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# Woodland Hills Utah



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## December Happenings

- *City Council Meeting,  
Tuesday, December 9th, 7 pm*



Dear Residents,

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. It is a great time to spend with friends and family. It is also a time to reflect on how lucky we are to live in such a great community surrounded by people who care so much about each other.

I would like to take this time to thank the volunteers within our city for their acts of kindness. This includes everyone that has spent time helping or giving to another when they were in need.

“When you give and share and expect something in return, like a compliment, a simple thanks, a favor or whatever it is, then you are not really giving. You are actually doing business. Why? Because business is about expecting returns. Giving is about no returns but is priceless.”

Everyone should try it.

Below is some important info on chimney fires for you to review. If you have any questions please send them to [fire.woodlandhills@gmail.com](mailto:fire.woodlandhills@gmail.com)

### **Be Prepared for A Chimney Fire**

No wood burning system is 100% safe and fire-proof. A safe installation and extra care help prevent fire, but accept the idea that there could be a fire, and be prepared to handle it. Chimney fires are most likely to occur during a very hot fire, as when cardboard or Christmas tree branches are burned or even when a stove burns normal wood but at a higher than normal rate.

Make certain everyone in the house is familiar with the warning signs of a chimney fire --- sucking sounds, a loud roar and shaking pipes. Instruct everyone on what to do in case of fire. Practice fire drills and instruct all adults on how and when to use a fire extinguisher.

### **If you have a chimney fire:**

- a) Call 911 immediately.
- b) If all the stove pipe joints are tight and no other appliance is connected to the same flue, close all openings and draft controls if you have an air-tight stove. Close the stove pipe damper in a non-air-tight stove.
- c) If you have a leaky stove or fireplace you may have to wait for the fire to burn out.
- d) Get everyone out of the house, and put them to work watching for sparks or signs of fire on the roof or nearby.
- e) Toss a plastic baggie of baking soda into the stove or fireplace if the chimney is not sound or there is a danger of the house or surroundings catching on fire. The chemical travels up the chimney and often extinguishes the flame.
- f) Throwing water in a stove will cause the metal to warp and may ruin your chimney, but if it's a choice between the house or the stove, use water.
- g) Have the chimney checked after a fire. A chimney fire can range from 2000 to 3000 degrees F which is hot enough to cause deterioration of metal or cause masonry to weaken. Metal chimneys can deteriorate after 2 or 3 fires.

The only other item I would like to remind our residents is to please be safe during your holiday travels where ever they may take you. Have a wonderful Christmas.

*Chief Northrup*

Woodland Hills Fire







## City Government

The Council heard public comment and discussed the possible adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife - The Council decided they would prefer to handle the situation without an ordinance. The motion was to create a resolution and an education campaign.

The City is actively working on a plan to complete the Woodland Hills Drive reconstruction in 2015

The Council approved a \$12,000 repair to the booster pump

The Council discussed how best to handle ordinance compliance issues

The Council appointed Jeff Rushton and J. Wade Snarr to the Board of Adjustments

The Planning Commission is working on updating the General Plan