

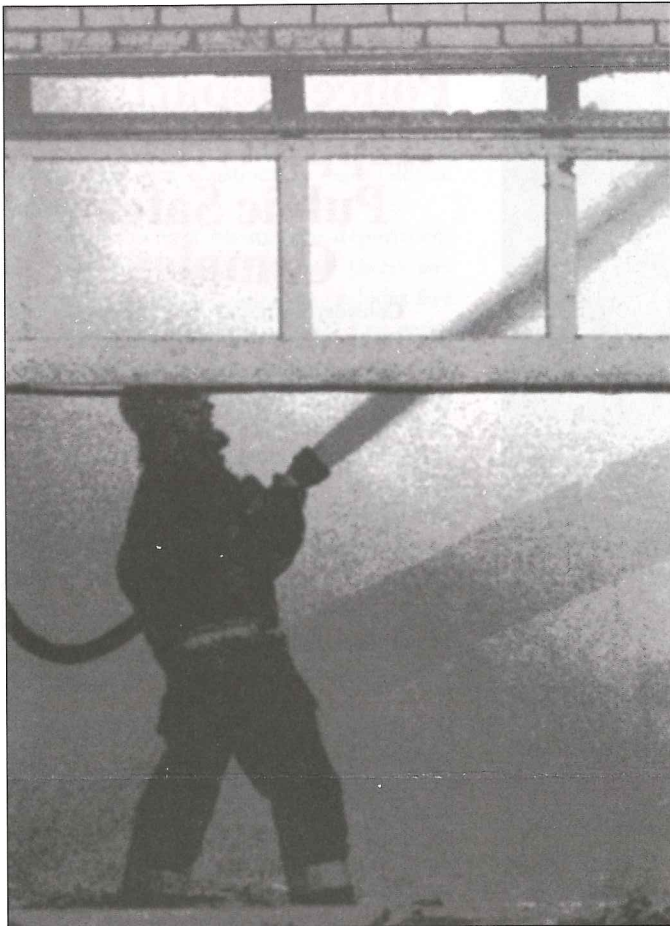


BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

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Additional Firefighters Will Expand Coverage For Entire City

The City Council's recent vote to hire up to six additional firefighters will provide increased fire protection coverage throughout the city, according to Bountiful Fire Chief Jerry Lemon.

Discussion of the fire issue has often centered on the benefits for east bench residents, especially those living in wooded areas near the foothills. But Chief Lemon said the entire city benefits through the new staffing employment.

With the immediate hiring of two firefighters, Fire Station #2 on Bountiful Boulevard is now fully-staffed around the clock. (In the past, the station was unmanned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.) When additional firefighters are hired July 1, the number at the headquarters station—Fire Station #1 on 200 South—will double, offering all residents increased staffing for fire and ambulance calls.

"We've been fortunate to have high-quality equipment, but it's also necessary to have sufficient manpower to operate it," said Chief Lemon. The increased manpower will also provide a safer work environment for the firefighters themselves when on the scene of a fire, he noted.

Mayor John Cushing praised the City Council decision and said residents are traditionally supportive of public safety functions.

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Bountiful City Property Tax Comparison With Utah Cities

NOTE: The City's current tax rate of .001235 has been increased to .001465 in the charts below to fairly reflect the Bountiful Fire Dept. expansion. The figures for other cities are 1996 unadjusted rates. The lowest rate appears at the top of the list (i.e. Wood Cross has the lowest rate and Layton the highest of the listed Davis County cities. About 11% of your total property tax is received by the cities. The rest (89%) is received by school districts, counties and special districts.

Within Davis County		Within Salt Lake County		Within Weber County		Within Utah County	
Woods Cross	.001115	South Salt Lake	.001015	Plain City	.000699	BOUNTIFUL	.001465
West Bountiful	.001420	Murray	.001258	BOUNTIFUL	.001465	Orem	.001594
BOUNTIFUL	.001465	BOUNTIFUL	.001465	Riverdale	.001471	Lehi	.001897
Centerville	.001704	South Jordan	.001736	Wash. Terrace	.002036	Spanish Fork	.002015
Kaysville	.001897	Sandy	.001758	South Ogden	.002518	Provo	.002455
North Salt Lake	.001976	West Valley	.002049	Roy	.002554	American Fork	.002661
Clearfield	.002395	West Jordan	.002277	Ogden	.005370	Pleasant Grove	.003179
Layton	.002420	Salt Lake City	.003854				

Bountiful City To Expand Culinary Water Storage Capacity

To enhance its culinary water supply, Bountiful City will abandon one small reservoir and build two larger ones, bringing the total water storage to 14 million gallons.

