Jordan Oaks Stake Center, 8117 S. Leslie (3905 West). Come enjoy the sounds of the Mountain West Chorale accompanied by the West Jordan Symphony.

"We invite everyone to come and enjoy the beautiful music of George Fredrik Handel," said Dana Bentley, symphony president. "This is a wonderful event that brings us all together to enrich

the experience of the holiday season. Auditions were held and the soloists were chosen. We are working on putting together a beautiful program. We're so excited for the first time to co-present this program with the different churches in our city. Please come and make this a Christmas tradition."

The West Jordan Interfaith Council includes the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Mountain Vista United Methodist Church, LDS Jordan Oaks Stake and the LDS Mountain View Stake.

City has two new smartphone apps

The city has two new smartphone apps to connect with city information and the police department. Both apps are available in the Apple store and Android store and can be found under "West Jordan" and "My Police Department."

The city app includes shopping and dining; city calendar and directory; service request; parks, trails and attractions; service providers; emergency alerts; and also links to the city's Twitter posts.

The My Police Department app includes contact info; Tweets; submit a tip; commend an officer; and more. Try them out and let us know what you think. Email feedback to info@wjordan.com or call Kim at 801-569-5163.

Looking for input Update from 5600 West Open House

The City of West Jordan recently received federal and state funding to widen and extend 5600 West from approximately 6200 South to 9000 South. An open house was held in September to present transit and highway plans for 5600 West and to collect public comments about the 5600 West corridor. The meeting focused on the possible alignment options between 9000 South and Old Bingham Highway. Information boards were available that highlighted the purpose of the study as well as the transit commitment and right-of-way alternatives for dedicated lane bus rapid transit (BRT) or mixed traffic BRT.

Additionally, four alignment options between 9000 South and Old Bingham Highway were presented for comment. Approximately 40 people attended the open house and 22 forms were received offering suggestions and comments. From this input, additional alignment options are being considered. This information will be documented in a report and presented to the City Council. No decisions are expected as a result of the open house or the 5600 West study at this time. For more information please contact West Jordan City at 801-569-5070 or email info@wjordan.com.

New Motorsports Committee looking for volunteers

Do you love the smell of exhaust, grease covered hands and the sound of a roaring engine? Do you consider Sundays with NASCAR a religious experience? Do you know tire sizes and oil viscosity but

can't remember your spouse's birthday? WE NEED YOU!

Enjoy the friendship of like-minded people and participate on the West Jordan Motorsports Committee. You'll be an

integral part of motorsport related events in the West Jordan Arena including an Endurocross, possible Rock Crawler Rampage, and a new and improved Demolition Derby.

For more information visit WJordan.com or e-mail julieb@wjordan.com or call 801-569-5119.

Arts Council's 'Holiday Celebration' kicks off the season

The West Jordan Arts Council's Dec. 1 Holiday Celebration ushered in the season and was enjoyed by the many who attended. This year's event was held at the beautiful new Viridian Event Center. The West Jordan Symphony, Mountain West Chorale and the West Jordan Band presented Christmas music and Santa paid a visit.

Get Involved

If you love music, get involved! The Symphony is looking for volunteers. Instrumentalists are always welcome. They are also in need of volunteers to help form

a Guild and serve in Board positions. Donations are now being accepted to form a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Please email Dana Bentley at danafri1104@yahoo.com for more information.

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Action

VOLUNTEER

WJordan.com
OR
801-569-5100
OR
julieb@WJordan.com

Volunteer for the day or to help make our community great throughout the year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

DECEMBER

- 15 Mountain View Corridor Opening/
Polar Bear 5K, 9000 South and MVC, 10 a.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

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day – City offices closed
- 10 Citizen Police Academy, 8040 S. Redwood Rd., 6 p.m.
- 15 Weigh Biggest Loser Kickoff, Gene Fullmer Rec Center,
8015 S. 2200 West, 5:30 p.m.

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

