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## AUGUST 2025 WOODLAND HILLS



WOODLAND HILLS  
WILDLAND CREW  
WORKING ON  
THE  
MONROE FIRE



WE ARE UPDATING OUR CITY WEBSITE AND WANT TO SHOWCASE THE BEAUTY OF WOODLAND HILLS THROUGH YOUR EYES! DO YOU HAVE A STUNNING PHOTO THAT CAPTURES THE CHARM OF OUR CITY? WHETHER IT'S A SCENIC MOUNTAIN VIEW, A TRANQUIL TRAIL, A SNOWY SUNRISE, OR YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN TOWN, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT! SUBMIT YOUR BEST PHOTO FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED ON OUR WEBSITE.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 8, 2025

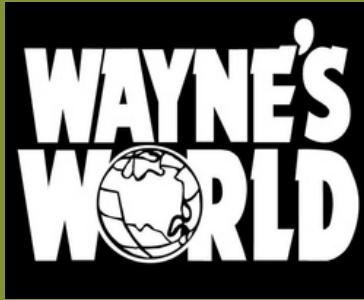
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LET'S SHOW OFF THE PLACE WE'RE PROUD TO CALL HOME!



**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS, NO FIREWORKS OR OPEN FLAMES ARE ALLOWED WITHIN CITY LIMITS. THIS INCLUDES SPARKLERS, SNAPS, FIRE PITS, AND ANY TYPE OF OPEN BURNING.**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR CITY SAFE THIS FIRE SEASON!**



MANY RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO ASK ABOUT THE "PILE OF DIRT" LOCATED JUST NORTH AND EAST OF THE MAILBOXES. I WILL ADMIT THAT IT IS SIZEABLE. WHEN THREE BRIDGES STARTED SOME OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING WORK FOR A LAKE/POND, THEY ASK FOR CITY PERMISSION TO DEPOSIT THE DIRT THEY WOULD BE DIGGING UP, TO BE PLACED ON THEIR PROPERTY, WITHIN OUR CITY, WHERE IT IS CURRENTLY BEING DEPOSITED. THE CITY GAVE THEM PERMISSION AND ISSUED THEM A PERMIT TO USE THAT AREA TO PLACE THE DIRT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE THREE BRIDGES DEVELOPMENT PLANS ON USING THAT DIRT, OVER TIME, THROUGHOUT THEIR DEVELOPMENT FOR ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE PROPERTY WHERE THE DIRT IS BEING PLACED BELONGS TO THREE BRIDGES. WHILE IT IS ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE, IT IS TANTAMOUNT TO SOMEONE DIGGING A HOLE IN THEIR BACK YARD AND PUTTING THE DISPLACED DIRT OFF IN A CORNER OF THE PROPERTY. WE HAVE HAD OTHER DEVELOPERS IN THE PAST DO THE SAME THING WITH DIRT FROM THE PROPERTIES THEY ARE DEVELOPING WITHIN OUR CITY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE NO CITY ORDINANCES BEING VIOLATED AS THIS PROCESS MOVES FORWARD, DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY HAVE HEARD. IF YOU THINK OTHERWISE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.



THANK YOU,  
WAYNE FRANSEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

TRUTH IN TAXATION  
MEETING - CITY CENTER  
AUG. 12

SEPTEMBER 12-13  
WOODLAND HILLS DAYS  
CITY PARK

NOV. 4  
GENERAL ELECTION



**WH SHERIFF'S  
BLOTTER  
JUNE 2025**

ANIMAL COMPLAINT	4	
MEDICAL/FIRE CALLS	5	
KEEP THE PEACE	1	911 CALLS - 17
MENTAL SUBJECT	1	-NON-
THREATEN SUICIDE	1	EMERGENCY LINE
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	3	-14
TRESSPASS	1	-DEPUTY
VIN INSPECTION	2	GENERATED - 6
WELFARE CHECK	1	
TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED	37	

