



BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

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City Law Enforcement Keeps Step With Challenges, Says New Police Chief

Bountiful's new police chief says that, while the city is not isolated from outside pressures and criminal activity, his 50-member staff is confident that the department's pro-active approach will continue to make the area's neighborhoods among the safest in Utah.



Chief Paul Rapp

"We are not naive to think that we operate in a vacuum," says newly-appointed Chief Paul Rapp. "We have seen national and regional trends and we have reacted to them. In the early 1980's, for instance, we saw an increase in narcotics traffic in the county, so we responded by becoming actively involved in the Davis Metro Narcotics Task Force. Similarly, in the late 1980's and early 1990's, gang-related crime increased, so we assigned two of our officers to specialize in that area and interface with neighboring counties. One hears a lot today about community relations, and our department has traditionally emphasized it, even assigning officers to work full-time on school campuses.

"Our staff members are certainly aware of the challenges, but we're also confident that we can make a difference and become part of the solution."

The city's crime pattern, he says, has been fairly consistent with that of large suburban areas. Increasing traffic, however, presents special challenges, notably at major intersections where congestion became so heavy that the State of Utah finally approved the installation of left-turn signals.

Born and raised in Bountiful, Rapp remembers when traffic was much less of a problem. A graduate of Viewmont High, he has served nearly 15 years with the Bountiful Police Department including stints in a variety of positions—detective, patrolman, narcotics officer and administrator. Aside from his obvious knowledge of the city and its department, he also has an appreciation of law enforcement in general.

"Our job is to serve the public, clear and simple," he says. "The Chief of Police must be a leader able to focus on goals rather than get bogged down in personalities. My philosophy is to assign employees a goal and then show them a process by which they can achieve it. Any success I have can only come through the individual success of the staff members.

"They work hard—and they deserve my respect."



FRIDAY JULY 21 FIREWORKS

You are invited to join the estimated 10,000 residents who annually attend the free city-sponsored fireworks display in conjunction with the July 24 Handcart Days celebration. The fireworks will begin at dusk on Friday, July 21 east of Mueller Park Junior High School.

Purchased for approximately \$10,000, the fireworks are manufactured in the United States since the American-made product typically produces more vibrant color, according to City Recreation Director Neal Jenkins.

City Hall Foyer Is Historical Mini-Museum

While City Hall is a relatively modern structure, it is home to Bountiful history, and residents are invited to stop by and take a look.

The foyer at the west entrance contains the Bountiful City seal (donated in 1961 by the sons of former Bountiful Mayor and Utah Governor Charles R. Mabey). Hanging aside the seal are portraits of the city's mayors along with a portrait and short biography of Perrigrine Sessions, the city's first settler.

Below the seal is the latest addition, a plaque containing a classic replica of the Letter of Incorporation (1892), together with the names of the 152 signers of the Petition for Incorporation.

Other items on display: a framed map of Bountiful prepared from the 1900 Census by Florence Tuttle Foy, nine paintings donated by local artists in the Council Chambers, and a collection of Centennial Mementoes—all gifts from the Bountiful Area Centennial Committee.

Election Filing Deadline: Aug. 22

Residents wishing to file for election to the City Council must submit an application by Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1995. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter and have lived in Bountiful City since at least Nov. 7, 1994 (a full 12 months prior to the 1995 election). Filing fee is \$25.

Three four-year terms on the City Council will be filled by Bountiful voters. The seats are currently held by Harold Shafter, Barbara Holt and Bill Moore.

For more information, contact the City Recorder (298-6115).



The \$915,000 reconstruction of Main Street from 500 South to 1500 South is due to be completed by August. After years of continual repaving, the street developed a high crown, and city officials decided it was cost-effective to remove the asphalt and reconstruct the road with concrete rather than repaving it on a regular basis. (City Engineer Jack Balling estimates the "life" of concrete roadways is three to four times that of asphalt paving.)

Among the some nine miles of other resurfacing projects is Mill Street south of Bountiful High and 900 North from Main Street to Orchard Drive.

Downtown Obelisk A Salute To Bountiful Settlers & Culture

An historic monument—a 15-foot black obelisk near the new U.S. Post Office at Main Street and Center Street—brings to fruition the idea conceived by the Bountiful Area Centennial Committee as a fitting memorial to the second settlement in the Utah Territory.

