

Help Keep Pollution out of Storm Drains

Remember, it ALL drains to our streams, lakes, and wetlands

What's the issue? Bountiful City, working with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, recently completed improvements to the Bountiful Lake located southwest of the Bountiful Sanitary Landfill. All storm drains from Bountiful City lead to our streams which lead to Bountiful Lake and the wetlands of the Great Salt Lake. Any oil, pet waste, leaves, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our streams, lakes, and wetlands. With over forty thousand people living in Bountiful City, we all need to help in controlling what gets into our storm drains. Remember, only rain in the drain!

What are some helpful tips? Here are some simple steps you can take to help keep pollutants out of storm drains and keep our water clean. Give them a try. A few simple changes can make a big difference!

- **Sweep it.** Do you have extra fertilizer, grass clippings, or dirt on your driveway? Sweep it back onto your lawn. Hosing your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead to our streams, lakes, and wetlands.
- **Keep it clean.** Whether in the street or in your yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, mud, trash, and fertilizers out of storm drains. Mud tracked from new home construction or other construction sites should

be prevented. When leaves, grass clippings, or mud get onto the streets, they are washed into the storm drains which causes clogging and pollution.

- **Don't store it in the street.** Stockpiling construction materials such as sand, gravel, mulch or topsoil in the streets is illegal because it impedes traffic. Violators may be cited. In addition to traffic problems, when the material is washed down the storm drain during a storm it clogs the drains and pollutes the water.
- **Only rain in the drain.** Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our lakes and streams!

If debris such as leaves, sediments, and chemicals makes its way into the storm drain and to Bountiful Lake, they alter the chemistry and quality of the waters. This causes excessive growth of moss and algae and will damage fish and other aquatic life.

Please do your part in helping to improve the quality of the water which drains from Bountiful City through the storm drain system.

Winter Recreation Opportunities

The Bountiful Recreation Center (BRC) is the city's best value for recreation, exercise, and fun. We're more than just a summer facility - we have a wide variety of programs available year round to the citizens of Davis County.

One of our more exciting programs are the ice skating lessons, which emphasize the **Fundamentals** of skating. The key word is **FUN**. Each skater is encouraged to progress at his/her own speed. This program has been designed to create the highest degree of interest and enthusiasm possible in skating, regardless of age and ability. Lessons are taught by our staff of professional figure skaters. Each session of Skate 1-7 and Freestyle 1-3 is composed of six 25-minute classes, which are limited to a maximum of ten students. We also offer pre-school classes (Tots 1-3) which is composed of six 20-minute classes. All classes are held twice a week for three weeks. Call for scheduling information **298-6220**.



Other popular programs are the Swimming and Diving lessons. We offer one of the largest American Red Cross Learn to Swim programs in the state. In addition to this, we offer adaptive aquatics, parent-tot courses designed for 18-36 months, and scout merit badge classes. Swim lesson classes are typically 25 minutes long and run for four weeks. Call for scheduling information **298-6220**.

The BRC has just completed registration for the first session of Jr. Jazz basketball. The second session begins in January and will run for eight weeks. Registration for this session runs November 1-20 and includes all age divisions. If you missed the first session, don't miss the second.

Call the Recreation Center for specific details on all programs at 298-6220.

Flood Hazard Information for Realtors, Lenders, and Owners

Because flood insurance is required on all federally backed real estate loans (FHA, VA), many lending institutions, mortgage companies, realtors, and private individuals are interested in finding out what flood zone their properties are located in.

In September, 1991, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updated the original 1978 flood water study in order to produce a current map showing the areas of Bountiful that will be affected by flooding in the event of a 100 or 500-year storm. The map, known as the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is used to determine the flood risks for properties applying for Federal Flood Insurance. Bountiful City is divided into specific flood zones depending on the type and severity of flooding that will occur in the event of a major storm. These zone classifications range from the most common rating, Zone X (areas of minimal flooding), to Zone A (usually located along creeks which are areas that will be flooded by a 100-year storm). If resi-



dents would like to find out which flood zone a property is located in or learn the definition of a flood zone, the Bountiful City Engineering Department can answer questions about specific properties.

