

WOODLAND HILLS NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013!

PUBLIC WORKS MAKING BIG DIFFERENCE FOR CITY IN SMALL WAYS

BY SPENCER WRIGHT

Corbett Stephens and the Public Works Department are finding many opportunities to keep the City of Woodland Hills beautiful in more efficient and cost-effective ways.

While Stephens is relatively new to his job with the city — only four months as Public Works Supervisor of Woodland Hills — he hasn't let that stop him from finding numerous ways to make the Public Works Department run more smoothly.

"If we can be more efficient and use what we have better than that saves the city money and the taxpayer's money," Stephens said. "That's what everyone wants."

One of the many things Stephens has done is build a conveyor belt for the city dump truck. Among other things, this belt has made the clearing and maintenance of the shoulder's on the roads here much quicker.

"A job that used to take 400 man-hours can now be done in four hours," Stephens said.

Additionally, Stephens and the department have been able to change the way the weeds on the side of the road are maintained. With this change the sides of the road will not only look better, but again the city will benefit money-wise.

Instead of mowing down the weeds, the city is now able to spray them, before they grow out of control. The spray doesn't tear up the side of the road or people's property like the mower and it is also significantly faster.

"Instead of taking two weeks to mow the weeds," Stephens said, "we can spray them in one day."

Stephens and the city are also working on a temporary salt storage facility where the salt pile now sits, until the permanent storage facility can be completed. The temporary site should be finished soon. The dry salt that will result from these facilities will spread much more evenly and thus be more effective at keeping the ice and snow off the roads and will save the city a significant amount of money.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

- City Council Meeting, Tues., Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Tues., Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

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

CITY NEWS FROM DECEMBER

- **T**he Woodland Hills City Council will continue to hold it's meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Dorel Kynaston was appointed as Mayor Pro-Tempore.
- Resolution 2012-10 for Federal Surplus Property was approved.
- The City is looking for volunteers to serve on the South Utah Valley Animal Shelter Board.
- A revised firearms ordinance has been approved. The complete ordinance is included below.

Ordinance. 2012-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-4-401 OF WOODLAND HILLS CITY CODE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Woodland Hills:

Section 1. Section 1-4-401 of Woodland Hills City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1-4-401. Discharge of Firearms or Weapons

Section 1-4-401(a): Definitions

Section 1-4-401(b): Discharge of a Firearm

Section 1-4-401(c): Shooting of a Weapon

Section 1-4-401(d): Conditional Use Permit

Section 1-4-401(e): Liability

Section 1-4-401(f): Penalty

Section 1-4-401(a) Definitions

A. Definition of Firearms

Any device which uses detonation of an explosive material or mixture such as gun powder, propane, flammable liquids or gasses, etc., to launch a projectile, make a noise or both. Common types of such devices include rifles, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, cannons, or other explosive devices (bombs).

B. Definition of Weapons

Any device, by whatever name known, which uses compressed air, springs, rubber bands, non-explosive propellants, or sheer force to discharge, fire, expel, launch, or propel a projectile or projectiles with a force that reasonably is expected to have sufficient force to cause bodily harm or property damage. Common types of such devices include but are not limited to bow and arrow, slingshot, air rifle, air pistol, spring gun, BB gun, pellet gun, wrist rocket, blow gun, paint ball gun, etc., or any similar device that is not a firearm.

Section 1-4-401(b) Discharge of a Firearm.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm within the City limits of Woodland Hills, whether on public or private property, except under the following conditions:

Any duly sworn peace officer, state or Federal law enforcement officer authorized to carry a firearm, or any person summoned by any such officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while actually engaged in assisting such officer, may discharge a firearm in the performance of their duty.

Without restriction, livestock owners may discharge a firearm on their property to kill depreciated animals as long as they are in compliance with other City or State codes or rules.

A resident has the right to discharge a firearm in defense of life and property in compliance with the State statutes governing that defense.

On a property of more than 100 adjoining acres all within city limits, the property owner may discharge a firearm on that property, as long as they are in compliance with all Federal, State, and County statutes.

Section 1-4-401(c) Shooting of a Weapon

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a weapon within the City limits of Woodland Hills on public property.

On a property of more than 100 adjoining acres all within city limits, the property owner may discharge a weapon on that property, as long as they are in compliance with all Federal, State, and County statutes.

A property owner may discharge a weapon (not a firearm) on his or her own property of less than 100 acres only if they have obtained a conditional use permit from the city.

Section 1-4-401(d) Conditional Use Permit

The City may consider conditional use permits for weapons, as described in Paragraph B of Subsection (a), provided a property owner has filled out an application, paid the application fee for a permit, and has agreed the weapon or weapons will be used in compliance with other statutes and the limitations announced by the permit.

