

SEPTEMBER 2024

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WOODLAND HILLS DAYS SEPTEMBER 13TH - 14TH EVENTS CALENDAR!

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE PARK:

- 5-8 PM CAR SHOW
- 5-8 PM VENDOR BOOTHS
 & GAMES
- 5-9 PM ART SHOW
- 6-7:30 PM JDAWGS DINNER
- 6-8 PM THE REVELS BAND
- 8:30 ISH MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY

- 7 AM FUN RUN 5K CITY PARK
- 8:15 AM FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST AT THE CITY CENTER- FIRE BAY
- 9:15 AM FLAG CEREMONY CITY CENTER
- 10:00 AM PARADE AT THE PARK (LINE UP AT 9:45 AM)
- 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S GAMES
- 11:00 AM 9 PM ART SHOW
- 11:30 BINGO
- 9-1 PM VENDOR BOOTHS
 CLIMBING WALL, VOLLEYBALL & GAMES









SEPT 13 SEP

5PM to 9PM

SEPT 14

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!!!!!!

FRIDAY NIGHT AROUND 8:30

NEXT TO THE PAVILLION

THERE WILL BE CONCESSIONS

AVAILABLE FOR A

REASONABLE

PRICE

Come
join us
in the parade!
Line up is at
9:45 on Bridger
Circle! Be
creative and
decorate!

Woodland Hills Days
5K Fun Run or
1 Mile Run/Walk!
Scan with Phone Camera
or CLICK HERE
to Register for the Race!



WOODLAND HILLS DAYS FUN RUN
\$8 ENTRY FEE. THIS IS AN UNTIMED FUN RUN WITH A
COLLECTIBLE COMMEMORATIVE FINISHER MEDAL.
SEPTEMBER 14 @ 7AM SHARP AT THE LAURITZEN
PARK SIGN. WOODLAND HILLS

J-DAWGS WILL BE BACK
WITH A FREE DINNER FOR
RESIDENTS OF WOODLAND
HILLS AND THOSE PARTICIPATING
IN WOODLAND HILLS DAYS
ACTIVITIES!

THANKS TO WH CITY AND OUR
DONORS FOR
PROVIDING!

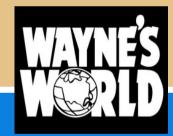


FREE FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE FROM 8:15 AM TO 9:30 AT THE CITY CENTER FOOD WILL BE SERVED IN THE FIRE BAYS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CITY OFFICES. TABLES AND CHAIRS WILL BE SET UP AND WE WILL HAVE A FLAG CEREMONY ABOUT 9:15 AM.. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! WE WANT TO SEE ALL YOUR FACES THERE.

WE WILL HAVE THE BOOT FOR FIREMAN'S DONATIONS AVAILABLE!!!!

One of the responsibilities that I have as the Zoning Enforcement Officer is to enforce our zoning and other related ordinances. Some of this is done at the time someone submits a site plan in order to obtain a building permit. We must ensure that the required setbacks are being adhered to; that placement of the water can and meter is according to our code; where there is a septic system required to service the lot, to make sure it is properly placed according to the county health dept; that driveway slopes are according to our ordinances; that accessory buildings and fences are properly placed and homes meet the city's building height requirements. These are just a few of the things that are reviewed with submitted site plans to ensure compliance with our city ordinances. Our ordinances can be rather technical in nature and sometimes there are no violations to pursue. I also follow up with complaints you make against your neighbors when your observations indicate that they may be violating our city ordinances. When you don't see immediate action taken against them, you may feel that nothing is being done to correct the problem. This is an incorrect assumption. Every attempt is made to correct the action or problem in a way most agreeable to everyone concerned. Our goal is to correct the problem, not necessarily to punish the violator. If you were on the end of a complaint, how would you like it to be handled? If warnings or a soft approach does not seem to correct the problem, then enforcement action may be warranted to be taken. If the person is sincere in their efforts as demonstrated by some positive action on their part, then that of course is taken into consideration. I should say here that often times a neighbor to neighbor approach on a matter has a greater chance of success in resolving the problem versus the city getting involved. However, we are still a resource that can be used when required. How likely are you to correct a problem pointed out to you by a neighbor versus the city. Most often the attitude is the city can take a flying leap, but I don't want to offend my neighbor and will correct the problem, where there is a legitimate cause for concern. We do respect everyone's privacy in these matters, but it is not always possible to keep identities private. You should know this. We certainly encourage everyone to keep their yards "cleaned up" and looking nice. Remember however, that you are not the policeman of the world, and what you might consider to be junk, maybe someone else's treasurers. When someone else's yard has weeds, have you ever volunteered to help them clean them up? Upcoming, September 7, is a day of service and maybe there is an opportunity for you to give a little more of yourself to help those around you. Thank you for all that you do to make our community a wonderful place to live.

