

White City Newsletter

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Congratulations - White City Becomes a Township

Nestled within the southern area of Salt Lake County and bordered by the large cities of Sandy and Draper, lies the beautiful community of White City. While not an exceptional giant in terms of population, it is truly a giant in terms of pride of the land, in desire to raise happy healthy families, maintain a clean and safe environment, build community spirit, and also in the dedication to protecting the rights of citizens within its boundaries. In May 2006, the White City Community Council requested that the Salt Lake County Council grant township status to White City. After a unanimous "yes" vote, the Township Ordinance passed. October 16, 2006, **WHITE CITY TOWNSHIP** becomes Official.

Public Notice, Salt Lake Tribune 8/15/2006

"the Salt Lake County Council has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, August 29 ... to discuss the creation of a Granite Township and a White City Township and a planning commission. All interested persons wishing to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the creation of a Granite Township or a White City township and planning commission may attend and testify in favor or against the creation of the townships." More than 40 White City residents attended this Public Hearing.

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White City Community Council

Elected to represent YOU

Community Councils work with the local authority and other public bodies to determine, coordinate and express the views of the community they represent.

What is their purpose?

Community Councils form a link between the Salt Lake County Council, the Mayor's Office and local areas. Their role is to ascertain in an active way, the views of our community in terms of local issues, needs and wishes, and to convey those views to the Salt Lake County Council and the Mayor's Office. Community Councils should always act in a non-political and non-sectarian manner.

What do Councils do?

Councils are consulted on planning and licensing applications affecting their area. They hold their meetings in public and call special meetings in order to ascertain the views of their community on major issues. They are also sent a wide range of consultative documents from the County Council and other bodies. They are involved in the community planning process. Councils may also take an active role in community events and heritage preservation.

How are members determined?

Councilors are elected from the six (6) districts within the White City area. There is one representative from each district and three (3) at-large, or come from anywhere in the White City area. This practice ensures as wide a cross-section of community representation as possible. Elections are held pursuant to State Code and will be held at the same times, dates and polling

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TOWNSHIP

Qualifying for Township Status came as a result of excellent legislation (HB29) created, submitted and unanimously enacted during the 2006 Utah State Legislative Session written by Representative LaVar Christensen. At the public meeting, Representative Christensen clearly explained how his legislation addressed the desire of the community to unite as a Township and avoid the piece-meal annexations into Sandy that have occurred previously. His bill, HB29 added wording that a “CDP – Census Designated Place” designation be added to the Township Law, which would assist communities like White City to qualify for Township status. Several residents took the opportunity during this meeting to express their feelings on becoming a Township, with a majority favoring Township status.

After the discussion, the Salt Lake County Council voted unanimously to request that the Salt Lake County District Attorney’s Office write an ordinance declaring White City (including all of the homes and land located South of 10600 S.) be made the White City Township. They also stipulated that White City would use the County’s Planning and Zoning Board. On September 12th, the County council unanimously approved the ordinance and on September 26th the ordinance was formally adopted.

This newsletter will address some facts and myths regarding Townships within Salt Lake County (see page 4).

<h2>Big Bear Park and Dimple Dell Fitness & Recreation Center</h2>
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As many of you have noticed, Big Bear Park is currently increasing the amount of parking spaces located within the park. Crews are in the process of adding about 35 new parking stalls. While this is a slight inconvenience, additional parking slots will alleviate some of the congestion and safety issues created by patrons parking on the adjoining streets. Salt Lake County Mayor, Peter Corroon, hopes that more improvements for Big Bear Park are coming. Watch for continuing updates.

Reservations for county parks are accepted beginning the first business day each January (by telephone ONLY on the FIRST reservation day of the year.) The reservation fee for use of a park pavilion is \$50 per day for up to 200 people. Call Salt Lake County Parks at (801) 483-5473 to make reservations and for information on fee structures, or to schedule special events. Park pavilions, terraces and game equipment may be reserved from May 1 through September 30.

Reservations are not accepted for the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Pioneer Day, Labor Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Eve. Reservations must be made at least three working days before the scheduled event.

