



### Mayor's Message



West Jordan residents have really been living up to the term "Good Neighbors." During my first six weeks as Mayor, I have noticed more and more people in our community who regularly go the extra mile. I wanted to find a way to recognize and applaud the outstanding efforts of our friends and neighbors. I think it is important to show appreciation for the work being done and to bring attention to the good things happening in our neighborhoods every day. I decided to start by honoring the dedication and commitment of our local volunteers. With that goal, our city has a new "Spirit of Service Award." This award will be presented monthly to those individuals who work tirelessly in the background making all our lives a little easier.

I know many people in the city who would be good candidates to receive the "Spirit of Service Award," but I wanted to cast a wider net and also include people that YOU think should be recognized. Is there someone you know who volunteers in the community and has made a big difference in your life? Is there someone who works to help the schools, the city, special needs kids, or a homeless shelter? Is there a person in your neighborhood who epitomizes the spirit of volunteer service in West Jordan? If there is, please, tell me their stories. You can send an e-mail to [melissaj@wjordan.com](mailto:melissaj@wjordan.com) or a letter addressed to my attention at City Hall 8000 S. Redwood Rd., West Jordan, UT 84088. Please include your contact information so I can reach you if I need more information.

We have so many wonderful people who live in West Jordan and volunteer to make our city a better place to live. This is a good time to recognize and thank them.

Mayor Melissa K. Johnson

## Utility bill payment options

Paying a utility bill doesn't typically rank as an enjoyable activity, but it is unavoidable if you want to keep the water flowing and the garbage picked up. To make the task less tedious, the city offers several payment methods for West Jordan residents to take advantage of when paying their city utility bill:

1. Online at [wjordan.com](http://wjordan.com) using your account number, pin and paying with a visa or mastercard.
2. Online bill pay with your financial institution.
3. Pay by check or money order and drop it in the mail.
4. Stop by City Hall and pay with check, cash, money order, or visa or mastercard.
5. Drop your check or money order in the drop box in the City Hall parking lot, next to the mail box.
6. Automatic withdrawal from your checking account.

**Questions? Call the West Jordan Billing Department at 801-569-5020.**

### 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!*

## Looking for sponsors for 'Police Recognition Banquet'

The West Jordan Police Department is looking for businesses and/or individuals who are interested in being sponsors of their upcoming fourth annual Police Recognition Banquet on Wednesday, April 14 at Gardner Village.

"Our goal is to blend officers and employees of the Police Department with citizens and business persons of our community in a formal setting," said Chief Ken McGuire. "We hope both will enjoy an eventful evening together as we honor outstanding achievements over the past year."

This is a wonderful opportunity to support the men and women who serve and protect our city! Please consider being a sponsor. Sponsors are also invited to attend the event along with city officials, officers and business owners. For additional information, please contact Aaron Serr at [aarons@wjordan.com](mailto:aarons@wjordan.com).

## Input sought on allocation West Jordan CDBG Program receives funding requests

The West Jordan Community Development Block Grant program has received funding requests for 25 programs and projects under the FY 2010-2011 CDBG Program. These requests included programs ranging from the Utah Food Bank, 211 Information Bank, Family Support Center Crisis Nursery, the Road Home Homeless Shelter and Housing Improvements Programs.

The West Jordan CDBG/HOME Committee will review each of these requests at meetings scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in the Development Services Conference room (second floor of City Hall) on March 2, 16, 23 and 30. In addition, each meeting will include a status report concerning the development of the city's five-year CDBG Consolidated Plan and will allow for public participation in the plan process. Persons interested in these meetings should contact Charles Tarver, CDBG/Grants Manager at 801-569-5062 or [charlest@wjordan.com](mailto:charlest@wjordan.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

### FEBRUARY

- 19. . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 24. . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 27. . . . . Schorr Gallery Reception featuring "Pursuit of Happiness" multi-media competition 7-8 p.m. (show runs March 1-April 9)

### MARCH

- 2. . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 10. . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 16. . . . . Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 18-29. . . "See How They Run" at Sugar Factory Playhouse, 8201 South 2200 West, 7:30 p.m.
- 24. . . . . City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.

### APRIL

- 5. . . . . Green Waste Pickup Begins

**For information regarding activities and events, call (801) 569-5100 or visit [wjordan.com](http://wjordan.com).**

## Audition for 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers'

The West Jordan Theater Arts will be holding auditions for the summer musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Mark your calendar now for the audition dates Tuesday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sugar Factory Playhouse, 8201 South 2200 West.

Please come prepared to sing 16 bars of a show tune and to learn a short dance combination. Ages 16 and up are invited. All leads are open and a small ensemble will be cast. The show will be performed at the Sugar Factory Playhouse the last two weeks in June.

# Take Action

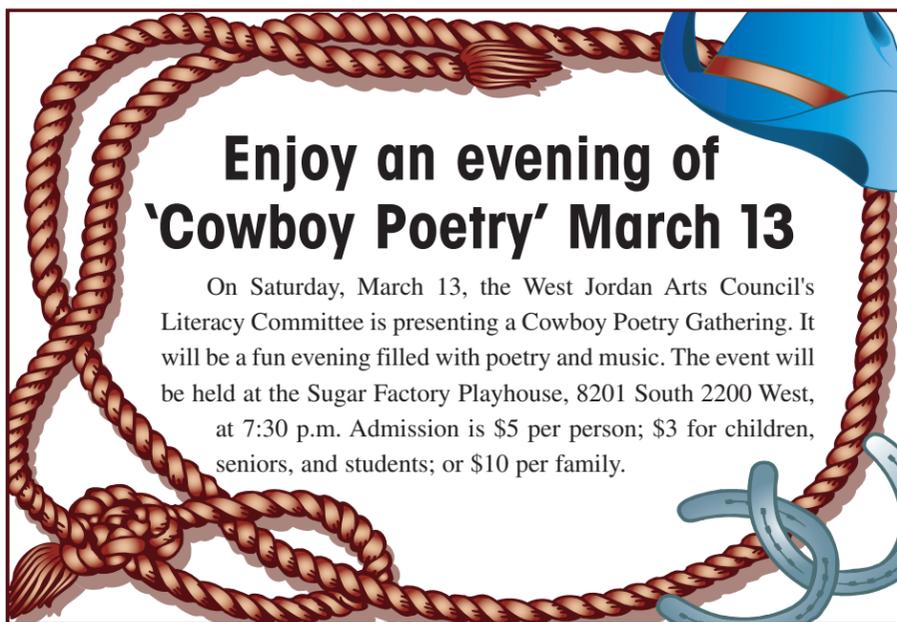
Help us improve parks, trails and recreational facilities in the City of West Jordan!

