

# BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

## 2007-2008 Budget Highlights

**O**n May 8<sup>th</sup> the Bountiful City Council tentatively adopted a \$54 million budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year, and set a public hearing for June 12, 2007, at its regular City Council meeting, to receive citizen input prior to adopting this financial plan for the city beginning July 1, 2007.

The 2007-08 budget is a reduction of \$11 million, or 17%, from the \$65 million 2006-07 budget approved by the council last year. The reason for the large reduction is the completion of several large capital improvement projects – the city’s contribution to the South Davis Recreation Center, the new Water Department Headquarters building, replacement of several buildings at the city shops, new landfill facilities necessitated by construction of the Legacy Highway, and the 200 West street project from 1000 North to Pages Lane.

The City Council has consistently committed to not increase property taxes. Over the past 25 years the city has consistently lowered its property tax rate and the share of total property taxes it receives. Last year Bountiful City received less than 10% of total property taxes collected, with 61% going to schools, 19% to Davis County, 11% to various special districts, and 9% to Bountiful City. Thus, out of a \$1,000 property tax bill, Bountiful City received \$90, while the Davis County School District received \$610, Davis County received \$190, and the various special districts received \$110. Bountiful City has the lowest property tax rate of the 20 largest cities in the state, and its rate is less than half the average of the other 19 cities.

The 2007-08 budget contains no increase in water rates, although the City Council will be examining over the next

twelve months different water rate adjustments to generate additional revenue. Our citizens have successfully conserved water over the past five years, and in spite of new growth our water revenues have been essentially flat. Unfortunately, during that same period of time costs for purchased water have increased 50% and costs to pump well water have increased 40%. Bountiful’s water supply comes 60% from deep wells, 20% from the treatment plant in Mueller Park, and 20% from Weber Basin Water’s treatment plant on Davis Boulevard. Further, costs to replace aging water lines have increased 50%, and costs to repair roads after water line replacements have been made have almost doubled. The good news is that there is sufficient water for the upcoming year, even with the poor winter we have had from a precipitation standpoint.

The budget includes a 2% increase in electric rates. This rate increase is necessitated by a constant increase in the cost of purchased and produced power, which is estimated to increase another 5%. The city’s favorable contract with



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**City Council & Committee Chairmanship**

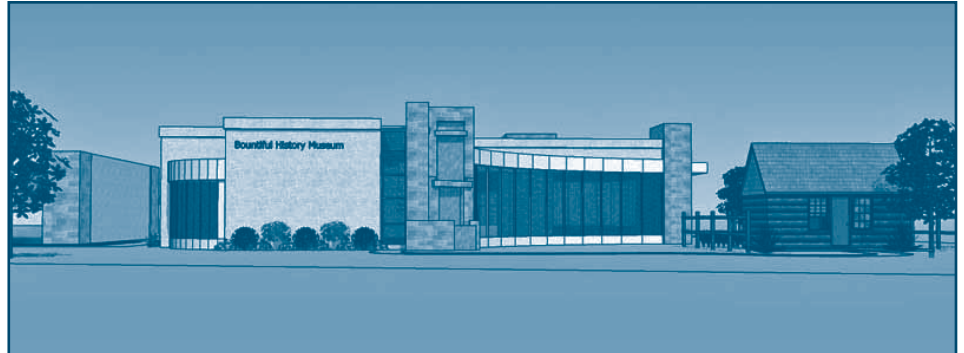
**The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.**

<p>Mayor <b>JOE JOHNSON</b> Finance, Public Safety &amp; Public Relations</p>	<p>Councilman <b>SCOTT MYERS</b> Water and Youth Council</p>	<p>Councilman <b>FRED MOSS</b> Power</p>
<p>Councilwoman <b>BARBARA HOLT</b> Planning &amp; Zoning</p>	<p>Councilman <b>RICHARD HIGGINSON</b> Parks and Recreation &amp; Fine Arts</p>	<p>Councilman <b>TOM TOLMAN</b> Streets &amp; Sanitation and Traffic Safety</p>

## Bountiful City Council Approves Funding to Help Build New Bountiful History Museum

Dean Collinwood, Chairman of the Bountiful Historical Commission, praised the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Manager for their tremendous support of the museum. "They studied the Commission's recommendations very carefully, made useful suggestions, and then the Council came forward with a unanimous vote in favor of building the new museum. We could not be more pleased," he said.

