



# BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

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## City Honor Six Properties With Beautification Plaques

In conjunction with the city's motto ("City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens"), the Bountiful City Council has honored a local business and five residents as recipients in the annual Beautification Awards Program.

Mayor Bob Linnell made the presentation in early November, praising the winners for "going the extra mile to beautify their premises."

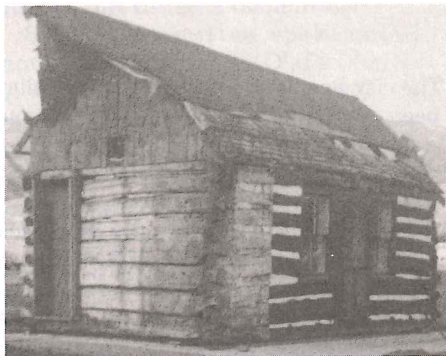
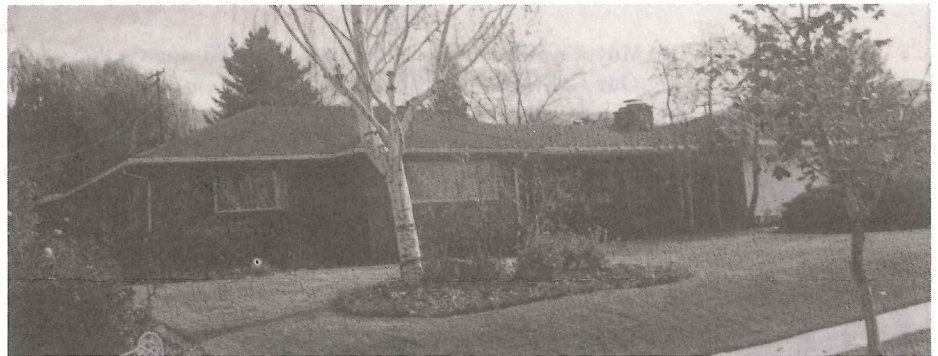
Receiving plaques for business beautification achievement were Mike Hatch and Dave Manning, managers of the newly-relocated Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant at 500 West 500 South.

Awards for residential beautification were received by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Christensen (1627 South 400 East); Mrs. and Mrs. Bernell Coons (365 East 1500 South); Mr. and Mrs. Mark Green (1248 East Briggs Drive); Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith (95 South 800 East); and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hill (265 West 1000 North).

The annual awards program was started several years ago by former City Planner Jon Reed Boothe who retired earlier this year. Mr. Boothe served as judge of this year's contest.



*Beautification Awards were awarded for six different properties including the KFC Restaurant (above) and the residence of Ted and Wilma Smith.*



*An original pioneer cabin is now on display at Bountiful City Park. The cabin was relocated for construction of a parking lot at South Davis Community Hospital.*

## A Piece of City's Pioneer History Is Saved For View By Future Generations

The Willey Cabin—one of Bountiful's oldest existing pioneer structures—has found a new home in Bountiful City Park due to preservation efforts by local citizens.

The cabin is believed to have been built by Jeremiah Willey in 1854. It was home to several families before being purchased by Grant Neath who battled to save the cabin from damage during the flash floods of 1983. At the time he bought the cabin, it was unchanged in its original structure except for electrical wiring. Neath later removed an attached shed and added an open-ceiling den for his many pioneer artifacts.

This summer the cabin was moved from its original site north of 500 South and east of 400 East to the city park where it will be restored to its original condition.

## City Expenditures Lower Than State City Average

General operating expenses in Bountiful City government remain lower than the state average, according to figures released this year by the non-profit Utah Foundation.

Based on the 1991-92 budget year, Bountiful's per capita expenditures were \$235 compared with a \$329 average for the state's 45 largest communities. The highest per capita expenditure was in Park City (\$5,689 per person) due to services provided to visitors and tourists. (For this reason, resort cities with relatively small "permanent" populations are allowed by law to impose a special resort sales tax.)

An example of per-capita expenditures in selected Utah cities.

City	Per Capita	Population
Salt Lake	\$546	160,000
Murray	406	31,300
St. George	352	28,502
Logan	333	32,800
North Salt Lake	273	6,500
Orem	263	67,600
Roy	244	24,600
Bountiful	235	36,700
Centerville	229	11,500
Sandy	216	75,000



## Newly Purchased Aerial Ladder Truck Increases Firefighting Capability

Bountiful City Fire Department's new aerial ladder truck offers firefighters a first-class device with a "pay-off" in the saving of lives.

