

December 2017



4150 South 3900 West  
801-731-4519

**City Council Meetings**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
6:00 p.m. at City Hall

**Planning Commission Meetings**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
6:00 p.m. at City Hall

**Special Services District Meetings**

3rd Mondays  
6:30 p.m. at City Hall

The Mayor, Council Members, and Planning Commission welcome your input and attendance at the meetings.

**Mayor's Message**

**City Hall Seminar**

Our next City Hall Seminar will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00. It will be a K-9 demonstration by the Weber County Sheriff's Office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Web Site**

Check out our new web site! Go to [westhavencity.com](http://westhavencity.com) for up-to-date information on events, road projects, public meetings, and more.

**Road Construction Update**

The UDOT 4000 South project is nearing completion. The speed limit on the new road is 50mph. Watch your speed! Weekly updates will be shared on our Facebook page and web site until the project is done. There is a direct contact person for this specific project. You can call 801-859-3770 or email [sr37@utah.gov](mailto:sr37@utah.gov) with specific questions or concerns about the project.

**Thank You**

I want to thank Planning Commission Vice-chair, Lacy Richards, for writing several recent *Did You Know?* articles. She has done a great job of explaining land use and other issues. I appreciate her sharing her knowledge and extensive research.

**Heart of the Holidays**

Thanks to Anne Kendrick and her crew for helping us kick off the holiday season. Santa lit up City Hall with his magic dust and then visited with children. We had five local choirs provide entertainment throughout the night. Hay rides were given by Brian Berg and Cal Musselman and hot chocolate and donuts were served by John and Sherry McCain. Our youth council members and their advisers were there all night long helping with the event. We have awesome volunteers in West Haven!

**Ugly Ornament**

We just started our fourth year of the Ugly Ornament contest on Facebook. Follow the daily clues to find the ornament. If your kids are the lucky ones, snap a photo for Facebook and then take them to City Hall for a prize. This year we'll share the fun and limit the prizes to one per person.

I wish you and your families many cherished memories during this holiday season.  
Mayor Sharon Bolos

## Community Calendar

**December 25: Christmas Day** – City offices will be closed all day

**January 1: New Year's Day**– City offices will be closed all day



## **Park Vandalism**

Please be aware of a problem that comes with winter weather. If you see any vehicles (including ATVs) driving on the lawn at our parks, call dispatch 801-629-8221 and report it. This is especially important for our Sports Park. We have already had to reseed a major part of the lawn and having it torn up would put us even further behind on the project. Be aware! And please remind your children that vandalism is against the law and has consequences. Thanks for your help.

## **Did You Know?**

Did you know that Utah State law requires cities to have an action plan for providing moderate income housing? Every two years, each city must submit a report to the State which includes an estimate of the amount of moderate income housing in the city and the projected amount of housing needed in the next five years. This report must also include a description of what the city is doing to encourage the development of an adequate supply of moderate income housing. Each city must prove that it is taking actions to preserve existing moderate income housing and to encourage the development of new moderate income housing.

This leads to an obvious question...What exactly is Moderate Income Housing? The State of Utah defines it as "housing occupied or reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the median income for households of the same size in the county in which the city is located." By definition, housing is "affordable" when a household spends less than or equal to 30% of their gross monthly income on housing.

So, for example, if the annual median gross income (AMI) for an area is \$50,000, then 80% of \$50,000 is \$40,000/year or \$3,333/month. Up to 30% of that monthly income can be allocated to housing costs (rent/mortgage plus utilities), so a household making 80% of the AMI can afford to spend up to \$1,000 per month on housing costs.

However, federal guidelines subdivide moderate income housing into 3 tiers. Tier 1 includes those households making  $\leq$  30% of the median AMI. In our example above, those households could spend between \$0-\$375 on rent plus utilities each month. Tier 2 includes households making between 30-50% of the median AMI. This means that using the data in our example, those households could spend between \$376-\$625 per month on housing costs. And finally, Tier 3 includes households making 50-80% of the median AMI. In this scenario, those families could afford to spend \$626-\$1,000 per month on housing.

After plans have been made to address the housing needs of these various types of households, each city is required to formally adopt an amendment to the city's General Plan which incorporates its action plan. Progress reports must then be submitted to the state to prove that the city is following through on its plan and making adequate progress towards having enough affordable housing "to meet the needs of people desiring to live there; and to allow persons with moderate incomes to benefit from and fully participate in all aspects of neighborhood and community life."

For more information, visit <https://jobs.utah.gov/housing/publications/documents/affordablehousingplan.pdf> or [https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title10/Chapter9A/10-9a-S403.html?v=C10-9a-S403\\_1800010118000101](https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title10/Chapter9A/10-9a-S403.html?v=C10-9a-S403_1800010118000101)

## CERT

### Basic CERT Training February 8 - March 22, 2018

The CERT training class will be held once a week 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Ogden. To register, visit [www.webercountyutah.gov/sheriff/homeland/cert\\_reg.php](http://www.webercountyutah.gov/sheriff/homeland/cert_reg.php) or for more information, contact Lance Peterson at 801-778-6682 or [lpeterso@co.weber.ut.us](mailto:lpeterso@co.weber.ut.us). There is a \$35 participation fee for all new CERT participants. The fee covers the government required personal safety gear which is issued to each participant at the beginning of the class. West Haven City will reimburse all city residents that complete the CERT training.

### What is CERT?

CERT stands for "**Community Emergency Response Team**". CERT is a group of individuals who have taken the CERT training and have the basic skills needed to be better prepared in the case of an emergency. CERT training covers many topics including: Personal Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety - Fire Extinguishers, Disaster Medical Operations (Triage, Medical Assessment, Treatment, Packaging and Transport) Light Urban Search and Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism Awareness, and Hazmat Awareness. The training takes about 20 hours to complete.

Stephanie Carlson  
City Council - Emergency Manager

## Winter Weather Reminders

### Removing Snow From Sidewalks

Homeowners are responsible, by city ordinance, to remove snow, hail or sleet from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours after it has ceased falling. Here are some tips on how to remove snow from your sidewalks and what to expect during and after a snow storm. Throwing or pushing snow onto a public roadway creates a hazard. Please place snow from your sidewalks and driveways in your yard where the ground will absorb any run-off. If you place snow on your park strip, pile it on the down street side of your mailbox and driveway. Expect snow to be pushed into your drive approach until the streets are cleared curb to curb. Be patient. Not all the streets can be cleared immediately. When driving in the snow, stay back and slightly to the driver side of snow plows so your vehicle can be seen in the driver's mirrors.

### Street Parking

Parking on the street is prohibited 12 hours before the time of the projected arrival of an imminent snow storm, and the time it takes for the street to be plowed or otherwise treated by the City from **November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to the citizens of West Haven who acknowledge our snow removal efforts. If you have any questions concerning snow removal, please contact West Haven City @ 801-731-4519.

# Happy Holidays