

May 2011



CITY OF WOODLAND HILLS, UTAH

# Woodland Hills News

## Town Clean-up Day – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> *Spring Cleaners Get Ready!*

We invite all residents to do something on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to make our community a nicer place to live. Please consider taking some time to pick up the trash along the front of your house, raking out ruts next to the road, or removing invasive weeds that are starting to grow. You might also think about helping your neighbors who could use a hand.

**Brush Clearing on Your Property:** Town Clean-Up Day is a great day to get a jump on clearing dead brush from your lot. Residents can stack brush along side the road this day and a state work crew will be coming through the city the following Monday, May 16th to chip up all brush you stack. The nice thing is that you get to keep the wood chips to use on your property for landscaping or composting; this chipping service will be provided free of charge to all residents on this day. Also, remember that as a resident of Woodland Hills you can drop off your cleared brush at the Spanish Fork Green Dump free of charge any time throughout the summer; this is located on the north side of Spanish Fork (near K-Mart). Ask a member of the WHFD for tips on how to make your property fire-safe through appropriate removal of brush. Please note that CC&R's vary in the community and in many cases limit the cutting of *live* native trees. However, city ordinances require the removal of all *dead* trees and fallen branches from each property

**Volunteers Needed for Town Service Projects:** The City will also be supporting three community service projects this year. Here's your chance to make a difference in our community.

**Garbage Along City Streets (11am - 2pm)** - All organizations (Boy Scouts, Youth Groups, Wine Club, etc.), families, and people are invited to adopt a street to clean up trash that has accumulated over the winter. Large, heavy-duty garbage bags will be available at the Community Center for volunteers to gather trash. You can clean up your own street or take an assignment for another street in the City. Come to the Community Center for bags and assignment or just help out on your own.

**City Park Tree Planting (12pm - 2pm)** – We have secured an Arbor Day grant from the State of Utah to support the planting of 4-5 white fir trees in the City Park. We need several volunteers to help dig holes for the trees and to set up water lines to the newly planted trees.

**Community Center Beautification Project (1pm - 3pm)** – We will be working to beautify the area around the Community Center. We will be weeding the planted areas around the building, sweeping the sidewalks and parking lots, and trimming weeds from the un-landscaped areas adjacent to the building. Volunteers are needed! Bring your brooms, garden rakes, small gardening tools, shovels, weed trimmers and gloves. We will meet at the Community Center.

We look forward to seeing you out working in our community on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>!

### City Recorder:

Phone #: (801) 423-1962

Email: recorder@woodlandhills.cc

**City Website:** [woodlandhillsutah.org](http://woodlandhillsutah.org)

### Send News Articles To:

[news@woodlandhills.cc](mailto:news@woodlandhills.cc)

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

### May Happenings

- *Fire Expo, May 7th, 10 am to noon*
- *City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 11th, 7 pm*
- *City Clean-up Day, May 14th*
- *Wood Chipping, May 16th*
- *City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 24th, 7:30 pm*
- *Planning Commission, Thursday, May 26th, 7 pm*

# Wood Chipping Day—

Dear Residents,

In collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources we are pleased to announce that wood chipper crews will be in Woodland Hills on Monday, May 16th, 2011. Please be aware of the following:

- Residents will be allowed to start stacking their chipping piles on Thursday, May 12th.
- None of your piles should be on the pavement so vehicles can maneuver throughout the city with ease.
- When the chipper crew comes through they will be piling your chips adjacent to where your chipper pile was located.
- The chipped piles should be small enough to rake out after the chipping has finished.
- Your chipping piles need to be stacked prior to Monday morning since they will only be making one pass through the city.

The Woodland Hills Fire Department will be available to do an evaluation of your property and answer any questions you may have about fuel load, defensible space, etc. If you're interested, please email Assistant Chief Craig Northup at [craignorthup@gmail.com](mailto:craignorthup@gmail.com) to set up an appointment. We would also like to get a rough count on residents utilizing the chipper. Please notify Craig via email.

This is just the beginning in making Woodland Hills a safer place to live. With help from every citizen we will make it happen. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

**Craig Northup**

Chair Fire Council

Assistant Chief

Woodland Hills Fire Department



## CONSTRUCTING PILES FOR CHIPPING

1. Limbs should be 1 ½ - 4 inches in diameter for small chipper, and 1 ½ - 10 inches in diameter for large chipper, and a minimum of 30 inches long. Logs should be a maximum of 8 inches in diameter and 10 feet long.
2. Limbs should be placed with the butt (larger) end within 5 feet and at a 90 degree angle to a good road or driveway.
3. Stacked rows should be no more than 4 feet high and one row deep.
4. Chips will be left in piles next to the road.
5. **Natural Vegetation Only**—Absolutely no rocks, roots, metal, dirt, lumber, trash, or construction material in the piles.

## GUIDELINES FOR THINNING & LIMBING PROPERTY

1. Remove all dead vegetation, both standing and down on property.
2. Thin remaining trees, taking damaged, diseased, or leaning trees first, then trees less than 9 inches in diameter. Next, thin out remaining trees so that all trees are 20-30 feet apart at crowns.
3. Remove limbs of remaining trees from within 4-6 feet of the ground (vary this height from tree to tree).
4. Remove vegetation within 10 feet of any chimney opening.
5. Remove all vegetation, debris, and flammable material from under wood decks, stairs, or eaves of buildings, or within 25 feet of propane tanks.
6. Remove duff down to bare earth from within 3-4 feet of all structures.

# December Sheriff's Blotter *by Deputy Butters*



From 03/15/11 to 04/15/11 Utah County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 25 calls for service in Woodland Hills.

