



Township Newsletter

Salt Lake County



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White City Community Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Eastmont Middle School, 10100 S. 1300 E. Room #105; Sandy, UT Meetings are Open to the Public.

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WCTCC Elections to be held November 4, 2014.

Seats open are Districts 1,3,5 and 2 at-large. Nominations will be accepted from September 5th through October 9th of 2014. White City Township
Community Council Voting Precincts:
 WCT001, WCT002, WCT003 & WCT004
Election Officer Designated June 4, 2014
 Linda Price 801-419-3013
 Co-Chair Darrin Webster 801-523-9371
 Check out our website for more info as it relates to White City Township Elections. [HTTP://www.whitecityutah.org](http://www.whitecityutah.org)

2014 Important General Election Dates

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| Voter Registration Deadlines | |
| Mail-In Registration | October 6 |
| In Person/Online Registration | October 28 |
| Voting Options | |
| Military & Overseas Ballots Sent | September 19 |
| Permanent Absentee Ballots Mailed | Week of September 29 |
| In-Office Voting Period | October 6-31 (weekdays) |
| Early Voting Period | October 21-31 (weekdays) |
| Absentee Voting Deadline Last Day to Apply | October 30 |
| Election Day | November 4 |
| Canvass Period | November 5-17 |

How Do I Sign Up For The Permanent Vote By Mail Program?

Click here for an application for [Permanent Vote By Mail](#).
 This application must be completed and returned before a ballot can be mailed. For further details on the Permanent Vote By Mail Program, please call the Salt Lake County Clerk, Elections Division at (801) 468-3427.

Absentee Voting (by mail) If you are a registered voter and prefer to vote absentee, you may complete an absentee ballot application to receive your ballot by mail. A separate application must be filled out for each election. **NOTE:** Our State Law allows "no excuse" absentee voting. Individuals who prefer to vote absentee may do so without a reason of being absent from their precinct during polling hours on Election Day.

Historical Glad House

We are trying to create a digital History of WCTCC Area. If you have pictures on slides or hard copy, Let us know.



White City Township Community Cleanup

Dumpster Schedule:

September 8th through the 10th

If you're cleaning out your shed, garage, yard, or basement this summer, there are lots of opportunities for you to dispose of your waste. Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling is sponsoring area clean-up days throughout the county by placing large dumpsters in local neighborhoods.

In addition, the Salt Lake County Health Department is offering hazardous waste disposal, allowing you to get rid of old chemicals, fuel, paint, pesticides, medications, electronics, and other hazardous substances. You can view [collection dates and times](#) on their website.



2014 Collection Events

All events run from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

June 5, July 3, August 7

Sugar House Park, Mt. Olympus Pavilion
1500 East 2100 South
(*pharmaceutical collection also available at Sugar House events*)

June 12, July 10, August 14

Sandy City Public Works
8775 South 700 West

June 19, July 17, August 21

Holladay City Center
4626 South 2300 East

June 26, July 31, August 28

Draper City Park, northwest parking lot
1300 East 12500 South

Collections events cannot accept business waste, explosive, radioactive materials, or old tires.

Permanent Collection

- [Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility](#)
6030 West California Avenue (1400 S)
Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- [Trans-Jordan Landfill](#)
10873 South Bacchus Hwy (U-111)
Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- [Murray ABOP Center](#)
This location accepts **ONLY** antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint
4646 South 500 West
Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- [Sandy ABOP Center](#)
This location accepts **ONLY** antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint

8775 South 700 West

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This service is provided **only to Salt Lake County residents** and is **free**. If you have questions please call (385) 468-3862.

Community Preservation Committee

Members Selected

Michelle Schmitt - [Email](#)

Salt Lake County, UT—Mayor Ben McAdams is announcing the names of 17 residents from townships and unincorporated areas who have agreed to serve on an advisory committee created to help move forward with a new form of local government. The names will be presented at Tuesday's Salt Lake County Council meeting.

