



# Bountiful

❖ CITY NEWSLETTER ❖

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

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## 2009-10 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Bountiful City Council, at their May 12 Council meeting, tentatively adopted a budget of \$55,504,948 for next fiscal year. This 2009-10 tentative budget is down \$5,069,343 from the current year (2008-09) budget. The City's fiscal year begins July 1, and goes to June 30, similar to the fiscal year of the State of Utah and the Davis County School District.

The 2009-10 budget includes no increase in taxes or utility rates, and even with the decreased revenue and expense, is balanced with regard to revenues and expenses as required by state law.

Half of the budget, or \$28,000,000, is budgeted for expenses in the Power Department. There is no increase in electrical rates, and Bountiful's property taxes, electrical rates, water rates, garbage rates and sewer rates will still be the lowest of any city in Davis County, and among the lowest in the state of Utah.

The economic downturn has affected Bountiful, just as it has affected the national and state economies. Local sales tax revenues are down over the current year, as car sales and discretionary purchases have decreased due to citizens becoming more cautious and circumspect in their buying habits. What is not known is how long the economic downturn will persist, and if it will in fact go deeper than the city, state and nation are currently experiencing. The 2009-10 budget is based on the economic recovery not occurring until after the 2009-10 fiscal year, but not deteriorating further.

The Bountiful Mayor and City Council strongly believed, as the budget was being prepared, that the City should live within its means and not attempt to balance the budget on the backs of the taxpayers. As a result, this budget includes no cost of living adjustment and increased cost of medical insurance for City employees. It also includes elimination of both full-time and part-time positions in order to balance the budget.

In spite of these reductions, every effort has been made to maintain Bountiful's high level of service delivered to the taxpayer

in the field. While closure of City Hall on Fridays is probable, the City offices will still be open from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Maintenance of the roads, parks, water lines, and power system will continue so that the City's infrastructure is kept current. The largest single capital project is reconstruction of the City's main power substation, located just under the high voltage lines next to the Great Salt Lake, which serve the entire state of Utah. The \$1.5 million improvement project will increase reliability and redundancy at the substation. The next largest capital project is the reconstruction of 500 South from 200 West to 400 West. This project includes improved storm drainage, construction of handicap ramps at each of the intersections, and the grinding of the current roadway surface and installation of a brand new road surface for all lanes of traffic.



The budget does not include any costs of potential federal legislation being considered by Congress this year. For example, a proposed "cap and trade" program, if it has a carbon tax associated with it, could significantly increase electric rates to our citizens. Should that legislation be approved, electrical rates would have to be increased accordingly. We are hopeful that Congress does not implement a carbon tax, not because we are against environmental improvement, but because the tax is nothing more than a revenue raising mechanism for the Federal Government. Next year's power supply projections show that Bountiful's portion of renewable energy is 38%.

The 2009-10 budget reflects a concerted effort by the City staff and the Mayor and Council to reduce expenses where possible and necessary to achieve a balanced budget without increasing taxes, fees, rates or charges. Our City employees have been partners with us in that effort, and will be taking effective decreases in compensation to meet this goal. The tentative budget adopted by the Council will be up for public hearing on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. A copy of the budget is available at City Hall in the office of the City Recorder, and can also be viewed online at the City's website, [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov).

### City Council and Committee Chairmanship

The Mayor and City Council welcome your input and suggestions

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**JOE JOHNSON**

Finance, Public Safety & Public Relations



Councilwoman

**BETH HOLBROOK**

Planning & Zoning



Councilman

**JOHN M. (MARC) KNIGHT**

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Power



Councilman

**SCOTT MYERS**

Parks and Recreation & Fine Arts



Councilman

**TOM TOLMAN**

Streets & Sanitation and Traffic Safety

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

Saturday,  
August 15, 2009  
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Bountiful High School

### ROTARY COATS FOR KIDS CAR SHOW

It's show time and the Bountiful Rotary Club is gearing up for the 11<sup>th</sup> year of their annual "Coats for Kids" Car Show extravaganza. It will be held Friday evening June 12 starting at 6:00 p.m., along Historic Main Street, and Saturday June 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bountiful City Park.

Proceeds from this event go to clothing children in new and warm winter coats, boots, and mittens. Over 4000 children in our community have been served with funds from this event over the past 10 years. The Rotary Club appreciates the incredible support of the community, Bountiful City, and their generous sponsors who have made this event so successful. Because the food and prizes are donated, when you register your car, purchase food and drinks, or participate in the drawings, games and contests, your dollars go directly to the



children. So come, bring your family for dinner and games and enjoy a wonderful night and/or day together while doing something positive for your community. Remember, it's all about the kids!

