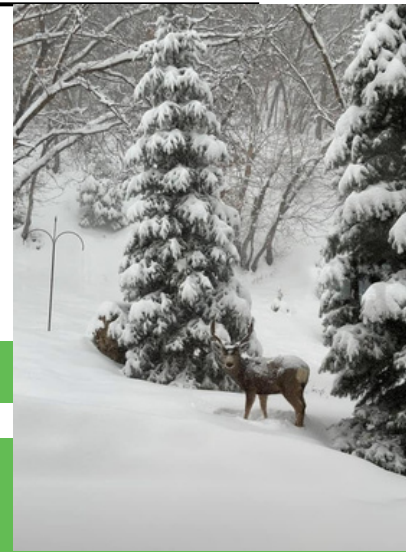




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JANUARY 2025 WOODLAND HILLS



TED TALKS - 2024 IN REVIEW

HAPPY NEW YEAR! AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS NEW YEAR, I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES IN THIS ARTICLE TO UPDATE RESIDENTS ON SOME OF THE MAJOR PUBLIC WORK'S PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH 2024 AND MENTION A FEW OF THE PLANS FOR 2025.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY PROJECT COMPLETED THIS YEAR INCLUDED AN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN. THIS HELPS US INVENTORY, PLAN, AND MAINTAIN OUR CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS PLAN HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO INCLUDE OUR WATER SYSTEM, SEWER, AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE. WITH THIS PLAN, AN INSPECTION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM AND WATER SYSTEM VALVE (PRESSURE-REDUCING VALVES) VAULTS WAS COMPLETED TO PLAN NECESSARY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR THE UPKEEP OF THESE ASSETS.

A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS ALSO COMPLETED TO EVALUATE OUR CITY'S STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND POTENTIAL FLOOD AREAS. WITH THIS PLAN, PROJECTS WERE IDENTIFIED TO HELP US BETTER CONTROL AND MANAGE OUR STORMWATER RUNOFF AS GROWTH CONTINUES. WE ARE CURRENTLY DESIGNING ONE OF THE PROJECTS AND PLANNING A SECOND PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR. A PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR OUR ROAD SYSTEM WAS COMPLETED. THIS PLAN IDENTIFIES THE CURRENT CONDITION OF EACH OF OUR ROADS AND HELPS US PLAN, BUDGET, AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE ROADWAY TREATMENT PROJECTS TO MAXIMIZE THE COST-BENEFIT OF THE TREATMENT AND EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE ROADS. FROM THIS PLAN, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AND DESIGNED OUR FIRST PROJECT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILES OF ROADS.

AS I'VE MENTIONED BEFORE, WE ALSO HAVE A PROJECT UNDERWAY TO UPGRADE OUR DRINKING WATER WELL TO INCLUDE 3-PHASE POWER, A BACKUP GENERATOR, BETTER ACCESS, AND ADDITIONAL CAPACITY. THIS PROJECT HAS JUST GOT UNDERWAY AND WILL PRIMARILY BE TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE LATE WINTER AND SPRING OF THIS YEAR. WE CAN CONTINUE USING THIS WELL DURING THE EARLY PHASES OF THIS PROJECT BUT WILL LIKELY NEED TO SWITCH TO OUR SECONDARY WATER SOURCE IN THE SPRING FOR A SHORT TIME.

IN ADDITION TO THESE MENTIONED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, WE ALSO HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY FOR A TRAILS STUDY AND ARE CURRENTLY UPDATING OUR GENERAL AND STRATEGIC PLANS.

