

July 2012



CITY OF WOODLAND HILLS, UTAH

# Woodland Hills News

## City Government

- The City Council is still reviewing the proposed relocation of the road salt storage site.
- Resolution 2012-08 Adopting 2013 Fiscal Year Budget was passed.
- The Property Bond for Thousand Oaks Plat D was approved.
- The Woodland Hills/Elk Ridge Boundary Adjustment Proposal was heard and the City plans to move forward with the boundary change.

- The proposal for the new subdivision, Woodland Heights, was heard by the Planning Commission. It was recommended by the Planning Commission that the proposal be approved, although some aspects of it "are not consistent with current City requirements." The Planning Commission has recommended though, that the differences between the current City requirements and the proposed Woodland Heights subdivision be documented in the Development Agreement.

## Woodland Hills/Elk Ridge Fire

Firefighters from Woodland Hills and four neighboring cities spent Thursday night battling a small fire in Elk Ridge.

Lt. Yvette Rice with the Utah County Sheriff's Office said the fire, which started on Loafer Canyon Road and burned three to five acres, likely was human-caused, although that remained under investigation Friday morning.

The fire was called in at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday; officials put Woodland Hills residents on notice that they should leave. Fortunately the crews were able to contain the fire in about two hours, although Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge firefighters were on scene all night

putting out hotspots.

"Because it's very dry and there's a lot of oak brush and underbrush, it took off pretty quickly," she said.

Fortunately no one was hurt and nothing damaged, but there were some challenges that the City faced during the fire. The County dispatch did not have specific instructions about how to handle a fire on the Woodland Hills border, which caused confusion during the evacuation. The issue has been resolved and in the future, residents with a city-listed number will get a phone call and the emergency notification sirens will be used.

### City Recorder:

Phone #: (801) 423-1962  
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.

### July Happenings

- *City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 10th, 7 pm*
- *Planning Commission, TBA*

# Prevention, Preparation, and Detection

This year is an especially dangerous year for fires in Woodland Hills. I would like to ask for your help in three ways: prevention, preparation, and detection.

Please help us prevent a fire from starting in our City by not doing anything that may create a spark. This means refrain from using fireworks of any kind, fire pits, chain saws, and even mowers in non-irrigated areas. Please go around your property near the road and use a weed whacker to cut the vegetation down so a hot vehicle or a cigarette butt does not have any fuel to ignite.

I encourage you to work with your family and neighbors to prepare for an emergency. Make sure everyone in your family always knows how to get out of the City and where to meet. Know the emergency exits. I would suggest that you have an emergency bag packed for each member of your family, under their bed, ready to go. Woodland Hills now has an emergency notification system. We will be testing it on the first Saturday of each month at noon. Let us know if you do not hear it. On July 14th we'll be conducting an evacuation drill to help us get familiar with getting out of the City in an emergency.

Early detection could be the key to keeping a little fire from getting out of control. If you see or smell smoke or if you see fireworks in town don't hesitate, don't call your friend on the fire department, call 9-1-1. Our fire department honestly appreciates the practice.

We have new residents and visitors who may not be familiar with Woodland Hills or our ordinances. Be a good neighbor and talk to these folks about helping us all stay safe. If you or anyone in your family has additional phone numbers that you would like to make sure are receiving these phone notifications, email us at [recorder@woodlandhills.cc](mailto:recorder@woodlandhills.cc), call the office weekday mornings at (801) 423-1962, or slip a note with your name and the numbers in the City slot at the mailboxes.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer,  
Mayor Steve Lauritzen



# FIRE SAFETY REMINDERS

by Chief Northup

I will touch on a few topics that are extremely important. Please pass this information along to everyone you know and make it a topic of conversation with your neighbors.

Summer is upon us with a vengeance. The current dry conditions are what we usually have in late August, not June or July. There is very low moisture content in the vegetation which means the fire danger is extreme. Unfortunately many of the recent fires in the West have been caused by humans. This means there should be **ABSOLUTELY NONE** of the following:

- NO OPEN FLAMES
- NO FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND
- NO PILES OF BRUSH

We will have **ZERO TOLERANCE** for these items in our city.

**1. No open flames** are allowed. If you know a neighbor that has a fire pit please talk to them or call me at 801-891-5387.

**2. No fireworks of any kind.** Call 911 if you see anyone using fireworks.

**3. No brush piles.** We cannot have any piles of brush in the city. Haul away any piles that you may have. I know we would like to get an early start on the next chipper day but please refrain from this. We also need to work on the edges of the roads. Please carefully cut the grass from the sides of the roads and around your house. Work on the defensible space around your house. This will be a key to surviving a wildfire. We are also asking that chainsaws not be used while it is so dry because they may start a fire.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact me at 801-891-5387.

We had an interesting string of events during our wood chipping this spring. DNR and the Utah County Fire Department have worked hard to get everything chipped. We have broken four chippers and have had half a dozen fires to respond to. We had a crew of 21 come from Unified because they heard we needed help and their chipper broke after two piles. The following day is when the Dump Fire started. Our fire department, with some help from residents, were able to use the chippers over a recent weekend to get a few roads done, and the city along with some of our medical personnel chipped the remainder. This helped the County Fire Department stay focused on what they do best. Fight fires. Thank you so much for all the wood you put out this year. It was incredible to see. Please remember to turn in your hours as I know they are many.

The Woodland Hills Fire Department has had the opportunity to assist with the Dump Fire and is on call for the Wood Hollow fire in Sanpete County. We have been able to give aid to our neighbors in a time of need and still have our city staffed and ready to help here if needed. This will come back tenfold when we need help in the future.