On the four-sided obelisk are engravings of drawings by local artists Goff Dowding and RoseAnn Peterson which depict scenes from Bountiful's past. These include the city's first settler, Perrigrine Sessions, with his dugout and wagon; early settler and educator Hannah Holbrook's "wick-i-up" schoolhouse; orchards and gardens; and early culture in the community.

Dedicated June 17, the monument was funded by private contributions collected under the guidance of Robert T. Dewey. Final production of the monument was under the direction of Bountiful Area Centennial Committee members Richard S. Lemon, Colleen Parker, Dora Flack, and Rae Donna Jones, City Councilmember Sam Fowler, and Roger Bott of Bountiful Monument Co.

As part of an attractive circular plaza and fountain, the monument can be viewed by visitors from benches located within the area. The plaza matches the surrounding sidewalks and decorative paving along Main Street, and this same motif leads to the entrance of the post office, giving a look of unity in design to the entire corner. Special lighting has been installed to better highlight the monument and fountain, allowing evening passersby to enjoy the corner from a distance.

The fountain design was created by landscape architect John Maas of Allred, Soffe, Wilkinson and Nichols, and the contractors were Weyher Brothers Company. Under the direction of RDA Director Blaine Gehring, the plaza has developed into a unique and pleasant focal point adding to the new postal facility and is sure to give pleasure to all who come "downtown".

It is hoped that as viewers are enjoying the cool, bubbling fountain and the black granite obelisk they will be learning more of Bountiful's history and feel the strength of its pioneers.

Mayor John Cushing, who has been a strong supporter, praises the project and those who have made it possible.

City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.



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Safety & Public
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Parks, Recreation
and Fine Arts



Councilwoman
Barbara Holt
—
Planning &
Zoning

Councilman
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Bill Moore
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Ann Wilcox
—
Streets &
Sanitation



Mayor's Corner

By John Cushing

Volunteers Contribute Greatly To Our Community's Quality Of Life And Safety



If Webster defines "service" as an act of contributing to the welfare of others and "volunteerism" as the principle of doing something by relying on voluntary actions, then there should be a note referring to Bountiful citizens because they epitomize the positive meaning of the two words.

For instance, you may have read that our crime rate was the lowest for any comparably-sized city in Utah. We pay tribute to the Police Department for their excellent efforts, but the real credit must be given to the quality residents and the standards which they maintain. This, along with the spirit of community and public service, has given us the quality of life we enjoy.

We would like to take our hats off and wholeheartedly express appreciation to the unselfish volunteers who, year in and year out, make such an incredible difference. A few groups and individuals that come to mind—but by no means all that make positive contributions—are our Centennial Committee and its subcommittees, youth athletic leaders, service clubs, church groups, the City Youth Council, ham radio operators, appointed volunteers serving on boards and commissions, neighborhood groups, scouting leaders, volunteer firemen, PTA volunteers, Jeep Posse, and those involved in recycling and preserving/improving our environment.

Of particular note, over 40 members of our community recently completed a seven-week course to become proficient as neighborhood disaster coordinators. They were trained in the areas of fire suppression, utility control, light medical and search and rescue operations, and team organization. In the event of an emergency, these people should help lessen the burden on our skilled professionals and other emergency service workers. The training course, identified as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), is modeled after guidelines of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). Bob Stell and Blaine Porter of our Fire Department and Grant Hodgson of our Police Department attended training courses offered by the county, qualifying them to conduct classes here in our city.

In the event of a disaster, CERT members will be identified by their green hats, and they will become members of a county-wide CERT association that will be a resource to other communities. We hope that the training and dedication of these CERT neighborhood coordinators will result in all residents becoming more involved in emergency preparedness.

Bob Stell mentioned that numerous teams of green hats could be seen on national television news, assisting with the victim recovery during the recent tragedy in Oklahoma City. According to Bob, "Individuals help themselves, neighbors help neighbors, co-workers help each other, and many will turn out to offer their help to emergency service workers. With added skill and experience to the task of disaster management and through teamwork, we can help build a network that links all parts of a disaster area."

