

February 2012



CITY OF WOODLAND HILLS, UTAH

Woodland Hills News

City Government

- Mayor and Council recognized outgoing City Council members Steve Carter and Jerry Johnson.
- Bob Fisher, Dorel Kynaston and M. Ray Walker took oath as City Council Members.
- Bob Fisher was appointed as the new Mayor pro tem.
- Wayne Frandsen and Rick Griffith re-appointed to Planning Commission.
- After years of service, Doug Pinder stepped down from the Planning Commission. David Pratt was appointed to fill the resulting Planning Commission vacancy.
- Ray Walker was appointed as Eagle Scout project coordinator for the City of Woodland Hills.
- Russell Olsen of Larson and Rosenberger, gave the auditor's report for the Woodland Hills 2011 annual financial audit. The City passed with no errors.
- The City Council and Planning Commission held a joint meeting with developer, Don Mecham, and discussed options for future development in the City. Roughly one half of the City is not platted for development and about half of what has been platted has not been developed. The Mayor said that development of undeveloped areas is inevitable. He said the public needs to be informed about issues being considered as planning for growth goes forward.
- The City Council is still looking for citizen input regarding road salt storage.
- The City is looking for a new Community Emergency Response Team leader. Please call the City if interested.

Public Hearing Scheduled February 28th at 7 PM

The City has two subjects for a public hearing scheduled this month. They will both be held February 28th, at 7 PM. We will be discussing relocation of the City road salt storage area. We have several locations under consideration and we are looking for public input in choosing one. The City Center and the park are two of the options being considered.

The other subject is to discuss an update to the 2011-2012 FY budget.

City Recorder:

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Email: recorder@woodlandhills.cc

City Website: woodlandhillsutah.org

Send News Articles To:

news@woodlandhills.cc

Deadline for submitting articles for the Woodland Hills newsletter is the 20th of each month.

February Happenings

- *City Council Meeting, Wednesday, February 15th, 7 pm*
- *Planning Commission, Thursday, February 23rd, 7 pm*
- *City Council Meeting and Public Hearing, Tuesday, February 28th, 7 pm*

Help Wanted!

**Individuals that want to
have fun volunteering
with great people for a great community.
All positions have immediate openings.**

The Woodland Hills Fire Department and EMS are taking applications from those interested in volunteering for either or both departments. These openings are available to any Woodland Hills residents that have some spare time to help their community.

We currently have a strong group but still need help in all areas. We need help with station maintenance, equipment maintenance, fire fighting, medical aid, grant writing, along with everything else in between. Training is available for each position.

Please send contact info or questions to:

fire@woodlandhills.cc

or call:

Fire Chief Craig Northup – 801-891-5387

EMS Captain Beth Wilding – 801-360-4038

Come have fun with us for a great cause.



Class
Schedule
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Free Gardening Classes

Starting February 11th

- Landscape Design
- Food Production
- Hands-On Workshops
- Yard Care

(Just East of Krispy Kreme) 355 W. University Parkway Orem 801-226-7136



Please note that registration for each class opens one month prior to the date of the class. You must register online.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERIES

- Feb 11 11 am Create a Landscape Plan
- Feb 18 11 am Plant Choice
- Feb 25 11 am Design Workshop

FOOD PRODUCTION SERIES

- Mar 3 11 am Vegetable Gardening 1 / 1 pm Vegetable Gardening 2
- Mar 10 11 am Fruit Trees / 1 pm Berries
- Mar 24 11 am Composting the Right Way

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

- Apr 14 11 am Perennial and Ornamental Grass Workshop
- Apr 21 11 am Shrub and Vine Workshop
- Apr 28 11 am Design Workshop

YARD CARE SERIES

- May 5 11 am Installing Sprinklers / 1 pm Retrofitting Sprinklers
- May 12 11 am Garden Pest Q&A
- May 19 11 am Week Q&A

For more information, visit us online at:
www.centralutahgardens.org



Utah County Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment



utah county health department
"creating healthy communities"

WHAT: Flu shot, kindergarten and 7th grade immunizations given in schools

BRIEF: Are your kids school immunizations up-to-date? The Utah County Health Department (UCHD) will be coming to schools in Provo and Nebo School Districts to provide immunizations for kindergarten and seventh grade. And it isn't too late for flu shots, which will also be provided. Immunizations will be given to individuals ages four and up, and include influenza, DTap/Tdap, HepA, HepB, polio, varicella, meningococcal, MMR, and HPV.