"When the legislature passed the Community Preservation and Quality Regional Services bill, it froze the boundaries of existing townships, giving us time to have an in-depth conversation with citizens about better options than what's been fought over in the past," said McAdams. "I appreciate the willingness of this group of community leaders to come to the table, roll up their sleeves, and begin to hammer out details."

McAdams said that SB 216 outlines that a non-contiguous area may select a new form of government, and retain the high-quality, affordable municipal services currently offered to unincorporated residents by Salt Lake County. One feature of such a change would be a new Municipal Council that would make budget decisions as well as oversee planning and zoning issues. McAdams said the citizens' advisory committee will begin to look at how the boundaries could be drawn, for electing members to the Municipal Council.

McAdams said he'd like the work of the committee to inform draft legislation that will be presented to the next general session of the Utah legislature. The November 2015 ballot would provide an opportunity for all incorporated residents to vote on the proposed new government option.

"I'm excited that we're taking this next step as we search for common ground about a way to keep what we love about our communities," McAdams said. "At the same time we want taxes to remain low and we want residents to receive the high-quality services that they deserve."

McAdams says the group's first meeting will take place June 18th. All the meetings will be held at the Salt Lake County Government Center and will be open to the public.

The Community Preservation Committee

Appointments are:

1. Arlene Johnson –South West Salt Lake County
2. Nancy Carlson-Gotts – Millcreek Township
3. Roger Dudley – Millcreek Township
4. Paula Larson—Kearns Township
5. Ruby Martinez –Kearns Township
6. Brett Helsten—Kearns Township

7. Rick Raile—Emigration Canyon Township
8. Barbara Cameron—Big Cottonwood
9. Ron Faerber—Sandy Hills
10. Russell Ray—Copperton Township
11. Paulina Flint—White City
12. Bennion Gardner—Magna Township
13. Rep. Sue Duckworth—Magna Township
14. Hugh Matheson—Millcreek Township
15. Tod Young—Granite
16. Jeff Silvestrini—Millcreek Township
17. Fred Healey –Millcreek Township

What is the Community Preservation Project?

[Read the Bill](#)

- [Read the Bill SUMMARY](#)

If passed by voters in the unincorporated county, the Community Preservation Project would provide:

2. **Smaller government** that promotes consolidated, cost-efficient provision of service with less administrative burden.
3. **Predictability and community stability.** Borders would be stabilized and certainty would prevail over fears of “land grabs” by neighboring cities and worries about fluctuating revenues and service costs. Stable borders would allow bonding for infrastructure, such as sidewalks and road improvements.
4. **Direct representation** for residents of unincorporated county regarding how their local tax dollars are spent.
5. **A broad tax base** that supports needs throughout the unincorporated county.
6. **A robust economic development effort** to compete for businesses and jobs on behalf of unincorporated communities without fear of annexation.

Provide an opportunity for delivery of efficient, high quality regional services as seen by UFA and UPD.

How Does It Work?

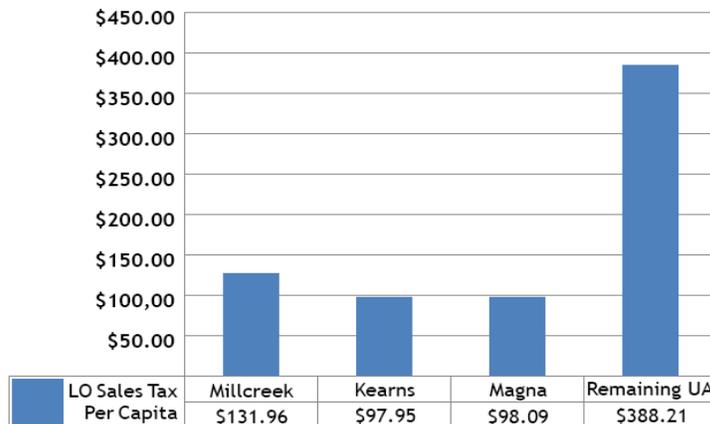
1. Existing boundaries of townships and unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County will be frozen through November 2015.
2. A competing annexation or incorporation proceeding started on or prior to December 31, 2013, will continue until that process is completed.
3. **Forms an advisory committee** to make recommendations about services, governance and finance.
4. **Creates a municipal services district** overseeing government services for unincorporated residents including roads and public works, garbage, weeds and snow removal.
5. Preserves the ability for townships to form a city in their specific area or remain a township and continue to receive **high-quality, cost effective regional services.**

6. **Provides opportunities to develop the economic base** in key areas without fear of “cherry-picking” by neighboring cities.