# TED TALKS

## GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

IT SEEMS THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY. SO, IT GOT ME THINKING, ARE DEVELOPMENT TRENDS A GOOD OR A NOT-SO-GOOD THING? AND I THINK THE ANSWER IS, IT DEPENDS. SOME OF US HOMEOWNERS DON'T LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPMENT HAPPEN AROUND US, EVEN THOUGH MOST OF US ARE BENEFICIARIES OF DEVELOPMENT. THE NUISANCE IMPACTS ARE INCONVENIENCES; THE OPEN SPACE DISAPPEARS, WILDLIFE RELOCATES, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER IMPACTS THAT COME WITH DEVELOPMENTS. THROUGHOUT MY 30-YEAR CAREER, I'VE WORKED FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT ARE IMPACTED BY DEVELOPMENT AND BRIEFLY WORKED DOING DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING, SO I'VE SEEN BOTH SIDES. WHEN I ASK PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR THOUGHTS ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, THE FIRST COMMENT I HEAR IS THAT WE NEED TO CLOSE THE DOORS TO THE STATE (EVEN HEARING IT FROM PEOPLE WHO MOVED HERE FROM OTHER STATES). HOWEVER, HISTORICALLY, MOST OF OUR GROWTH HAS COME FROM NATURAL MIGRATION, WHICH IS OUR KIDS WANTING TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY GREW UP IN. SINCE COVID, THAT HAS SHIFTED A LITTLE AND IS NOW ABOUT HALF NATURAL MIGRATION AND HALF PEOPLE MOVING HERE FROM OTHER STATES.

GROWTH PROJECTIONS SHOW THAT UTAH COUNTY WILL MATCH SALT LAKE COUNTY'S POPULATION BY 2065. CURRENTLY, OUR STATE HAS A HOUSING SHORTAGE, AND THAT SHORTAGE IS EVEN MORE SEVERE WHEN IT COMES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OR HOUSING THAT FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS CAN AFFORD. THIS HAS BEEN A HOT TOPIC AMONG OUR LEGISLATORS FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN GEARED TO REQUIRE CITIES TO CREATE MORE STREAMLINED PATHS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. RECENT POLLING HAS ALSO PRESENTED A NEW DYNAMIC AMONG THE YOUNGER POPULATION. THEY ARE FINDING THAT MORE YOUNGER HOMEOWNERS AND FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS ARE INTERESTED IN WALKABLE COMMUNITIES. THESE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE SMALLER, MORE DENSE HOUSING, STORES, RECREATION, AND OTHER AMENITIES ALL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE. FROM SOMEONE WHO IS WELL PAST THE SECOND HALF OF MY LIFE, GREW UP IN A SMALL FARMING COMMUNITY, AND WILL LIKELY BE THE LAST GENERATION TO HOLD ONTO A FAMILY FARM, THIS CONCEPT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME. HOWEVER, IT'S BECOME A MORE POPULAR CONCEPT FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT TRENDS. SO, WHEN I THINK ABOUT MY ORIGINAL QUESTION OF ARE DEVELOPMENT TRENDS A GOOD THING OR A NOT-SO-GOOD THING, I BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT SIDE OF THE HOMEOWNER SPECTRUM YOU'RE ON. AS A CITY, WE HAVE CODES AND ORDINANCES THAT DEVELOPERS MUST FOLLOW WHEN BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY; THERE ARE ALSO COUNTY AND STATE RULES THAT APPLY AS WELL. HOWEVER, WE ALSO HAVE TO WALK A FINE LINE THAT DOESN'T TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY LEGISLATORS IN THE FORM OF STATE RULES. WHILE WE MAY NOT BE EXCITED TO SEE GROWTH AND THE DEVELOPMENT TRENDS IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY, IT'S INEVITABLE, AND WE'LL HAVE TO FIND WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT CURRENT OR FUTURE PLANS, I'M HAPPY TO SHARE WHAT I KNOW, OR YOU CAN ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE WITH OUR COUNCIL, ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES, OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE.

