



Bountiful

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The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

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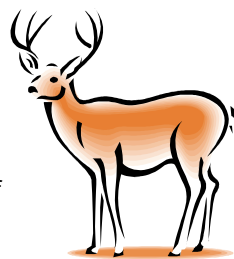
Special points of interest:

- Bar J Wranglers Coming to Bountiful
- Update on Lakeview Hospital
- Holiday lighting safety
- How to become a foster grandparent or senior companion
- No parking on the streets in Bountiful between November 1 and March 1

Deer (in) Bountiful – We Have a Problem!

Over the past several years we have had an increasing number of complaints regarding the presence, and problems, associated with an increasing population of mule deer within the Bountiful City limits. Where the problem was once isolated to the foothills, streambeds, and canyons in Bountiful associated with deer migration, the current population of mule deer is made up largely of “urban deer”, who do not migrate, and who live in the backyards and open spaces found in the city. Without natural predators and without the ability to manage the deer population through the annual deer hunt (the discharge of all firearms—guns or bows and arrows—is prohibited within the city limits), the urban deer population has increased significantly. In addition to complaints from citizens regarding the deer destroying their plants, flowers and trees, chasing their dogs, and depositing deer droppings on their lawn, we have had an increase in the number of deer that our police department has had to “put down” because they have been hit by cars, impaled themselves on fences, or chased by packs of dogs

This problem is not confined to Bountiful—the problem exists in many cities along the Wasatch Front, and in municipalities throughout the northern United States and Canada. To address this problem, city officials have been meeting with the Utah State Division of Wildlife Resources, which has jurisdiction over the deer population in Utah, to review alternative solutions to the current situation and formulate a plan to present to the public for review and comment. Among the alternatives reviewed are the following:



No Action. This option, while the most economical to the city and the Division, will result in deer numbers continuing to increase, along with citizen complaints. The only alternative for citizens would be to fence their properties and plant vegetation that deer would not eat.

Trap and Relocate. While this option may be the one residents prefer as a “non-lethal” alternative, studies have shown that as many as 80% of the animals trapped and relocated either immediately succumb to stress from being handled and die or cannot adapt to their new environment, dying within the first year. The costs associated with this alternative can exceed \$600 per animal.

Fertility Control. This option is still in the research stages and is not open to wide spread use. Capturing and physically sterilizing deer is costly and difficult.

Urban Archery Harvest. This option establishes management zones, or areas, within the city to accommodate limited sport harvest using archers. The archers would follow strict guidelines, and have to be trained by the Division. The hunt would take place during the normal deer season (August to November).

Sharpshooter. This option involves the use of sharpshooters with highly specialized equipment, and is more cost effective than trapping and relocating. Costs are approximately \$200 per deer. Shooting areas must be well-defined and cleared to minimize safety and public relations issues.

Management Agreement. This option allows the Division to grant authority to the City to remove nuisance deer within city limits. The city would have to establish a program and become in-

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City Council and Committee Chairmanship

The Mayor and City Council welcome your input and suggestions

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Santa Claus (and others) is Comin' to Town

Several Holiday events are happening in Bountiful City to get you into the holiday spirit.

To kick off the season, on **Wednesday, December 2**, Bountiful welcomes the Bar J Wranglers from Jackson Hole, WY for a Christmas concert at Woods Cross High School at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and the concert is sponsored by Bountiful Community Service Council, *The Clipper*, Rockin' E Country Store, Fresh Markets (formerly Albertson's) and the Cottontree Inn. Tickets can be purchased at Bountiful City Hall, *The Clipper* offices, Rockin' E Country Store or Woods Cross High School.

On **Friday, December 4th** at 6:00 pm is the annual Main Street Christmas Light Parade from 400 South to 400 North! Following the parade you are invited to listen to the award-winning Bountiful High Chamber Choir perform Christmas music at 6:45 p.m. at

the South Davis Recreation Center and visit with Santa until 8:00 p.m. The annual Jingle Bell 5k walk/run to benefit Juvenile Diabetes will also be part of the parade. If you are interested in participating, visit jb5k.org.