Local Option Sales Tax Contribution Per Capita

Sales tax in the unincorporated areas funds municipal services such as snow plows, planning and street maintenance. This chart shows how much sales tax is contributed from individual communities.

*UA = Unincorporated Area



Amaryllis Street, Serpentine Way Storm Drain Project, Galena Dr. Sidewalk Project

The counties projects are as follows:

Storm drain starting on Carnation from the canal they will go up to Amaryllis and then head south to Verbenia Ave. and then proceed east to Crocus Street.

Sidewalk and high back curb from the WCWID office down Galena to Bellview Elementary and sidewalk down Garnet Dr from Galena to Onyx Lane.

Storm drain starting on Sego Lily Drive heading east to Opal Circle, then east up Serpentine Way about 50 feet, also at the intersection of Serpentine Way and Marble Street they will be adding a collection box on the south side of Serpentine and tying it together with the existing storm drain on the north side of Serpentine Way.

Salt Lake County Public Works would like to say "Thank you" for being a part of our service area. We strive to provide you with high quality Public Works services. In an effort to keep you better informed on upcoming issues in you community, here is the following information on some of your Public Works initiatives.

Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Repairs

Based on the success of the tests done in White City last fall with raising concrete curbs, gutters, and sidewalks using a concrete slurry process, Salt Lake County Public Works is putting together a contract to hire a contractor to perform this work. The concrete slurry process is a faster, less intrusive, and less expensive way of fixing those concrete sections that have settled creating low spots and uneven surfaces. These repairs will reduce trip hazards and improve the flow of rainwater to the storm drain system.

If you have sections of your sidewalk, curb, or gutter you would like to have considered for this repair, please contact your White City Community Council Representatives.

Road Projects

The proposed road work for Galena Drive and Garnet Drive had its 60 percent design review on July 1st. The hope is to be able to start the construction work by late August / early September, with a late fall completion.

If you have any questions about these initiatives, please contact our Office of Township Services at 385-468-7050 for additional information.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all at Southeast Township Days on August 23rd.

Many of you have asked about speeding cars in the community. The traffic calming service by Salt Lake County is a very good way to get an assessment on your street(See below).

Public Works Engineering/Highway Engineering Traffic Calming

Traffic Facts

- [Did you Know...](#)
- [Advantages of Driving the Speed limit](#)
- [What You Can Do](#)
- [Options for Traffic Calming](#)

Speeding occurs throughout Salt Lake County compromising neighborhood livability, creating noise and air pollution, causing difficulties for pedestrians and neighborhoods and most importantly jeopardizing the safety of children.

Traffic Calming is the combination of mainly physical the side measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. The purpose of traffic calming is to reduce the speed and volume of traffic along a roadway to acceptable levels.

Salt Lake County Residents need to take responsibility for the quality of life issues in their own neighborhoods. One of the best forms of traffic calming is resident awareness. Studies have shown that the majority of the "speeders" in a neighborhood are adjacent property owners. If the neighbors make a concerted effort to slow down not only in their areas, but elsewhere, the majority of the neighborhood speeding problems could be solved.

Public Works Engineering—Highway Engineering Safer Sidewalk Program

Over 100 areas within the Unincorporated County have requested sidewalk installation. Funding level is approved annually.

Older areas of Salt Lake County were not required to install sidewalks at the time of development. This has created a need for installation of sidewalks due to the increasing number of school age children in Salt Lake County.