THESE PROJECTS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO KEEP US OPERATIONAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO PUBLIC WORKS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME. THANK YOU TO ALL THE RESIDENTS AND COMMITTEES WHO HELP US ACCOMPLISH THESE ACTIVITIES AND MAKE THIS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

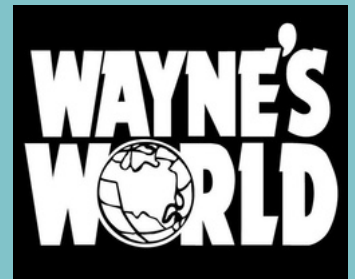
**TED MICKELSEN, P.E.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF**

WAYNE'S WORLD

THE 2024 STATE LEGISLATURE PAST A NEW STATE CODE WHICH REQUIRES MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO REDO THEIR SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE CERTAIN MANDATED STATE REQUIREMENTS. IT SEEMS THAT MANY CITIES AND COUNTIES WERE HAVING EXTENDED DELAYS IN APPROVING NEW SUBDIVISIONS, CREATING A DELAY IN NEW HOUSING WHICH THE STATE IS LACKING IN. THE CHANGES PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED TIME LIMITS ON THE SUBDIVISION APPROVAL PROCESSES, HAVING A MORE STREAMLINED APPROVAL PROCESS AND REQUIRING THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO NOW BE THE SUBDIVISION APPROVAL AUTHORITY RATHER THAN CITY COUNCILS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE CITY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH A LOCAL COMPANY AS WELL AS OUR OWN ATTORNEYS IN DRAFTING A NEW SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE THAT WOULD COMPLY WITH THE NEW STATE CODE ON THESE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS. THE DEADLINE TO HAVE ALL OF THIS IN PLACE IS DECEMBER 31, 2024. AFTER THE END OF THE YEAR THE CITY WILL BE IMPLEMENTING THE NEW ORDINANCE AND FOLLOWING IT. ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES FOR THE CITY IS COMBINING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT PROCESS WITH THE FINAL PLAT PROCESS, ALL INTO ONE PROCESS, REQUIRING ALL OF THE REQUIRED DATA AND INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY AT ONE TIME AND NOT IN TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR SOME STREAMLINING BY REQUIRING ALL OF THE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED AT ONE TIME FOR THE CITY'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL. THIS WILL TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO, BUT IN THE END IT SHOULD BENEFIT BOTH THE CITY AND THE DEVELOPER. ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS CAN BE DIRECTED TO MYSELF, OUR BUILDING OFFICIAL OR CITY RECORDER.

THIS MONTH THERE WERE THREE ORDINANCE FINES THAT WERE WITHDRAWN BASED UPON PETITIONS OF THE RESIDENTS THAT OUR ORDINANCE LACKED CLARITY ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED. THESE ORDINANCES WILL BE AMENDED TO GIVE GREATER CERTAINTY AND CLARITY TO THOSE MATTERS. THANKS FOR EVERYONE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THIS.

WAYNE FRANSDEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL



WH SHERIFF'S BLOTTER NOVEMBER 2024

ANIMAL CALLS	4
ACCIDENT	1
CIVIL PROBLEM	1
FRAUD	1
HARASSMENT	1
EXTRA PATROL	3
PUBLIC PEACE	1
SEIZURES	1
TOTAL CALLS	26

SNOW REMINDERS

- PLEASE KEEP THE AREA AROUND YOUR FIRE HYDRANT DUG OUT
- PLEASE DON'T PUT YOUR TRASH CANS OUT EARLY IF THERE'S A SNOW STORM - THEY MAKE IT HARDER FOR THE SNOW PLOWS
- NO PARKING ON THE STREETS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS - AGAIN THIS MAKES IT HARDER TO PLOW THE STREETS



COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

CITY LEGISLATION... WE NEED YOU

GROWING UP, I FONDLY REMEMBER WATCHING THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK VIDEO LEARNING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN THAT ELEMENTARY WAY. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER, THE CLIP STARTS WITH A LITTLE BOY ASKING WHAT THE PIECE OF PAPER IS ON THE STONE STEPS. "I'M JUST A BILL, YES I'M ONLY A BILL, AND I'M SITTING HERE ON CAPITOL HILL ..." IT THEN PROCEEDS TO SING ABOUT HOW IT STARTED AS JUST AN IDEA BY SOME RESIDENTS, WAS WRITTEN DOWN, AND HOPES TO END UP AS A LAW. IT WAS SUCH A SIMPLE SONG THAT TAUGHT THE BASICS.

OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS NUMEROUS TIMES AS THE CITY COUNCIL HAS VOTED ON SEVERAL "BILLS." SOME OF THOSE "BILLS" WERE CHANGES WE NEEDED TO ADAPT OLD CODE TO FIT NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, OTHERS WERE FIXES TO ERRORS IN CODE OR CONTRADICTION, AND SOME DIDN'T GET ENOUGH VOTES TO PROCEED INTO CITY ORDINANCE. EACH TIME, WE DISCUSSED ALL THE ISSUES, SOMETIMES WITH A HEATED DEBATE, HOWEVER, WHEN THE BILL WAS APPROVED IT WAS ALWAYS BETTER BECAUSE OF THE PROCESS.

AS A SMALL CITY WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AND STAFF, OUR ORDINANCES ARE LAID OUT TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. SINCE NO CODE IS PERFECT, THE PROCESS HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, OR COMPLETE ELIMINATION. TO MAKE THIS PROCESS WORK, ENGAGEMENT FROM RESIDENTS WHERE THE CODES ARE ENFORCED IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. WHEN ENGAGEMENT DOES HAPPEN, THE RESULTING CODE IS FAR MORE ROBUST AND BETTER MEETS THE CITY'S INTENDED NEEDS.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS HERE IN WOODLAND HILLS. WE HAVE SUCH AN AMAZING COMMUNITY, AND THOSE OF US CURRENTLY SERVING IN PUBLIC OFFICE ARE DOING SO TO IMPROVE THE CITY FOR AS MANY RESIDENTS AS POSSIBLE. MANY TIMES, THE ISSUES THAT ARISE ARE AKIN TO KING SOLOMON PROPOSING TO SPLIT THE BABY, WHERE ONE OR BOTH PARTIES MAY HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO REESTABLISH THE PEACE.

WE ALL KNOW THE EASIEST OPTION WHEN WE DISAGREE IS TO EXPRESS OUR FRUSTRATION, HOWEVER, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED AND PRESENT A POTENTIAL SOLUTION. YOU CAN DO THIS BY EITHER WRITING SOMETHING UP (IDEAL OPTION) OR EXPLAINING YOUR POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER. THAT AMENDMENT OR NEW "BILL" CAN GO THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND POSSIBLY BECOME A LAW. WHILE WE ARE DEBATING THE "BILL" IN A COUNCIL MEETING IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO COME AND EXPRESS YOUR THOUGHTS DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE HEARD FROM SOME PEOPLE THAT THEY DON'T OFFER FEEDBACK BECAUSE THEY DON'T THINK THEIR OPINION MATTERS OR THE COUNCIL HAS ALREADY MADE UP THEIR MINDS. WHILE IT MAY APPEAR THIS WAY I ASSURE YOU IT IS NOT THE CASE. EACH OF US HAS SPENT TIME THINKING, DISCUSSING, AND RESEARCHING THE CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGE. THE VALUE OF YOUR OPINION IS TO RAISE ANY POTENTIAL ISSUES WE HAVEN'T YET THOUGHT ABOUT. I CAN THINK OF A FEW MEETINGS WHERE OPINIONS WERE GIVEN THAT ENFORMED MY END VOTE. WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN SUSTAIN OUR UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL CITY. THANK YOU ALL FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE TO SERVE THIS AMAZING COMMUNITY.

BEN HILLYARD
CITY COUNCILMEMBER



Staying Vigilant: A Key to Community Safety

In today's ever-changing world, staying vigilant is more important than ever. As residents of Woodland Hills, you share the responsibility of ensuring your community remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. By staying aware and proactive, we can collectively address potential issues before they escalate.