On **Saturday, December 5th** join Santa for Breakfast from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. at the Wight House on Main Street in Bountiful. This event is sponsored by The Family Connection Center and the funds are used to help families in need within our community. Cost

is \$15 for adults, \$13 for ages 60+, and \$10 for children ages 2 to 12 before November 25th. After November 25th the cost is \$18 for adults, \$15 for ages 60+ and \$12 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the Wight House or the Family Connection Center. For more information on Breakfast with Santa, contact Danielle at 801.773.0712

Holiday Lighting Tips from Bountiful City Power

To ensure a safe and happy holiday season, Bountiful City Power would like to share the following information:

- Always check for overhead power lines before stringing outdoor lights and stay at least 10 feet away from them. Any contact with power lines can be FATAL!
- If decorating outside, use lights and extension cords designed for outdoor use.
- Use only lighting and cords approved by the Underwriters Laboratories (UL), an independent, nonprofit organization that tests electrical components and equipment for potential hazards.
- When hanging lights, make sure that nails and staples do not pierce or pinch wires.



- Check all indoor and outdoor decorative lighting for frayed cords, broken wires and loose connections. Discard damaged lights and cords.
- Follow the manufacturer's specification for the number of light strings that can be safely connected together.
- Turn off indoor and outdoor decorative lights when leaving the house and before going to bed.
- Consider using LED holiday lighting – they are shatter- and shock-resistant, last much longer than conventional incandescent bulbs, produce almost no heat greatly reducing the risk of fire and/or burns, and use much less electricity than conventional incandescent bulbs so are less likely to overload a circuit.

Lakeview Hospital

You may have noticed some exterior upgrades to Lakeview Hospital, but we all know it's what's on the inside that counts. In a recent employee engagement survey administered by an independent agency to employees of roughly 170 healthcare facilities across the United States, Lakeview Hospital ranked as number 1 in the country. That's right—the top hospital in the United States! Question topics focused on workload, employee voice in the facility,

communication, and leadership. What does this mean to you as a citizen of Bountiful? It means that if and when you need healthcare, the employees at Lakeview Hospital are engaged and passionate about their jobs—ultimately leading to better care for you or your loved one. Healthcare is something we all need from time to time; isn't it great to know we have such a wonderful facility right here in Bountiful?

Deer Problem (con't from page 1)

involved in taking out the deer.

Obviously, a combination of all or some of the above options could be implemented. However, in addition to the technical issues, there are other considerations. Many residents like the deer, feel that this is "their" habitat and that humans are encroaching, and may even feed them. Citizen safety is critical. The program's cost and sustainability are essential considerations. All of these factors must be taken

into consideration.

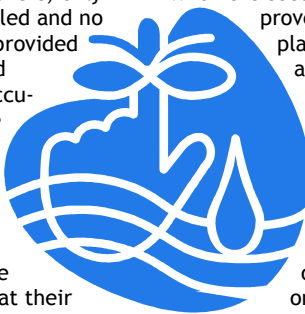
In order to assess citizen perceptions and feelings, we are enclosing a brief survey that we are asking citizens to fill out and return with their utility bills. We are also scheduling a public meeting and open house to review the above alternatives at our January 12th city council meeting. We look forward to hearing from you on our "deer" problem.

Utility Reminders for Citizens

As winter approaches, we remind all water customers to check their **plumbing systems** to be sure they are in good repair. Because the City does not read meters during the winter months, only standard minimum consumption is billed and no actual consumption checkpoints are provided by the bill. Consequently, unobserved water system leaks can potentially accumulate significant water use over the winter resulting in a high water bill in the spring. Take a few minutes occasionally to check toilets and other plumbing for running water sounds or unexplained water running down a drain. Customers who irrigate with metered water should ensure that their sprinkler system has been properly shut off and winterized to prevent freeze-ups and leaks.

To avoid cross connections with non-

potable water sources, those with secondary water ("Weber Water") should not switch to the City's potable water system for lawn sprinkling when the secondary system is off without approved backflow prevention measures in place. Contact the Water Department at 801.298.6180 for more information.



Holiday garbage pick-up will be as follows: if your garbage day falls on or is the day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Years Day, your garbage day will be delayed by one day. All other holiday garbage is picked up on your normal garbage day. Christmas tree pick up will be January 4-15.

Please place the tree on the park strip on your garbage day for it to be picked up.

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Get Involved – Be Active!

