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CITY OF WOODLAND HILLS, UTAH

# Woodland Hills News

*HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

## City Government

→ The City of Woodland Hills has acquired the land necessary to construct a new primary road from the Thousand Oaks area down to 11200 S. This is a very exciting accomplishment that the City has been working on for many years. This road will contain a sewer line allowing those with dry sewer to their homes to connect.

→ LEI (City of WH engineer) has completed a year long project to study the roads, water system, and drainage here. The City Council has approved these studies and will use them to maintain and improve the infrastructure in a prudent way. A copy of these studies is available for review at the City Office.

## Elk Ridge Arsonist Receives Sentence by: spencer wright

The Elk Ridge teen convicted of arson was sentenced at the end of September to six months in jail and five years probation after his jail sentence is over.

18-year-old Kade Johnson, former Elk Ridge firefighter, was accused earlier this summer of starting numerous small fires in the Elk Ridge/Woodland Hills area, including two in Loafer Canyon.

Woodland Hills Councilmember Dorel Kynaston and Woodland Hills resident Todd Rupper were able to express their feelings to the judge at the sentencing. Both men made it clear just how terrible Johnson's acts were, and what severe damage could have been caused if any of those fires had gotten out of hand – both communities could have been destroyed.

Besides serving six months in jail, four of which have already been served, Johnson will also have five years probation after those six months. During the probation there will be zero tolerance and he must receive mental counseling. 4th District Judge Samuel McVey also said that Johnson cannot be within one mile of Elk Ridge or Woodland Hills and he cannot be near any area of Utah County with heavy brush. Lastly, Johnson will have to pay a minimum of \$6,000 in fines.

### City Recorder:

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City Website: woodlandhillsutah.org

### Send News Articles To:

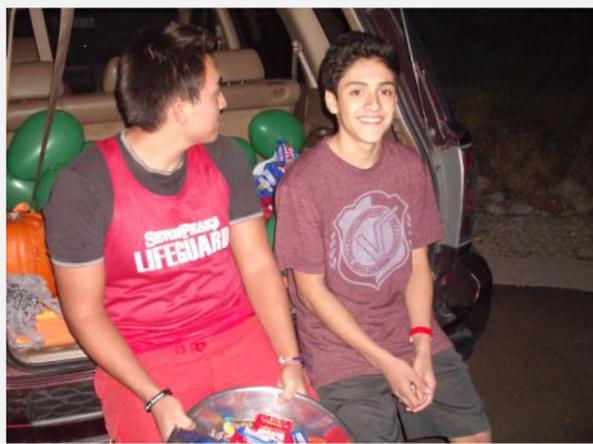
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Deadline for submitting articles for the Woodland Hills Newsletter is the 20th of each month.

### November Happenings

- City Council Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
- Planning Commission, TBA
- Public Safety Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7p.m.

# THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE WOODLAND HILLS TRUNK OR TREAT!



# SJHS FUN RUN

**Come Run With And For The Spartans**

Salem Junior High Spartan Family Fun Run (5K and 1 mile)

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.**

Sun, wind, rain, or snow.

Registration information: **\$10 fee per person or \$40 per family of five or more (living in the same household).**

Runners and walkers, chariots or strollers welcome.

**Download registration forms at [saalemjrpta.com](http://saalemjrpta.com) OR pick up a form at the school.** Mail or drop off forms at Salem Jr. High, 598 N. Main St., Salem, UT 84653.

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY NOV. 12, 4 p.m.** Tee shirt availability for late registrations not guaranteed on race day.

Prizes: To keep costs down and help raise money for the marquee project, event will not be timed. "Run for the cause, and not for the Prize."

1st place male and female 5 K race winners

1st place male and female 1 mile race winners

1st place 5K and 1 mile chariot (stroller) winners.

Ribbons to all participants.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE FOR THE SALEM JUNIOR HIGH MARQUEE PROJECT**

Contact: Haley Stiles (423-2206)



# Fire Department Spotlight

## LRay Harper:

LRay is excited to be a part of our outstanding Woodland Hills Fire Department. His 25 years of law enforcement experience has helped him to feel like he is part of the action in Woodland Hills. Fortunately, there isn't as much action here as there was in San Bernardino County, California. LRay is married to Alice, who adores him, and has four beautiful children, two of which live in Utah. He also has 16 grandchildren. He loves plowing snow around with his Boss Plow and can hardly wait for winter! He loves the outdoors; especially during hunting season. He and Alice have served several exciting missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is now the Cub Scout Committee Chairman in the Maple Canyon Ward.

## Jon Christensen:

Jon was born and raised in Spanish Fork. He lived in the Salem area for the past six years before moving to Woodland Hills in April. Joining the Woodland Hills Fire and Medical Team is a new experience for Jon but he is excited to help out the community as much as he can. Jon has been married for over 20 years and has six wonderful children ranging in age from 16 to three. Jon loves being with his family, playing golf, biking, and riding horses. He has been managing a mortgage office with Security Home Mortgage in Spanish Fork for the past 16 years. He is grateful for this opportunity to serve the community and welcomes the challenge!

