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Recycling in Bountiful

A 'State of the Garbage' Message

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City Manager*

For many years, Bountiful has been a leader in recycling in Davis County. Bountiful was the first city to introduce a city recycling center. The center began next to City Hall at the suggestion of several of our prominent citizens, and became so successful that a recycling center was built at 950 South and 200 West. This recycling center, which collects glass, plastic, newsprint, and ferrous and non-ferrous metals, is heavily used by our citizens. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and people can be seen utilizing it all hours of the day and night. The recycling center allows people to put their different recycling materials into separate bins, which improves and enhances the value of the recycled materials.

For several years the City had a voluntary curbside recycling

A citizen survey will be conducted in February to gauge interest in a curbside recycling program.

program which citizens could sign up for, and which was provided through Waste Management, the largest waste collection and disposal company in the nation. The program started out at a cost of \$3 per month plus the recycling bin cost (which was approximately \$10), but as fewer and fewer people took advantage of the program the cost of the program increased to \$5 per month. As the monthly cost increased, more people discontinued it, until Waste Management notified the City that it could no longer provide this service to the citizens due to the low participation rate. The recycling center at the city shops has now become the central recycling area for the City, although there are numerous other recycling opportunities through the community at churches and schools, where newsprint, aluminum, and other materials can be delivered for recycling.

Several years ago the City decided to experiment with "green waste" recycling at the Bountiful Sanitary Landfill. The City separated green waste (tree limbs, bushes, grass, leaves, Christmas trees, etc.) as it was delivered to the landfill, and then rented a large chipping unit to chip it into piles to be composted. Working with the South Davis Sewer District, sewer sludge which had been properly dried and prepared was added to the green waste, and composted at a temperature of 165 degrees for an extended period of time. The compost was turned regularly and was monitored for temperature and moisture content. After the compost had met all the environmental regulations imposed by the state, the compost was then ground up again into a very fine product similar to soil amendments sold commercially in stores. In the first year

of operation, the city sold almost \$40,000 of compost. This year, the City expects to sell well over \$50,000 of compost, which should defray approximately 80% of the cost of producing it. In addition to providing a product which is valuable to our citizens, the diversion of the green waste has reduced the volume of waste having to be landfilled by almost 20%, thus extending the landfill life by a similar amount.

With the advent of "mulching" lawnmowers, our collection trucks have seen a decrease in the amount of grass waste each summer. We certainly encourage those of you who are planning the purchase of a new lawnmower to consider purchasing a mulching mower. The mulch is a very good product for the soil and the grass, and prevents weeds from growing in your lawn.

The City has worked for several years with owners of junk cars to donate them to a charity. Anyone with a junk vehicle can work with this

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Recycling

The recycling center at 950 South 200 West is well-used, offering separate bins for different materials (top); the City expects to sell some \$50,000 in low-cost compost developed at the landfill (below)



Fire Chief, Streets/Sanitation Superintendent Retire After Total Service Of Nearly 80 Years

For Sanitation and Streets Superintendent Dick Duncan and Fire Chief Jerry Lemon, the growth in Bountiful has been reflected in their careers and responsibilities. Both have retired, following distinguished service to the residents of Bountiful.

Duncan retired after 38 years of service, including 28 years as superintendent. He was remembered by a city official as "positive, good-natured, skilled under pressure—a man who had a great attitude even when he was plowing snow in the middle of the night." The population growth had great impact on his department, but Duncan had the ability to "take challenges in stride and become a problem-solver."

He has been replaced by Terry Thompson, the former assistant maintenance superintendent who has worked for the City for the past 27 years.

Chief Lemon began his full-time career with Bountiful City Power 41 years ago. He also worked as a part-time fireman, and was named Bountiful Fire Chief 19 years ago. During his part-time and full-time service, he saw the Fire Department grow from one truck to 20 units. Total calls have increased from less than one hundred a year when he began in 1959 to more than 2,000 medical calls and 900 fire calls in 1999.

Lemon, who intends to travel and "enjoy my family" (four children and six grandchildren) has been replaced by George Sumner.

Youth Council Sponsors Public Hearings In January & February

Education funding? Gun-free school zones? Teen recreation areas?

The Youth Council invites all Bountiful youth ages 14-18 to attend one of two public hearings and voice their concerns. Youth Mayor Jason Sturges, a Viewmont High senior, said, "We want Bountiful youth to know they not only have a chance to be heard in city government, they also have a chance to be involved as well."

