



MAY 2024

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FIRE EXPO SATURDAY MAY 4TH!



Join us for an exciting experience at the City Fire and EMS Expo!
It will be at the City Park from 11 AM to 1 PM, Saturday, May 4th.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- *Central 911 Education Table: Gain valuable information about why/when to call 911.
- *Rescue Helicopter Landing Display: Witness the impressive capabilities of a rescue helicopter. Meet the Pilot and paramedic professional ready to help.
- *Meet and Greet: get to know your city fire and medical volunteers. Hold the nozzle and feel the power of our new fire engine putting water to the end of the hose. Learn how to join and help.
 - EMS: Visit our medical team in the rescue truck and get a Glucose check, a blood pressure measurement or even a professionally applied band-aid!
 - Meal: Refuel and recharge with a delicious meal provided for all attendees, courtesy of our fire department.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to celebrate our firefighters and emergency responders. Mark your calendars and join us for a day of excitement and education at the City Fire Expo!



SPRING CHIPPER DAYS
MAY 28TH THRU
JUNE 7TH, 2024
PLEASE HAVE YOUR
BRANCHES READY BY
THE ROAD
ONCE THEY COME BY
YOU CANNOT PUT
MORE OUT AS THEY
WILL ONLY
COME BY ONCE!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
WOODLAND HILLS DAYS
WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT AND WE NEED PEOPLE
WILLING TO HELP ORGANIZE AND
OVERSEE EVENTS PLEASE REACH
OUT TO JANET LUNT IF YOU ARE
WILLING TO HELP
JANET@
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A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THE MAPLE FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS! SO FUN TO SEE THE SUPPORT OF OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY!



TED TALKS - COMMUNITY FUEL REDUCTION AND MITIGATION

NOW THAT SPRING IS UPON US AND MITIGATION/TREE CLEARING WORK IS ON OUR MINDS, IT'S A GOOD TIME TO REPORT ON THE PAST EFFORTS THIS COMMUNITY HAS ACHIEVED TO HELP MAKE THIS COMMUNITY A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE AND PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL MITIGATION INFORMATION AND TIPS.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FROM 2023, BUT IT IS PRETTY CONSISTENT EACH YEAR. THE CITY HIRES A FULL-TIME WILDLAND CREW DURING WILDFIRE SEASON THAT RESPONDS TO NATIONAL WILDFIRES TO EARN REVENUE FOR THE CITY. WHEN THEY ARE NOT RESPONDING TO FIRES, THEY ARE PERFORMING MITIGATION EFFORTS IN THE CITY BOTH ON CITY PROPERTY AND FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTS. LAST YEAR THE CREW SPENT 643 MANHOURS ON CITY PROPERTIES PERFORMING MITIGATION WORK. THEY ALSO ASSIST AND ARE AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS EACH YEAR FOR A REDUCED COST TO ASSESS AND MITIGATE PRIVATE PROPERTIES.

OUR CITY IS A WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATES IN THE FIREWISE PROGRAM. FROM THIS PROGRAM, WE RECEIVE GRANTS THAT HELP US RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MITIGATION SUPPORT FROM THE STATE AND COUNTY. THE COUNTY PROVIDES TWO CREWS FOR TWO WEEKS IN THE LATE SPRING TO CHIP RESIDENTS' WOOD PILES. LAST YEAR THE COUNTY CREWS PROVIDED OVER 2,000 MANHOURS OF MITIGATION WORK IN THE CITY. RESIDENTS CAN ALSO RECORD HOURS FOR MITIGATION WORK PERFORMED ON THEIR PROPERTY. LAST YEAR WE HAD 3,129 HOURS RECORDED BY RESIDENTS. BECAUSE OF THESE ONGOING SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS, OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE AND WE ARE ONE OF SIX CITIES THAT WAS SELECTED THIS YEAR TO BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING FOR MITIGATION IN THE FALL, MORE INFORMATION TO COME ON THIS AT A LATER DATE.

MITIGATION IS AN ONGOING PROCESS AND IS A BALANCE OF PROVIDING A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE WHILE ENJOYING THE NATURE WE LIVE IN. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S EFFORTS AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO CONTINUALLY EVALUATE AND MITIGATE THEIR PROPERTIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND IDEAS FOR YOUR HOME OR TO RECORD YOUR HOURS SPENT ON MITIGATION, YOU CAN VISIT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY LINK ON THE CITY'S WEB PAGE ([HTTPS://WWW.WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV/PAGES/PUBLIC-SAFETY](https://www.woodlandhills-ut.gov/pages/public-safety) THE STATE'S HOMEOWNER EDUCATION SITE ([HTTPS://FFSL.UTAH.GOV/FIRE/WILDFIRE-COMMUNITY-PREPAREDNESS/HOMEOWNER-EDUCATION](https://ffsl.utah.gov/fire/wildfire-community-preparedness/homeowner-education)), OR REACH TO TED MICKELSEN (FIRE@WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR THE SCHEDULE A FREE HOME ASSESSMENT BY OUR WILDLAND CREW.

