



## Recreation Center

Bountiful City recently hired the architectural firm of Valentiner Crane Brunjes Onyon (VCBO Architects) to complete a feasibility study and master plan for a new recreation center. This plan should be complete by the first of March. The City is working with the Davis County School District on a master plan of the Bountiful Junior High School campus and the possibility of "joint use" of the new recreation center and new facilities for the school. The old armory may be demolished, and new gymnasiums built which would serve both the junior high and the public.

The City is soliciting the support of any City resident interested in participating in a planning and design committee. Those who are interested, please write to:

Bountiful Recreation Center  
 Attention: Design Committee  
 150 West 600 North  
 Bountiful, Utah 84010, or call at 298-6125

Please be sure to include which programs you would be most interested in being involved with, i.e., swimming, skating, exercise, etc.

This is a great opportunity for the citizens and patrons of the recreation center to get involved so we can meet the recreation needs of our community. A new state-of-the-art recreation facility would be voted on by the community, and has been identified as one of the top priorities of the Mayor and City Council.

## Sadly, 95% of Kids 4-8 Are Riding at Risk.

More children ages 6 to 14 die from traffic crashes than from anything else. But even more startling is the fact that over half of the 4- to 7-year-olds who die in crashes are buckled in seat belts only. The truth is that these younger children are not safe in seat belts alone. They need to be placed in booster seats (Utah Highway Safety Office).

The current Utah Seat Belt Law states that children 0 through 4 must be properly restrained in an approved car safety seat in a motor vehicle. Unfortunately, this law does not protect the children ages 5 through 8 that should be restrained in a booster seat.

### Who should be in a booster seat?

- Children from about 4 years old to at least age 8
- Children under 4 feet 9 inches tall.

### How do booster seats help?

- Booster seats must be used with lap and shoulder belts. Car booster seats lift the child up making the safety belt fit correctly.
- Booster seats place the shoulder strap snug across the center of the shoulder, not across the neck or face.
- Booster seats place the lap portion of the seatbelt snug over the hips and upper thighs, not riding up on the abdomen (in a crash a lap belt up on the abdomen could cause internal injuries). (Do not let kids put shoulder belts under their arm or behind their backs. Kids who misuse belts this way are not protected in a crash).

### When is my child ready for an adult seat belt?

- Children fit properly in a safety belt when:
- The lap belt fits low across the upper thighs.
  - The shoulder belt fits snugly across the center of the shoulder.
  - Their knees bend over the edge when the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat.

If you have any questions or would like you car seat checked please call Teresa Smith at the Davis County Health Department at 451-3586.

## Council Set Goals

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house, which will remove almost all chemicals, including flouride. For further information, please call the water department or the Davis County Health department.

The council also expressed interest in establishing walking paths in the parks. North Canyon Park already has a walking path, and the city is working with the Davis County School District on a walking path at Mueller Park Junior High. A walking path is being discussed as one of the elements of the new recreation center, which may have an indoor walking path as well. More trees in parks and the cemetery were also mentioned as worthy projects. A possible Veteran's Memorial at the cemetery was discussed, along with a "History Park" that would celebrate the history of Bountiful and the heritage of those who settled and established this great city—the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest in the State!

Finally, in an effort to preserve Bountiful as the "City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens" the council committed to increase its code enforcement effort to decrease the clutter, weedy lots, and junk cars that are located throughout the community.

If any of you have any thoughts, suggestions, or concerns regarding these goals, please feel free to give them to the council through letters, phone calls, or e-mails (see accompanying article with addresses). Citizen involvement makes the process and the final product better!

## Attention Bountiful Teens

The Bountiful City Youth Council (BCYC) is now accepting applications for their 2003-2004 Activity Year. BCYC offers learning and service opportunities to Bountiful's future leaders. If you •reside in Bountiful, •will be a high school student as of Fall 2003, •have a desire to serve your community while developing personal leadership skills, and •are committed to do great things . . . the BCYC is waiting for you.

Successful applicants will •plan and carry out community events such as the Pumpkin Patch and Bunny Hop festivals, •attend exciting leadership seminars and political events, and •perform community service on a weekly basis. You'll also have a great time with your peers from all around the city. Bountiful's most enthusiastic youth are invited to pick up applications for BCYC now at your school office or at Bountiful City Hall. Completed applications must be returned to City Hall by March 15th.



## Fire Department Provides Free Smoke Alarms

Determined to make sure every home in Bountiful is adequately protected by smoke alarms, the Fire Department is going door-to-door offering free smoke alarms and home safety inspections.

Funded by a grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), this ambitious project will improve safety of both property and life in Bountiful by providing early detection and alarm in the event of fire. Early detection is essential to occupant safety. Although home fire deaths have been reduced by 50% since smoke alarms were first introduced in the 1960's, over 5,000 people a year still die in home fires in America. The shrill insistent early warning of a smoke alarm will provide occupants the chance to escape while a fire is still small.

Early notification of the Fire Department will help save life and property. Although there are countless variables of fuel and fire conditions, as a rule of thumb home fires double in size each minute, so speed is critical. Our firefighters are constantly reviewing their training, equipment, and procedures to shave a few more seconds off their response time. When you call 9-1-1, the dispatcher processes the call and starts the Fire Department rolling even before completing your interview. Fire stations are strategically located to respond and arrive quickly. Firefighters are trained and equipped to get a nozzle to the fire within minutes of arrival. If you are alerted

quickly by your smoke alarm and dial 9-1-1 as soon as you can, you will help the Fire Department get to your fire and control it while it is still small.