The new proposed museum is to be built just south of the current Bountiful/Davis Art Center located on the City campus, next to the historic Willey Cabin. The building is estimated to cost \$1.5 million, with funds coming from fund raising from the Bountiful Historical Foundation of \$750,000, and then with remaining money from a matching donation of \$750,000 from the City Council. However, the Foundation will be seeking close to \$2 million dollars of funding in the form of family trusts, asset gifts and annuities, etc. to help with on-going costs to operate the museum through future years. All citizens of Bountiful and the surrounding communities are invited to make donations. Sizable donations may carry the possibility of having the donor or the donor's family name on a room, a wall, or other place in the building. All



donations are tax deductible because the Foundation managing the fund-raising is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Donors should make checks payable to the "Bountiful Historical Preservation Foundation" or ABHPF and send them to 845 South Main, Suite B5, Bountiful, Utah 84010.

The architect and designer for the new museum is local architect Tom Smith, of Smith Hyatt Architects, along with members of the Bountiful Historical Commission/Foundation, including Lloyd Carr, Sandy Inman, Barbara Manfull, Joyce Benard, Elaine Holbrook, Robert McArthur, Randy Goodrich, Annette Nelson and Chairman, Dean Collinwood, assisted by former City Council member John Pitt, with coordination from City Council member Tom Tolman.

The museum will include information on all eras of history, not just the pioneer era, and it will include displays on historical events that have occurred in Bountiful and all the surrounding communities.

Collinwood pointed out that, in addition to displays of historical artifacts, the building will also house an archive in which family diaries, journals, and other written documents will be preserved in a safe and controlled environment. It is expected that the archive and its reading room will become a popular place for citizens to do family history research. In addition, a multi-purpose meeting room will be available for community organizations like the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and others to use. School groups will use the room for on-site lessons on the area's history.

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Idaho Power for 7 megawatts of power will be expiring in December, and replacement power will have to come from recalling additional amounts of more expensive IPP power. Again, our citizens have been very diligent in conserving power—even with new growth the total number of kilowatt hours sold has not increased in six years!

For those of you who are interested in global warming and how it relates

to where our power comes from, renewable energy (in the form of hydroelectric power) supplies 39% of Bountiful Power's needs, while coal and natural gas generation supplies the other 61%. The largest source of renewable power is from the Colorado River Storage Project, which includes Glen Canyon and Flaming Gorge dams. The city also operates hydroelectric generating facilities at Echo and Pineview reservoirs. The largest sources of fossil fuel-generated

power are the Intermountain Power Project (IPP) units 1 and 2 in Delta, the Bonanza Plant in Vernal, and the San Juan Unit #4 in Farmington, New Mexico. One of the decisions that Bountiful will have to make soon is how to replace the power from the Bonanza Plant, since the current power purchase contract expires in 2011.

## Fore!!!

**W**ith the spring weather quickly approaching, the Bountiful Ridge Golf Course is once again getting back into full swing! Along with our daily play, we are looking forward to another exciting season of tournament schedules and golfing activities offered through our Bountiful Ridge men's and women's golf associations as well as our junior golf programs. These programs provide many great playing opportunities for golfers of all abilities. For those of you who are in need of a spring tune-up on your golf swings, you may contact the golf shop for lesson appointments and details about our instructional programs. For more information about our programs and association activities, contact the Bountiful Ridge golf shop at 298-6040. See you at the golf course!

### Junior Golf Programs for 2007

#### Junior Club:

- For boys & girls ages 12-16 (birthday between 1991-1995)
- Play 9 holes each Monday at 7:00 a.m.
- Signups begin Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Bountiful Ridge
- Must have 2 years experience, know basic rules and etiquette
- Begins Monday, June 4
- Cost: \$45.00 (includes greenfees, t-shirt, weekly prize & club championship)

#### Junior Golf Clinics:

- For beginners ages 8-16
- Dates: June 4-8, June 11-15, June 18-22, July 16-20, July 20-August 3
- Class times: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
- Cost: \$30.00
- Golf clubs available if needed
- Signups begin on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at Bountiful Ridge

## Golden Years Senior Center Activities

Monthly activities include: Wendover Trip, Senior Tap, Sit n Fit, Beginning Tap, lapidary Silversmithing, Tai Chi, Bingo, Soft Aerobics, Ceramics/Faceting, Line Dancing, Grief Support, Strength Training, Blood Pressure, Dancing, Genealogy, Bridge/Shopping, Movies, Stained Glass class, Craft Classes, Pinochle, Pool, Foot Clinics by appointment, Wood carving, Yoga, Oil painting, Legal advice by appointment, monthly birthday party celebrations and much more. Call 295-3470 for more information.

## Spring Schedule at Bountiful/Davis Art Center

The Bountiful/Davis Art Center offers a free program for a family night out. Family Encounters of the Art Kind is a fun and educational evening. It starts out with an "I Spy" with docents available to show you around the gallery and give information on the current exhibit. Downstairs in the classroom there will be a hands-on art activity you can take home. Goodies will be served!

