



West Haven City

September 2012

Community Calendar

September 3: Labor Day– City Offices will be closed all day.

September 22: First day of Fall

Have a safe Labor 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

Pathways along the River

We have final approval from the various federal agencies to proceed with completing our RAMP funded 1 mile path along the Weber River from I-15 to 1900 West. We needed to mitigate wetlands and deal with the Army Corp of Engineers and all has been resolved and signed off. Thus, contractors are diligently trying to finish the project so we can possibly have a ribbon cutting in September and add additional length to our pathways along a beautiful section of the river. The flooding in 2011 caused delays and we are thankful to the county for their understanding.

Roads and sidewalks

I occasionally get asked why we didn't continue the widening of 3500 West all the way to Kaneshville Elementary School. The answer is because we only widen roads within our city boundary and took the project to the city limits. However, I have some good news. The county plans to widen the road and add curb, gutter, and sidewalk and hopes to have the project funded for construction next year. I sit on a 6 member committee that approves these special projects funded by the 1/4 sales tax that was approved a few years ago and is now being implemented. The final results on the matter are still pending, but it looks very good.

Another project under consideration is widening Midland Drive from Hinckley to 4000 South. I am NOT announcing any approval here, I am just letting you know that it is being looked at and the various avenues for funding are being investigated.

Recreation

I noticed a large article complete with pictures announcing a new scoreboard at a park in another Weber County City. I thought I would let you know that we have a new wonderful scoreboard at our park where football is played even though we don't score an article in the Standard. Our new scoreboard is just as nice and we appreciate RAMP funds and impact fees that covered our costs. We like the new bleachers as well!

Summer nearly gone

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. It seems to me that it should be June, not September. Before long, we will need to get ready for a change in the season. Please consider reducing your watering times as lawns don't need as much moisture this time of year. The reservoirs need to retain as much water as possible because we never know what to expect out of Mother Nature.

Enjoy the fall!
Mayor Melaney

RECREATION

All girls Jr. Jazz basketball and coed Instructional (Kindergarten – 1st grade) Jr. Jazz basketball registrations will run through September 28th online at www.westhavencity.com. Boys (2nd – 9th) Jr. Jazz basketball registration will begin and run through the month of November.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater runoff is the water from rain or melting ice and snow that runs over the surface of the land. The volume of stormwater runoff generated at a given location is affected not only by the amount of precipitation, but also by the type of land on which it falls. As an area becomes more developed, with more impervious surfaces such as roofs, streets, and parking lots, the amount of water that percolates into the ground decreases, and the amount of stormwater runoff increases. Businesses and Homeowners need to implement Best Management Practices to make their business or home a solution to the pollution.

What is Stormwater BMP? BMP stands for Best Management Practice, which are things we do on the landscape that help keep stormwater clean, increase infiltration into the ground and reduce the amount of stormwater that reaches our local waterways. Though many BMPs incorporated during the development process, there are many things that business or home owners can do on their own properties. Here is a list of a few practices:

- Utilize native flowers, trees and shrubs in your home landscaping to reduce need for excess watering, fertilizers and pesticides.
- When pesticide or fertilizer use is necessary choose least toxic or organic products and follow label directions carefully. Avoid application when heavy rain is forecasted. Do not apply near waterways or storm drains.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider building a rain garden or using a rain barrel to capture rain water and use as a resource.
- Keep water where it falls. Reduce possibility of sanitary sewer back-ups by disconnecting downspouts and basement sump pumps from sanitary sewer.
- Compost your yard waste, do not dump into or near streams, lakes or wetlands.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your vehicle for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Businesses should install oil separators on their parking lot drain.
- Also, businesses can provide detention and insure that the water released is clean. Keep your parking lots swept.