

## Winter Reminders from your Street Department

The warm summer months have passed quickly and the crisp feel of fall is in the air. The seasons are changing and we will soon be seeing the first snows of winter. With this comes the falling of leaves. The Federal Storm Water Regulations do not allow for raking leaves into the gutter, as many of us have done for years. You have probably seen the storm water TV commercial where the man comes up from the drain and gives back the mess washed there by an unconcerned neighbor. No material should ever be dumped or placed on the street where it can be washed into your city streams. The gutter water carries the leaves and debris to the streams. This process not only plugs drains, but causes water pollution problems. The Federal Storm Water Regulations are being enforced all over the country with heavy fines for those communities that do not comply. Leaves should be bagged and taken to the landfill where they can be composted. Our leaf trucks will gather leaves that fall in the street and plug the storm drains and grates, in compliance with the storm water mandates.

The cost of fuel has become a big consideration, and city trucks are not easy on fuel due to the large size and heavy loads they carry. This year the leafers will clean up the city as efficiently as possible, and will not honor requests to re-

turn for repeat cleanup. Leaves that fall into yards should be bagged, composted, or placed in your garbage can.

Here are some reminders that will help us all survive the winter regulations:

- No parking on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. or during a snow storm. Plowing is difficult even when roads are clear of cars. Add vehicles, ice, steep streets and poor visibility to narrow roads and the process becomes almost impossible. You can avoid a citation and towing when vehicles are parked properly.

- Don't blow, shovel, or push snow onto a public street. Though it is tempting to just get rid of it, the extra snow placed back in the road can open you up for liability if an accident occurs there. Once again, extra trips to move snow cost all of us more time and fuel in a very expensive market. We are all in this together.

- Remove snow from walks as soon as possible for our children and those who use our sidewalks to get to public transportation. Help them be safe so they don't have to walk in the street.

- Prepare your vehicle ahead of the first snow. Our city is built on the mountainside and has many steep roads that lead us home. As always, we will

do our very best to provide snow removal service. Snow tires with studs and a little weight in the back (if you drive a rear-wheel-drive vehicle) help maintain traction. Use four-wheel-drive if you have it. A bag of rock salt and a shovel can get you going again if you get stuck in a slippery spot. Don't forget to keep some warm coats, gloves, and shoes on board for an emergency or a simple delay in traffic. Stay back from salter trucks – they throw rock salt about 25 feet as they go through their route. We all need to remember that winter driving takes more skill. Be careful, slow down, and be courteous.

Thanks to all who participated in our Household Hazardous Waste collection. It is always a big event that keeps the nasty products from getting into the landfill. For those who were not able to participate, we now have a new, year-round opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste at the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District, located by Hill Field. Information is available at [www.wasatchintegrated.org](http://www.wasatchintegrated.org).



## Winter Heating Tips from your Power Department

The winter season is upon us again and heating costs are rising. Incorporating a few energy-saving tips will still keep you comfortable and also save you energy. Keeping your home warm in the winter takes a tremendous amount of energy. Here are a few simple tips to help you save on the cost of heating:

- 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 vents or heaters with furniture, etc. Close heat vents in unused rooms. Heat vents in rooms

not against an outside wall may be closed partially.

- Open your draperies or blinds to take advantage of areas where sunlight can shine in. Close them at night to retain heat.

- Use ceiling fans on low setting and in reverse mode, so that warm air is drawn up to the fan and pushed outward across the ceiling.

We recommend the following websites which offer more good energy conservation ideas for your household: [www.ase.org/powerfulsavings](http://www.ase.org/powerfulsavings), [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), [www.energysavers.org](http://www.energysavers.org)

## 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 residents 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 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 at 725 South Main Street in Bountiful.



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## From the Water Department

Although we have been blessed with an abundance of moisture this spring that is refilling rivers and reservoirs, this one year will not permanently solve our future water problems. Landscapes consume from 50-70% of all treated water in urban Utah and should be the major target for water conservation in response to short-term drought and long-term increasing demand.

One lesson we learned from the drought of the past five years is that we can get along on less water per capita than we used to with very little or no sacrifice, but instead with wise water management. Thanks to our water users who conserve our water resources by employing wise water use practices.

**Reminder:** As winter approaches, we remind all water customers to check their plumbing systems to be sure they are in good repair. Customers who irrigate with metered water should ensure that their sprinkler system has been properly shut off and winterized.

Because the City does not read meters during November through March, house plumbing or sprinkler system leaks have the potential to accumulate significant water use over the winter, resulting in a high water bill in the spring without monthly billing checkpoints to alert of the possible leak.

## Holiday Shopping at BDAC

Over 75 artists will fill the galleries of the Bountiful/Davis Art Center with wonderful holiday gift items for their 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Show and Sale, which will run November 18 through December 23. This show and sale is always a favorite shopping stop for unique gifts of original art at affordable prices. Shop Mondays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturdays 2-5 p.m.







## Recreation Programs Available

The Bountiful Recreation Center (BRC) continues to be South Davis' 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.

