

WEST JORDAN GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

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JULY 2022

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Joint Message with Fire Chief Derek Maxfield

Welcome July! This is one of my favorite months as it brings two of my favorite holidays! Independence Day celebrates our freedoms, our history, and offers a chance to show our love for this country. Pioneer Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate our state history and remember the first families that settled in Utah. As we recognize these holidays, I ask that you keep something else in mind... fire safety.

West Jordan Fire Chief, Derek Maxfield, and I are bringing you a joint message this month surrounding this important topic.

Our fire department averages about 150 emergency calls a week, when these July holidays come around any additional calls can spread our crews thin.

"All those extra calls coming in during a small window really scares us," said Chief Maxfield. "Every department in the valley is stretched thin all at the same time making it so we don't have that automatic aid we often rely on in the event of a large fire."

Last year, West Jordan residents really showed responsibility with fire safety. The number of firework-related fires was significantly lower than years past. We hope residents take the same precautions this year.

"We're encouraging residents to skip personal fireworks and attend a professional display, where fire units will be on scene to attend to any hazards that may arise," said Chief Maxfield.

If you do wish to set off your own fireworks, please do it responsibly and make sure you're not lighting them off in a prohibited area. You can find that map to the right of this message.

"We want our residents to still enjoy their July holidays, but do so safely," said Chief Maxfield. "Remember to keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy if you plan to light fireworks in your neighborhood."

Let's celebrate our freedom, families, and neighbors this July!

Sincerely,

Mayor Dirk Burton and Fire Chief Derek Maxfield

Fireworks Restrictions

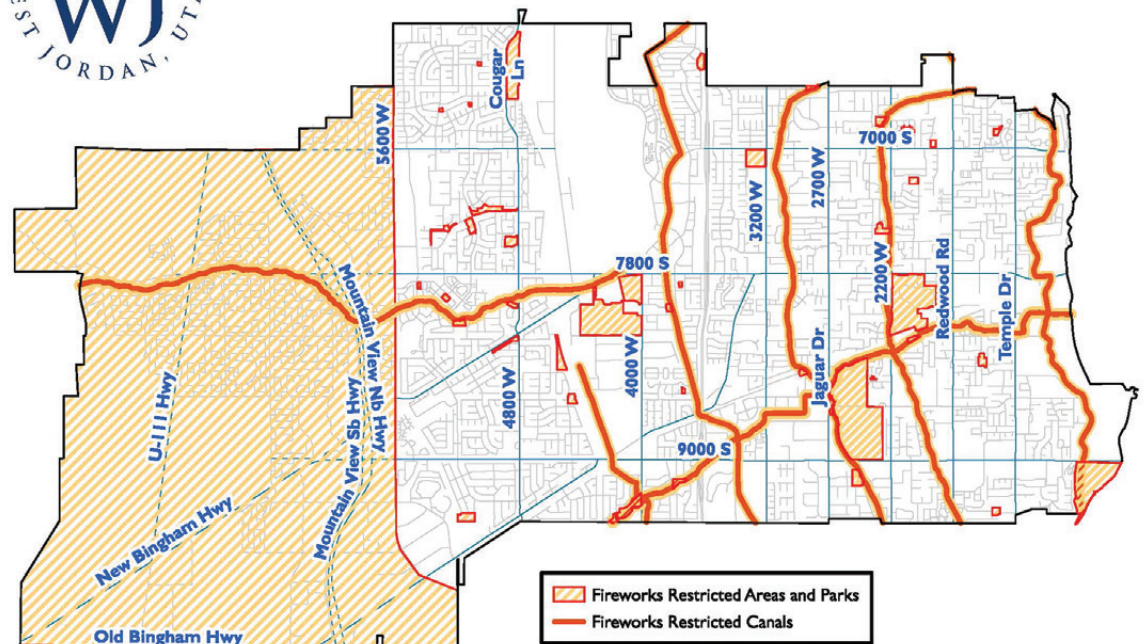
West Jordan is prohibiting the use of any ignition source, including fireworks, lighters, and matches, in certain areas of the city including:

- All areas west of 5600 West.
- All areas within 200 feet of the Jordan River Parkway Trail east of 1300 West.
- All areas within 200 feet of the area commonly referred to as Clay Hollow Wash that runs east and west in the area of 7800 South (approximately 4800 West to SR-111).
- All areas within 200 feet of Bingham Creek, located near Old Bingham Highway running the length of the east/west boundaries within West Jordan.
- All areas within 200 feet of canals
- All city parks, unless a permit has been obtained for a professional display.

Fireworks may be discharged July 2 -5 (July 4th hours extended to midnight) and July 22-25 (July 24th hours extended to midnight). The City of West Jordan will be providing extra police patrols to assist with enforcement of fire restrictions. If you see a violation, please call the non-emergency dispatch line: 801-840-4000. Find more information on our website: westjordan.utah.gov/fire/fireworks.



Fireworks Restriction Area 2022





Beat the Heat

A MESSAGE FROM WEST JORDAN'S EMERGENCY MANAGER

During the final weeks of June, as we jumped from Spring to Summer, our state continues to be hit by excessive heat, red flag warnings (critical fire weather), and high, hot winds warnings.

