



West Haven City

December 2013

Community Calendar

December 25: Christmas Day - City Offices closed all day for the Christmas holiday.

January 1: Happy New Year- City Offices closed all day for the New Year's Holiday



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

My final THANK YOU

Well, 96 months as Mayor of this wonderful city is coming to an end and this will be my last newsletter. Years ago, the norm was a newsletter on a quarterly basis. I felt it would be better communication to make it monthly and added it as part of the monthly billing for sewer services. I hope you have preferred the monthly information.

I have thought long about what I should address in this final issue for me and have decided on one big THANK YOU! Thanks to each and every member of the city council who has served along with me. Without your votes, encouragement, teaching, support, dedication, knowledge, and love of this city, direction, desire, and service we couldn't have been as successful. So, my heartfelt thanks go out to Ron Schultz, Ted Parke, Jennifer Canter, Tim Jensen, Blaine Holmes, Joseph Dallimore, Dawnell Musselman, Stephanie Carlson, Sharon Bolos, and Shawn Smith. Your votes have guided and influenced this city over the last 8 years. Also, special thanks to all those who served on the Planning Commission, Special Services District, Board of Appeals, YOUTH CITY COUNCIL and advisors, Parks committee, and all volunteers who freely gave of their time to make West Haven a better place to live. I want to acknowledge all those who work for the city as well. Thanks to our attorney, Ken Bradshaw, for all his work and encouragement. Thanks to our city planner, Steve Anderson. Thanks to Larry Horspool, our inspector. Thanks to Steve Davis, our treasurer. Thanks to the office staff and to the current city recorder Shanda Reney, maintenance department headed by Scott Venstra, recreation department overseen by Brock Randall, our cemetery sexton, Brock Randall, Jamie Williams the special

services district board recorder, and the committee who helped us develop the West Haven Cemetery for our community. I wish to thank the sheriffs and their deputies, the county fire department, other neighboring mayors who's supportive votes helped us fund many worthwhile projects, the county commissioners especially our own Jan Zogmaister who has been very supportive and influential in helping us obtain funds from the state and county, and lastly, UDOT, and the various directors for northern Utah. Oh, and let me not forget our state senator, Scott Jenkins, who got us funding for Hinckley Drive along with Brad Dee from the house of representatives. These two elected officials have been instruments in getting us funding for several large projects some of which are still in the future.

I think you can now see that a mayor is just one of several players to make a city function. The better the players, the better results for a city. Like a coach who often looks good because of his players, a mayor reaps results from a team of elected and appointed officials who work together for the common good. I feel good about the future of our city. I believe we are in good, capable and worthy hands and wish them all the best in the future. Yes, good luck to mayor elect Sharon Bolos and newly elected councilman Randy Hunter.

Lastly, I wish to thank my lovely wife of 40 years, Judy. She was supportive from day one. I think that many just voted for Judy's husband and that happened to be me. Now the two of us will have other opportunities for service and look forward to that and to spending more time with our children and grandchildren.

May a higher source's blessings be upon you all, Mayor Melaney

Heart of the Holidays a Success

Our fourth annual *Heart of the Holidays* was a great success! Santa arrived on a fire truck to turn on the lights with his magic dust and then stayed to visit with children of all ages. We enjoyed music by Fremont High Legacy Choir, Rocky Mountain Junior High Concert Choir, and West Haven Elementary

Harmony Hawks. Members of the Youth City Council also provided music and letters to Santa for the kids. We had hay rides, refreshments, and plenty of mingling with friends and neighbors.

Thanks to all who made this night a success. Thanks to the neighbors

who decorated their homes and yards. The city employees also put in many hours hanging lights at City Hall, which look fantastic! Most of all, thanks to our community for supporting *Heart of the Holidays*. May you and your family have a wonderful holiday season!

Councilmember Sharon Bolos

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.



Homeowners are responsible, by city ordinance, to remove snow, hail or sleet from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24

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 15th to March 15th.

Thanks to the citizens of West Haven who acknowledge our snow removal efforts. If you have any questions concerning snow removal, please call Scott Venstra, Public Works Director at 801-731-8897

Thank You

A big **"THANK YOU"** to the 2nd grade classes at Country View Elementary for making Ornaments to be displayed on the Christmas Tree at City Hall.



CERT

Basic CERT Training January 9 - February 20

The class will be held once a week 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Ogden; to register, or for more information, contact Tammy at 778-6686.

There is a \$30 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 the first 25 residents to complete the CERT training this fiscal year.

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