Wayne Frandsen, Zoning Enforcement Officer





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JULY 2024

CITIZEN CONTACT 5 3 **EXTRA PATROLS** 3 **FIREWORKS ANIMAL PROBLEMS** 4 2 SUSPICIOUS ACT. **ARRESTS** 1 1 **HARRASSMENT TOTAL CALLS** 46

If you would like to sign up for equal Pay, email

treasurer@woodlandhills-ut.gov by September 30th.

To qualify you need at least one year of billing history and a zero balance on your account by the end of the month. If you are already on equal pay, you DO NOT need to apply again.

TED TALKS - EMERGENCY VEHICLE SIRENS

THIS WEEK'S TEDS TALK IS MORE OF A REMINDER FOR THOSE OPERATING VEHICLES.

THIS IS SOMETHING WE ARE NOTICING BECOMING INCREASINGLY DISREGARDED
AROUND THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY WITH YOUNGER
DRIVERS. IF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE IS APPROACHING, EITHER FROM BEHIND OR
COMING TOWARD YOU, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND
IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE RIGHT EDGE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE. BOTH DIRECTIONS OF
TRAFFIC MOVING OVER ALLOWS SPACE FOR THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE TO SAFELY
PASS TRAFFIC. AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATOR IS TAUGHT TO ALWAYS PASS ON
THE LEFT AND SHOULD NEVER PASS ON THE RIGHT SO VEHICLES CAN SAFELY PULL TO
THE RIGHT. ALSO, YOU SHOULD NOT OPERATE A VEHICLE WITH DISTRACTIONS SUCH
THAT YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS, AND ALWAYS REMIND OUR
YOUNGER DRIVERS OF THIS LAW.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES DO NOT ALWAYS RESPOND TO CALLS WITH FLASHING LIGHTS AND SIRENS, THE RESPONSE IS BASED ON THE URGENCY OF THE CALL AND THE RESPONSE CODE GIVEN BY THE DISPATCHER, SO IF THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE IS RESPONDING WITH LIGHTS AND SIRENS THAT USUALLY MEANS IT'S CRITICAL AND MINUTES OR SECONDS MAY MATTER. PLEASE HELP US ALL BE SAFE AS WE ARE RESPONDING TO PROVIDE AID IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT OUR CITIZENS DO TO HELP OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

TED MICKELSEN, P.E.
FIRE CHIEF/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE WOODLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER AT THE WOODLAND HILLS CITY CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 690 SOUTH WOODLAND HILLS DRIVE, WOODLAND HILLS, UTAH AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH A LINK WITH ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE, WHICH INCLUDES AN INCREASE IN THE FEE THE CITY CHARGES FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING, AN INCREASE IN THE UTILITY DISCONNECT/RECONNECT FEE CHARGED FOR WATER, AND A TEMPORARY BUILDING PERMIT FEE. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY CONTACTING THE CITY OFFICES.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, THE CITY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A LEGAL DISPUTE FOR SEVERAL YEARS THAT HAS, IN MANY WAYS, BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR US AS A COMMUNITY. WHILE NOT EVERYONE AGREES ON HOW THE CITY SHOULD HAVE ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO TAKE WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE BEST COURSE BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AND IN SEEKING TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY AT LARGE.

HAVING BEEN APPROACHED BY RESIDENTS WANTING TO KNOW WHERE THINGS STAND IN THESE MATTERS, I WANTED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AS WELL AS SOME PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:

THE CITY, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, WERE NAMED AS PARTIES IN SIX CASES THAT WERE PENDING BEFORE THE UTAH DISTRICT COURT. THE PLAINTIFFS IN ALL OF THESE CASES WERE THE SAME INDIVIDUALS AND WERE EITHER SEEKING TO OVERTURN DECISIONS MADE BY VARIOUS CITY AUTHORITIES OR BOARDS, OR ALLEGING HARM DUE TO SUCH DECISIONS.

ONE BY ONE, THESE CASES HAVE BEEN ARGUED BY OUR ATTORNEYS AND, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT, HAVE ALL BEEN DISMISSED.

THE MOST RECENT DISMISSAL, AND ONLY REMAINING CLAIM, IS BEING APPEALED TO THE UTAH COURT OF APPEALS. WHILE THE CITY IS NOT A PARTY TO THIS LAST CLAIM, WE DO HAVE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO A FORMER EMPLOYEE WHO IS STILL NAMED AS A PARTY. AS SUCH WE ARE STILL INVOLVED IN AND ASSISTING WITH THE CASE. WHILE LEGAL MATTERS ARE ALWAYS INHERENTLY UNPREDICTABLE, WE FEEL A GUARDED OPTIMISM THAT THE UTAH COURT OF APPEALS WILL UPHOLD THE DECISION BY THE UTAH DISTRICT COURT TO DISMISS THE LAST REMAINING CLAIM, FINALLY PUTTING THIS MATTER BEHIND US.