The ladder, reaching out 100 feet from the ground, is designed so the truck can remain far from a burning building and still hover over the fire of multi-story structures. When the former aerial truck was in use, firemen were "trapped" high in the air with no ladder for escape. The truck also has the capacity to pump 1,000 gallons per minute from each of two nozzles attached at the end of the ladder.

The \$500,000 truck was partially funded through a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant. The remaining \$300,000 was funded by the city.

## Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Bob Linnell

Greetings from the Mayor's office. There are three items I'll update you on in this newsletter.



Our City Manager, Tom Hardy, was recently selected by the Utah League of Cities and Towns as THE OUTSTANDING APPOINTED OFFICIAL FOR 1992. I think that is quite an honor when you realize there are 239 communities in the state and thousands of appointed officials. The ULCT summed it up best when they made the presentation: "Tom is considered a financial wizard by many. He is credited with the fiscal success of his community. His skills are valued by his peers statewide, and his easy-going nature makes him a very popular manager." Congratulations, Tom!! We're glad we have you.

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A new U.S. Postmaster was appointed in July, and he put a freeze on all pending projects. We were caught up in that, so it has delayed us some. The local postal officials are being extremely cooperative and accommodating thus far. We still anticipate closing the whole deal before the end of this year. We are excited to be getting a new post office and feel confident the citizens will be happy with the end results.

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There have been several petitions for annexation to Bountiful the last year or so. The city has been consistent in its policy over the years of neither encouraging or discouraging annexation. We have recently been presented with a petition by some county residents south of 3400 South and west of Orchard Drive. Some of that area is beyond our present policy declaration for annexation. North Salt Lake is understandably concerned that we may be creating a peninsula into their present boundaries.

In the spirit of cooperation, we held a joint meeting with the elected officials of both communities and mutually concluded that Bountiful would not annex beyond 3400 South west of Orchard Drive. That means those residents south of 3400 South may continue to live in the unincorporated area of the county; or if they elect to incorporate, it will be into North Salt Lake. We felt this was in the best interest of both communities in an effort to "square up" the boundaries as much as possible. We also felt this would provide the most efficient and economical emergency services to all concerned, as well as ongoing city services.

# City To Improve Trails In Mountain Area To Enhance Recreation Pursuits

BY TOM HARDY  
CITY MANAGER

Recently the Bountiful City Council discussed access to the mountain areas east of Bountiful and what role, if any, the City of Bountiful should play in utilizing the mountains for recreation, open space, and watershed protection.

Not many people know that Bountiful owns over six square miles of mountainous area, some of which extends to the Morgan/Davis County line. These landholdings are interspersed with Forest Service land and, in a few instances, private land. The City of Bountiful has acquired by donation over 660 acres of land in the past two years for open space and watershed protection.

With urban development filling in more of the Wasatch Front, people are increasingly turning to the mountains to refresh and recreate. Mountain biking has exploded in popularity, and many residents and non-residents use the trail between Mueller Park and North Canyon, most of which is on Forest Service land. The City Council recently considered three alternative proposals

for mountainside development:

- Discouraging access to preserve the watershed;
- Doing nothing, and letting people use the facilities and trails currently in existence;
- Encouraging use of the mountainside by improving access and

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building new trails and facilities.

While the Council was very sensitive to the need to preserve the natural environment, it unanimously felt that improving trails and access would be the most responsible course of action. Consequently, it directed the city staff to draw up a trails master plan for all of the areas east of Bountiful Boulevard, and develop a trail system that would eventually connect to the Great Western Trail being developed by the Forest Service (which follows the Morgan/Davis County line at the

mountain summit). The Council also wanted to provide access to the mountainsides for hikers, horseback riders, and non-motorized vehicles (mountain bikes), prohibiting access by all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles due to erosion and noise problems.

The City of Bountiful has applied for and received a trails grant from the state in the amount of \$15,000 (to be matched by \$15,000 of local money), to begin improving a trail up Holbrook Canyon from Bountiful Boulevard that would eventually cross Sessions Mountain and go down into Mueller Park along the existing Kenney Creek trail. This will be the first step in developing a trail system that hikers, horsemen, and mountain bikers will be able to utilize in the future to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the mountains east of Bountiful.

Developed in the proper manner, these trails will allow a large number of people to use the mountainous areas without adversely affecting the watershed and the environment. It is an exciting project, and one which will allow for the large-scale use of volunteers in the trail development and construction process.

## Birthday 'Gifts' Foster Beautification To Honor City's 100 Years Of Incorporation

Hundreds of Bountiful residents have been holding "birthday parties" to celebrate the city's Centennial, volunteering their time to "give something back to Bountiful."

