

BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

Senate Bill 170 is Bad Public Policy

By Mayor Joe Johnson

The 2006 legislative session began in earnest January 16, and runs until March 1. As is the case each year, there are a number of issues that the legislature considers that impact not only the lives of each individual citizen, but also Bountiful's municipal government. As "political subdivisions" of the state, the legislature has broad authority over cities and counties. Fortunately, Bountiful has great representatives and senators who look after our interests and carefully consider our concerns. This year there are large issues like tax reform, including modifying the state's income tax system and rates, considering the sales tax on food, and special tax relief to specific businesses. Additional school funding, enhanced educational programs, and updating various state laws are also on the agenda. There are many bills under consideration. One that should not be considered, however, is Senate Bill 170, sponsored by Senator Al Mansell of Sandy. This bill was developed behind closed doors without any public input, and is designed to allow developers to run roughshod over citizens and cities to maximize their profits with no thought to the long-term viability of their project or the impact it could have on citizens.



Cities and its citizens usually have one chance to "get it right" when it comes to planning and developing a city. Once a developer does his project, he sells it and walks away, and the city and its citizens are stuck with the project, for better or for worse, thereafter. For most of us, our home

is the largest investment we will ever make in our lives, and we want to ensure and protect its value through proper zoning. This is why we have such things as minimum lot sizes, front, side and rear yard setbacks, minimum frontages on a public street, and other requirements that guarantee a uniform and pleasant appearance. It is why we prohibit certain uses in residential zones, and why we try to properly locate commercial and industrial development so as not to detract from the residential areas. It is why, when a change in use is proposed, we send notices to the adjoining properties and hold public hearings to hear the desires and concerns of the neighborhood. Bountiful became the "City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens" by careful planning, responsible construction, and constant maintenance by our citizens of their properties.

Senate Bill 170 would not allow the planning commission or city council to consider public input, allow any developer to sue a city and collect attorney's fees if they disagree with the city's deci-

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City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.

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Cleaning Up Your Power

Surge Protection and Grounding

Delivering clean reliable power to your home is one of Bountiful City Light & Power's (Bountiful Power) key objectives. Unfortunately, factors inside and outside your home may vary or interrupt your power supply. It may be a storm, a car hitting a utility pole, a neighbor overloading a circuit, or an animal shorting out a transformer. Whatever the cause, there are things that you can do to help prevent damage to your equipment. The main measures are making sure that your home electrical panel has a separate ground wire, and the use of surge protectors.

Grounding:

Electric codes require that all electrical panels must have a separate ground wire leading to a ground rod and that all metal water pipes also be grounded. The grounding system is for personal safety and helps circuit breakers to trip in the event of a fault. The grounding system also gives a stable reference for equipment operation and help surge suppressors identify and "clip" harmful voltage spikes. Older homes may not have this ground connection. Call an electrician if you are unsure about yours.

Surge Protection Basics:

It is normal for electrical power to fluctuate somewhat. A power surge is an increase in voltage significantly above the designated level, such as the normal 120volts in your home. Prob-

lems arise when the voltage rises above that level, and surge protectors help prevent those problems from destroying your electronic equipment.

Some sources of power surges may include lightning, faulty wiring, loose electrical connections, and electrical system faults. A very complex system of lines and transformers brings electricity from a power source to homes and offices. There are many protective devices on the Bountiful Power system that help insure the delivery of clean, reliable power and help limit surges from the power system. However, weather or mechanical failures on the power system can unexpectedly cause surges, in spite of these protective devices.

Surge protectors are valuable devices that should be purchased to protect your sensitive electronic equipment. You probably have one on your computer right now. But, you have to know that many "so-called" surge protectors are actually nothing more than multiple outlet devices, and may not provide the protection that

you expect. Shop for those devices that have protection levels listed in "Joules". You will find many brands that offer damage insurance with the purchase of the surge protector. Office supply and electronic stores have many types to choose from. Bountiful Power strongly recommends that all customers buy quality surge protectors and use them on electronic devices such as computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, and stereos. Bountiful Power is not responsible for damages caused by surges beyond our control.

Interested? If you want further information or just have a question, please call Kent Servoss, Customer Service Representative, at Bountiful Power, 298-6072.

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sion, allow volunteer planning commissioners and city councils who make decisions on behalf of the citizens to be sued criminally, allow developers to build on extremely steep land, and make the judges and courts become planners. You can read the bill by accessing Utah's website (www.utah.gov), following the prompts to the legislative page, and retrieving the bill from the 2006 bill list. We invite all citizens to review it, and if you share our concerns, contact your

representative and senator to express your opposition to it.