Dimple Dell Fitness & Recreation Center, located at 10670 South 1000 East offers what Salt Lake County calls “one of the best recreation and fitness facilities in Utah.” This facility offers individual, family and corporate memberships. Pricing is available on a daily, monthly or annual pass. More information about this facility is available by calling their office at 495-1480 or by visiting their website at www.recreation.slco.org/dimpledell/. Registration for additional sports programs are available by calling 495-1480 or at www.activityreg.com.

700 East Reconstruction

On Sept. 7th, traffic switched to the east side of 700 East between Carnation Drive and 9400 South after paving the intersection. UDOT says to “expect traffic delays, narrowed lanes and lane shifts.” To participate in their mid-construction survey, go to www.udot.utah.go/700east. Businesses will remain open during the construction. ❖

<h2>Rent-A-Dumpster Program</h2>

<p>Salt Lake County will deliver a dumpster to your property. They allow 2 days for you to load, then they take it all away!</p>
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<p><i>Cost:</i></p>

<p><i>\$20 for Green Waste Dumpsters</i></p>
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<p><i>\$30+ tonnage fee for Trash Dumpsters</i></p>

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<p><i>Salt Lake Sanitation Office</i></p>

<p><i>7125 South 600 West, Midvale</i></p>
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<p><i>Call 562-6435</i></p>

WCCC ELECTIONS 2006

You can make a difference in the White City community! Get involved by becoming a member of the community council! To be eligible, you must: (1) be at least 18 years of age, (2) your name must appear on the electoral roll of Salt Lake County and within the White City boundaries within the district in the White City Council area you wish to represent, (3) not subject to any legal incapacity, and (4) you must fill out and submit a **Declaration of Candidacy** (form attached) before the filing deadline. White City community Council operates under Bylaws accepted and approved by the council on 9/04/2002 wherein it states that "Members of the WCCC shall be elected by a majority vote of WCCC registered voters". The following are the positions to be filled and elections held for, at the November election:

ELECTIONS 2006

DISTRICT #2

DISTRICT #4

DISTRICT #6

AT-LARGE 3 REPRESENTATIVE

Get involved in YOUR community. Exercise your American right to vote! To register to vote in Utah, you must:

- ? Be a citizen of the United States
- ? Be at least 18 years old
- ? Be a resident of Utah for at least 30 days immediately before the election
- ? Not be a convicted felon currently incarcerated

A Mail-In Voter Registration form has been attached for your convenience, or visit:

<http://www.clerk.slco.org/Elections/html/RegisterFormInstr.html>

Community Council Voting Locations

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Voting Location</u>
4618, 4634, 4722	THE FELLOWSHIP, 615 E. Sego Lily Dr.
4656, 4740	EASTMONT MID SCHOOL, 10100 S 1300 E
4750, 4754	ALTAVIEW ELEMENTARY, 10333 S Crocus St
4666	HILLTOP METHODIST CHURCH, 985 E 10600 S

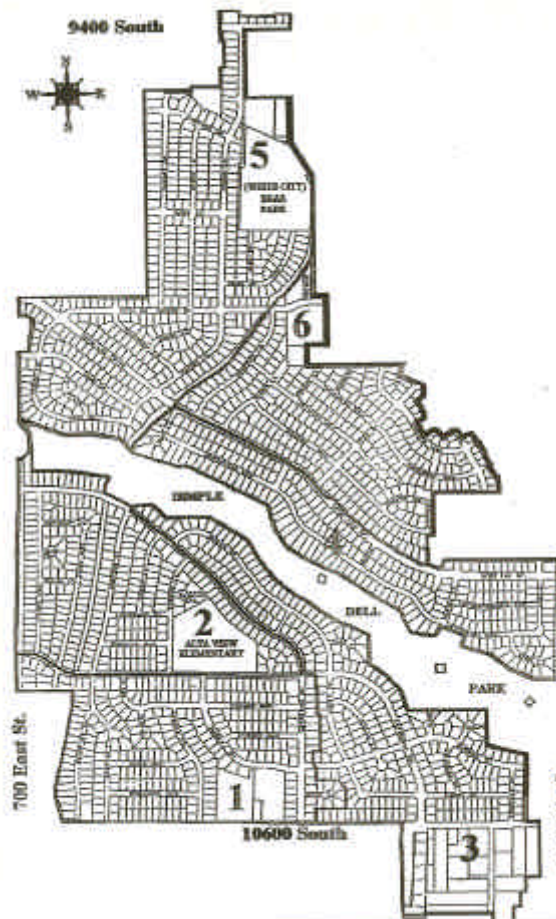
VOLUNTEER ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED! CALL BONNIE AT 688-4329

