



West Haven City

May 2012

Community Calendar

May 10: Youth City Council Meeting- 5:00 p.m. @ West Haven City Hall

May 13: Mother's Day

May 28: Memorial Day- City Offices will be closed all day



City Council Meetings
1st and 3rd Wednesdays
6:00 pm at City Hall

Planning Commission Meetings
2nd and 4th Wednesdays
6:00 pm at City Hall

Special Services District Meetings
3rd Monday
6:30 pm at City Hall

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Mayoral Message

By Mayor Brian Melaney

Emergency Preparedness

Thanks to Stephanie Carlson and her numerous wonderful volunteers who have participated in various activities this past month to increase our ability to react in times of crises. And may I thank those of you who helped by posting the asked for colors in your windows so we may gauge our level of necessary involvement. This will continue to be an important part of our preparations for unseen challenges that may come our way. Being prepared lessens the fear factor although nature has a way of overtaxing our abilities at times. Again, thanks to those of you who have improved our ability to serve the community in times of distress.

Annual Budget Process

It is that time of year again when we must prepare a balanced budget for our next fiscal year. Too bad the federal government doesn't have to live by such rules. By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have met with our Treasurer and worked out a budget

to present for the City Council's review and approval. It is my duty to submit to them a budget, their responsibility to tweak and/or approve it, and then mine to carry it out. With ever increasing costs and revenues that don't seem to keep pace, it is quite the challenge to put smiles on everybody's faces.

West Haven Days

June will soon be here and with it comes our annual celebration. This year, we have more events planned than ever before including a first time trip to Roy's water park. We hope that you will be a part of this festive time of year in our city and join us at various locations for the scheduled activities. I think we have the best candy tossed during the short annual parade that begins at 2700 West and 3600 South and ends at the city park on 3300 South. The fireworks are very entertaining and the rodeo is free. Be there or be square!

Spring is here! Enjoy it and the upcoming summer.
Mayor Melaney

We Need Your Help

We are asking for some help with our parks, playgrounds, pavilions, and city facilities. Each spring we see a rise in the use of all our facilities. As we work to grow, enhance, and maintain these facilities, we ask that you be aware of those that are using them. The city has ordinances for times of use and types of use at these facilities. If you see anything that looks suspicious or questionable such as after hour activity, would you please contact the Parks & Rec. Department so that we can work to remedy these situations. You can also contact dispatch at 801-629-8221 so that they can help us enforce our ordinances and keep our parks safe, clean, and well maintained. Thank you for your help.

Emergency Preparedness

Community Preparedness Fair

Thank you all who attended and participated in the community preparedness fair. The information provided was very educational and helpful. Thank you St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kaneshville Stake, Weber Fire, Weber Search and Rescue, all vendors, class teachers, and volunteers. Your efforts made the fair wonderful.

Great Utah Shake Out

This past April, Utah held its largest earthquake drill ever. West Haven staff and volunteers from our community joined the over 940,000 statewide registered participants and took part in the Great Utah Shake Out. During the Earthquake drill, city staff and volunteers practiced the "Drop, Cover, and Hold on" protocol. After the "earthquake" the group assessed the city hall for safety, opened our emergency operation center, organized emergency response activities, and communicated with county officials, community volunteers, and emergency support services. The drill was very valuable and beneficial.

Later in the week, Weber County had a mass casualty drill. During the event, about 60 people were transported to area hospitals by ambulance, helicopter, and bus. HAM radio operators participated and provided valuable communication services for the event. It is comforting to see the planning efforts of those who would respond in the event of a real disaster.

Disaster Preparedness

In the event of a real disaster, professional response personnel can become overwhelmed and neighborhoods can be cut off from outside help quite quickly. Disasters usually happen somewhere else, but in the event a disaster hits West Haven City, it is important we are all prepared.

We encourage individuals to:

Make a plan – Decide where to meet and what you might need in the event of an emergency.

Get a kit - have and maintain supplies to meet personal needs for 72 hours.