Bountiful has had a long history of working with developers to protect its citizens by assuring quality development and balancing the community's interest with private property rights. We have heard the "horror stories" from developers of a few cities that don't do this, just as we have heard of dishonest developers and builders who cheat and steal and leave their

clients holding the bag. Just as it would not be fair to punish all developers for the "sins" of a dishonest few, it is not fair to punish Bountiful and other cities for the "sins" of a few cities or counties that may not be treating developers fairly. Only by properly balancing the right to develop with the need to properly plan and develop can a city protect its citizens and their investment in their community.

What's Happening at the Bountiful/Davis Art Center

Annual Statewide Competition – February 17 through March 31. This is one of the longest-running juried visual arts exhibitions in Utah, and the 2006 show will mark over 30 years of highlighting the works of Utah's most creative visual artists.

Davis School District High School Students and Art Educators Exhibition – April 14 - May 12. This exhibit

features art from Davis School District high schools and their teachers. A long-standing tradition, this exhibit promises excellent, cutting-edge art created by the next generation of artists. It is not to be missed.

BDAC Spring Art Classes begin the third week in March, with offerings for children and adults.

Join us for **"Family Encounters of the Art Kind"** every third Monday of the month. Families and enjoy working on an art project together and also learn about the current exhibit in the galleries.

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

Let Us Entertain You

Come to the Bountiful Performing Arts Center for an exciting season of entertainment:

- The Secret Garden** – April 7-29
- Pirates of Penzance** – June 2-24
- Love Is** (Broadway Musical Review) – August 6-28
- Murder Room** – October 6-28
- Forever Plaid – Plaid Tidings** – December 1-23

Now is the time to purchase your season ticket FLEX PASS that lets you choose your performance night as late as 24 hours in advance. Call BPAC for ticket and flex pass prices at 294-SHOW (7469), or purchase online at www.bpac.cc. BPAC also has GIFT CERTIFICATES that can be used for any show. Box office is only open during performance nights from 6 to 8 p.m. All shows start at 7:30, with doors opening at 7:00 p.m.

BPAC offers Youth and Children's Theatre Workshops:

Pizzazz Ensemble, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m., ages 9-15. This group focuses on music, dance, and acting. At the end of our season we will show off our talents with our Variety Show to all our friends and family members. This workshop is perfect for the performer who is new to theater or has

some experience with performing. No audition necessary.

"Beauty Is a Beast", Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m., ages 9-15. We are excited to be able to offer a full-length play. Actors are youth who have been on stage before and are familiar with basic techniques in acting. This will include a very large group of 35+ youth, and will require a lot of focus and enthusiasm.

Triple Threat Little Stars, Thursdays 5:00-6:00 p.m., ages 5-8. This ensemble focuses on giving your little stars the confidence that they need to do what they do best. We explore movement of all kinds and learn how to develop a variety of different characters, emotions, and animals. We also learn basic vocal technique. Come and join us as we reach for the stars!!! No audition necessary.

For more information and to enroll, call Jeanette Herrera at 759-2676 or register online at www.bpac.cc. Workshops will be held through May. Cost is \$40 monthly.



Burglars Arrested

By Chief Paul Rapp, Bountiful Police

The Bountiful Police Department has recently arrested two burglars responsible for many of the burglaries in Bountiful City. Andrew Mower and Michael Selin were arrested and booked into the Davis County Jail. We commend Bountiful Neighborhood Watch groups who vigilantly reported and identified the suspects who were arrested for the burglaries. We have had great success with our Neighborhood Watch participants being the eyes and ears of the Police Department. We encourage all neighborhoods in Bountiful City to organize a Neighborhood Watch and help fight crime in their area. The past year burglaries have seen a steady increase in Bountiful with 137 residential burglaries being reported in the calendar year 2005. For information regarding Neighborhood Watch, please call the Police Department at 298-6000 and ask for Corporal Jon Hadlow. If you see something illegal or suspicious in your neighborhood, please dial 911 and report it.



Reminders From Your Street/ Sanitation Department

Spring Cleanup

It's that time of the year to start thinking about cleaning up and getting rid of those unsightly and unnecessary things that have accumulated during the past year. Spring cleanup is April 10 - 14. During that week, city crews on your regular garbage pickup day will also remove trash and refuse which has been properly bundled, bagged, or boxed. Limbs and trees must be cut, bundled and tied in 5-foot lengths. Any bundles, bags, or boxes must not exceed 50 lbs. Items such as old furniture or appliances should be placed on the drive approach or park strip - not on the street or sidewalk.

