



KEEPING-IN-TOUCH WEST HAVEN CITY

OCTOBER 2010 MAYORAL MESSAGE

QUITE THE TAXI RIDE

A few weeks ago, I took a taxi for a 25 minute ride in the Los Angeles area. Soon after entering the taxi, the driver asked me if I would like to talk about politics. %Local or national+was my reply. %Local+was his answer. %You mean about mayors and city councils+I asked. %Yes+he replied. I then proceeded to tell him that I loved my city council and felt quite good about the mayor as well. He asked me why I felt that way. I told him that my mayor had his contact number publicly published, worked with the city council to eliminate a \$2,000,000 debt years early, established a rainy day fund, got the state to improve state roads in the city, and has a good working relationship with every member of the council. I told him the council works well with each other and performs their tasks pleasingly to the public. The conversation went on for the duration of the ride. When we arrived at the destination, we shook hands, he thanked me for the dialogue, and he told me he wished he lived in West Haven, Utah. I entered the hotel with a smile on my face. I never shared with him of my involvement with city government. He was right though, West Haven is a good place to live.

3500 WEST

You can see work is being done on the widening of the road. Please be patient while the improvements take place. I hope you are happy with the results.

A FEW APPOINTMENTS

L. Dean Saunders, a Weber County attorney, was appointed to the planning commission and Kirt Nalder, local realtor and contractor, to the special services district board. We thank them for their service.

END OF SUMMER

The season has changed to fall and time to soon get ready for winter. The maintenance department is ready for the changing of tasks. I've been pleased with their attention to our roads. When I tell them of a pothole, it is fixed that day. They are very good responders and I am proud of our staff.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Football is in full swing. There seems to always be a few challenges and problems to deal with. I'm pleased with the way Brock and his staff tend to matters. You can never please everyone because of the nature of competition. We have a good department with good participants. I thank them for a job well done.

YEAR ENDING FINANCIAL REPORT

Our treasurer made his annual report to the City Council. I'm pleased to announce that we are in good shape. It is comforting to know that we have no debt, no city property tax, and have some put away for emergency needs. Our council is to be commended.

**Happy Halloween and enjoy the Fall.
Mayor Melaney**

ANNUAL PUMPKIN WALK

The Youth City Council will be holding their annual Pumpkin Walk on Monday, October 25th at 6:00 at the Country Park. There will be candy stations along the pumpkin path and hot chocolate for sale at the end. Bring your whole family and check out the amazing display!

NEED FIREWOOD?

On November 6th, The Parks and Recreation Department is going to open up the River Parkway to a limited number of people to go in and collect firewood. Spots are limited so call now and reserve your spot. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Offices at 801-731-8882

RECREATION SIGN-UPS

West Haven Recreation will be registering for boys Jr. Jazz Basketball (grades 2-9) during the month of November. For more information please contact the Parks & Recreation Offices at 801-731-8882.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Storm drains lead directly to local waters. No filters. No treatment. Pollutants that enter storm drains wind up in the water we drink, fish, and swim

.There is much that we can all do as individuals and home owners to improve storm water run-off quality and to reduce debris in the storm drain system. Follow these simple steps to help improve storm water quality and to lessen the chance of localized flooding:

~ **Use fertilizers sparingly.** If you must fertilize, September is the best month. And be sure to use slow-release fertilizer. If any lawn chemicals or yard debris get on the sidewalk or driveway, sweep them back onto the lawn to prevent them from washing into storm drains. Even grass clippings and excess leaves don't belong in our streams and rivers. **Sweep, don't hose, the driveway.**

• **Never dump** anything down storm drains or in streams

• **Compost** your yard waste

• **Clean trash and debris** out of the curb area

~ **Use least toxic pesticides**, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems without pesticides

• **Direct downspouts** away from paved surfaces; consider directing it towards your garden

~ Take your **car to the car wash** instead of washing it in the driveway

~ **Check your car** for leaks and recycle your automotive fluids

~ **Clean up** after your pet.

Thanks for your Help, West Haven Public Works Department

CERT

West Haven City CERT will be holding a training meeting for all **CERT trained** West Haven City residents on November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the City hall. Please RSVP to Garry Hunter garrymhunter@yahoo.com or Stephanie Carlson skcutah@msn.com by November 13 if you plan on attending.

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, Packag-ing 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, Council Member

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