Again, thanks to all our volunteer workers. In many cases, they go about it in a quiet, unassuming way, performing great service for our community. They may not always receive or even seek acknowledgement, but they are certainly appreciated.

Youth Council Elects Officers, Plans 1995-96 Aid Projects

The 35-member Bountiful Youth Council is planning a variety of leadership and service projects ranging from helping at the 1995 Summerfest to instituting a Teen "Welcome Wagon" aimed at acquainting new students with the community.

The Youth Council members—high school students from Bountiful, Viewmont, Woods Cross and Judge Memorial high schools—will once again be involved in graffiti removal, the fall Pumpkin Patch promotion, Earth Day recognition, the annual Summerfest, and treating children at the newly-designed Easter Bunny Trail project at the new North Canyon Park. In addition, however, members are also pioneering the Teen Welcome Wagon concept along with preparing a presentation on the city and its government for use in elementary and junior high schools.

To help foster leadership, councilmembers will also attend a

Benchmark Leadership Experience workshop, and many will represent the city at a leadership conference sponsored by Utah State University.

M a t t Williams, a Bountiful High student, was elected Youth Council Mayor for the 1995-96 term. Other officers include **C a r r i e** Streeter, Amy Cutler, Jeff Hayes, Danny Schoenfeld and



**Youth Mayor
Matt Williams**

Adrienne Wing. Viewmont High School's Brandon Wood will serve as the Youth City Manager.

The Youth Council is advised by Councilwoman Ann Wilcox and Janice Ridges.

This space contributed as a public service.

**GIVE YOUR
SUN-WORSHIPPING
SISTER
SUNSCREEN 15.**

Yes, Bountiful's summers are beautiful—and many residents are in pursuit of the great South Davis County tan.

But if you are one of those dying to get a tan, remember that thousands of people do just that: die from skin cancer.

For protection, make sure your sunscreen has at least SPF 15.



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City Golf Course, 20 Years Old, Adds New Water Features To Continue Its Tradition As One Of Utah's Finest Courses

It was 20 years ago that the Bountiful City Golf Course welcomed its first foursome to its then 10 holes. Now, more than 1.5 million nine-hole rounds later, the regionally-awarded course is continuing to develop, luring golfers this year with some newly-positioned tees to speed up play and three new water features.

"Now in its mature stage, the course is very successful and beautiful," says Scott Whittaker, head pro since the course's opening in mid-summer 1975. "The city officials have been very supportive of recreational golf, and, in return, the course has been financially self-supporting for the past nine years."

The course is generally touted as one of the top ten municipal courses in the Western States and has even been included along with fabled Pebble Beach on an internationally-sold interactive software golf game.

But such recognition was only a dream in 1975 when the course opened on 120 acres of former orchard and field. Some 30,000 rounds were played that shortened summer, much less than the 85,000 rounds averaged in recent years.

It took one year (1976) before the course opened all 18 holes, and it took nearly three years before a permanent clubhouse was completed. (Whittaker was originally housed in a temporary trailer before the unit overheated and burned down.) But it didn't take long for the course to provide economic benefit to the community.

"About half of our golfers came from outside South Davis County," says Whittaker. "In attracting non-residents to the city, the course is a financial



Among the new water features is the "river" parallel to the 18th green. The water cascades into the pond (at left of photo). Water features are also new to the 8th & 9th holes.

boost for other businesses as well."

The staff, however, has not forgotten the city taxpayers who originally funded the course. In appreciation, the course allows Bountiful City residents to make reservations 24 hours in advance of the deadline for non-residents; in addition, the staff has actively promoted discounted punch-pass cards for the area's senior citizens and youths.

"The course has been good for the city as a whole," says Whittaker. "It was originally built for about \$3.2 million. Today, a course in this location would cost about \$10 million."