Also to help you in your spring cleanup, the landfill will not charge a fee to the residents of Bountiful during spring cleanup week or the following week. This will assist you with disposing of the trash that does not comply with the above restrictions. We can no longer accept propane tanks or tires of any kind at the landfill.

Compliance with the special cleanup regulations is mandatory. If you cannot meet the regulations, you will need to haul the debris away yourself.

Garbage Pickup

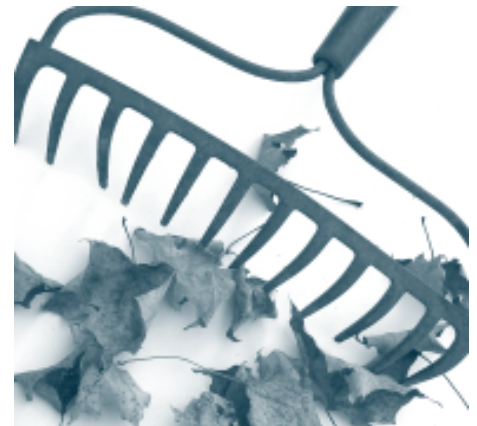
Garbage containers should be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day. Lids must be closed when put out for collection.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of all year by taking it to Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District 1150 East North Hills Drive (Davis Landfill) Layton, Utah 84041 (801) 614-5600.

Electrical Waste

There are new standards for the disposal of electrical waste, i.e., televisions, computers, and the other electrical devices we throw away. Our landfill now has an area set aside to recycle these electrical devices. Please tell the scalehouse attendants and they will direct you to this area.



Landfill

Summer hours — April through October: Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sundays

Compost available for spring gardening. Compost increases water retention in your soil. Cost: \$30 per ton or \$2 per bag. Delivery charge \$35.

Storm Water

Remember to keep our storm drains clean and our creeks free from pollution. Please do not rake or place anything in the gutter that will wash down the storm drains.

Bountiful Recreation Center Update

It's a new year - time for the new you! The Bountiful Recreation Center is South Davis County's best value for recreation, exercise and fun. We're more than just a summer facility, we offer swimming lessons, water aerobics, ice skating, racquetball, weight lifting, exercise bikes, treadmills, and more!

The next session of our popular Learn-to-Skate begins February 13, with more sessions beginning March 6, March 27, & April 17. Registration begins one week prior to the start dates. We also offer preschool classes (Tots 1 - 3). All classes are held twice a week for three weeks. Call for more details, 298-6220.

If you already know how to skate, come enjoy a session of public ice skating Mon - Fri 10:00am - 1:45 pm; Mon 6:30pm - 8:00pm; T,Th - Sat 7:00pm - 9:00 pm; Sat 1:00pm - 3:00pm; Sun 1:15pm - 3:00pm. Admission is only \$3 for adults and \$2.75 for youth and \$1.25 for skate rental. Don't forget to come see our figure skaters show their stuff at the annual Ice Show May 11-13.

The upcoming session of American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim begins February 13. Additional sessions begin March 20, and April 24. Registration is one week prior to the start dates. Classes are offered in the morning, Mon & Wed or Tue & Thur from 9:00am until 12:00 noon, and in the evening from 4:00 - 6:00pm. We also offer lessons on Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00am for 45 minute classes. Adult lessons are available in the evening by request. Swim lesson classes are typically 25 minutes long and run for 5 weeks for only \$30.

Our weight room and exercise facilities are available Mon - Fri 5am - 10pm; 6am - 9pm on Saturdays, and 11am - 4pm on Sundays. This area is open to adults or children with adult supervision. Fee is only \$3 for adults and \$2.75 for youth.

Don't forget about our upcoming recreation programs: Tennis (spring & summer), Softball, Arts & Crafts, and more. Summer program brochures will be available mid-April and pre-registration begins May 1st. Call our front office for specific details on all programs at 298-6220.

Mingle and Mix in 2006

Are you 60 years old or older and still healthy and active? What is the best decision you could make for yourself? **Coming to the Golden Years Senior Activity Center!** Our theme for this year is "**Mingle and Mix in 2006.**" Only \$24 donation for the year!

What do you receive? Tax and Medicare Part D assistance . . . lunch is served every week day at 11:30 . . . Chuck-a-Rama and Ensure discounts . . . love, friendship, art, exercise, card playing, movies, short one-day excursions, dancing, parties, education, special treats, flu shots, trip to Wendover the first Tuesday of every month, birthday parties on the last Friday of every month . . . and much more.

Come in for a complete calendar of events (726 South 100 East), or visit our web site at www.co.davis.ut.us and click on Aging Services and then Senior Centers.