- May 21 - Abstract watercolor painting
- June 18 - "Under the Sea" watercolor
- July 16 - Wax Resist Fireworks

## University of Utah in Bountiful

Are you looking for something fun and educational for your child to do this summer? The University of Utah in Bountiful is offering the following classes: Introduction to the Chinese Language and Culture, Claymagination, Cookin' in the Kitchen, Discovering Dinosaurs, and Lady Bugs and Lily Pads (preschool art & science). For more information on these classes, please call 581-6984.

## Calling All Artists

In connection with the Handcart Days Celebration 2007, an invitation is extended to artists to prepare an entry for the annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit which begins June 20<sup>th</sup> and runs until July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Artists in all mediums - painting, drawing, quilting, sculpture, metalwork, woodwork, photography, crafts, all forms of art - are encouraged to share their talents at this special exhibition. Information and entry forms can be obtained online at [www.handcartsdays.org](http://www.handcartsdays.org) or by calling Alan or Carolyn Low at 292-1096.





## Handcart Days 2007 Preview

**T**he several committees that handle various aspects of Bountiful's Handcart Days celebration are already hard at work organizing for 2007.

The Call for Entries for the Arts & Crafts Exhibit has been sent out with the actual exhibit due to open on Wednesday, June 20, at the Bountiful/Davis Art Center, 745 So. Main. Entries may address the theme of "Celebrating our Heritage" and can be submitted in several categories: painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, metalwork, woodwork, quilting (original designs or created from pattern), needlework, china painting, crafts, pottery, and photography. The exhibit will be available to the public during the Center's regular hours until July 21, 2007.

Handcart Days 2007 events will begin on Friday, July 20, from 11:30 a.m.

to 10 p.m. and continue through Saturday, July 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Bountiful City Park. Friday's activities will include entertainment, games, and food concessions, the Grand Parade, and fireworks from Celebration Park, east of Mueller Park Junior High.

Highlighting the entertainment this year will be popular vocalist Carmen Rasmussen, appearing at Bountiful City Park immediately after the parade on Friday night.

Saturday's activities will kick off with the annual chuck wagon breakfast sponsored by the Bountiful Exchange Club, include a 5K fun run as well as two hours of free swim time at the new Recreation Center, a continuation of the games, entertainment and food concessions throughout the day at the park.



## Cruisin' The Boulevard Coats for Kids #9

**T**he 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show sponsored by Rotary is coming up on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a charity event for the benefit of our elementary school children in need of winter clothing. They are identified by the school principals and the parents are given a voucher that can be redeemed at an area store for a new coat, boots and gloves. Over the past eight years, 3000 children have benefitted from this event.

Friday night Crusin' and Street party, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Bountiful's Historic Main Street. Come see classic cars, hot rods and participate in the pine wood derby with Cub Scout rules, food court, street dance, contests and prize drawings for gifts from local merchants.

Saturday Car Show and family fun at the Bountiful City Park, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Dick Nourse as master of ceremonies with a display of more than 300 classic cars, hot rods and trucks. Participate in Burt Brothers tire roll for a new set of tires, Jerry Seiners model car contest for a new ipod and the pine wood derby finals. Food court, prize drawings, children's play area, tons of fun. For more information and contest rules got to [www.bountifulrotary.com](http://www.bountifulrotary.com).

## Activities at Bountiful/Davis Art Center

**May 11 - June 8:** Intermountain Society of Artists Group Show and Statewide High School Photography Contest

**June 20 - July 21:** Bountiful Handcart Days Art Exhibit "Celebrating Our Heritage". Submit entries June 8-9, 10am-6pm. Open to professional and amateur artists. Call BDAC for more information.

**Summer classes begin the third week in June**

**Bountiful Summerfest International Street Dance: August 8** at BDAC parking lot

Festival August 10-11 at Bountiful City Park

**TWO DAY FESTIVAL!** Come and see the new stage in the park!

BDAC is accepting artist and food booth applications.

Call BDAC for more information: 801 292-0367 or visit our website: [www.bdac.org](http://www.bdac.org)

**Don't forget!** Family Encounters of the Art Kind on the third Monday of each month. 7-8:30pm. at BDAC, 745 South Main Street in Bountiful

## Davis County Head Start

**T**he Davis County Head Start program is now accepting registration for the 2007-2008 school year. This is a free program for families who are income eligible. There are several programs that families may qualify for. All programs include services for children with special needs. Please call the Family Enrichment Center at 402-0650 to schedule your appointment.

**Early Head Start:** for parents and their children ages 0-3.

**P.A.T.T.:** for parents and their children who will be three by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Head Start Classroom Based:** for children who will be four by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Full Day:** for DATC students needing full day (six hours) child care, ages 0-5, and do not qualify for state child care assistance.