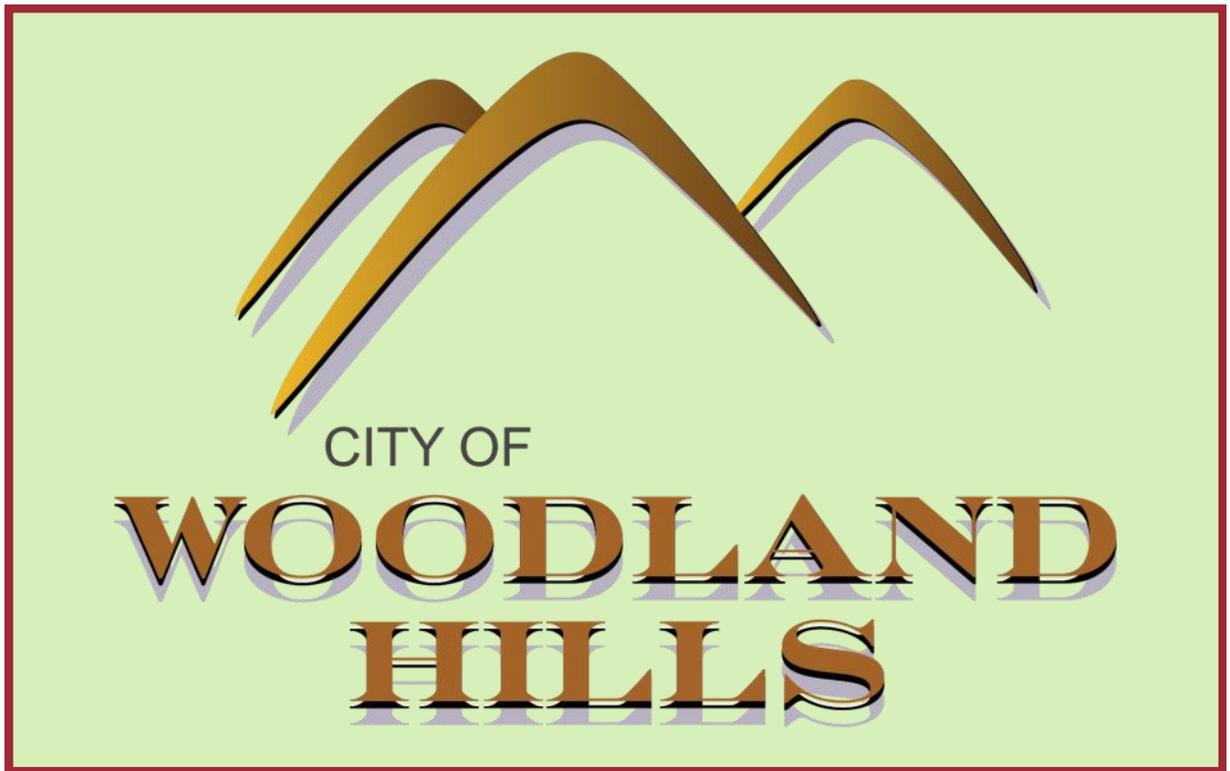


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City Government

- The Council received an update and had some discussion with John Files regarding the new well.
 - Final depth is 1,093'
 - Casing and screen is installed
- The Council passed a resolution prohibiting the feeding of wildlife (see page 3)
- Corbett is actively working to make the needed repairs to the second booster pump
- The Council passed an ordinance establishing a City Council meeting schedule for 2015
- The Council appointed Council Member Wendy Pray as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2015
- The Council voted to participate in the construction a of new Utah County emergency dispatch building
- The codification of the City ordinances should be presented to the City Council by the end of January
- The City is pushing for improved ordinance compliance

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

January Happenings

- *City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 13th, 7 pm*
- *City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 27th, 7 pm*

Woodland Hills Fire Department

by Chief Northup



Dear Woodland Hills Residents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. Everyone has now had a chance to use those new snow blowers that Santa delivered. Or should I say “chances”.

Just a few reminders since we have finally received some snow and cold temperatures.