A new 1.5 million gallon reservoir and waterline will be constructed to serve the growing number of east bench residents. In addition, the City will abandon the Eckman Reservoir at 900 East and 3rd North and build a larger 1.5 million gallon reservoir near Hannah Holbrook Elementary School. Not only will the new reservoir be larger, but it will also be constructed on about the same elevation as the current Millcreek Reservoir, allowing for more efficient water flow between the storage areas.

The cost of building the two reservoirs is estimated at about \$1 million.

When the two reservoirs are completed, Bountiful residents will be served by 12 separate storage areas which, due to the steep geographical terrain, are connected by four different pressure zones. The reservoirs store water for culinary and fire protection uses; pressurized irrigation water is derived from the Weber Basin and Bountiful Subconservancy Districts.



Along with portraits and paintings, the Bountiful/Davis Art Center also displays other art media including ceramics and crafts.

Art Center To Move Into Former Public Safety Building

Law enforcement's "loss" will be the art and cultural community's gain. With the Bountiful Police Department and the Second District Court staff vacating their offices for the new Public Safety Complex, the Bountiful/Davis Art Center will move in the former law enforcement building.

In making the move, the art center will increase its size from barely over 2,000 to 14,000 square feet.

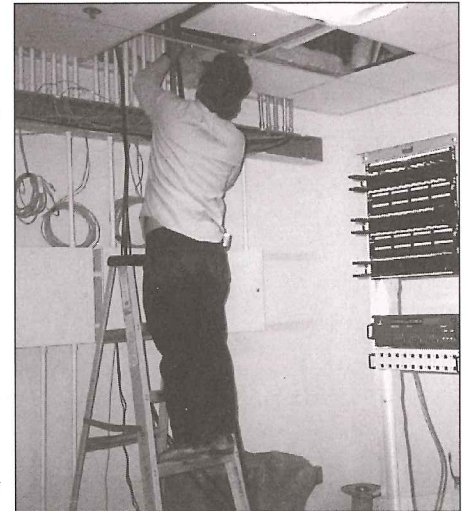
"It will be the beginning of a true cultural center," says executive director Arley Curtz. "The additional size will not only allow for an expanded gift shop, exhibit areas and classrooms, but will also provide storage for theatrical and musical groups like the Davis County Civic Chorale and the Bountiful Community Theater. We are tremendously excited about the possibilities the larger area offers."

The move will take place this summer with a gala open house planned for early fall.

The Bountiful/Davis Art Center attracts some 15,000 visitors annually to its nine exhibits and regularly-scheduled classes. The center was housed in a handful of temporary sites including the Stoker School until it was welcomed to its first permanent home at 2175 South Main. It has remained there for over 20 years, with plans of expanded offerings always thwarted by the lack of space.

Until now.

"It's a win-win situation for law enforcement, the artistic community and the citizens of Bountiful," said Curtz. He said the current building is being sold to a private concern, but the art center will continue to exhibit in the building through the spring. The hours of operation are Monday (5-9 p.m.), Tuesday through Friday (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) and Saturday (2-5 p.m.)



Workers connect wiring for the police dispatch center several weeks before the Bountiful Police Department's official move-in.

Police Department Happy With New Public Safety Complex

Considering minor design changes, the new Public Safety Complex was constructed on time and within budget—and City officials could not be happier.

"It's a well-designed facility for law enforcement purposes," said Chief Paul Rapp. "It gives us adequate space and also anticipates future growth and needs."

The new building provides almost triple

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the former space for police functions including new office space and training facilities, additional holding cells and security/evidence rooms, and a "sally port" allowing officers to transport prisoners to court appearances. The Police Department will be housed on the main floor with the Second District Court taking the entire second floor. The basement area is shared by both entities.

The City paid 52% of the \$7.1 million cost. The city portion was paid in cash from existing reserves while the 2nd District Court portion was paid through the issuance of low-interest municipal bonds.

Assistant City Engineer Paul Rowland commended the contractor, Furst Construction, and said the detailed planning by city and police officials paid off throughout the project.

"There were no big surprises and no significant cost increases," he said. "The City is getting a nice facility for the money spent."

Fire Department Expansion

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"Bountiful families often set aside time to discuss emergency preparedness," he said. "By increasing the manpower for fire protection the city is extending the high level of service Bountiful residents expect."