A major emphasis has been in community clean-up, while other groups have contributed time and talent through stage productions and musical programs. Most projects have been coordinated through the Bountiful Birthday Gift Citizens Committee.

Said a committee spokesman, "Landscaping around St. Olaf's Church and school, several projects on 1800 South, and neighborhood projects throughout all areas have united the residents. It's been fantastic to see what can be done when neighborhoods get together for improvements or fundraising projects."

One "gift" still in the completion stage is the upper 1800 South project where a sidewalk on the north side of the street is being widened for the safety of students walking to and from Mueller Park Junior High. A keystone

retention wall is also being constructed."

According to the committee, "Residents are leaving a legacy to be followed by others. Neighbors have shown what can be done when neighbors of all faiths band together to

improve and beautify their city."

The Bountiful City Council has appropriated \$20,000 to aid in clean-up and safety-oriented projects.

To all Bountiful residents who helped in these community projects:

Thank You!



*The 1800 South project will result in beautification and safety through a needed sidewalk and natural keystone retaining wall.*

# Crime Rate Decreases In One-Year Period, But Challenges Remain, According To Bountiful Police Chief

Bountiful Police officers are receiving more calls for assistance, but major crime reported in the city has not increased and is about the same as it was five years ago.

"While statistics in a certain category may vary dramatically in any given year, the total crime level shows that Bountiful is a relatively safe community for residents and visitors," says Chief Larry Higgins, now in his 14th year at the post. "The challenge for the future is to serve the public with a lean staff and coordinate with other agencies as problems develop elsewhere and spill over into Bountiful."

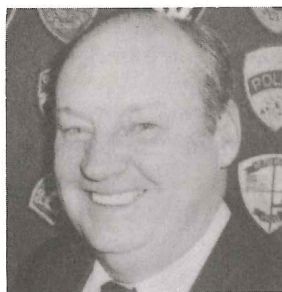
The annual crime report for 1987-91 shows few dramatic changes in major crime categories. *Major crime, in fact, actually decreased 2.1% between 1990-91, while similar crimes increased nearly 7% statewide and more than 9% nationally.* Major crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, arson, vehicle thefts and other larceny/thefts.

Among highlights of the crime report:

- Burglaries—both business and residential—have shown the largest decrease, down 20% over 1990. The city reported 134 burglaries last year, more than 100 less than five years ago.

- Automobile-related thefts and assaults were similar to those reported in 1990, but have generally increased over a five-year period. Hit and run accidents increased substantially over the past five years.

- Two areas often linked to the economy—fraud/bad checks and domestic problems—showed steady increases. Vandalism also increased. But the number of traffic stops dropped by about 10% between 1990 and 1991, and the percentage of total arrests related to alcohol were at a five-year low for both adults and juveniles.



- The number of drug cases investigated decreased from 1990 to 1991, although the number has more than doubled since 1987.

- The 911 emergency number received 6,461 calls in 1991, about 18% involving medical emergencies. Total requests for police service (17,843) hit a new high.

- Stolen property in 1991 was valued at \$663,327, about \$150,000 less than in the previous year. *Police recovered almost \$300,000, 45% of the total theft amount. Automobile theft accounted for more than half (52%) of the stolen dollar amount.*

For Chief Higgins, much has changed since he entered law enforcement 32 years ago.

"Drugs weren't even an issue back then," he says, "and police training was totally different. In my early days, you'd hire an officer in the afternoon and he'd be on duty by the evening. Today, however, our officers are trained and educated. They have to be prepared to handle issues which reflect the stress in our society.

"I'm very proud of our Bountiful officers. Their professionalism and community relations orientation are components in the investigation of crime and the protection of citizens."



## What Residents Can Do To Decrease Burglaries, Thefts

According to Chief Higgins, citizens can take the following precautions to decrease the chance of being burglarized:

- Leave the porch light on during the evenings. Close garage doors.

- When on vacation, residents should ask neighbors to check their home and report any suspicious activity. Vacationers are also encouraged to alert police so that officers can patrol the neighborhood.

- During the holiday shopping season, don't leave packages in your car in plain view, and secure the doors and windows.

- When on vacation ask neighbors to shovel walks, pick up newspapers, handbills, etc. Keep your house looking lived in.

- Communicate with your neighbors and encourage them to report suspicious activity immediately to the Police.

- Increase security measures such as dead bolt locks, lights on timers, and exterior lighting to make your property a less appealing target to the thief.

- Keep shrubbery trimmed below the windows. Don't provide camouflage for an intruder.