Two options are available for the installation of sidewalks:

Option 1: Request the County to analyze a street for sidewalks which will place them on a priority list based on

number of vehicles on the road, number of pedestrians, schools in the area and the accident rate. The higher the project is on the priority list the sooner the project can be completed when funds become available. Requests must be made in writing. Send Requests to:

Salt Lake County Engineering
Attn: Transportation Engineer
2001 South State, N3100
Salt Lake City, UT 84190

[Home](#), [Public Works Calendar](#), [Organization Chart](#)
[FAQ](#), [Contact Us](#)

Option2: Create a Local Improvement District (LID) where the residents pay for sidewalks and the County, installs it.

Public Works Operations

Office Location

604 West 6960 South, Midvale, Utah 84047

Driving Directions

From I-15 and 7200 South Interchange

Turn on to westbound 7200 SOUTH.

Turn north on to 700 WEST.

Turn east on to 6960 SOUTH.

OPERATIONS OFFICE is the new building.

17 miles (approximately 25 minutes) from the SLC

International Airport

About Us

The Salt Lake County Operations staff is available to assist you 7 am to 3:30 pm, Monday thru Friday, and for urgent issues 24 hours a day. 385 468-6101

Office Location Map

Our staff provides high quality maintenance services in a timely and effective manner to promote the safety and welfare of the County residents.

In addition to serving the unincorporated County, we have maintenance contracts with individual cities and agencies. [Contract Cities and Agencies](#)

The objectives of the Salt Lake County Public Works Operations Division are:

- To develop and maintain an asphalt pavement maintenance strategy that efficiently uses the available funding to extend the life of roadways through use of overlays, slurry seals, chip seals, and asphalt rejuvenation.
- To provide valley wide consistency in traffic signal construction, maintenance, and coordination through the leadership of county traffic engineer, signal crews, and the future traffic control center in cooperation with [UDOT](#).
- To provide top notch customer service by properly directing calls and responding to [citizen concerns](#) during normal working hours and through use of a 24 hour dispatch.
- To promote an accident-free environment through advanced training and emphasis on safety techniques by having monthly safety meetings and weekly reminders.
 - To perform actions that reinforce individual and family responsibility in the community.

The services:

- Materials Testing and Inspections
- Road Construction
- Flood Control, Storm Drains Maintenance
- Pavement Management
- Street Maintenance
- Snow and Ice Control

- Street Lighting Installation and Maintenance
- Street Signs and Striping Installation and Maintenance
- Traffic Signals Installation and Maintenance
- Traffic Studies and Traffic Calming
- Weed Control, Bee Inspections

[Citizen Concern](#) Form/*Concern or Questions* . . . email pwOps-online@slco.org

Services Street Maintenance

[A.D.A. Ramp Compliance](#)

[Road Construction](#)

[14.32.010 Duty of Abutting Property Owners](#)

[Street Maintenance](#)

[Snow and Ice Control](#)

[Traffic Controls](#)

[Street Signs and Striping Installation and Maintenance](#)

[Graffiti Removal](#)

[Street Lighting Installation and Maintenance](#)

[Traffic Signals Installation and Maintenance](#)

[Traffic Calming](#)

[Traffic Studies](#)

[Flood Control/Storm Drains Maintenance](#)

Other

[Bee Inspections](#)

[Contract Cities and Agencies](#)

[Material Testing and Inspections](#)

[Pavement Management](#)

[School Issues](#)

[Weed Control](#)

at 385-468-6101 to schedule the concrete and asphalt tie-in.

Do we need a permit?

Yes. A "no cost" permit may be obtained from Salt Lake County Development Services located at 2001 South State Street, Room N3600. 385 468-6700

The Public Works Operations Division is a maintenance organization responsible for:

Roads ~ Street Lights ~ Storm Drain ~ systems ~ Road Painting ~ Street Signs ~ Noxious Weeds ~ Bee Inspection ~ Road Construction ~ Pavement ~ Management ~ Snow Removal

The Operations Division can be reached 24 hours a day.

385 468-6101 [Office Location Map](#)

Division Director

[Kevyn Smeltzer](#), P.E.