Be informed - learn what you can do to prepare for a disaster. Useful information can be found at bereadyutah.gov

Get involved – join one of the West Haven City teams.

The West Haven Communication Team is a group of licensed amateur radio operators who provide radio communications for our city during an emergency and for community events.

The West Haven CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a group of individuals trained in: Personal Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Urban Search and Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism Awareness, and Hazmat Awareness. CERT members are trained and prepared to help themselves, other individuals, and the city in the event of an emergency.

The Neighborhood Response Team is a group of volunteers within our city who are organized into small geographic areas. Team members provide support, help, and communication in the event of an emergency.

We need volunteers. If you have any interest in participating with the emergency preparedness efforts within West Haven City, please contact the city at 801-731-4519. West Haven City supports and appreciates the efforts being made to make our City better prepared for an emergency.

Stephanie Carlson
Council Member - Emergency Manager

West Haven Heritage Days 2012

Plan now to join us for our annual celebration! West Haven Heritage Days will be held on June 14th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

Events

On-line registration is open for all West Haven Heritage Days events. Go to westhavencity.com and click on West Haven Days then Online Event Registration. New this year - a quilt show. Visit the web site for more details and registration.

Citizen Appreciation

We want to thank you, as citizens, for all you do to make our community a wonderful place to live. We will be hosting an evening of swimming at the Roy Aquatic Center. Admission is free and concessions will be available for purchase.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for Heritage Days. Sponsorship levels have been restructured to accommodate families as well as small businesses. The form is available at westhavencity.com by clicking on West Haven Days then Sponsorship Application. Please consider becoming a West Haven Heritage Days sponsor. It is **not** too late to get your logo on the t-shirts.

Quilt Show

We are very excited for our new addition. For information on the quilt show, please e-mail westhavenquilts@gmail.com.

Auction

Our annual auction will be held during breakfast again this year. We are accepting donations of auction items. To make a donation for the auction in support of West Haven Heritage Days, please contact Amos (801-458-6732).

Parade

Our parade last year was bigger than ever. We want to expand it again this year. You can register on-line for free to participate in the parade.

Our Heritage Days celebration is run largely by volunteers. If you would like to be part of this great event, contact Sharon (801-731-8596) or Brock (801-731-8882). We are looking forward to a fantastic celebration, so mark your calendar!

Councilmember Sharon Bolos

Citizens' Appreciation Dinner

In conjunction with West Haven Heritage Days, on Thursday, June 21st there will be a dinner at the Country Park. Tickets will be available for purchase at City Hall (4150 S 3900 W) or at the Parks & Recreation Office (2825 W 3300 S) from May 14th to June 7th. Roasted chicken breast is on the menu and the cost is \$5 per person. A hot dog meal will be available for younger children for free; however tickets are required for **all** meals. Dinner will start being served at 6:00. There will be some seating at the large bowery, but you are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for a picnic dinner. We are glad to welcome back Rough Stock for our entertainment that night. There will be dancing and our climbing wall vendor will also be set up that night.



Arbor Day Huge Success

Arbor Day was a great success! We had almost 40 volunteers, including several West Haven Jr. Posse and youth council members, help plant trees at the Sports Park. Other trees were planted at Stonefield Park, Country Park, and West Haven Elementary. Thank you to our wonderful citizens for your contribution to making our city beautiful.

Youth Council



The Youth Council's Easter Egg Hunt held April 7, Was visited by the Easter Bunny.



Families gathered to hunt for eggs and prizes. The West Haven Youth Council would like to Thank Wilson 2nd, 4th and 5th ward youth groups for helping clean and stuff eggs.



The West Haven Denny's Restaurant, located at 1172 W. 2100 S., provided members of the West Haven Youth Council with service awards and certificates for outstanding community service for the months of January through April. The Youth Council would like to thank general manager Mary Nelson for Denny's support of our youth program. Membership truly has many rewards!

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.

Please call the city if you have any questions. Thank You!