Visit **Wjordan.com** and take our short survey  
Survey ends March 12, 2010

Surveys are also available at West Jordan City Hall and the Salt Lake County Library—West Jordan branches.

This study is being conducted in partnership with the BYU MPA program.





## Enjoy an evening of 'Cowboy Poetry' March 13

On Saturday, March 13, the West Jordan Arts Council's Literacy Committee is presenting a Cowboy Poetry Gathering. It will be a fun evening filled with poetry and music. The event will be held at the Sugar Factory Playhouse, 8201 South 2200 West, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person; \$3 for children, seniors, and students; or \$10 per family.

## Call for Entries

### Schorr Gallery Open Art Exhibit 'Pursuit of Happiness'

The Schorr Gallery is looking for entries that express the "Pursuit of Happiness." This special exhibit is open to all living Salt Lake County artists ages 18 and over. Artists are limited to three entries, and all art must be original, framed with eyelet hangers and ready to hang. This show is for two-dimensional media, including, painting, drawing, pastels, collage, printmaking, and textiles. (No photography.)

This show is sponsored by the West Jordan Arts Council and is supported with funds from the City of West Jordan and Salt Lake County's Zoo, Arts & Parks Tier II Program.

Entries will be accepted at the Schorr Gallery located at West Jordan City Hall, third floor, on Monday, Feb. 22 and Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An entry form should be completed and attached to each work submitted. A nonrefundable fee of \$8 for each entry or \$21 for three (limit of three) made payable to the City of West Jordan must accompany artwork.

The gallery awards reception for artists and invited guests will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, 7 to 8 p.m. in the Schorr Gallery.

For more information, call West Jordan City Hall at 801-569-5100.

## Follow West Jordan on Twitter and Facebook

Are you a fan of West Jordan? Become an official "fan" by following the City of West Jordan on Facebook. Facebook is an online site that helps people connect and allows an online forum for sharing information.

You can also follow West Jordan on Twitter. Twitter allows users to send and read messages known as "Tweets" – messages no longer than 140 characters that can also link to more information on a website. You can follow our Fire Department at WJFD\_UT, our Police Department at WJ\_PD, or the city at CityWestJordan.

Visit [wjordan.com](http://wjordan.com) to link directly to the sites.

## Stand and be counted It's Easy, It's Safe, It's Important!

Since 1790, the U.S. Constitution has required a national census be conducted every 10 years to count our population.

United States  
Census  
2010



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Census data are used to distribute state congressional seats, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute over \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments.

Utah is the fastest growing state in the nation and West Jordan is part of that trend. In fact, about 25,000 residents have joined our community since the last Census. It's time to stand and be counted during the 2010 U.S. Census, which is being conducted between February and April.

You will receive a mailed questionnaire in March. It's easy to fill out and only takes about 10 minutes. Fill out the questionnaire and mail it to the Census Bureau as soon as possible. Those who don't mail the questionnaire can expect a Census Taker to follow up with a visit. It's costly to provide the door-to-door follow up, so please do your part and drop it in the mail.

You'll be asked to list the people in your home who call it their "usual residence" – meaning those who live and sleep there most of the time. For example, college students living away from home will be counted in the city they are attending school. The Census will be a count of everyone residing in the U.S. on April 1, 2010 – citizens and non-citizens alike. Don't worry about sharing your information. Federal law protects the personal information you share during the Census for 72 years!

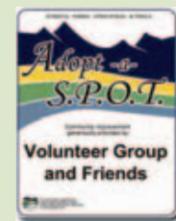
For more information and to see sample questionnaires, go to [2010.census.gov](http://2010.census.gov).

## Need a Job? Census Bureau Now Hiring!

The Census Bureau is also looking to hire more than 1,000 Census Takers in Salt Lake County. The jobs are temporary part-time work and pay \$14 per hour. Call the Salt Lake Census Office at 801-736-5060 to learn more.

## Take ownership of your community... Adopt a SPOT

The City Council recently approved a new program designed to clean up our community and provide volunteers with "ownership" for a selected "SPOT," which stands for "Streets, Parks, Open Space and Trails." The Adopt-A-SPOT program provides civic volunteers with an opportunity to help clean City streets and parks and receive public recognition for their efforts. It is a two-year voluntary commitment to clean up litter in a designated park area or along a designated section of street. Program participation requires a minimum of four cleanups per year. The City of West Jordan Public Works Department will erect a sign in the area with the name of the group who has contracted to perform the cleanup. For more information, visit [wjordan.com](http://wjordan.com) and click on "Residents" and then "Neighborhood Programs." You can also e-mail [info@wjordan.com](mailto:info@wjordan.com).



*A government of the people, by the people*

The City of West Jordan has opportunities for ages 14 and up ranging from one-time projects to three-year commitments.

Learn new skills, make friends  
and build our community

# VOLUNTEER TODAY