Salt Lake County Public Works Director

Russ Wall

Public Works Department Director

(385) 468-7055 | [email](#)

Township Executive

Patrick Leary

(385) 468-7050 | [email](#)

Storm Water Management Plan - 2008-2012

Please review this

[2008 Stormwater Management Plan](#) (2.4 MB PDF) and be advised that revisions of [Best Management Practices](#) (4 KB PDF) are currently being considered and discussed. All comments are welcome.

Phone: 385-468-6600

Steve Burgon [Email](#)

Dan Drumiler [Email](#)

'Hotlines' ~ For storm water or surface water pollution concerns call:

Emergency 24 hours: 801-580-6681

SL Co HD regular business hours: 385-468-3862

Flood Control Engineering: 385-468-6600

Road Construction

The construction and pipe crew install storm drain pipe and complete concrete work on SLCo projects. This crew is vital in helping Salt Lake County comply with the American Disability Act requirements and in maintaining a storm drain system adequate to handle the needs of the Salt Lake



County residents.

Responsible for:

Install A.D.A. ramps and waterways

Installation and maintenance of drainage systems

Installation of curb, gutter, waterways and sidewalk

Other special construction, County projects as assigned

Common Questions:

How do I get a sidewalk or gutter fixed?

In accordance with County Ordinance [14.32.010](#) the homeowner is responsible for maintaining the curb, gutter, and sidewalk which abuts their property.

Will the County provide any assistance?

The County may assist with the repair of a failing curb and gutter or sidewalk by hauling the old concrete away provided the owner/contractor has broken up the concrete into pieces less than 3 feet long and placed it in a pile where a front end loader can pick it up. (Only concrete removed

- from the sidewalk, curb, gutter, and drive approach). The County will also pave the road adjacent to the new concrete curb and gutter provided the sawcut of the asphalt is at least 2 feet from the new lip of the gutter and the old asphalt is removed. Contact Larry Helquist

Additional Info

Go to the online version of this newsletter. It will have blue text throughout the

[HTTP://www.whitecityutah.org](http://www.whitecityutah.org)

Click on any of those links and it will take you to additional information.

We try to be knowledge based.

Click on the following links for more info about Salt Lake County Public Works

Services in you are a county resident:

[Addressing](#)

[Services](#)

[Code Enforcement](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Landfill](#)

[Graffiti Hotline](#)

[Commissions](#)

[Sidewalk Installation](#)

[Repair](#)

[Animal](#)

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[Garbage Pick-Up](#)

[Planning](#)

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[Sidewalk](#)

[Weeds](#)



Generations of Memories Just Waiting to Be Made

When stepping into White Towers Swimming Pool, one cannot help but wonder if they have somehow stepped into their own personal Sandlot community pool. The magic that happens at White Towers is both unique and nostalgic. As a current volunteer, I have often been brought to tears by seeing the joy in parents' faces that come in, and are immediately taken back to when they first learned to swim at the exact same pool they are now sharing with their own children. If you are looking for the kind of memories that can be passed on from generation to generation, then White Towers Pool is just what the doctor ordered.

White Towers has been located at 998 East Larkspur (10400 South) for over 50 years. It's a not-for-profit business managed by volunteers. It's open to the public and daily admission is only \$4.00. If you haven't been to the pool recently, you are in for a real treat. Not only are the waters, sparkling clear and 85°, the whole facility has undergone quite the transformation. Thanks to some hard working and dedicated pool members, we now have beautiful grass everywhere. We have paved in front of the world famous (or at least White City famous) snack bar so no more gritty sand in your toes. The snack bar is stocked with nachos, pretzels, churros, hot dogs, and all the candy treats your hungry swimming heart could desire. This year we are also offering fruit for those who are looking for slightly healthier options in between the pretzels and nachos, of course.

Are you by chance in charge of a birthday, reunion, wedding, or any other type of group gathering this summer? If you are, White Towers would love to help you host your event! For an unbeatable price your group can rent the pool and facility for a private party. You can bring your own food and grills are available. The rates and available dates are listed online at <http://www.whitetowerspool.com>.