## Clint Nielson:

Clint and Aubree Nielson also moved to Woodland Hills in April. They love the beauty of the surroundings and the amazing people in our community. They felt at home immediately and continue to count their blessings. They both attended Payson High School, and had their first date there too. After high school Clint served an LDS mission in Texas and had a wonderful experience. Aubree studied design and illustration at UVU. They were married in 2003 and love it. Their family of four daughters (Aubrienne, Brynlie, McKelle, and Addie) brings them immense joy, and they look forward to raising them in such a great community. Their daughters love having their very own "enchanted forest." Aubree is a homemaker with many talents. She enjoys many hobbies including painting, carving, and sewing. She loves riding horses and anything outdoors. Clint works as a Firefighter Paramedic for West Valley City. He loves hunting, fishing and spending time with his family in the outdoors. He enjoys being a volunteer for the WHFD and loves the association with its fine members. The Nielson family would like to thank the community for the warm welcome which they continue to receive



Jon Christensen and his family



Clint Nielson and his family

Dear Residents of Woodland Hills,

Fall is upon us and the colors are fading fast. We have had another successful chipper day come and go. Thank you for your support of this program. We will have another one in the spring and will let you know when as soon as the date is set.

This winter I would like to remind everyone that it is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure the fire hydrants on their property are clear of snow. If you are physically unable to do this, please email me at [fire@woodlandhills.cc](mailto:fire@woodlandhills.cc) and we will get you assistance to clear your hydrant. In the event of a house fire, it will be critical that we are able to hook to the hydrant without having to first clear it. If you see any hydrants that are not being cleared please let me know ASAP.

With winter coming and the use of your fireplaces increasing please make sure that your chimney is clean to prevent chimney fires. Should you suspect a fire in your chimney call 911. Make sure that everyone in your house knows the signs of a chimney fire. Please feel free to send me an email should you have questions about having your chimney cleaned. The following is important information on chimney fires and chimney fire prevention provided by Michigan State University Extension-

#### Be Prepared for A Chimney Fire

No wood burning system is 100% safe and fire-proof. A safe installation and extra care help prevent fire, but accept the idea that there could be a fire, and be prepared to handle it. Chimney fires are most likely to occur during a very hot fire, as when cardboard or Christmas tree branches are burned or even when a stove burns normal wood but at a higher than normal rate.

Make certain everyone in the house is familiar with the warning signs of a chimney fire --- sucking sounds, a loud roar and shaking pipes. Instruct everyone on what to do in case of fire. Practice fire drills and instruct all adults on how and when to use a fire extinguisher.

If you have a chimney fire:

- a) Call 911 immediately.
- b) If all the stove pipe joints are tight and no other appliance is connected to the same flue, close all openings and draft controls if you have an air-tight stove. Close the stove pipe damper in a non-air-tight stove.
- c) If you have a leaky stove or fireplace you may have to wait for the fire to burn out.
- d) Get everyone out of the house, and put them to work watching for sparks or signs of fire on the roof or nearby.
- e) Toss a plastic baggie of baking soda into the stove or fireplace if the chimney is not sound or there is a danger of the house or surroundings catching on fire. The chemical travels up the chimney and often extinguishes the flame.
- f) Throwing water in a stove will cause the metal to warp and may ruin your chimney, but if it's a choice between the house or the stove, use water.
- g) Have the chimney checked after a fire. A chimney fire can range from 2000 to 3000 degrees F which is hot enough to cause deterioration of metal or cause masonry to weaken. Metal chimneys can deteriorate after 2 or 3 fires.
- h) If a chimney fire occurs once, chances are that it will occur again. Find the cause.

A problem with frequent chimney fires is the possibility of the framing catching on fire. The ignition temperature of new house framing is about 500 degrees F. Over a period of years, as this wood is repeatedly heated by chimney fires, the wood will ignite at a much lower temperature.

#### Chimney Cleaning

Chimneys need to be cleaned to remove creosote and soot deposits. This will prevent chimney fires and improve the draft as well. How often the chimney is cleaned depends on how frequently the wood burning appliance is used, how it is operated and the type of installation. Some authorities recommend cleaning the chimney after every third cord of wood is burned and most recommend at least once a year. Any time you observe excessive soot and creosote, the chimney should be cleaned.

Wouldn't you agree that it would be a lot easier to just have it cleaned? If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at [fire@woodlandhills.cc](mailto:fire@woodlandhills.cc). Have a great month and please be fire safe.

Sincerely,

Chief Northup

# Public Safety Committee

The Woodland Hills Public Safety Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Important city items are discussed at these meetings and anyone who wishes to attend is encouraged to do so. The committee members are as follows: Mayor Lauritzen, Deputy Butters, Chief Northup, Captain Beth Wilding, Steve Carter, Jim Innes, and Dorel Kynaston.

## Sheriff's Blotter

by: Deputy Butters



Between 09/15/12 and 10/15/12 Utah County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 22 calls for service in the city of Woodland Hills. These calls included:

5 Abandoned 911's	5 Suspicious	5 Medicals	2 Alarms	1 Citizen Contact	1 Traffic Accident
1 Sex Offense	1 Mental Subject		1 Traffic offense		

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