These calls included:

- 7 Citizen Contacts
- 3 Suspicious
- 2 Animal Problems
- 2 Alarms
- 2 Abandoned 911 calls
- 2 Motorist Assists

- 1 Agency Assist
- 1 Criminal Mischief
- 1 Runaway
- 1 Medical
- 1 Presentation
- 1 Abandoned Vehicle
- 1 Civil Problem

Please report all crimes and suspicious activity to the Utah County Sheriff's Office by calling Dispatch at 801-851-4100. For all emergencies please dial 911.

## Attention Veterans of Woodland Hills (or Current Military) *by Isaac Reid*



We Want to Thank You and Honor You

My name is Isaac Reid. For my Eagle Project, I am attempting to find Veterans or current Military who have ever lived in Woodland Hills. I am asking for Veterans (or their families) to submit stories that I can put in to a book. It doesn't matter if you were active duty or saw combat. If you signed up or got drafted, you count.

I need your name, rank, branch, location, years, or anything interesting. You can write about our country, patriotism, or maybe how the military helped you. I would really appreciate knowing whether you were in Boy Scouts before your service (especially if you were an Eagle Scout) or better still, if you were a BSA leader after the military. You can submit your story (a paragraph or several pages) to me directly. I would like a military and current photo also. I really need your help. I don't want to miss anyone.

Please call me at 801-423-1223 or email me at [isaacreid@hotmail.com](mailto:isaacreid@hotmail.com)

PS. I need adult volunteers to help me.



## Fire & EMS Expo —

Saturday, May 7,  
10 AM—noon  
At the FIRE STATION  
Wildfire Safety Information  
Free State-of-the-art Smoke  
Detector sign-up  
Free Chipping sign-up



Earthquake simulator trailer

EMS/Medical Info Program  
Fire Fighting Demo and Display  
Q&A  
Children's  
activities

Hot Dogs



# Noxious Weeds in Woodland Hills

## Have you seen this plant on your property?



Commonly known as whitetop, Hoary Cress (*Cardaria draba*) is spreading rapidly in Woodland Hills. Unfortunately, this weed is an aggressive competitor that displaces our native ground vegetation, including all of those yellow flowers that we enjoy each spring. Whitetop is not eaten by local animals, negatively impacting the wildlife in our community.

Whitetop is one of the earliest plants to appear in the spring. The four-petaled white blossoms produce seeds in May and June, depending on elevation. It is difficult to eradicate and spreads rapidly. Successful control can be achieved by treating it with an appropriate herbicide when blossoms first appear, just following the 'bud' stage. Herbicide treatment before or after this stage helps, but is less effective. Digging the plants out can be effective **only** if all root fragments are removed from the soil, typically by sifting through a fine screen. Any root fragments left in the soil can become new whitetop plants.

### *Help Is Available*

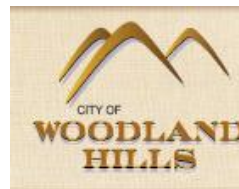
Whitetop is classified as a noxious weed by the State of Utah, and **by law landowners are responsible for controlling it on their property**. The Utah County Weed Abatement Office is offering help to Woodland Hills residents this spring to control whitetop in our community. On Saturday, May 14th (our Town Clean Up Day), from 11am - 2pm, weed abatement officers will be distributing free herbicide to residents that come to the Community Center with an empty sprayer; they will instruct residents on how to identify whitetop and how to appropriately treat it. If you have a whitetop problem on your property that is larger than you can handle by yourself, or if you lack an herbicide sprayer, you can come to the Community Center to make arrangements to have a weed abatement crew come and evaluate weeds on your property. They have agreed to treat large infestations of whitetop at no charge to the property owner. However, it is important to report where infestations are in our community so that the county crews can treat them at the appropriate time this spring.

If you are uncertain if you have whitetop on your land, we can arrange to survey your property for the presence of whitetop and offer suggestions, provide labor and/or materials for managing **your** whitetop.

For assistance in controlling this noxious weed, please contact the Woodland Hills City Office (801-423-1962) or come to the weed abatement station at the Community Center on Town Clean-up Day between 11am and 2pm.

# Notes from the City —

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In an effort to help ensure public safety, the city is gathering information about our dog population. You should have received a copy of the survey in the mail. Please fill it out and return it to the City Recorder. If you lost or did not receive a survey, please contact the City Recorder.

May 11th the City Council will be discussing the city's budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. May 24th the City Council will hold a public hearing on the budget. You are encouraged to attend. The budget can be found at the city website: [woodlandhillsutah.org](http://woodlandhillsutah.org)

This year we have three City Council positions open for election. If you are interested in running for office, the time to file with the City Recorder is July 1st through July 15th.

The city is considering replacing the current ATV law with the Utah State Off-highway Vehicle law. This opens our streets for general off-highway vehicle use with the following requirements:

## **Vehicle License**

The vehicle must be licensed in the State of Utah

## **Valid Utah Drivers License**

With a drivers license, you will be able to operate an ATV without any training class.

## **Utah Off Highway Vehicle Course**

Children between the ages of 8 and 16 will have to complete a state course to operate an ATV (anywhere).

The course is offered by the Utah State Parks (<http://stateparks.utah.gov/ohv/education>).

## **Helmet requirement**

Children under 18 years old will have to wear a helmet whether they are operating or riding an ATV.

## **Adult Supervision**

Children between 8 and 16 years old will have to be in direct supervision (within 300 feet) of an adult (18 years or older) when operating an ATV.

## **Speed Limit**

The ATV speed limit in the city will be 20 MPH.

## **Required Equipment**

Must have headlights and taillights if operated between sunset and sunrise.

Must have a noise control device and a spark arrestor.



Congratulations to our Woodland Hills high school graduates.