Visit our Face book page to check for updates, exciting news, or pool closures. If you think the Internet was the worst invention ever made and just wants to talk to a live person, give us a call at 801-572-DUNK. We promise there will be no hold music or transferring you to another representative, and we would love to give you any information about the pool.

There are only 2 more months of summer left!! Go get your suit, your sun block, and someone you love. We want to be the place where your family's summer memories are made!!

998 E. Larkspur Dr.; Sandy, UT 84094
(801)572-DUNK

Parking in Your Front Yard Salt Lake County Rules and Regulations Where can I park?

My private vehicle...

Private vehicles may be parked in the front yard or street-facing side yard if parked on a hard surface. Otherwise, your private vehicles must be parked behind the front of the home and screened by a 6 foot opaque fence.

My recreational vehicle...

Recreational vehicles may be parked in the front yard or street-facing side yard if parked on a hard surface or 6 inches of compacted gravel. Otherwise, your recreational vehicles must be parked behind the front of the home and screened by a 6 foot opaque fence.

My commercial vehicle...

Only one commercial vehicle (as defined by County ordinance 19.04.551) may be parked on the property. A permit may be obtained from Salt Lake County for one commercial vehicle to be parked on a hard surface driveway in the front yard. If a permit is not obtained, the commercial vehicle must be parked behind the front of the home and screened by a 6 foot opaque fence.

What type of surface can I park on?

Vehicles parked in your front yard must be on a hard surface made of:

- Concrete (including permeable concrete)
- Asphalt (including permeable asphalt)
- Brick
- Pavers
- Stone
- Block

Recreational vehicles can also be parked on:

- 6 inches of weed free compacted gravel

How wide can my driveway be?

A maximum width of 35 feet or 50% of your lot width can be paved, whichever is less. The remainder of your front yard must be landscaped.

Who can I contact?

For questions, contact our office:
Planning & Development Services
2001 S. State Street, #N3600
Salt Lake City, UT 84190
801-468-2000

For more information see Section 19.80.035 in the Salt Lake County Zoning Ordinance.

Go to website below to see an example:

<http://slco.org/pwpds/zoning/pdf/FinalParkingBrochure1.pdf>

Practice Escaping from Every Room in the Home



URGENT PUBLIC NOTICE

Fox News Article

Posted 9:31 pm, **June 18, 2014**, by [Annie Cutler](#)

Sandy residents concerned about emergency response times after home burns

SANDY, Utah — A Sandy home that burned Friday is now a total loss. In the aftermath of the blaze, some residents in the area are saying they are upset over the slow response time from emergency responders.

For the fire that destroyed the Sandy home on 9690 E. Quail Ridge Road, two different fire agencies and two different dispatch centers were involved, and confusion over the exact location of the fire and which dispatch center the calls to 911 were patched to may have played a role.

One neighbor, who wanted only to be identified as Katie, tells FOX 13 News: "If we have an emergency and we're not getting a response it's scary.... Through this fire we've met a lot of our neighbors and a lot of the surrounding residents, and this is not the first time we're finding out that response time is horrible."

According to the Valley Emergency Communications Center and Salt Lake City Dispatch, it was 14 minutes from the time the first calls came in to when the first Unified Fire crews arrived on scene. It took 12 minutes for Sandy firefighters. Some of that time was spent between the two dispatch centers – operating on different platforms – figuring out location and jurisdiction. "It's ridiculous," Katie said. "I mean, when you call 911, it should be done quick."

Another concern from residents is why the closest firefighters were not the ones initially dispatched. Some of the responding crews came from as far as Midvale and the west side of Sandy. Salt Lake County Sheriff Jim Winder spoke about the issue.

"The citizens of this county should be aware that the 911 system and how it is currently being managed is a problem and it doesn't need to be this way," he said.

Another Sandy resident identified as John said, "They need to get on one system for the whole valley or do something where they can pinpoint where you are better."