We live in a modern world where we can control the temperature where we live and work (in some cases). But as the temperatures rise, power companies may struggle to meet demand, which can result in power outages and blackouts. Rocky Mountain Power has the ability to issue Public Safety Power Shutoff watches.

So, what can you do if your power goes out?

RECOGNITION. Become familiar with the signs of heat-related illness: heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and how to treat it.

FAMILY. Be sure to check on family and friends, particularly the elderly, those with chronic illnesses, young children, etc. According to FEMA at www.ready.gov, those in these demographics are higher risk.

BASEMENTS. A majority of homes in the City of West Jordan have basements, which are much cooler than the upper floors. Be flexible and make the move to the basement. Have resources you may need prepositioned there for your family's comfort. For those without basements, the north side of buildings

are cooler than the south side, as are rooms without carpeting. And remember, sometimes it's cooler outside than inside.

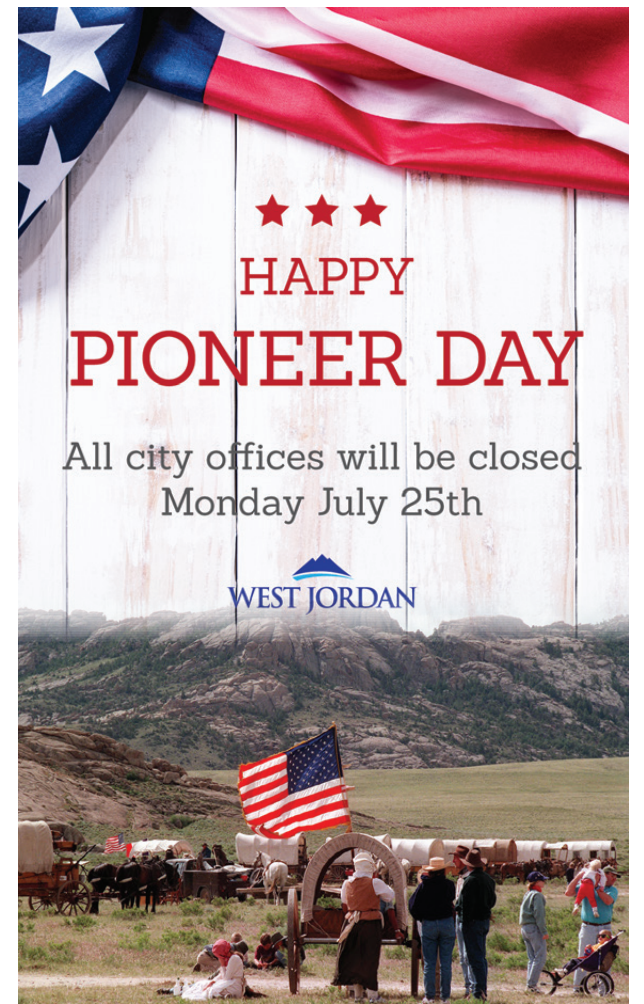
CLOTHING. Those that have to be outside, whether it's work or play, should wear a hat and clothing should cover most of the body and be loose and light colored. Cotton and other natural fabrics breathe better than synthetics. In addition, like an evaporative cooler, getting your clothing wet will help you keep cool.

WINDOWS. There is a lot of advertising on the radio this time of year for window shades and treatments, which can deflect the heat. These can be pricey, but you can line your windows with aluminum foil to reflect the heat.

COOKING. Most people enjoy a barbecue, so keep it cooler inside by cooking outside. Eat light meals with more fruits and vegetables which produce less body heat and decreases water loss. And drink water, even when you're not thirsty.

Beat the heat and enjoy the summer!

If you would like information about emergency preparedness, contact Jeffery Mulcahy, West Jordan Emergency Manager, 801-834-8502, or jmulcahy@westjordan.utah.gov.



FOOD Truck
ROUND UP

RON WOOD PARK
EVERY TUESDAY
MAY 31 - SEPT 27 @ 5 - 8 PM

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WEST JORDAN ARENA
AUGUST 27 @ 7:00PM
BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE
bit.ly/ticketswj

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The Splash Pad is Open for the Summer

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

We sat down with Ron Wood Park Manager Chris Pearson to talk all things to know before you head over to West Jordan's Splash Pad this summer.

People may notice some changes this year when they visit our splash pad, what are the updates you've made?

"We've changed how you turn the splash pad on. There used to be two pedals you'd have to search for on the ground and step on. We've made it much easier now by installing two blue pillars. They work by just tapping the top with your hand a few times."



How long does the splash pad stay on once you've tapped those blue pillars?

"The water will stay on for 30 minutes. If you're still out there enjoying the splash pad and it turns off, just tap the blue pillars again and you'll get another 30 minutes."

Why would the splash pad automatically turn off if it's only been a few minutes?

"We have a water saving feature turned on. When the winds reach a certain speed, the splash pad automatically shuts off for two minutes to help conserve any water we could lose. After the wind has died down you can tap the blue pillars again and the water will turn back on."

