



Good Neighbor News

WEST JORDAN'S CITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 18, 2010

Mayor's Message



The proposal to shop locally is gaining momentum. For those of you who haven't heard about it yet, the basic idea is to support the stores and businesses in your own neighborhood and stay as close to home as possible when you spend money. That might mean changing your habits a little, but it will help our school district meet the growing demand for services and balance their budget. When times are tough, every extra dollar can make a difference.

I have been asked repeatedly if the "shop west" plan will really benefit the school district, and the answer is definitely YES – and in more ways than one. First, a percentage of every dollar you spend is sent to the city where you spend it. That keeps West Jordan sales tax dollars supporting our school security officers and crossing guards. It also helps us to avoid a property tax increase.

In addition to supporting the local economy through increases in sales tax revenue, shopping locally helps to build and strengthen local businesses, and leads to business growth. Growth, whether it comes from new businesses or expanding existing businesses, will increase the amount of money the school district receives from property taxes without a tax increase. Business growth also leads to additional employees living and working in our community, and spending their money here. The cycle of economic growth will help our city, our school district and our residents.

The bottom line is simple. It is worth a little extra time and a change in our shopping habits to help provide a better education for our children. You can get more information about the program at ShopWest.org or give me a call at 801-569-5110. I am always happy to talk about your ideas to make our community a better place.

Melissa K. Johnson

Mayor Melissa K. Johnson

Have you filled out your Census questionnaire? Stand and be counted



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2010

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Sometime in March you will receive a mailed questionnaire from the Census Bureau. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it. All information is confidential. 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.

Those who don't mail the questionnaire can expect a Census Taker to knock on their door for a follow-up visit. Please do your part. Fill out the survey and drop it in the mail.

For more information and to see sample questionnaires, go to 2010.census.gov.

Applications available for Western Stampede Royalty Pageant

Applications are available now for the Western Stampede Rodeo Royalty Pageant. Contestants compete for prizes including a saddle, tiara, banner, belt buckle and the opportunity to represent the Western Stampede, a 56-year-old West Jordan tradition. Contestants must be female Utah residents who are at least 15 years of age and not more than 24 years. (Age shall be determined as of May 1.)

The queen competition will be held May 22 and includes an interview, modeling and speech portion at City Hall beginning at 10 a.m. Contestants move to the arena for the horsemanship portion at 1.

At the end of the horsemanship judging, the queen and two attendants will be crowned. Stampede Royalty will appear on horseback during each night of the Western Stampede Rodeo, July 1-3. Royalty will also make appearances at various parades and other events during their one-year reign.

Applications are available on wjordan.com and are due by 5 p.m. May 15. Questions? Call Marlene Conrad at 801-566-0304.



'Pursuit of Happiness' on display at Schorr Gallery



Nancy Littlefield's watercolor, "Walk the Walk," won Best of Show and can be viewed at the Schorr Gallery in City Hall.

Located on the third floor of West Jordan's City Hall, the Schorr Gallery is currently showcasing the annual spring multimedia contest. This year's theme, "Pursuit of Happiness," is beautifully interpreted by 21 local artists in a wide range of subject material. Media employed by the artists includes oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil and punch-needle fiber art. Juried by Stan Elmer, the exhibit is a delight. Most of the work is for sale and can be viewed weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., until April 9.

WE NEED ^{your} HELP!

Visit Wjordan.com and mark your five favorite family movies!

The top movies will be shown during our **Free Movie Fridays** (06/18, 07/16 and 08/20) and during the **West Jordan Independence Day Festival!**

Survey ends April 15th.



EXCHANGE CLUB LABYRINTH OF HOPE HEALING FIELD

Child Abuse is Preventable

9:00 a.m. Walmart Parking Lot
Light Refreshments Provided • 7671 Campus View Dr. (3800 W)

BACA Ride — 10:15 a.m.
Ending at the Healing Field
Veterans Memorial Park
1985 W. 7800 South

Ceremony 11:00 a.m.
Followed by a celebration of children with food and FREE inflatable rides and entertainment!

**SATURDAY
APRIL 17, 2010**

www.HealingField.org/WestJordan



Linda Buttars Memorial Family Fun Run

Saturday May 1, 2010

What: 1 mile, 5K and 10K
When: Saturday, May 1, 2010
5K — 8:30 a.m.
10K — 8:30 a.m.
1 mile — 9:30 a.m.

Where: Jordan Landing Courtyard
(3751 W Center Park Dr, between Iggy's and Ruby Tuesdays)

Cost: \$5 Individual Preregistration
\$15 Family Preregistration (first five, \$3 per addition)
\$20 Business Team (first five)
Additional \$5 per entry after April 12th, shirt not guaranteed

Register: Wjordan.com or at West Jordan City Hall
(8000 S. Redwood Road, 3rd Floor Administration)




Federal stimulus monies to be spent in West Jordan

The City received bids on March 9 for the construction of ADA access ramps to be funded with federal stimulus monies from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. A total of 38 new ADA ramps will be constructed in the following two areas: 2700 West 7540 South and 2200 West 6600 South. The project is scheduled to be completed by early June.



Resident input sought for Future Land Use Map

The City of West Jordan is currently updating its Comprehensive General Plan which is the document that contains the goals and policies used by the City Council, Planning Commission and others to guide the future development of the city. One of the components of the General Plan is the Future Land Use Map which identifies where the city anticipates future land uses such as shopping areas, residential neighborhoods and parks will be located. This map is used to make decisions concerning development proposals, annexations and rezoning requests which ultimately define the nature and character of the city.