FOR CHIPPER DAYS THIS YEAR, CREWS WILL BE GOING AROUND TOWN FROM MAY 28TH THROUGH JUNE 6TH TO CHIP TREES. PLEASE HAVE ALL YOUR TREES OUT TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD BY MAY 28TH. SEE THE CITY WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR STACKING YOUR TREES ([HTTPS://WWW.WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV/UPLOADS/CHIPPER-LETTER-2024.PDF](https://www.woodlandhills-ut.gov/uploads/chipper-letter-2024.pdf)).

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

Spring is around the corner when we are all thinking about our yards and what we might do to them. Fences are always a topic of discussion so I thought I would bring some of that discussion into WAYNE'S WORLD. The city's fencing ordinance is found in Title 10.11.8. B.

There are actually two different areas of the city, each having their own separate fencing ordinance.

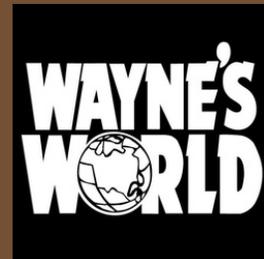
A question that always comes up is: Why can't I fence my entire property the way I want? Answer: Years ago when much of our fencing ordinance was adopted that same question arose. Woodland Hills, unlike many other larger Utah County communities, is in the mountains. We sometimes forget that others lived here, and some still do, previous to us. The others I refer to are the wildlife we have, including deer, elk, turkeys, bear, cougars, skunks, racoons, etc. It is not our community's desire to eradicate these animal species, as much as we may want to on occasion, but to try and live with them, to the degree possible.

This was the thought of early city residents who established the basis for our fencing ordinance. They wanted to preserve a wildlife corridor for particularly the deer and the elk, to transit through or around the city, contributing to the beautiful mountain environment in which we live. Hence, we have tried to continue preserving a wildlife corridor in which animals can move around throughout the city by not allowing fencing to surround an owners lot, leaving an open space at the front of each lot for wildlife to transit.

Many residents have chosen to not fence their back and side yards as well which leaves further space for wildlife to move through. Years ago, another local community chose to allow fencing that cut off wildlife movement and have since regretted that move and are now spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to build bridges and other such means to allow wildlife to move more freely around the city.

So, enjoy the wildlife. Understanding the WHY usually gives us a much better understanding of the questions we often have. Look at the ordinance and if you have any questions, call the city officers for any further information.

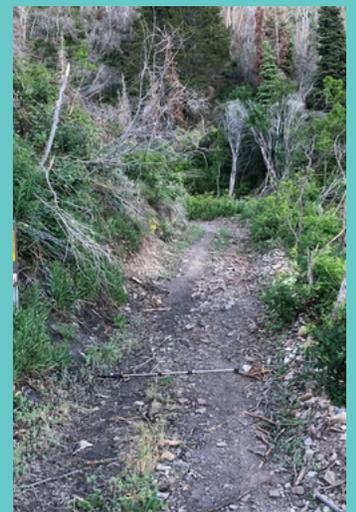
Wayne Frandsen
Planning & Zoning
& Code enforcement



SWITCHBACK TRAIL MAINTENANCE

May 18th 9-11 am

Parks, Trails and Recreation
committee is looking for 12-15 volunteers
to help rebuild water bars for drainage away
from the trail, removing trees that are on the trail and
gathering as neighbors and lovers of the trail.
Even if you can only come for part of it please come help.
We need you!



COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

In recent times, our city has been stopped from using our Emergency Sirens. As the Council Member overseeing Public Safety, I have personally experienced heightened concerns regarding this issue. The recent upgrade of computer systems by our 911 Dispatch has unfortunately rendered the sirens inoperable throughout our city.

The Sirens serve as a crucial tool for alerting our community to important events. Reflecting on their effectiveness during the events of 2018 underscores their significance in ensuring public safety.

Recognizing the importance of restoring this vital communication mechanism, I am pleased to announce positive developments. Funds have been allocated to restore and enhance the functionality of the sirens. This initiative will involve minor upgrades to each siren pole, along with the installation of a new antenna at the city center. Upon completion, we will regain full operational control over the sirens.

We encourage residents to stay informed as we progress with this endeavor. Updates regarding the restoration process and scheduled testing will be provided in due course. Anticipated commencement of testing is expected to occur sometime this year.

We are committed to safeguarding the well-being of our community, and the reinstatement of the city sirens for alerting you if needed.

Dorel Kynaston - City Council, Firefighter



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MARCH.
2024

8 EXTRA PATROLS
5 ANIMAL CALLS
4 KEEPING THE PEACE
1 MEDICAL
1 MISSING PERSON
1 VEHICLE THEFT
25 OTHER MISC.

Is your home prepared for a wildfire?

Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands would like to offer assistance in helping prepare your home. We are offering Home Assessments Free of charge in Woodland Hills area for spring/summer 2024. We will send our Wildland Fire Personnel out to assess the ignition potential around your home, prescribe actions that can help mitigate the present hazards and reduce the risk of your home incurring damage during a wildfire.

[Click Here](#) to sign up now and get prepared! Or email lloydevans2@utah.gov to Sign up.....

Funding from Utah State Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is limited and Home Assessments will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.



Miss the most recent City meeting?

[Check it out on the WH YouTube Channel](#)

HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE DISCUSSED OR ADDED TO THE WH NEWSLETTER?
PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL
JANET@WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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WH COMMUNITY CALENDAR](#)

AS WELL AS THE
[NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)
FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

CLICK ON THE UNDERLINED FOR A LINK