Remember: Members of community councils shall be elected by non-partisan secret ballot. VOTE!

places as other County elections under the direction of an Election Officer and assistance of the Salt Lake County Elections Office.

Which District am I in?

The following is a map of the districts in White City.



Who is currently my representative?

District #1	Phil Rose	571-8962
District #2	Don Gibb	495-2792
District #3	Bonnie Cummings	688-4329
District #4	Jim Johnson	572-7977
District #5	Sharon Green	571-6170
District #6	Paul Smith	571-4590
At-Large 1	Paulina Flint	571-5257
At-Large 2	Gene Robinson	572-3803
At-Large 3	Don Patocka	548-4420

TOWNSHIP LAW

UTAH CODE 17-27A-306

HOW THE 2006 HB29 AMENDMENT AFFECTS WHITE CITY

“(1)(a)(i) Subject to Subsection (1)(a)(ii), a county legislative body may, without having received a petition under Subsection (1)(b), enact an ordinance establishing a township within the unincorporated county or dividing the unincorporated county into townships.

(ii) Before enacting an ordinance under Subsection (1)(a)(i), the county legislative body shall, after providing reasonable advance notice, hold a public hearing on the proposal to establish a township or to divide the unincorporated county into townships...”

To obtain Township the area must meet one of the following criteria:

1. In a county of the 1st class, contain 20% (but not more than 80%) of the total private land or total value of the taxable property value within the County,
2. Have been declared by the United States Census Bureau as a census designated place.

WHITE CITY IS A CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACE!

TOWNSHIP – FACT OR FICTION

If White City becomes a Township, it will become a “City”.

A: **Fiction.** Becoming a Township allows White City to remain in unincorporated Salt Lake County, subject to their rules, regulations and ordinances.

Townships have Mayors and their own officials.

A: **Fiction.** The Mayor of Salt Lake County is still the Mayor of Townships within Salt Lake County. There are no additional layers of government.

Township still have Community Councils.

A: **Fact.** Becoming a Township does not change the ability for the area to have a Community Council. County Ordinance 2.65 provides for the establishment of Community Councils and states that these councils shall be made up of people elected by their peers to represent them in issues of local importance. The County Mayor uses the information from these councils as a resource.

My taxes will go up after becoming a Township.

A: **Fiction.** Your taxes as a resident of unincorporated

WHITE CITY TOWNHALL MEETING

FEATURING

MAYOR PETER M. CORROON

YOU GET TO ASK THE QUESTIONS

PLAN TO ATTEND

NOVEMBER 1, 2006 – 7-9 PM

EASTMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

10100 South (Sego Lily Dr.) 1300 East

AUDITORIUM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

Come discuss your issues with County Government ■

Salt Lake County will remain the same. No additional fees or assessments will be added.

My water, garbage, and other services will not change.

A: **Fact.** White City Water Improvement District will still provide water (at the same rate) and all services will continue to be provided by Salt Lake County. All services will remain the same.

The Planning and Zoning personnel will remain unpaid.

A: **Fact.** The Planning and Zoning commission are not paid positions. This will remain the same.

Township will end any annexation into Sandy.

A: **Fiction.** Township will not prohibit annexation; however it would end the “piece-meal” annexations. If annexation is requested, it would take a 51% affirmative vote of ALL residents within the Township to make it happen.

Sources: Utah Code Title 17 Chapter 27a, Salt Lake County Ordinance Title 2.56 & 2.65, and State of Utah HB40