- 1) During these cold months please check on your neighbor to make sure they have heat. If the power goes out, once again check on your neighbor. Some of our residents will need your help.
- 2) Please make sure pets have shelter from the cold.
- 3) Please keep the fire hydrants on your property clear of snow. This will make the difference if we will be able to save you or your neighbor’s home should there be a fire. We will not have time to clear a hydrant prior to hooking up to it. If you have a neighbor that needs help and cannot do it themselves then please help them.
- 4) Please be aware of chimney fires. If you suspect one, do not hesitate to call 911. We will come and check it out. There are some tips in last month’s newsletter about chimney fires.

Well that is all I have this month. Please have a safe and fun New Year.

Chief Northup

Woodland hills Fire

Sheriff’s Blotter

by Deputy Rhodes

From 11/16/14 thru 12/15/14 Utah County Sheriff Department responded to 30 calls for service in the city of Woodland Hills. These calls included:

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| 10-Animal Problems | 1-Citizen Contact | 1-Burglary/Suspicious | 1-Noise Complaint |
| 2-Trespass | 1-Mental Subject | 1-Fire | 1-Abandon 911 |
| 2-Medical | 1-Agency Assist | 1-Civil Dispute | |
| 2-Domestic Violence | 1-Fraud | 1-Theft | |
| 2-Alarm | 1-Missing Person | 1-Accident PD | |



Barking Dog Complaints: I have received a lot of complaints regarding barking dogs. Please be mindful of your neighbors and if your dog is barking excessively make arrangements to reduce this problem. Things that can help reduce this problem are: use a bark collar, bring your dog inside if you are gone, don’t leave dogs unattended while gone overnight, give your dog daily attention and exercise.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Fellow Citizens,

We have all come to Woodland Hills for our own reasons. Some love the cooler temperatures, the trees, or the wildlife. Some love the dynamics of a small community, the lack of streetlights, or simply the ability to see the entire valley on a clear day. Some love all of those things or, perhaps, something entirely different. Whatever our reasons, we are here and must share our community with those who also chose to be here.

Over the past year there has been considerable discussion about the wildlife with whom we share the mountain. Too many deer, too many turkeys, too many cougars, too many bears. I have sat in many city council meetings and listened to the mayor and city council try to figure out how to be responsive to those who are concerned about the wildlife and the damage they can potentially cause to property. They have debated ordinances and resolutions, methods for education, which government agencies to engage, and how to keep both those who love the wildlife and those who hate it happy.

During the December 9th city council meeting they passed a resolution stating that the wildlife should not be fed. In the end, this is pretty much all they could do.

They have consulted with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and been told that they should do nothing. Furthermore, the DWR's position is to do nothing unless they receive a specific request for action from a citizen or city. The council wanted to do a study to figure out what a healthy wildlife population in our area looked like. DWR shrugged their shoulders and said they weren't interested and pretty much never did such studies. The only thing DWR did say is that we shouldn't be feeding the wildlife. That doesn't help the animals at all.

So the council and the mayor have done the only thing they could do, pass a resolution stating that wildlife should not be fed. Now it is up to us to figure out how to live with the wildlife. If you have a specific problem, ask the DWR for help and they will help. But they aren't going to teach the deer not to eat your flowers, they aren't going to convert the cougars to vegetarians, and they aren't going to de-smell the skunks. Their response will usually be to trap and relocate or in some cases, to just kill.

Your fellow citizen,

Jeff Rushton

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14

A Resolution Discouraging the Feeding of Wildlife within City Limits

Section 1: Whereas the City of Woodland Hills has large numbers of wildlife including, but not limited to, wild deer, elk, moose, turkeys and bears. City Officials, along with the Utah Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have determined that it is detrimental to said wildlife and also a potential danger to citizens for citizens to feed wildlife.

Section 2: Now therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Woodland Hills that no person shall place, distribute, or allow the placement of food, grain, minerals, or similar substance within city limits when it attracts wild deer, elk, moose, turkey, or bears in such number or circumstances to cause property damage.

Section (2) does not apply to:

Public employees or authorized agents acting within the scope of their employment for public safety or wildlife management purposes;

Normal agricultural or livestock operation practices; or

Recreational feeding of wild songs birds, hummingbirds, or passerine birds, unless a previous warning by the City to cease or modify feeding practices is disregarded and continued practices attract wild deer, elk, moose, or turkey in such number or circumstances to cause property damage, endanger any person, or create public health concerns.