That's what Winder is pushing for, the entire valley to be on a single computer aided dispatch system. He believes it will solve these response time problems, streamline dispatch communication and efficiency, and save money.

"It's a question of political will, period," Winder said. "The money is there, the technology is there, the opportunity is there. It is simply a matter of getting decision makers to say: 'We're going to do it.'"

An analogy used to describe the two dispatch platforms to FOX 13 News is that one center is running on a PC while the other is on Apple, and the two platforms don't talk to each other very well. Right now there are Band Aids and patches in place to help with this problem, but some think more needs to be done.

Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams has gotten approval from the County Council to allocate \$1.3 million

toward standardizing the technology platform. Click here for a PDF offering more about Mayor McAdams' plan: [Mayor McAdams plan regarding 911 system discrepancies](#)

The White City Township Community Council has been working with the county to get a resolve of this serious issue. Last November Sandy City Council voted to set the stage to leave Valley Emergency Center.

As some of you know the Unified Fire Authority has contracted with Sandy to provide first response fire service to all the Un-incorporated areas in Sandy. Sandy should not have abandoned VECC and gone with Salt Lake City until they could legally meet their obligations under the contract for services with the UFA. This should have been a seamless process rather than an outright dumping of a service. We contend that Sandy does not have the man power or the number of stations and equipment to handle our communities. There have been at least 2 deaths since this move was made.

Letter to UFA below:

September 12, 2013
Roy Tingey, UFA Board Chair
Unified Fire Authority
3380 S. 900 W.
Salt Lake City Utah 84119
(801) 743-7100

Dear Chairman Roy Tingey,
The White City Township Community Council sent a letter asking the county council to intervene in renewal, of the fire contract with Sandy City for fire service to the un-incorporated territories within Sandy City. With the withdrawal of Sandy from VECC it puts our citizens at greater risk by potentially increasing response times. That is not acceptable. By diminishing response times it directly affects ISO Ratings for these areas. The adverse affects include greater risk for loss of lives and increased insurance premiums. One cannot decrease the level of existing services. Since we are being taxed by the UFA we expect to have equal level of service afforded to all un-incorporated communities. We have seen funding of fire stations for Emmigration, Millcreek Big Cottonwood Canyon etc. The excuse for not providing equal service to our community has been our tax base as a stand-alone community is not sufficient to cover us. We do not see any of the aforementioned communities in a stand-alone position either. We have GRAMA'ed the UFA for a copy of the existing contract. We were given a copy of 2010 contract. We have asked for an itemized accounting of the uses of the \$750,000.00 spent on this contract. To date we do not have it. We were told that we would have to ask Sandy City. It has come to our attention the current 2013 cost of the contract is \$845,881. This equates to \$183.09 per house hold. According to the census there are 4620 homes total in White City Township, Granite, Willow Creek, Willow Canyon and Sandy Hills. We need to identify exactly what that first response contract entitles us to. We have attached a packet with excerpts of the Sandy City's budget for fire service. It includes a map of their map of stations with response times. It also on the org chart shows what apparatus are stationed at each station which would serve us. This paints a very bleak picture You can see what the charges of the contract are on the 3rd attachment and a total listing of FTE's on the 4th. The service for Granite is

nearly all in the red zones. If an evaluation were to occur on the FTE's, number of stations including locations, number of apparatus and the service area we are sure that this contract does not meet the standard with which the remaining unincorporated areas are being served. We also understand a new CAD system will be purchased to unify response times. It will take 18 months to train and 24 months to implement. The extended response to Sandy leaving VECC will keep us at risk for the duration of the implementation of the new CAD system. We are in the process of accessing the total amount in taxes which the UFA collects from the 4620 homes. When this contract was put in place in the 80's a fire station on 9400 S.

and approximately 1200 E. was removed. Had it stayed in place we would be in a better position. We also are beseeching the UFA board members to assist us in maintaining the highest level of service which Salt Lake County unincorporated areas and other Townships, enjoy. Thank you for all you have done for us in the past. We are in desperate need of your assistance.

Sincerely,
Paulina Flint
Vice Chair

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