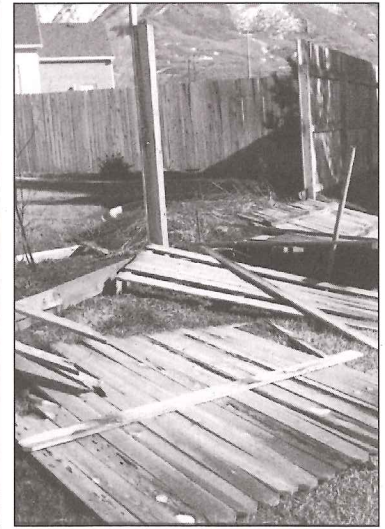
The budget and manpower for fire protection has increased over the years to coincide with the city's development. In 1974-75, for instance, the department had only two full-time firefighters, only one fire station and no ambulance service. Ten years later the department had grown to 10 full-time firefighters, ambulance service was provided, and a second fire station was staffed during the evenings and on weekends. Since that time, however, the number of firefighters has increased only slightly even though the city has seen considerable new construction, especially on the east side.

With the new hiring, the department will consist of 18 full-time firefighters and 35 volunteers. Their equipment includes five 500-gallon pumper trucks, a 100-foot aerial truck, three 200-gallon "grass trucks," one 2,000-gallon tanker, a hazardous material trailer, and three ambulances—one of which is permanently housed at Fire Station #2.

While structure or building fires represent only about 7% of the total fire incidents and calls, they account for a huge portion of the total fire and property loss. In 1996, for instance, the loss of three large homes will more than triple the per capita fire loss when compared to the prior year's loss.

During the last 10 years, the number of ambulance calls has increased 80% and the number of fire calls has increased nearly 40%. Along with responding to calls, the Bountiful Fire Department has also been active in fire prevention and emergency medical skill education. In 1995, for instance, 250 tours and training classes were held for some 6,500 citizens ranging from preschoolers to senior citizens.

The additional cost of expanding the Fire Department will result in a modest property tax increase of about \$13 per year (\$1.08 per month) on a \$100,000 home. Despite the increase—the first since the temporary "flood tax" in 1983—Bountiful City will still have a relatively low property tax rate when compared to similarly sized communities.



City Workers Help Repair Damage From Hurricane-Strength Winds

The late-February windstorm didn't ignore Bountiful, but city workers made an extra effort to minimize the inconvenience to residents.

Reported as high as 77 mph in southern

"It's been a long time since I've seen this many trees go down."

Davis County, the hurricane-strength winds toppled trees, ripped off shingles and blew out windows. Bountiful City Power workers were busy restoring power lost when electrical lines collapsed or were damaged by falling trees. City crews also moved quickly to clear fallen trees off roadways. While their equipment could not go into confined areas, the crews did respond to requests to remove large trees from open neighborhood areas.

"It's been quite a while since I've seen

this many trees go down," said Dick Duncan, Bountiful City director of streets and sanitation. "Pine trees were especially susceptible to damage in this storm."

I-15 Information

A public meeting will be held to describe the I-15 construction project through Davis County from 600 North in SLC to 200 North in Kaysville.

Public input is encouraged.

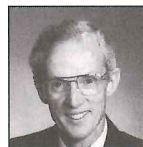
Thursday, May 1

4-8 p.m.

**Davis County Fairgrounds
Farmington**

City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.



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City & Citizens Are Aggressive In Controlling Graffiti

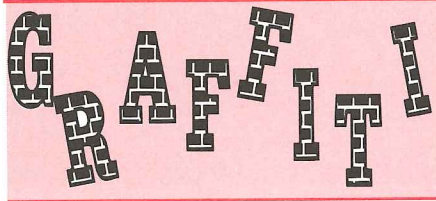
The graffiti problem in Bountiful has decreased over the past several years, partially as a result of citizen action and enhanced penalties which can cost juvenile offenders \$1,000 or more in punitive fines.

Despite the decrease, however, Police Chief Paul Rapp asks that property owners remain vigilant, immediately report graffiti markings, and act quickly to paint over the defacement.

"The reasons taggers use graffiti is to admire their own artwork and gain recognition for their gang," he said. "If their so-called advertisements are reported and quickly painted over, then there is less inclination for them to do it again. Removing graffiti takes the wind out of their sails."

Bountiful City Police have taken an aggressive approach to reducing graffiti. When graffiti is reported, investigators immediately measure and take

photographs of the markings which frequently provide "signatures" of those responsible. While the city cannot legally remove the graffiti from private property, the police encourage owners to call Parks staff member Jerry Wilson (298-6178) who can arrange for donated labor to paint over the markings. (The City Youth Council and other youth groups help area businesses by supplying labor as a service project.)