The hearings will be held at 5 pm Wednesday, Jan. 26 and Wednesday, Feb. 23 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 790 South 100 East. Student comments will be presented to the Bountiful City Council and the Youth Council Advisory Board of the National League of Cities.

Two New Members, One Incumbent Elected To Council Seats

Bountiful voters elected two new councilmen and retained an incumbent councilwoman in the November city elections.

Barbara Holt was re-elected to a new four-year term on the council where she will chair the Parks and Recreation/Fine Arts Committee. New council members include J. Gordon Thomas and John Pitt.

Thomas, a resident of Bountiful for some 43 years, developed several hundred grocery stores for Associated Foods during a 36-year career with the company. Retired five years ago, he and his wife Roma have raised seven children.

"I am elated to have received the support from the voters in Bountiful City," said Thomas, appointed as chairman of the council's Planning and Zoning Committee. "I value public service and see my role as serving the people."

Pitt a training manager for Convergys operations in Ogden and Orem, was born in Bountiful and educated at the University of Utah. Following his graduation, he worked for seven years in Washington D.C. as a television producer for the U.S. Senate.

"The most enjoyable part of my early service on the council is the help from the city staff," he said. "Everyone has gone out of their way to ensure I was adequately oriented to the issues and challenges."

As chairman of the council's Water and Sewer Committee, he is also the council's advisor to the Youth Council. He is encouraging the youth to become more involved on a national level in addition to their city service.

For Public and Pet Protection, Make Sure Animals Are Licensed And Vaccinated For Rabies

Animal Control officers routinely patrol the city and conduct "license checks" to ensure all dogs are currently licensed and vaccinated against rabies. An officer may approach a residence and inquire about a license even if the animal is not running at large. Remember, your dog's license is his phone call home!

As a safety measure, all dogs are required to be licensed by four months of age (\$20 for unaltered animals and \$10 for animals spayed or neutered.) A \$15 late fee is assessed for animals with an invalid or expired license. Licenses can be purchased at the city offices, at any local veterinary clinic or at Davis County Animal Control. If you wish, an officer will come to your residence to sell you a license. Pets also have to be vaccinated annually for their (and your) protection.

Bountiful City allows two dogs to be maintained at any single residence without requiring a "kennel permit." If more than two dogs are kept at a residence, the owner must apply with the zoning office, obtain an inspection from the county health department and purchase a kennel license from Davis County Animal Control. (Renewals require annual approval by city zoning, health department and animal control officials.)

State, city and county laws require that all animal bites be reported immediately to Animal Control. Utah has maintained an incredible control over the rabies virus in domestic animals, but many wildlife (skunks, raccoons and fox) readily carry the virus, which can be passed to domestic pets. Report any bites suffered by a pet from a wild animal so appropriate quarantine measures can be taken; additionally, any animal who bites a human should be quarantined for a ten-day period.

If you have questions, call Davis County Animal Control (444-2200).

Barking Dogs

Do not keep your dog tied outside for extended periods of time. Instead, take the dog outside with you or other family members for training, play, exercise, or walks. If he must remain outside, provide an adequate kennel and run so the dog can obtain exercise and feel comfortable. Dogs at the end of a chain suffer increased stress as they know they are vulnerable and unable to protect their property outside of the area in which they are confined.

Animals are very much like people, in that they most enjoy life if they have a purpose and obtain satisfaction in fulfilling the purpose. Don't leave your dog outside without stimulation. Boredom causes barking.

—DeAnne Hess, Davis County Animal Control



Bountiful City Light & Power Customer Survey Gives Electric Department High Marks

For the third year in a row, Bountiful City Light & Power has received extremely favorable customer ratings following a survey by the Salt Lake City-based Satisfaction Development Systems (SDS).

In the most recent survey of 400 power customers, 98% offered an Excellent or Good rating with over half selecting Excellent. In addition, 80% of the randomly-selected survey respondents said Bountiful electric service is Very Reliable and two-thirds indicated the company was Very Responsive in restoring service in event of a power outage. Almost half of the customers said the company was Very Effective in keeping rates as low as possible, with 90% saying their electric service is either an Excellent or Good Value.

This year's survey—the third consecutive year customers have been questioned regarding their level of satisfaction—reflected the highest level of Excellent ratings the business office employees have received. In addition, two-thirds of the respondents agreed with the proposition that Bountiful City Light and

Power should be able to offer any new products or services customers want. The vast majority also agreed it is Very Valuable to have power controlled and provided by a local utility company.