While the wet spring has decreased play and revenue in the 1995 season, Whittaker expects the course to retain its popularity. Three years ago, an extended season allowed the course to hit record number of play (92,000 rounds); due to the spring storms, this

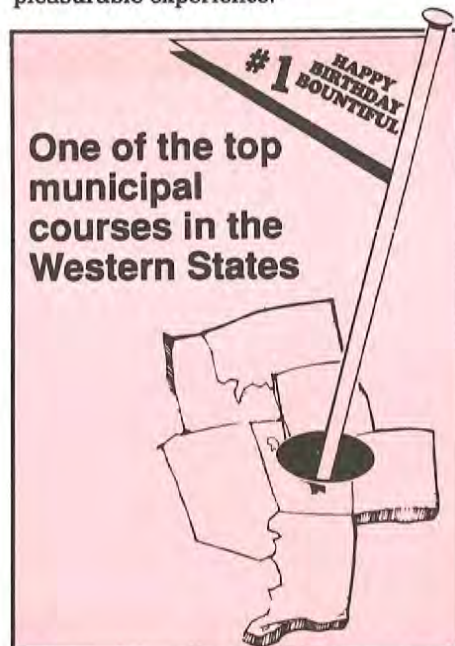
year's play could drop to about 80,000 rounds.

But golf, he says, will continue to expand, and Utahns are fortunate in having access to public courses. About 85% of Utah courses are municipally-owned, whereas in many states (California, for instance) about 80% of the courses are private facilities.

"Golf will continue to increase in popularity and, in turn, the Bountiful City course will continue to rank high among golfers," says Whittaker. "The city's philosophy has been consistent: to insure that the course allows for a pleasurable experience."

Bountiful City Course Pro Scott Whittaker is currently serving as one of 13 golf professionals in the U.S. on the Board of Directors of the National P.G.A.

Scott was hired as head pro at Bountiful City 20 years ago when the course was first opened.





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City Tries To Be Sensitive But Fair In Foothill Development

In any growing community, as citizens move further out and "up the hill", those living below often express concern about the loss of scenic vistas, open space and quality of life. While understandable, these concerns ignore the realities placed upon cities, its citizens and the rights of private property owners.

In Bountiful, many "oldtimers" lament the fact that any development occurred above Orchard Drive or Davis Boulevard. In fact, in the early 1970's, the city attempted to establish the "Lake Bonneville level" (approximately Bountiful Boulevard) as the upper development line.



Unfortunately, the owners of private property above Bountiful Boulevard took the city to court, arguing that they were being denied the right of use and that the city was creating a "taking" or inverse condemnation of their property. The court agreed with the owners and ruled that the city could regulate foothill area development but not prohibit

development outright.

Out of that court decision, the city has and continues to pursue two separate courses of action:

- It has adopted a restrictive foothill ordinance allowing development only up to a 30% slope. This is consistent with court decisions, although it is more restrictive than other areas which have allowed development up to a 40% slope.

In addition the city has required developers in these areas to provide, at their sole, cost and expense, all of the water system and reservoirs, sewer and electric systems, streets and roads, curb and gutter, storm drainage and any other development expense. Except in very restricted areas, the city has also prohibited any excavations resulting in cuts and fills beyond 10 feet in height—and where the 10-foot limitation has been exceeded, revegetation has been required. The city has additionally restricted development by increasing the minimum size of lots, the setbacks required, the amount of open space to be left, and many other regulations to limit density.

- To preserve open space for its citizens, the city has acquired property above Bountiful Boulevard as land became available. In addition to the eight square miles owned by the U.S. Forest Service, Bountiful City now owns seven square miles between the boulevard and the Davis/Morgan County line at the top of the mountain.

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While children often welcome winter storms, snowfall creates challenges for snowplow crews and traffic safety.

Safety Considerations Prompt New Snow Removal Ordinance

The City Council approved a snow removal ordinance requiring property owners to promptly clear sidewalks while prohibiting overnight winter parking and tossing snow in public streets.

According to City Attorney Russell Mahan, the new ordinance grew out of discussions by the Traffic Safety Committee. "The new ordinance basically pulls existing provisions into one convenient ordinance while adding that violations are public nuisances to be abated at the expense of the violator."

The Statute's provisions:

No vehicle or trailer of any description shall be parked on any public street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. during the months of November, December, January, February and March or when it is snowing or within 12 hours after the beginning of the storm. (Due to the unique nature of the downtown area, the prohibition does not apply to Main Street between 500 South and 400 North.)

Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a storm, and it remains unlawful to place snow from private or public property into a public street.