Say I show up to the splash pad, I tap those pillars a few times and the water still isn't turning on?

"If it doesn't seem to be working there are a few steps to take. First, look for signage around the splash pad. If we're experiencing some issues, we'll let the public know with signs placed around the area. If there aren't any signs and the water still isn't turning on give us a call: 801-301-1833."

What are some things the public should keep in mind while visiting the splash pad?

"Treat the splash pad like a pool. You wouldn't run, eat, or drink in the pool. Walk through the fountains like sprinklers. You wouldn't drink pool water, don't drink the splash pad water either."

You can visit the splash pad Monday – Saturday, 10 AM – 8 PM at Ron Wood Park (5900 W New Bingham Hwy). The splash pad season is from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

COUNCIL CORNER

On August 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Justice Center Community Room, the City will hold its "Truth in Taxation" public hearing. Truth in Taxation is a process that was established by the Utah State Legislature in 1985. This process requires that city governments, county governments, and school districts hold a public hearing to inform taxpayers of tax rate increases prior to voting on the increased rate.

Earlier this year, residents received a budget mailer outlining how City departments are funded and the source of the City's funding. The Council has made several changes to the budget as part of its duty in being the legislative body of the City. Many of these changes have aimed to reduce the potential property tax increase and to increase the effectiveness of the City, you can find them in the table below.

COUNCIL ACTION

Received an overview of the Mayor's Tentative Budget and new items within the budget for FY2023	May 11th, 2022, Work Session
Reviewed and evaluated City department needs	May 18th, 2022, Committee of the Whole
Instructed staff to review the Utility Rate Structures over the summer	May 25th, 2022, Work Session
Reviewed the budgets for each department and made reductions on items that a Council majority could agree on	June 1st, 2022, Committee of the Whole
Considered and received public comment on a Utility Fund transfer	June 8th, 2022, Work Session June 22nd, 2022, Council Meeting

You can find changes to the budget at: www.westjordan.utah.gov/finance-department/city-budget/. Residents can listen to the meetings listed in the table by going to: www.westjordan.utah.gov/government/agendas.

The Council hopes to see you at the public hearing. Residents can participate in the public comment portion of "Truth in Taxation" in-person or online via Zoom. Those who choose to comment will be given three minutes.

Cities Team up to Stop Speeders in a County-Wide Initiative

Slow down – that's the message from police departments across the valley. This month, the City of West Jordan and the West Jordan police department are teaming up with other cities and department to stop an issue that officers say is getting worse.

"Our goal is to get out there and remind the motorists that the speed limit is set for a reason," said West Jordan officer Sam Winkler. "The traffic signals are timed for specific speeds and when vehicles are going way too fast, we start seeing crashes."

Officers are cracking down on drivers who speed on main thoroughways in the city including Bangerter Highway and Mountain View Corridor. But speeding isn't just limited to faster roads. Officers are keeping an eye on city and neighborhood streets.

"When these cars are darting in and out of traffic at high speeds, it's very easy for them to lose control," Winkler said.

"In addition to, you don't know, is there a hazard up ahead? Is there a pedestrian in a crosswalk? What's going on? So, we really want these motorists to slow down."

"Just one life lost to excessive speeding is one too many," said West Jordan Mayor Dirk Burton. "Let's work together to keep our families and neighbors safe on the roads."





GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS: WEST JORDAN NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>JULY 1-4</p> <p>WEST JORDAN WESTERN STAMPEDE CELEBRATION</p> <p>visit westernstampe.com for more information.</p>	<p>JULY 4</p> <p>JULY 4TH - INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>	<p>JULY 5</p> <p>COMMUNITY MARKET</p> <p>Ron Wood Park 5 – 8 p.m.</p>
<p>JULY 5</p> <p>FOOD TRUCK ROUNDUP</p> <p>Ron Wood Park 5 – 8 p.m.</p>	<p>JULY 5</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 6 – 9 p.m.</p>	<p>JULY 12</p> <p>FOOD TRUCK ROUNDUP</p> <p>Ron Wood Park 5 – 8 p.m.</p>
<p>JULY 13</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 7 – 10:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JULY 14-23</p> <p>12 DANCING PRINCESSES</p> <p>wjarts.org for more information 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JULY 19</p> <p>FOOD TRUCK ROUNDUP</p> <p>Ron Wood Park 5 – 8 p.m.</p>
<p>JULY 19</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 6 – 9 p.m.</p>	<p>JULY 25</p> <p>PIONEER DAY (Observed) City Offices Closed</p>	<p>JULY 27</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 7 – 10:30 p.m.</p>



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801-256-2000
801-840-4000 Dispatch



The Twelve Dancing Princesses

PRESENTED BY
THE SUGAR FACTORY PLAYHOUSE
DIRECTED BY DENISE GULL
PERFORMING JULY 14-23, 2022 @ 7:30 PM
Midvale Performing Arts Center
wjarts.org

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NEW LOCATION
City E-Waste & Shred Event

August 6th, 2022 @10AM - 12PM
West Jordan Public Works - South Parking Lot
Located at 7960 S 4000 W
westjordan.utah.gov/garbage

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