Cliff Michaelis, Bountiful City Light & Power Director, says, "We want to thank all our customers participating in the survey. The favorable survey ratings are largely the result of the dedication and fine efforts of the

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employees of the company. We're very proud of their high level of professionalism."

He said the company is committed to continue improving the level of service. The company currently serves about 15,000 meters.

On any given day, about 60% of the Bountiful power comes from hydroelectric sources, chiefly Glen Canyon and Flaming Gorge. The remaining power comes from

Echo or Pineview reservoirs, a jointly-owned coal-fired energy plant in New Mexico or from open market purchase from other utilities.

The main purpose of the utility is to provide low-cost power, excellent customer service, and excellent reliability to Bountiful City residents. However, much of the margin from the sale of electricity is transferred to the City's General Fund. These funds aid in keeping the City's tax mill levy at a low level.

The department is committed to continue improving the level of service customers receive. By providing a low-cost, reliable power supply and excellent customer service, it will remain a great asset to the residents of Bountiful in this new millennium.

Low Interest Loans Available For Repairs

In an effort to preserve existing housing stock, the County Housing Authority is providing low-interest loans (3-5%) to qualified low-income homeowners for necessary home repairs. For information, call Shelli Goble (451-2587).

A Short History Of Bountiful's City-Owned Power Utility

A small, local power company called Bountiful Light & Power was organized in 1907 with a total capitalization of \$10,000. "Old-timers" say the system, which served between 200-300 customers, failed to keep its distribution system in good repair, and the City was petitioned to intervene.

In 1934, a citizen's task force investigation led to the City's decision to own and operate its own electric system. The offices were first located in a home at about 180 West 300 South; after the discontinuation of the Bamberger Railroad in 1952, the large warehouse building at 198 South 200 West was acquired, and major additions and remodeling were done in 1978 and 1998.

The main use of the City power plant today is for providing peaking power to meet the needs of the city during high-use or emergency periods. It is idle when less expensive power can be purchased. However, in the winter months, one engine is put on-line so that the waste heat can be sent through pipes to heat the plant buildings and the main office and warehouse building across the street.



Bountiful power crews have worked through several challenges of mother nature, including the May 1983 "100 year floods" which smashed into the City's northeast substation on 250 North, infamous east winds, and a fire at the old wooden cooling tower in 1990.

The review board for the Power Department is a Power Commission which is

appointed by the mayor and City Council. The board works with the staff in making the major decisions for the department and sends their recommendations to the City Council. The present members of the Power Commission are: Keith Barton (Chairman), Jack Barnett, David Irvine, Sam Fowler (City Council Representative), Richard Foster, Lowell Leishman, and Ralph Mabey.

City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.



Mayor
John Cushing

Finance, Public Safety & Public Relations



Councilman
Sam Fowler

Power and Chamber of Commerce



Councilwoman
Barbara Holt
Parks, Recreation and Fine Arts

Councilman
Stewart Knowlton

Streets & Sanitation and Traffic Safety



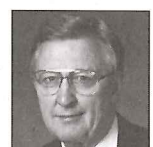
Councilman
John Pitt

Water & Sewer and Youth Council



Councilman
J. Gordon Thomas

Planning & Zoning



Bountiful/Davis Art Center Schedule

745 South Main • Bountiful

Through Feb. 4

3rd Annual Contemporary
Illustrators Exhibition

Depression-Era
Printmakers of Utah

Feb. 18 - March 31

Some 120 entries on display
from statewide competition:
watercolor, oil, acrylic, mixed
media, drawing, graphics,
photographs, weavings,
sculpture, ceramics



Acrylic Roger Loveless

Open Monday 5-9 pm, Tuesday - Friday, 10 am-6 pm
Saturday, 2-5 pm

Thankfully, Y2K Was A Non-Event But City Was Prepared

We are pleased to announce that the year 2000 came and went without any significant adverse impacts on city operations or services. Water, sewer, garbage, fire, police, power, recreation, and all other city services functioned uninterrupted.