For those who love the ice, we offer first-class skating lessons, emphasizing the **Fundamentals** of skating. The key word is **FUN**. Each skater is encouraged to progress at his/her own speed, and the program is designed to create the highest degree of interest and enthusiasm possible, regardless of age and ability. Classes consist of a maximum of ten students, and are held twice a week for three weeks. Call the Recreation Center, 298-6220, for schedules.

Another popular program is swimming and diving. We offer one of the largest American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim programs in the state, in addition to adaptive aquatics, parent-tot courses, springboard diving, and Scout merit badge classes. Swim lessons are typically 25 minutes and run for five weeks. Call for schedules, 298-6220.

The second session of Jr. Jazz basketball begins in January and will run for eight weeks. Register up until November 19.

Stop by the Recreation Center for specific details on all programs, and take a look at other fun opportunities!

## “Merry Christmas George Bailey”

Bountiful Performing Arts Center is proud to present this marvelous show based on the original radio production of “It’s A Wonderful Life.” Perfect for Christmas. Performance dates are December 1 - 23 (Monday through Saturday). Come and enjoy the original classic in the newly remodeled BPAC theater. Tickets available online at <http://www.bpac.cc>, by phone (294-SHOW), or at the theater. Check the website for show times and prices, and to see the complete season schedule of events in the BPAC theater.



## Planning Process Started for Historic Downtown Bountiful

The Bountiful City Planning and Economic Development Department thanks everyone who has been involved in creating the Bountiful Historic Fort Plan. This is a plan for the area between 400 North and 500 South, from 200 East to 200 West, commonly referred to as “Downtown Bountiful.” In order to shape the future of this area, the city is trying to get as much input as possible from everyone who lives, shops, and travels through there. We are still looking for your ideas and comments!

It takes a lot of people to create a successful plan. Bountiful City is working with Envision Utah, a public/private partnership organization that specializes in helping cities to create quality growth planning strategies. Four University of Utah

urban planning students are working on the plan as part of their senior planning project and contributing their knowledge and time. And, most importantly, we have been getting a lot of participation from residents and businesses that want to be involved in planning the way Main Street looks and serves the community in the future. Thanks to all who participated in the public workshop held on September 27. About 60 residents came together around maps and drew, discussed, and presented their ideas and concerns for Bountiful’s Main Street and surrounding neighborhoods. Thanks to all the residents who took the time to fill out surveys and return them to City Hall. Over 2000 surveys have poured in! Each one is being recorded and the results are being analyzed. Your responses have been in-

credibly helpful in understanding how the area is used and how it can be made more safe, vibrant, and more of an asset to city residents.

Information from the maps, surveys, and comments are being used to draft a plan that will reflect your responses and give the city direction on what kind of development should or should not occur, how tax dollars will be used in the area, and how to best serve Bountiful residents and businesses. In the spring there will be public hearings so that you have a chance to make sure the plan addresses the issues that are important to you. For more information, please feel free to contact Amber Westenskow at 298-6123 ([amberw@bountifulutah.gov](mailto:amberw@bountifulutah.gov)), or Aaron Olson at 298-6193 ([pzintern@bountifulutah.gov](mailto:pzintern@bountifulutah.gov)).



## Can't We All Just Drive The Speed Limit?

By Councilman Tom Tolman

One of the most frequent complaints we get in Bountiful is about speeding on our streets. This is true for neighborhoods, collector roads, and even busy arterial roads. Maybe the following facts and figures will help slow us down a little.

To begin with, let's review what the **speed limits** are in Bountiful. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, which is the speed limit on 90% of the roads in Bountiful. The only roads which have higher speed limits are collector roads, such as 500 West, 200 West, Main Street, Orchard Drive, Davis Boulevard, Bountiful Boulevard, 400 North, 500 South, 1800 South, and 2600 South. Most of these roads are posted at 30 miles per hour.

Now let's establish **who drives on our streets**. Based on traffic surveys, warnings and traffic citations, over 95% of the traffic in Bountiful is Bountiful residents. Most of those speeding in our residential neighborhoods are local citizens within one mile of their home. What does that tell us? We have met the enemy, and the enemy is us!



Speeding is a habit – but it is a habit we can all break. Consider the following: a person driving 25 miles per hour goes 3 miles in 7.2 minutes. The same person traveling 35 miles per hour goes 3 miles in 5.14 minutes. In other words, going 10 miles over the speed limit will net you a whopping 2 minutes time saved, and may well get you a speeding citation – to say nothing of dirty looks by your friends and neighbors! Ask yourself, “Is 2 minutes really worth it?”

The City often gets requests for stop signs and/or speed bumps to slow down traffic. Stop signs are not to be used for **speed** control, but for **traffic** control, and are to be put up only when justified. Speed bumps just don't work in our city due to the steep slopes of many of our streets and the need to plow them in the winter. What **will** work is for all of us to re-evaluate our “need for speed” and just slow down to the legal speed limit.

We are working on a pilot program for citizens who believe they have a speeding problem in their neighborhood. These citizens could check out a “speed zapper” type radar gun and record license plate numbers of offending citizens, who would then be sent a letter asking them to slow down. This would also be followed up by increased traffic enforcement during critical times and places throughout the community. Our Police Department does not like to write tickets, but as a last resort it may be the only way to get people to slow down. So please, **DRIVE THE LIMIT!**

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