Why Vigilance Matters

Vigilance is about being alert and attentive to what's happening around us. Whether it's spotting suspicious activities, reporting safety concerns, or simply checking in on a neighbor, staying aware can make a significant difference. Small actions can prevent larger problems and help protect our shared spaces.

How You Can Stay Vigilant

Here are some simple ways you can contribute to community safety:

1. **Know Your Surroundings:** Pay attention to your environment, whether you're walking in the park or through the neighborhood or driving through the neighborhoods. Being observant helps you identify anything unusual.
2. **Report Concerns:** If you notice something suspicious, don't hesitate to report it to the Sheriff's Office. Timely reporting allows issues to be addressed quickly and effectively.
3. **Stay Connected:** Build relationships with your neighbors. A connected community is a safer community. Share information, watch out for one another, and support each other in times of need.
4. **Participate in Community Programs:** Attend city council meetings, or volunteer for local events. Being actively involved strengthens community bonds and promotes collective vigilance.
5. **Be Prepared:** Familiarize yourself with emergency procedures and have a plan in place for unexpected situations. Preparedness ensures that you can act swiftly and confidently if needed.

Recognizing the Power of Unity

When we work together, we create a community where everyone feels secure and supported. Vigilance is not about fear; it's about empowerment. By staying informed and engaged, we foster an environment where trust and safety thrive.

Let's make vigilance a habit, not just a reaction. Together, we can continue building a resilient, proactive, and safe community for all.

Your voice matters, and your actions make a difference.

Stay safe and stay vigilant!

Sergeant Garrett Dutson

Sergeant over small contract cities and towns

Woodland Hills - Goshen - Cedar Fort - Fairfield

DECEMBER 2024 CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR WOODLAND HILLS

A TOTAL OF 16 DETAILS WERE CALLED IN FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS

ABANDONED 911 CELL - 1

ANIMAL COMPLAINT - 4

CIVIL PROBLEM - 1

FOLLOWUP - 1

FRAUD - 1

HARASSMENT - 1

MEDICAL - 2

PUBLIC PEACE - 1

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - 1

VIN INSPECTION - 2

WEAPON OFFENSE - 1



PREVENTING ILLICIT DISCHARGES

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An illicit discharge refers to the release of any substance, apart from stormwater, into a storm drain, storm sewer, or any other system that transports stormwater without treating it before discharging it into a stream, lake, or river.



IT ALL STARTS UPSTREAM

The growth of toxic algae in Utah Lake is directly linked to the influx of pollutants. Nitrogen and phosphorus, key pollutants, serve as nutrients for the toxic algae, leading to its proliferation. This results in the water being clouded by green, red, or yellow scum, posing a threat to aquatic life and the health of humans, pets, and livestock.



PROHIBITED DISCHARGE EXAMPLES

- Fertilizer and lawn clippings
- Pet Waste
- Paint, Chemicals and solvents
- Oil, grease and anti-freeze
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Wash water and soap



MAINTAIN SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Focus on reducing the amount of harsh chemicals, grease, and excessive waste entering the tank. Protect the drain field from damage, avoid driving or parking on drain field. Limit or avoid using a garbage disposal. For inspections and maintenance, seek professional advice.



EFFECTS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Use pesticides and fertilizers as needed, if at all.
- Never apply prior to expected rain. Take care not to apply to paved surfaces.
- Keep grass clippings out of gutters and drains.
- Use commercial car washes.



PREVENT POLLUTION

- Properly dispose of all waste, never pour or wash them into drainage systems.
- Clean up any spills and dispose properly.
- Use commercial car washes.



TO REPORT A PROBLEM OR SPILL

Woodland Hills: 801-423-3900

Utah County Health Dept.: 801-851-7331



The Woodland Hills Fire Department was called on to help with the fires raging in California. A crew of four, including two of our fire department members and two from other departments, deployed this morning and expect to be there for at least two weeks. Our prayers are with them, and we wish them a safe journey and return home. While they are away helping our neighbors with this disaster, we want to assure the community that we have adequate coverage for our city.

1/09/2025



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