Even though the city had prepared in every conceivable way for any possible problems associated with the "Y2K" bug, the city nevertheless activated its emergency operation center on December 31st. All of the department heads of the city attended a "Y2K" party at the center, where telephone lines, dispatching operations, cellular phones, and computers were ready for potential glitches or problems. The City monitored Y2K events throughout the day in other locations of the world, and began monitoring in earnest the coming of the new year on the east coast, as it worked its way west. Nationally, the power grids all held without any problems, none of the major power producing plants went off line, all of the transmission systems held, and our own local transmission and distribution system experienced no problems. Likewise, our water system performed very well with no Y2K problems.

Our 911 communications system operated without a hitch, and we had very few citizens call to see if we were operating, which contributed to a smooth and uneventful passage into the new year. All of the city's computer systems functioned properly, and we are pleased to report that the time, effort and money spent to prepare for Y2K provided us with an enjoyable evening without any major emergencies.

As a final report to the community, we will be talking in our next newsletter about what to do with all of the supplies that you may have purchased in preparation for Y2K, particularly if you are still storing large amounts of fuel.

Census Bureau Looking For Paid Staff To Conduct 2000 Census

The Census Bureau is combing local communities throughout Utah to recruit workers to conduct Census 2000.

Interested applicants should contact the Ogden Census Office at 1-801-394-8088, or call the national toll free Census Bureau employment line at 1-888-325-7733.

All applicants must take a written test to measure job characteristic skills, interpersonal skills and other requirements. Applicants should be at least 18 years of age (16 or 17 if they meet state employment conditions).

Recycling in Bountiful

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organization to get rid of it and receive the benefits of a tax write-off in the process.

Waste tires, by state law, must be recycled. When tires are purchased by our citizens, a fee is paid to go into a "waste tire recycling fund" administered by the State of Utah. Most of the tires in the State of Utah which are recycled are burned by a cement producer, which uses the tires as fuel.

Used batteries can be recycled, and when a citizen exchanges his battery for a new one, the old battery can be properly discarded by the company selling the new one. The City of Bountiful also takes old batteries for recycling purposes, so they do not end up at the landfill.

Last but not least, there are several local businesses which provide recycling of used oil. If you change the oil in your snowblower, lawnmower, or vehicle, and have used oil, that oil can be safely recycled. If you are in doubt as to where to take the oil, simply call our Street Department (298-6175) and they can tell you which businesses take used oil.

All of the above recycling activities have helped to make our landfill safer and last longer. However, there are some citizens who believe that we should do even more to help reduce the amount of waste entering the landfill. They have suggested that we look at a curbside recycling program.

Curbside recycling programs do exist at the present time in the state. Sandy, Salt Lake, West Jordan, and other cities have recycling bins

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approximately \$30 per ton; the City of
Bountiful charges \$21 per ton.***

which are placed on the curb and which are collected on a regular basis. All citizens are required to pay for the program as an addition to their monthly refuse collection and disposal charge. Fees range from \$3 to \$5 per month for these programs. The citizens are required to separate their recyclables, place them into the recycling bin (or bins), and put them out on their normal garbage collection day. A separate truck from the automated refuse collection system which the city has would then come by, collect the recyclables, and leave the bins back on the curb.

Bountiful City's recycling committee has suggested, and the Council has agreed, to do a citizen survey to assess citizen attitudes regarding the curbside recycling program. A survey will be done in February, with the results available to the Council in March. Hopefully the survey will give the City Council guidance as to feelings of the citizenry regarding the curbside recycling option. If any of you have any feelings regarding the curbside recycling program, pro or con, feel free to give us a call at the Street Department (298-6175) or the office of the Mayor and City Manager (298-6140). If adopted by the City Council, the new program would probably go into effect in July, and would result in an increase in the monthly garbage collection fee of approximately \$3.

The recycling markets are still in their infancy, and many times recyclable materials are not economically viable. At the present time, the market for newsprint seems to be very good. The market for aluminum is down, but is still the single-most profitable recycled material. The markets for cardboard, plastic, and glass are weak and many times these materials have to be landfilled because there is no market for them. However, it is hoped over time that the recycling market can grow to the point that these materials can be profitably recycled. Landfilling is still the cheapest alternative for the disposal of waste, and is utilized by over 80% of the nation. The average cost of landfilling is approximately \$30 per ton (the City of Bountiful currently charges \$21 per ton), while the cost of collecting and utilizing recycled materials is over \$300 per ton. However, recycling is environmentally popular, and our children are taught from grade school on to respect the environment and to recycle as much as possible. We will publish the results of our survey in the next city newsletter.