IT HAS BEEN A SLOW-MOVING PROCESS, AND A DECISION BY THE UTAH COURT OF APPEALS WILL LIKELY STILL BE SEVERAL MONTHS AWAY. EVEN SO, WE ARE HAPPY WITH THE DIRECTION WE ARE HEADED AND HOPE THAT WE CAN SOON CLOSE THIS REGRETTABLE CHAPTER, FOCUSING ON MORE PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS.

MAYOR BRENT WINDER

EVENTS IN UTAH VALLEY EXPLORE UTAH VALLEY CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

HTTPS://WWW.UTAHVALLEY.COM/EVENT S/?GAD SOURCE=1 Miss the most recent City meeting?

Check it out on the WH YouTube Channel

CHECK OUT THE UPATED WH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AS WELL AS THE
NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR
FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE DISCUSSED OR ADDED TO THE WH NEWSLETTER? PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL JANET@WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

CLICK ON THE UNDERLINED FOR A LINKS

Guidelines for Clearing Property and Constructing Piles for Chipping

Prepare your home for wildfire by removing vegetation from your property. Leave it on the side of the road in a nicely cut pile by September 15th and Wildfire Crews will come by and chip it.

Woodland Hills Community Chipping September 16th - 19th



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Figure 1: Thinned Understory

GUIDELINES FOR THINNING & LIMBING PROPERTY

- Remove all dead vegetation, both standing and down.
- Thin remaining trees, taking damaged, diseased, or leaning trees first, then trees less than 9 inches in diameter. Next, thin out remaining trees so that all trees are 20' 30' apart at crowns.
- Remove limbs of remaining trees from within 4' 6' of the ground (vary this height from tree to tree, do not limb more than 1/3 of the tree.
- Remove vegetation within 10' of any chimney opening.
- Remove all vegetation, debris, and flammable material from under wood decks, stairs, or eaves of buildings, or within 25' of propane tanks.

CONSTRUCTING PILES FOR

- Limbs should be 1 ½" 12" in diameter and a minimum of 30" long for large chipper.
- Logs should be a maximum of 14" in diameter and 10' long.
- Limbs should be placed with the butt (larger) end within 5' and at a 90-degree angle to a good road or driveway.
- Stacked rows should be no more than 4' high and one row deep. (See Figure 2).
- Chips will be left in piles next to the road, or broadcast in the property, depending on preference. Leave a tarp in front of pile if you wish to keep the chips.
- NATURAL VEGETATION ONLY!!!!
 Absolutely no rocks, roots, metal, dirt, lumber, trash, or construction material in the piles!!!



Figure 2: Proper chip pile construction

CHECKLIST: HOW ARE WE AS A COMMUNITY PREPARING FOR WILDFIRE?

- ☐ Maintain defensible space around homes
- ☐ Limit ways fire can enter homes, such as chimneys, eaves, vents, roofs, fences, gutters and windows
- ☐ Home addresses visible from the road
- ☐ Hold community wildfire education days
- ☐ Participate in Chipper Day
- ☐ Annually review the community wildfire preparedness plan (CWPP)
- ☐ If you don't know what a CWPP is, contact your community fire council, fire department, county fire warden or area wildland urban interface coordinator
- ☐ Visit the websites listed under 'Other Useful Information' featured in this promotion



Figure 3: Properly limbed tree and spacing

Tracking In-Kind hours

- Please log all In-Kind hours spent reducing fuel on your property or helping a friend, family or neighbor. This in-kind match is what allows this program to continue.
- Also keep track of community wildfire education, outreach and prevention events your community or group has organized.

Log your In-Kind hours using this link:

Woodland Hills
In-Kind Tracking



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Firewise

Learn how to make your community a Firewise community. The site provides online workshops available to help you plan a fire friendly landscape and assess your home and property for wildfire risk.

www.firewise.org

Utah Forestry Fire and State Lands

Find contact information for your area fire warden, fire management officer and wildland urban interface coordinator. They can help you get started being Firewise.

www.ffsl.utah.gov

Utah Fire Info

Get the latest information about current wildfires, prescribed fires, fuels projects and prevention information that is Utah specific.

www.utahfireinfo.gov

Fire Adapted Communities

Learn how to live with wildfire in your community.

www.fireadapted.org

NFPA Firewise Preparing your home for Wildfire

Learn about preparing your home.

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