The Friday Night Street Party will include a parade of spectacular show cars, and an array of activities for the whole family including food, a climbing wall, music, and the Burt Brothers Tire Burn Out at 7:30 p.m. You won't want to miss it!

On Saturday there will be more good food and activities for the family, the Burt Brother's tire roll challenge and a drawing to win the grand prize of a Polaris ATV donated by Tri-City Performance.

Come, bring the family and enjoy the festivities. Or, if you prefer, just sit under a large shade tree by your "baby" and chill out . . . .

### BOUNTIFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL SUMMER CALENDAR

Join us at the 400 North Park for an evening of great music and entertainment on Friday June 5, 2009, at 6:15 pm. The Air Force



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Mills

Band, *Max Impact*, will entertain all ages with their high energy and wide repertoire of numbers.

The program will also include a flag ceremony, a welcome by Mayor Joe Johnson

and Air Force dignitaries, and a drill team performance. Food will be available for purchase.

Other summer concerts include:

- Friday, June 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm  
Michael Cram, vocalist (Viewmont Grad)
- Friday, July 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm  
Charlie Ezelle-Western Fun Music
- Friday, August 14, 2009 at 7:00pm  
Endless Summer, the Leger Family

For more Summer Concert Series information contact Councilwoman Holbrook at 801-867-5552 or Community Service Council Chairman, Richard Watson at 801-540-3146.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

Bountiful City is sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Fair again! It will be held Saturday, August 15, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bountiful High School, 695 South Orchard Drive. For more information on participating or in general, contact Jon Hadlow at 298-6000 or Celeste Burningham at cburningham@gmail.com.

## PRESERVING A SAFE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

As residents and property owners in Bountiful, we share a responsibility to maintain not only our property, but also the land between our property line and the street, which is the public right-of-way. In most areas, the public right-of-way includes a parkstrip and sidewalk. If there is not a sidewalk, it is measured from the back of the curb to the owners' property line, which is typically 8 to 10 feet wide.

Landowners and occupants of property adjacent to a public street need to keep this area clear of obstacles and debris. Tree branches need to be trimmed to provide a seven-foot high clearance for pedestrian access, even if there is not a sidewalk. Signs, walls, and other items not authorized by Bountiful City are illegal in public rights-of-way. Sidewalks should be kept in good

condition and clear from snow, ice and other obstructions. Please report immediately to the City Engineering department any sidewalk, curb, or parkstrip that is unlevel, dangerous, or otherwise out of repair. (See contact information to the right and at [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov)).

Xeriscaping in parkstrips located within the public right-of-way is also allowed. For more information on xeriscaping requirements, or for other Land Use Ordinances, visit our website at [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov), click on "Departments", then "Planning & Zoning", and scroll down to view the Ordinances by chapter. The City Code may also be viewed online at [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov) under "eServices", City Code 2008.

Thank you for helping us to maintain the "City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens".

## Bountiful City Phone Numbers

Bountiful Ridge	
Golf Course	801.298.6040
City Attorney	801.298.6145
City Cemetery	801.298.6080
City Manager	801.298.6140
City Prosecutor	801.298.6145
Engineering	801.298.6125
Landfill	801.298.6169
Light & Power	801-298.6072
Mayor &	
City Council	801.298.6146
Parks	801.298.6178
Planning & Zoning	801.298.6190
Police	
(non emergency)	801.298.6000
Streets/Sanitation	801.298.6175
Utilities	801.298.6100

## FORE!

With the winter weather behind us (hopefully) and the spring season just around the corner, the Bountiful Ridge Golf Course is again getting back into *full swing!* Along with our daily play, we are looking forward to another exciting and fun-filled season of golfing activities offered through our men's and women's golf associations as well as our junior golf programs. These programs provide many great playing opportunities for golfers of all abilities. For those of you in need of a spring *tune-up* on your golf swing, you can con-



tact the golf shop for lesson appointments and details about our instructional programs.

Again rated as one of Utah's top courses to play, and nationally as a *best value* golf facility, Bountiful Ridge Golf Course is also an excellent venue for corporate and group tournament outings. For more information about our programs, association activities, and tournament information you can contact the Bountiful Ridge golf shop at 801.298.6040. We are looking forward to another great golfing season. See you at the golf course!

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG IN BOUNTIFUL!

Have you ever wondered how Bountiful City's gardens grow? All those beautiful plants and flowers are grown in two greenhouses owned and operated by Bountiful City (see front page photo)!