Insurance plans can be billed (including Altius, Bluecross BlueShield, CHIP, DMBA, Educators Mutual, Humana, Medicaid/Medicare, PEHP, SelectHealth, and United Healthcare). If you don't have insurance or it doesn't cover childhood vaccinations, UCHD can provide flu shots for \$10 and Tdap immunizations for \$14. Appointments are not necessary and individuals will be seen on a first-come/first-served basis.

The UCHD will be at the following schools at the times indicated:
Taylor Elementary, February 7th from 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Park Elementary, February 9th from 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Westside Elementary, February 23rd from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

The UCHD also offers immunizations at our Provo Clinic and at satellite clinics in American Fork and Payson (regular immunization prices apply). For details, please see www.UtahCountyHealth.org/immunizations or call 801-851-7025.

Wildfire Abatement Ongoing

by Don Mecham (Developer)

There is a wonderful thing going on in the lower west portion of Woodland Hills. The Mayor and City Council in conjunction with Woodland Hills Fire Department, are actively working with the new property owners in solving a long standing extreme fire risk at the lower end of town. A dangerous, natural fire hazard has always existed in this area. In the event this should have ever ignited, a catastrophe would have occurred in Woodland Hills. With the well known "fire chimney" from Loafer Canyon directly to our town, this area has no defensible space for our fire fighters to make a stand against it's fury if ignited. Many believe with the abundance of dead timber and overgrowth choked in this canyon, full evacuation would have been the only defense against it. We have been living on borrowed time!

If you have recently smelled smoke... enjoy it. We will be burning this piled timber as long as it takes this winter, so as to provide a wonderful spring with the peace of mind that this extreme risk has been thwarted. Below is the alarming before photo of the choked canyon, full of fuel, along with the after photo mitigating this tragedy, all the while enhancing the beauty of the area, as well as the wildlife habitat.

A huge thanks is due our City Officials and our outstanding Fire Department!

A before photo in just one small area.. The dead timber in the foreground is as bad as the standing dead timber beyond.

The after photo... Along with a fire break along the bottom of this draw.. A stark difference



Fire Department Training

by Val Wilding

We had a good burn training last month and will have more to come. At this point Don Mecham needs some time to organize the areas that need to be burned so we can have another safe training. More information will be coming when our next opportunity will take place. It was great to see the huge reduction in the fuel load in that area plus the fire breaks as a result. We very much appreciate Don Mecham letting us train and we appreciate the work he is doing to create these fire breaks.

We learned that with the weather we had, with dead trees still a bit wet, it was challenging getting them to burn. It took significant effort to get the more than fourteen piles to light up.

On behalf of Chief Northup

Val Wilding

Woodland Hills Fire Department



Sheriff's Blotter

by Deputy Butters

Between 12/15/11 and 01/15/12 Utah County Sheriff's Deputies responded to fifteen calls for service in the city of Woodland Hills. These calls included:

5 Abandoned 911

5 Traffic Accidents

2 Suspicious 1 Fraud 1 Fire 1 Alarm

Please continue to report all crimes and suspicious persons or vehicles. For Emergencies please dial 911. For all other incidents Please call Utah Valley Dispatch at 801-851-4100.

****Tip of the month****

Please remove batteries from old cell phones before you give them to a child to play with. Even though service has been disconnected most cell phones will still dial 911.



Get Ready

The Yeti is back thanks to Dennis Terry. It will be March 17th. Start thinking of who you may know that would like to enter or consider being a sponsor.