Bountiful City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, which allows flood insurance policyholders to receive discounts on their policies as a result of voluntary activities Bountiful City has implemented. These activities are designed to minimize effects of flooding should it occur. Part of these activities include restricting and regulating dumping in any stream channel. People with questions may come to the Engineer's office located at City Hall, 790 South 100 East, or call 298-6125 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information is also available at the Davis County Library South Branch, located at 725 South Main Street in Bountiful.

Something Old, Something New

Since 1911, Bountiful City residents have benefitted from the rich tradition of a fire department providing the city with excellent fire protection and emergency medical services. Over the years, the needs of the city have changed. Growth in Bountiful, as well as in neighboring cities, has effectively made South Davis Cities a single metropolitan area. Emergency calls and service responses now require more highly trained personnel, sophisticated, specialized equipment, and more responders per call.

Beginning January 1, 2005, Bountiful City and the surrounding cities of North Salt Lake, Woods Cross, West Bountiful, Centerville, and unincorporated Davis County will receive fire protection and emergency medical services from a new agency, the South Davis Metro Fire Agency (SDMFA). This newly created agency replaces the Bountiful City Fire Department and the South Davis Fire District, both of which will be discontinued December 31, 2004. City councils and the County

Commission extend their thanks and appreciation to all of the Bountiful Fire and South Davis Fire employees, past and present, who have given their time, talent, and careers to the protection of the people in South Davis County. The new agency, created by an Intergovernmental Agreement approved by the city councils and Davis County Commissioners, will be governed by a board of directors consisting of one elected official from each city and the county. Each city will pay for services on an assessment based on taxable property values. Facilities and equipment of the two existing fire departments will be transferred to the SDMFA.

A new and improved feature of the SDMFA emergency medical services will be providing paramedic service along with ambulance/EMT service. Now, without regard to municipal boundaries, fire and medical apparatus, equipment, and personnel can be managed, allocated, and respond in a more cost-effective manner. This will establish better service, eliminate duplication of efforts, and provide a higher level of incident safety

for emergency responders, victims, and the public. Cost savings are realized by eliminating the unnecessary duplication of administrative overhead and reduction of expensive, specialized equipment. Cross-trained firefighter/paramedics will provide more personnel responding to major incidents, especially beneficial on extensive structural or wildland/interface fires.

With this proactive consolidation of fire protection and emergency medical services, city and county officials strongly feel the positive outcome will better service the long-term needs and expectations of residents for life safety and property conservation. The dedicated, professional personnel of the SDMFA will be ready to respond to any request for their services after the stroke of midnight, December 31, 2004. Happy New Year from your newly created South Davis Metro Fire Agency. They pledge their best to you.

Reminders for When it Snows

Remove snow from the sidewalks in front of your property within 24 hours after a snow storm. Children walk on the sidewalks to and from school. Joggers and walkers also use sidewalks on a daily basis, even in the winter. Those who rely on public transportation depend on a clear path to make their commute safe. When pedestrians are forced to step into the street to avoid snow and ice, they become a traffic hazard. In the winter, driving is difficult enough without having to look out for people walking in the street.



Do not park on the street during a snow storm or between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November to March. Bountiful City police will be enforcing parking regulations, and you don't want to be towed. Plowing roads is a difficult task when roads are clear. Add vehicles to an icy, steep, narrow street and it is almost impossible. Vehicles parked on the street may or may not be seen by a snowplow driver during a heavy winter storm. If your vehicle is off the street, the city can efficiently and safely remove the snow.

Do not blow or shovel snow off your driveways and sidewalks into the street. When residents shovel or blow the snow from their sidewalks and driveways into the street, it defeats the efforts of the city snow plows. Residents usually get to their driveways and sidewalks after the plows have cleared the street. Snow blown or shoveled into the street becomes a danger to motorists who believe the road is clear and are not watching for patches of slush and ice thrown into the street. Most driveways and sidewalks can be safely cleared without using the street. Snow removal contractors should not push snow onto streets from private parking lots, as this may cause damage resulting in liability claims.