The last thing is VERY important.

**IF YOU SMELL OR SEE SMOKE CALL 911!** We need the practice.

We need your help. We had a report of an extinguished camp fire up by the water tanks. If something like this happens in the future call 911 so we can make sure it is out. Thank you for the support.

## City of Woodland Hills Mock Evacuation Drill In Conjunction With The Utah County Sherriff's Office

The purpose of the Mock Evacuation Drill is to allow the residents of Woodland Hills the opportunity of being able to evacuate the City in a non-emergency setting, allowing them to become familiar with the Emergency Exits closest to them and find out what their challenges might be in the case of a real emergency.

On Saturday, **July 14th at 10 a.m.**, the sirens and the emergency calling network will be activated and you will be given further instructions. After hearing the siren or getting the phone message, please have everyone in your home exit Woodland Hills by driving past the Emergency Exit that you would use in the case of an emergency and continue driving on a regular paved road to Mt. Loafer Elementary, located at 1025 South 250 West, Salem, to check in with the response team. Please look for any obstacles and report them when you check in so that we can revise our Evacuation Plan. After you have checked in, you may return to your home.

In the event of a true emergency, please **DO NOT** drive to try to see where the fire is located. Follow the instructions given in the voice message on the phone and the sirens and exit the City. Please be aware that there will be emergency vehicles entering Woodland Hills – pull over and let them pass. The City is updating our emergency calling network, we are asking that you please provide the City with **ALL** phone numbers that you wish to have notified in the event of an emergency. You can send an E-mail with the phone numbers you want added to: [treasurer@woodlandhills.cc](mailto:treasurer@woodlandhills.cc). You may also write a note with your phone numbers and drop it in the City mailbox at the mailboxes or contact the City office at (801) 423-1962. Any numbers that are currently on the City emergency calling list will be deleted if they are not on the updated list you are being asked to provide.

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Each family should have a discussion and formulate a plan for how they will respond in case of a wildfire emergency. There should be a route and alternative routes that they plan on following, with a meeting place. If children might be home without parents, the family should consider a partner family to assist

them, tell sitters their evacuation plan, and teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1 for assistance. (The 9-1-1 calls would be routed to our city firefighters who would be able to assist.) There is still a need for more firefighters and first responders – if anyone is interested in joining them, please call Craig Northup at 801-891-5387 or Beth Wilding at 801-360-4038. (Additional information on back of page.)

The attached map shows three escape trail roads. One escape is accessed as you are headed north out of the City by turning right (east) on Mountain Vale Way, left (north) on Maple Drive, and then right (east) on Maple Court and going through a gate (Ray and Alice Harper at the end of Maple Court have a key to the gate as well as firefighters). This trail road runs parallel to the mountains and joins up with 1280 South.

The second escape trail road is accessed by continuing up (south) on Woodland Hills Drive until the end where it intersects with Eagle Nest Drive. There is an emergency access road that continues down to Loafer Canyon Road off of Eagle Nest Drive.

The third escape trail road is accessed off of the lower portion of Maple Drive between 310 South Maple Drive and 340 South Maple Drive.

You might want to go for a drive with your family and check out these three emergency access exits. Your plan will help you to stay calm and to rest assured that you will be able to quickly take action in case of an emergency evacuation. Don't forget to secure valuables in an easy access place.

If no one else lives with you, include a neighbor in your plan. We want to make sure we take care of each other and account for everyone.

Please take this seriously and get a plan in place. We hope that nothing ever happens, but want to be prepared in case it does.

## WOOD CHIPPING

Thank you to everyone involved with the wood chipping! We couldn't have done it without your help.



# Prevent Wildfires

Utah,  
Let's do  
our part!



[UtahFireInfo.gov](http://UtahFireInfo.gov)

## How can you prevent wildfires?

- ⇒ Obey all fire restrictions
- ⇒ Be safe with all outdoor activities.
- ⇒ Be aware of your surroundings — dry fuels, changing weather conditions, and dangerous activities.
- ⇒ Help your neighbor
- ⇒ Be ready to move to safety in the event of a wildfire — “Ready, Set, Go.”
- ⇒ Actively support your local fire agencies.
- ⇒ Be informed and be prepared — [UtahFireInfo.gov](http://UtahFireInfo.gov).



## ATTENTION

Please report the hours you spend clearing brush. This information is used to justify the City's eligibility to receive assistance from the County. Email your time to [fire@woodlandhills.cc](mailto:fire@woodlandhills.cc).



## UTAH COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE

Carol Harmer, chair of the Utah County Fair Committee, is looking for volunteers to help with this year's County Fair. It will be held at the Spanish Fork Fair Grounds August 15-18. If you are interested, please call her @ 801-785-3766.



## Sheriff's Blotter by Deputy Butters

Between 05/15/12 and 06/15/12 the Utah County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 18 calls for service in the City of Woodland Hills. These calls included:

3 Alarms	2 Citizen Contacts	2 Motorist Assists
2 Suspicious	1 Presentation	1 Burglary
1 Theft	1 Medical	1 Abandoned 911
1 Weapon Offense	1 Parking Problem	1 Utility Problem
	1 Animal Problem	

Please continue to report all crimes and suspicious activity. For emergencies please dial 911. For all other incidents contact Utah Valley Dispatch at 801-851-4100.

Please continue to report all suspicious persons, vehicles, and activity to Utah Valley Dispatch at 801-851-4100.

## REMINDER

Foothills Elementary Registration will be on August 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.