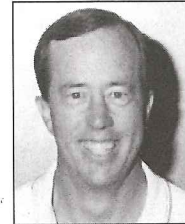
If the investigation leads to a conviction, the graffiti artists are "tagged" in the pocketbook. With the new gang enhancement penalties, fines can be assessed based on the square footage of the graffiti, resulting in fines that can easily reach \$500, \$1,000 or even more.

To report graffiti, call Bountiful City Police at 298-6000.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

By Tom Hardy

The recent legislative session dealt with a very important budgetary issue—how to fund the transportation projects needed to cope with the growth the state has experienced, particularly along the Wasatch Front. While a variety of different funding mechanisms were examined, the eventual solution selected by the legislature and the governor was a gasoline tax



increase, along with an increase in vehicle registration fees. While the need to fund I-15 from 106th South to 600 North was the largest project identified in the 10-year capital improvement program for the state, a

portion of the gasoline tax and registration fee increase (25%) will go to cities and counties to help fund the local roads and streets that will have to be upgraded, widened, reconstructed, and built to get people to I-15. The legislature, under the leadership of our own Senator Lane Beattie, was instrumental in making sure that cities' needs were included in the funding plan.

In addition, the legislature passed a bill which reduced the amount of gasoline tax which our citizens in Davis County pay which ends up in other parts of the State. For years less than 60% of what was collected in gasoline taxes in Davis County stayed in Davis County. While we will still export some of the gasoline tax collected, H.B. 247, which passed virtually unanimously and was recently signed by the governor, helps keep more of it in Davis County to be used on the streets that the people who are paying the tax drive each day.

In Bountiful, we spend over \$3 million annually on street maintenance and upkeep. We have historically received about 20% of that amount from the gasoline tax, which means that the other 80% has to come from property taxes or sales taxes. While Bountiful has been very aggressive about keeping up its streets and installing new streets as the city expands, this new money will allow the city to repair and reconstruct roads which have been overlaid with asphalt so many times that the crown in the road makes it almost impossible for people to get in and out of their driveways. Reconstructing a road is extremely expensive, but ultimately it has to be done in order to get the road surface back to its original, or better, grade. This money will allow us to get a start on this project, as well as maintain the other streets we have in a good state of repair.

Senator Beattie and Representatives Sheryl Allen, Susan Koehn, and Richard Siddoway from Bountiful all helped break the logjam and achieve a funding formula which will assist Bountiful to keep its roads in a state of good repair for many years to come. Their political courage and understanding of our needs is very much appreciated. Too many times we criticize our state legislators for a bill that passed that we didn't like, while not giving recognition to the great good that they do. On behalf of the City of Bountiful and its citizens, thanks to all of you for helping us meet a critical need in a responsible way!



Inexpensive Compost Available At City Landfill

As you prepare for spring gardening, remember that nutrient-rich compost can be inexpensively purchased from the Bountiful Sanitary Landfill. Composting, the recycling system for "green waste" trees and limbs, has the potential of adding some 20 years to the life of a landfill.

Screened compost, containing no pieces larger than one-half inch, is especially valuable for homeowners wishing to "top dress" their land, whereas the unscreened compost is best-used as mulch around trees and gardens. The fertilizing compost is priced at \$30 per ton/\$1.50 per 100 lbs. (screened) and \$20 per ton/\$1.00 per 100 lbs. (unscreened). If there is sufficient interest, landfill officials are also considering selling compost in even smaller quantities.

Beginning in April, the landfill will open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and remain open until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.

Road Extension Will Complete Boulevard Into NSL

Bountiful City will soon construct a one-half mile road extension completing Bountiful Boulevard into North Salt Lake.

The 72-foot wide extension was necessary due to construction of a housing subdivision, Bountiful Ridge Estates. When completed, the Boulevard will wind 4 1/2 miles through the City from its northern beginning at 13th East and 4th North to the North Salt Lake/Bountiful boundary.

The boulevard then continues its path through portions of North Salt Lake. A further connection into downtown Salt Lake has been tentatively encouraged by county and city planners, but was recently opposed by Salt Lake City officials.

Another Bountiful City road project is the extension of North Canyon Road through the Lewis Gravel Pit to Chelsea Drive, a connecting link between Davis Boulevard and 400 East. While the extension is only 1,500 feet (approximately one-quarter mile), the construction is challenging and time-consuming due to the rough terrain.

Towing Away Cars For Charity

As you prepare for "spring cleaning" around your homes, remember that the National Kidney Foundation of Utah will tow old automobiles and trucks away for free and give you a receipt for a tax deduction. For the free towing call 1-800-TOW-KARS (toll-free 1-800-869-5277).