The whole process begins in the fall when tender plants are dug, divided and stored or nurtured through winter. In December, seeding begins for the annual flowers. Seeding and transplanting is usually completed for all 70,000 plants during April, and most flowers are ready to be transplanted outside during

May.

It usually takes three to four weeks to get all 96 flower beds throughout the city planted, following designs that are put together in the fall. It's no wonder Bountiful is known as the City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens!



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## QUICK TIPS AND CONNECTIONS

- U of U Summer Youth Education (ages 4-16) See our website at [www.continue.utah.edu/youth](http://www.continue.utah.edu/youth) or call 801-581-6984 for more information.
- May is National Foster Care Month. For more information, call 1.877.392.1114, email [dan.webster@utahfostercare.org](mailto:dan.webster@utahfostercare.org), or visit us at [www.utahfostercare.org](http://www.utahfostercare.org).
- Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program available. To find out more, call 801-625-3777 or 1-800-209-2503.
- Davis County Head Start Program Registration has begun for the 2009-2010 school year. Call the Family Enrichment Center at 801-402-0650 for more info or to schedule an appointment.

## South Davis Recreation Center

Check out our website or call us for updated information on activities, events, hours of operation, classes and facility closures! We are also hiring help for the summer! For more information, visit [www.southdavisrecreation.com](http://www.southdavisrecreation.com) or call 801-298-6220.

### GOLDEN YEARS SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

For information on any of our many activities, or for a complete calendar of events, call us at 801-295-3479, come in (726 South 100 East, Bountiful) or easier still, visit our website at [www.co.davis.ut.us](http://www.co.davis.ut.us) and click on Aging Services and then Senior Centers.

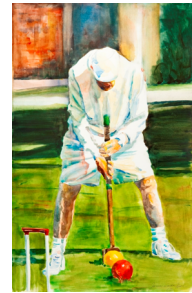
If you would like to submit a photo of beautiful Bountiful for possible publication, please email it to [sandrus@bountifulutah.gov](mailto:sandrus@bountifulutah.gov) along with your name and the location of the picture.

### BOUNTIFUL DAVIS ART CENTER

Join us for these great summer events:

- Registration begins May 1st for *summer kids' classes*
- *Summer exhibits* include: Utah Watercolor Society May 8–June 19; Handcart Days July 1 – 25; Lester Lee and Fidalis Buehler July 31 – August 28
- *Summerfest* activities on August 5-9 – *volunteers and host families needed!*
- Every third Monday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. is *Family Encounters of the Art Kind*

For more information about these or other programs and events, contact the Bountiful/Davis Art Center at 801-292-0367, or visit us online at [www.bdac.org](http://www.bdac.org).



"Croquet Straight Shot"  
by Janice Walker Hall

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### KEEP COOL IN THE SUMMER WITH THESE A/C TIPS

Summer is just around the corner! Now is the time to make sure your air conditioner is ready to handle those hot summer days. Here is a checklist of things to help improve its efficiency:

- Clean or replace the air filter monthly. A clean air filter can reduce energy consumption from 5% to 15%.
- Keep the area around your air conditioner clear. When you mow your lawn, avoid blowing any grass trimmings toward your air conditioner.
- Occasionally rinse your outdoor air conditioning unit by gently running a stream of water over the fan blades to rinse off dirt and other sediments.
- Locate your outdoor air conditioner unit in a shaded place if possible, since air in a shaded space is typically 5 or 6 degrees cooler than unshaded air.

- Insulate all ductwork, especially in the attic. You don't want to be cooling your attic space!
- Keep room vents uncovered by beds, furniture, and other objects.
- Inspect the weather-stripping around your doors and windows and replace as needed.
- Keep windows, doors, and fireplace dampers completely closed to keep cooled air inside.
- Direct the cool air to upper floors by closing basement vents and doors.
- Do your laundry and use your oven in the early morning or late evening; this will keep your home cooler during the day when the outdoor temperature is typically at its warmest.

Don't wait until it is scorching outside! Preparing your air conditioner and home for summer will help you stay cooler and reduce energy costs!

### BOUNTIFUL HANDCART DAYS

The Bountiful Handcart Days theme for 2009 is "*Pioneers for Freedom, Courage & Sacrifice*". Events include:

- June 19 & 20 – entries accepted for Arts & Crafts exhibit
- July 1-25 – Arts & Crafts exhibit at BDAC (see information above)



- July 23 – 6:00 Grand Parade on Main Street; Fireworks at Mueller Park JH at dusk
- July 23 & 24 – activities at Bountiful City Park

Visit [www.handcartdays.org](http://www.handcartdays.org) for more information