Electric Light Parade

Friday, November 26

The 7th Annual South Davis Christmas Light Parade will be held Friday, November 26, at 6:30 p.m. The parade will be in Bountiful City on Main Street, beginning at 200 North and ending at the City Hall complex, and will have between 40 and 50 entries. This parade continues to be a great family event. There will be entertainment and a lighting ceremony at the City Center following the parade. For additional information, call John at 295-2251, Ext. 117.

Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

Your garbage will be picked up on your regular garbage day on all holidays this year except **Thanksgiving Day**, when it will be one day delayed.



Bountiful City Light & Power Winter Heating Tips

The winter season is upon us again. Keeping your home warm in the winter takes a tremendous amount of energy. Here are a few simple steps you can take to make sure you stay cozy and conserve energy:

- Examine heating ducts, windows, and doors to make sure they have the proper insulation. Weatherstrip or caulk your doors and windows, especially those leading to unheated spaces (like porches, attics, garages, or basements). Caulking is one of the best and least expensive means of sealing air leaks.
- Use electronic programmable thermostats to help you save energy. Set the temperature 2 or 3 degrees lower than normal and save 3% in energy costs for each degree difference. Reduce the nighttime temperature 5 to 8 degrees.
- Open and close outside doors quickly when entering or leaving your home.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed when you're not using the fireplace.
- Keep air filters clean so forced-air systems operate optimally.
- Don't block heat ducts or heaters with furniture, etc.

Ski / Snowboarding School at Snowbasin

First Session: January 8, 15, 22, 29, & February 5
Registration: Saturday, December 11, 2004

Second Session: February 12, 19, 26, & March 5, 12
Registration: Saturday, February 5, 2005

Call for prices for lessons, bus transportation, and lift passes - 451-5217 or 295-1315



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

by Mayor Joe Johnson

On November 2, a record number of citizens responded to the call to exercise their democratic franchise and go to the polls to vote on candidates, ballot issues, and initiatives. The Davis County jail bond issue passed narrowly, the county-wide RAP tax was defeated, and fluoridation was confirmed as a public policy.

Regardless of whether you were in favor of or opposed to the above issues, the fact that a record number of you voted is a refreshing reminder that people do care. We re-elected a president, chose a new governor, elected many other state-wide officers, and elected county and state legislative officials. As Mayor, I look forward to working with all of them, as the duly elected people that you have indicated you wish to represent you. As you know, in our representative democracy form of government, you choose those people who you feel will wisely govern the affairs of our state, county, and local governments. We look forward to working with them and honor them for their desire to serve.

I want to report to you that the new proposed recreation center design is moving ahead, and we hope to have a final design done by the end of the year. If any of you have any suggestions as to what we ought to include or exclude, expand or contract, please feel free to call. Also, we are moving ahead on fire department consolidation, and expect to have the new fire agency operating at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2005.

By the way, Bountiful City was recently recognized as having the lowest property tax rate of any of the 30 largest cities in the state.

I wish all of you the best during this holiday season, and hope that we appreciate the blessings of democracy, freedom, prosperity, and the beauties of this beautiful area and city, and may 2005 be our best year ever.

Golden Years Senior Activity Center

Current activities offered

Barber Services
Bingo
Card Playing Instruction
Ceramics
China Painting
Computer Classes
Drivers Safety Class (AARP)
Lunches (with reservation)
Foot Clinics (by appointment)
Grief Support
Lapidary/Silversmith Classes
Legal Advice (by appointment)
Live Bands - Dancing
Musical Entertainment
Oil Painting
Organ Lessons
Shopping Transportation
Sit & Fit Exercise Class
Stained Glass Class
Strength Training
Tai Chi
Tap Aerobics
Vision Support
Water Coloring
Wood Carving
Yoga
Other Special Activities

Call the Center at 295-3479 for more information

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The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.

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