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



# COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

A WARM HELLO TO MY FAVORITE CITIZENS ANYWHERE.

EACH MONTH, COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A MESSAGE THROUGH THIS NEWSLETTER. AS MY TERM ENDS THIS DECEMBER, IT ALSO BRINGS TO A CLOSE MY 12 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL. I'VE DECIDED IT'S TIME TO STEP ASIDE AND GIVE OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

I HAVE A FEW THOUGHTS AS I REFLECT ON MY TIME WITH THE CITY.

FIRST, I'VE WORKED WITH STELLAR PEOPLE. ALL THE MAYORS, FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY EMPLOYEES I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK ALONGSIDE HAVE BEEN TRULY IMPRESSIVE. DID YOU KNOW THAT MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS? (YES, WE RECEIVE A SMALL STIPEND—JUST ABOUT ENOUGH TO COVER THE GAS IT TAKES TO GET TO OUR MEETINGS. I TAKE HOME ABOUT \$84 A MONTH. AND THAT'S IT!) SINCE MOVING HERE IN 1999, I'VE WATCHED COUNTLESS VOLUNTEERS GIVE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO THIS CITY. PEOPLE WHO DO THAT ARE, IN MY VIEW, A RARE AND SPECIAL KIND.

I'VE ALWAYS HAD DEEP RESPECT FOR THOSE WILLING TO RUN FOR MAYOR. IT'S NEVER LOOKED LIKE A "FUN" JOB —BUT EVERY FOUR YEARS, SOMEONE HAS STEPPED FORWARD. DURING MY TIME, I'VE WORKED WITH TOBY HARDING, STEVE LAURITZEN, WENDY PRAY, AND BRENT WINDER—EACH AN EXCELLENT MAYOR. I'VE TRULY ENJOYED SERVING ALONGSIDE THEM.

I'VE ALSO APPRECIATED THE WIDE VARIETY OF PERSONALITIES ON THE COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS. EVERY MEMBER HAS BROUGHT THEIR BEST TO THE TABLE. WE DIDN'T ALWAYS AGREE, BUT WE GENUINELY LIKED BEING AROUND EACH OTHER, AND WE BECAME FRIENDS. THANK YOU ALL—FOR SERVING, FOR TEACHING ME, AND FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO MAC BALDWIN, WHO TOLD ME 12 YEARS AGO THAT I COULD DO THIS. I'LL NEVER FORGET HIS SIMPLE ADVICE: "JUST BE YOURSELF." (THAT ONLY GOT ME INTO TROUBLE A FEW TIMES—JUST KIDDING.)

TO THE CITIZENS OF WOODLAND HILLS: WE LIVE IN A GREAT CITY. AND I'VE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THAT YOUR LEADERS HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY WITH INTEGRITY AND CARE.

WE DO, HOWEVER, FACE REAL CHALLENGES—ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO FUNDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES. PROPERTY TAXES ARE JUST ABOUT THE ONLY REVENUE WE HAVE TO WORK WITH. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO PLAN FOR 2025-26, AND EVEN FURTHER INTO THE FUTURE. WE ARE GETTING GREAT HELP FROM OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE. WHILE YOU'VE ALREADY RECEIVED YOUR TAX NOTICE IN THE MAIL, THE NUMBERS ARE NOT FINAL YET. THE TAX NOTICE SHOWS THE MAXIMUM TAX THE CITY COULD ASSESS. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS. PLEASE ATTEND AND SHARE YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS AT THE TAX HEARING ON AUGUST 12. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE THOUGHTFUL, INFORMED DECISIONS.

THANK YOU ALL. I'VE FELT YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEARS, AND I SINCERELY APPRECIATE EACH OF YOU.  
WARMLY,  
DOREL KYNASTON

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