- **Foster Grandparent** program provides role models, mentors, friends and one-on-one tutoring and guidance for children at a critical time in their lives.
- **Senior Companion Program:** Healthy adults over the age of 55 years help other adults live independently by assisting with daily tasks and providing encouragement to remain active. To find out more

about either of the above programs, call 801-625-3777 or 1-800-209-2503.

- **U of U Continuing Education** Winter Term begins January 11, 2010. Bountiful Campus class offerings include: Yoga, Ball/Core Cardio and others. Visit continue.utah.edu/sites/btfl.php or call 801-581-8821 for information.

Bountiful Police Department Receives Donation

In memory of their son, Dion, Jim & Geri Stephenson recently made a cash donation to the Bountiful Police Department to fund programs such as PROS (Police Reaching Out to Students). Mrs. Stephenson said, "As a community, our children are our most important resource. The investments we make in them while they are young will be realized for many years to come." Bountiful City is grateful for the donation and the generosity of the Stephenson family.



L-R: Joe Surace, Dick Wheelock, Detective Scott Gilbert, Jim & Geri Stephenson, Police Chief Tom Ross, Frank & Audry McCombs

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	801.298.6142
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



FIRST AID KITS

Citizen Kit—\$39.95
 Police Car Kit—\$62.95
 Family Group Kit—
 \$99.95
 Prices good until
 12/20/09

 Kits are available at
 SDMF Station # 81



255 South 100 West
 Bountiful
 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Monday through
 Thursday
 801.677.2400

*“It is unlawful . . . to
 be parked . . . on any
 street between the
 hours of 2:00 a.m. and
 6:00 a.m. during the
 months of November,
 December, January,
 February, and March.”*

South Davis Recreation Center

Check out our website or call us for updated information on activities, events, classes and facility closures! Visit www.southdavisrecreation.com or call (801)298-6220. Upcoming events:

- Thanksgiving Day 5k and Kidsk
- SWIM/SKATE with SANTA
- Christmas Extravaganza Ice Show
- Adult Swim Meet 11/13 & 14
- Swimming Lessons starting in November and December for ages 18 months through adult - register online or in person

- Specialty Aquatics Fitness Classes(Arthritis)
- Life Guard Training starts Dec. 2 (must be age 15 by Dec. 18 – register online or in person)

Golden Years Senior Activity Center

For information on any of our many activities, or for a complete calendar of events, call us at 295-3479, come in (726 South 100 East, Bountiful) or easier still, visit our website at 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 along with your name and the location of the picture.

Bountiful Davis Arts Center

Join us for “Family Encounters of the Art Kind” every third Monday of the month. Families can enjoy working together on an art project and learning about the current exhibit in the galleries. Other winter events include:

Annual Holiday Show and Sale
 November 20 - December 23, 2009
Illustration Utah!
 January 15-February 16, 2010

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



He knows . . .
 By Robert McKay

Winter Parking in Bountiful

It's that time of year again when the city's winter parking ordinance goes into effect. In an effort to help our street department continue doing such an excellent job clearing the snow from the roadways, we are asking for your cooperation in not parking your vehicles on the street when prohibited as outlined below.



Bountiful City Parking Ordinance 13-1-103 states:

“It is unlawful for any person who owns or has possession, custody, or control of any vehicle to park or allow to be parked any vehicle or trailer on any street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of November, December, January, February, and March.”

The ordinance also prohibits parking vehicles on the street when it is actually snowing, or within twelve hours thereafter. This prohibition does not include Main Street between 500 South and 400 North.

This ordinance assists the street department in keeping the streets plowed during the winter months. It is difficult for the snowplows to keep the streets free of snow if they have to maneuver around vehicles parked on the street. Bountiful also has many residential streets and cul-de-sacs that are impossible to plow if there are vehicles parked on them.

The police department will enforce this ordinance as we have for the past several years. Officers will be putting warnings on vehicles left parked on the street for the first two weeks of November. After that, officers will begin issuing parking citations on all vehicles that are left on the street in violation of this ordinance. After the same vehicle has been issued two parking citations, that vehicle will be impounded at the owner's expense. This includes all cars, trailers, boats, etc.

The police department does not want to issue parking citations or impound vehicles, but we will do so to assist the street department in keeping the streets clear of snow and safe for our community. Please help us by keeping your vehicles off the street when prohibited.

It is also prohibited to shovel or blow snow onto the streets when clearing it from your driveway or sidewalk.

