



From left: Joseph Watson Fairbourne and Frederick Neilsen at Fairbourne's blacksmith shop

West Valley City's Traditional Gathering Place

150 years ago, Joseph Fairbourne's weigh station was the first stop for outlying settlers on their way to market their produce. Fairbourne's corner became the birthplace of commerce on the west side of the Salt Lake Valley, a hub in the regional transportation network, and a crossroads for people of diverse nationalities who convened there to market, to worship and to work together to build the community that would become West Valley City.

Fairbourne Station was selected as the name for West Valley's new focal point to honor its history as the community's traditional gathering place, and to honor the legacy of everyday citizens past and present who created the community's legacy of unity, pride and progress.

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