This summer, the City's Planning Division and General Plan Committee will be evaluating the Future Land Use Map to determine if any revisions need to be made to the map and are requesting input from residents and property owners to help identify any needed changes. The Future Land Use map can be found online at wjordan.com or at West Jordan City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Rd. If you have any suggestions or comments concerning the map, please forward them to raym@wjordan.com, or call 801-569-5060 by June 1.

WJPD to participate in Special Olympics Torch Run

On May 26, members of the West Jordan Police Department, along with many other law enforcement agencies throughout the Salt Lake Valley, will participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The Torch Run is a event in which officers and athletes run the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, state/provincial Games, and National Summer or Winter Games.

The West Jordan Police Department is a proud supporter of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and would

like to invite members of the community to participate with us as the Torch Run procession makes its way through our city. Participants are welcome to run, bike, or rollerblade in the procession. The cost to participate is \$12 and includes a commemorative T-shirt. Commemorative hats can also be purchased for \$10. All proceeds go to the Utah Special Olympics program.

For more information on participating in this year's Torch Run event, please contact West Jordan Police Crime Prevention Specialist Christie Jacobs at 801-256-2032 or Aaron Serr at 801-256-2033.

Fee increases for involuntary termination of water service

During the 2009 calendar year, the city's Customer Service Utility Billing and Meter Reading personnel accrued a total of 573 hours of overtime, primarily in response to the involuntary termination of service due to delinquent payment. In an effort to save time and money and pass the costs along to those who accrue them, the City Council voted March 10 to increase the water shutoff/reconnect fee from \$50 to \$150.

Before water is shutoff, customers receive four mailed notices and have to be more than 60 days delinquent and

owe more than \$125. Payment plans are available. The purpose is not to penalize those in need but rather reduce the number of involuntary terminations. Many customers are repeatedly on the involuntary termination list, and almost all come in the same day water is shut off to bring the account current. The increased fee is designed to prompt customers to pay the bill or make payment arrangements *before* meter readers physically travel to the address and shut the water off.

Questions? Call Customer Service at 801-569-5020.

City recognizes National Community Development Week and Fair Housing Month

The City of West Jordan joins with the Department of Housing & Urban Development in celebrating National Community Development Week, April 4-10, and April as National Fair Housing Month. Community Development Week 2010 marks the 36th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant program and is sponsored by West Jordan and the Department of Housing & Community Development.

According to Charles Tarver, CDBG manager, the City of West Jordan has received \$497,432 in CDBG funds during FY2009-10. The

grant provides funding for the Housing Rehabilitation and Down Payment Program, Senior Citizen Center Loan payment, Utah Food Bank, South Valley Sanctuary, YWCA, Community Health Centers, Family Support Center and other non-profit organizations.

As part of the National Fair Housing Month, the City will begin reviewing past efforts in promoting fair housing opportunities and will re-evaluate the City's Affordable Housing Plan. Comments or questions? Contact Charles Tarver at 801-569-5062 or charlest@wjordan.com.

We all live downstream

Remember to fertilize the grass not the gutter this spring. Whatever washes down the storm drain flows untreated to the Jordan River. Please do your part.

Come make music



The Symphony is looking for members. Call 801-569-5100 for information.

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!

Recycling Do's and Don'ts Recycling cans subject to inspection

ACE Disposal will be inspecting recycling containers at various locations throughout the city to ensure residents are using the cans correctly. There are a number of residents who use the recycling container (the blue can) as a second garbage can. If a contaminated can is dumped into the recycling truck, it can contaminate the entire load. Contaminated cans will be tagged to remind residents of acceptable recyclables.

Recyclable Items

- Paper – brochures, catalogs, computer paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, cereal boxes, paper bags
- Plastics – plastic containers #1-7, plastic cleaning & laundry bottles, plastic bags, milk jugs, soda pop bottles, water jugs & bottles
- Metals – aluminum, steel and tin

Unacceptable Items

- Batteries
- Bubble wrap

- Carpet & padding
- China & ceramics
- Clothing
- Cookware
- Diapers
- Food & liquid waste
- Furnace filters
- Garden hoses
- Glass
- Motor oil
- Paint cans
- Plastic buckets, tarps, toys
- Print & toner cartridges
- Appliances & electronics
- Styrofoam & packing peanuts
- Trash & yard waste
- Used paper plates & cups
- Waxed & plastic coated paper
- Window blinds
- Pizza boxes
- Wood & building material



For a complete list and more information, visit ace.disposal.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010

(Note: Activities are tentative and may change)

MARCH

- 1-April 9 . . . Schorr Gallery "Pursuit of Happiness" multimedia exhibit (show runs through April 9)
- 24 City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.

APRIL

- 5 Green Waste Pickup Begins
- 6 Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 14 City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 28 City Council Meeting at City Hall, 6 p.m.

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



Green Waste Collection Begins April 5

Green yard waste containers are collected once weekly on a seasonal basis on your normal collection day.

The program begins on the first Monday collection in April and ends with the last Friday collection in November.

"Keep it Green"

Place only loose grass clippings, leaves, non-treated wood, small tree branches and dirt-free vegetative matter in container. **DO NOT** bag any items please!

"Keep it Clean"

Please **DO NOT** place these items in container:

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| Dirt | Sod | Cardboard | Garbage/Debris |
| Concrete | Rocks | Asphalt | Plastic bags |

- All materials should fall freely from the container when dumped, please do not overload.
- Lid of the cart must close completely; branches should not stick out of the container.
- Place cart curbside by 6:30 a.m. on your scheduled collection day during seasonal periods April through November.

In order to operate a successful green waste program, proper use of this container is mandatory. If your cart is found with contamination, the cart may be removed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 801-569-5700.