The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to prohibit the lawful use of the following without a permit:

- (1) Any device used exclusively for the discharge or firing of staples, stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar industrial ammunition when used for construction purposes;**
- (2) Balloons filled with water, water guns or pistols;**
- (3) Mechanical devices designed and used to launch balls for batting practice or tennis practice;**
- (4) Toy guns which are designed to expel projectiles consisting of "non-expanding recreational foam" (NERF) that possesses a soft texture;**
- (5) Recreational darts; and**
- (6) The launching of a noncommercial "rocket" propelled by water, nonflammable liquid, or compressed air as part of an organized youth or adult group recreational activity. "Rockets" propelled by flammable propellants and/or fuel are prohibited.**

The City will evaluate multiple factors including type of weapon, safety, property size, location, number of participants, etc. After evaluating all factors the city may at its discretion may issue or deny a permit.

Any denied or revoked permit can be appealed to the Mayor who will make the final decision.

An issued permit will be specific for the type of weapon, the physical address of the property, expiration date, and person or persons allowed to discharge.

A permit must be onsite at the time of discharge and be produced to any city official or law enforcement officer.

The city reserves the right to deny any application for any reason.

The city reserves the right to revoke any issued permit for any reason.

Section 1-4-401(e) Liability

Any person discharging a firearm or shooting a weapon assumes total liability for the discharge.

Section 1-4-401(f) Penalty:

Violation of Section 1-4-401(b) Discharge of a Firearm shall be a Class B Misdemeanor, unless it results in "serious bodily injury" (as defined by state statute 76-1-601) then it shall be a Class A Misdemeanor.

Violation of Section 1-4-401(c) Shooting of a Weapon shall be a Class C Misdemeanor, unless it results in "serious bodily injury" (as defined by state statute 76-1-601) then it shall be a Class B Misdemeanor.

A violation of a condition of an issued Conditional Use Permit (not amounting to a crime) shall be referred to the City, who may choose to deny or revoke the permit.

Section 2. REPEALER. All previous ordinances regarding Section 1-4-401 of the Woodland Hills City Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed and approved by the Woodland Hills City Council this 4th day of December, 2012.

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DECIDE TO SERVE — 2013

Let your Happy New Year depend on what you do for others...

Volunteer today with **Mountainland Aging and Family Services Department!** We have a variety of volunteer opportunities for people with different skills and interests:

Volunteer Ombudsman: As a spontaneous friendly visitor to a few residents of a local nursing home(s) each month and observing overall quality of care in these facilities, you can be “our eyes and ears” as we try to be good advocates for many who feel that there is no one to turn to for their concerns. For more information, call 801-229-3807 or email nmadsen@mountainland.org.

Be a **Friendly Visitor Volunteer** and provide respite (a break) to family caregivers. By providing a few hours of companionship each month to an elder, you can preserve the well-being and quality of life for both the caregiver and the elder they are caring for. For more information, call 801-229-3818 or email cwheatley@mountainland.org.

Make a difference one hour once a week! **Meals-on-Wheels** need volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors in our community. For more information, visit www.mountainland.org/volunteer or call 801-229-3821.

BUS PICK-UP ON STORMY DAYS

Wondering about whether or not the bus is going to pick up your student in stormy weather? Nebo School District has a site with real time updates about bus pick-up on stormy days as well as information about school closures. You can access the site at:

<http://www.nebo.edu/schools/status> or you can call the hotline at **801-354-7498**.

SHERIFF’S BLOTTER

BY DEPUTY BUTTERS

Between 11/15/12 and 12/17/12 Utah County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to 18 calls for service in the City of Woodland Hills. These calls included:

- 4 Suspicious
- 4 Abandoned 911
- 2 Alarms
- 1 Harassment
- 1 Animal Problem
- 1 Criminal Mischief
- 1 Fire
- 1 Public Peace
- 1 Parking Problem
- 1 Medical
- 1 Citizen Contact

Please continue to report all crime and suspicious activity. For emergencies dial 911. For all other incidents contact Utah Valley Dispatch at 801-794-3970.

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Dear residents of Woodland Hills,

Wow, 2012 is officially in the books! Reflecting back through the year I am happy to say that we succeeded in all areas. I want to thank the families of the members of the department for supporting what your mom, dad, husband or wife has committed to.

During our fire training the one thing that is consistently reinforced is life safety. The goal is that every member goes home to his or her family.

Our members have continued to train and improve their abilities to help our residents in times of need. We have added both fire and medical personnel. This group is amazing.

The response to the chipper program has been remarkable. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the program and helped our city become a safer place to live. The amount of fuel that has been removed from our lots will save lives. We will continue this program and look forward to another great brush removal year in 2013.

With the help of residents, law enforcement and surrounding fire departments we were able to stop an arsonist from changing our city's landscape. This also prompted a first annual mock evacuation that was a great success.

I could go on and on but the bottom line is we had a successful year. This would not have been possible without the help and

support of everyone in the city. I feel extremely fortunate to be a part of this community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at fire@woodlandhills.cc.

One last note: Remember to keep your hydrants clear of snow if it is on your property. If you can't, please let me know and we will help get it done. Have a safe New Year wherever your travels may take you.

Chief Northup,

Woodland Hills Fire