So far, 550 of Bountiful's 14,000 dwelling units have been checked, and 355 free smoke alarms have been installed. When you get your visit, do your part to help by letting the inspector take a look at your smoke alarm protection. It will only take a few minutes, and it will help improve safety in the whole community. Inspectors are reporting about a 20% "refusal" rate in their canvassing. At the project's end, this refusal rate would leave 2,800 homes with an "unknown" level of smoke alarm protection. Even if you are fully confident of your smoke alarm protection, by letting the inspector confirm the protection firsthand, you will help remove uncertainty from the project.

Smoke alarms are an essential element in the fire protection strategy for you, your family, and your community. The Fire Department is resolved to make sure every home in Bountiful has adequate smoke alarm protection. Firefighters, Boy Scouts, and other community volunteers are going door-to-door to inspect smoke alarms and install free alarms wherever they are needed. Please welcome them when they call on you, accept their recommendations, and accept any free smoke alarms they offer to install for you.

## Bountiful Historical Commission Reorganized

*By Councilman Tom Tolman*

The Bountiful Historical Commission has been reorganized and is actively seeking historical information from the citizens of Bountiful. One of my campaign goals was to revive the Commission, which was last active during the city centennial celebration in 1992. One of the first challenges for the reorganized Commission will be to update the history on the city's web page. Charles Mabey, who served as Mayor from 1912-1913, wrote the history on the current web page. One of the last entries in that history talks about electric lights coming to Bountiful in 1907! This version of the history is the one we have been sharing with new residents and scouts for many decades. The Commission will be supplementing the Bountiful historical record and bringing it into the new century.

Darwin Anderson has been appointed to chair the Commission, with the following as members: Lloyd Carr (finance chairman), Elaine Holbrook (secretary), Sandy Inman, Barbara Manfull, Joyce Benard, Matt Larsen, and two youth representatives, Shelby Peterson and Cole Peterson.

Darwin Anderson was born and raised in Bountiful and is a 1961 graduate of Bountiful High School. He returned to

Bountiful a few years ago after retiring as a Colonel in the U. S. Air Force. He brings with him his 30 years of experience in managing and operating audiovisual, documentary photography, graphic arts and media library activities for the Department of Defense, as well as experience as a docent for the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. We are excited to have him back in our community and for his willingness to help in our plan to update, preserve, and disseminate the history of our wonderful community.

In addition to those appointed to the Commission, Tom Tolman and John Pitt will serve as City Council members of the Commission. Other citizens are encouraged to become involved with the Commission and its activities. The members have adopted a motto for motivation: "Strengthening the Future by Preserving the Past." We look forward to helping each of you learn and understand more about the history of Bountiful. Please contact us with information, questions, or to become involved in the coming months: Darwin Anderson at 292-6423; Tom Tolman at 292-1981; or 298-6140.

## Want to e-mail your city officials?

- Mayor ..... jjohnson@bttl.state.ut.us
- City Council Members ..... ecall@bttl.state.ut.us
- City Manager ..... thardy@bttl.state.ut.us
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- Planning & Zoning ..... bgehning@bttl.state.ut.us
- Fire Department ..... gsumner@bttl.state.ut.us
- Police Department ..... rapp@bttl.state.ut.us

## Water Outlook - Conservation

The winter precipitation totals have been disappointing so far this winter. Area water managers are planning some meetings beginning in mid-February to discuss strategies to get through another year of continued drought. At the very least, Bountiful water users can expect a continuation of the daily prohibition of outside watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. It is probable that some enhanced conservation measures will be implemented. Any such measures will be publicized in advance of the warm season.

In connection with the drought conditions, some trees may be experiencing stress due to lack of water this winter. Evergreen trees may indicate this stress by exhibiting brownish tips or scorching of the needles. The stress won't be as evident

with deciduous trees since they have no leaves this time of year. You can check the soil moisture around trees by digging in the root area at a depth of 12" or so. If the ground is relatively dry, or your trees show the scorching, it would be a good idea to give the trees a drink by allowing slow soaking.

In anticipation of possible watering restrictions, you can also prepare your turf grass areas to get by on less water this summer by encouraging deeper root systems. When the watering season begins you can do this by watering less frequently but to a proper depth and by maintaining the grass at 3 to 4 inches long. For a lawn watering guide and more information on plant care and watering, go to the USU Extension Service web site at [www.usuextension.slco.org](http://www.usuextension.slco.org).

## New Gas Turbine Report

Bountiful City Power installed a new gas turbine at its plant in Bountiful in June, 2001. It has been a very good acquisition for the city and is helping generate needed power. It is a very efficient turbine that operates on 100% natural gas and compressed air. It is also very clean running and gives off very low emissions. It is fully automated and computer controlled. It can supply more than 4.2 million watts (MW) of power – enough to supply over 2,000 homes. It helps us meet our loads and is also an emergency back-up unit. It is just part of our overall power plant, which can supply 15 MW of power. The plant could generate enough power in emergencies to supply power to portions of the city on a rolling basis if outside power resources were cut off.



## Golden Years Senior Center - 295-3470

### Golden Years Center Trip Planner

**Come and Join us for fun and adventure!**

*No refunds or credits within one week of departures.*

**Some Fun Things to Start Thinkin About:**

Hardware Ranch Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> \$16 with Lunch  
Stopping at Gosner Cheese Factory on the way back.  
Depart 9am return around 3:00

Utah Symphony Finishing Touches  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 1:30ish \$17.00  
Dutch Treat Lunch at Olive Garden

Trinity Irish Dancers  
"Trinity lifts Irish dance to a new plateau."  
Ellen Eccles Theatre in Logan  
March 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Dept 4:00 - 11:00 - \$30 for transport & show. Dinner on your own at the Bluebird in Logan

May 10<sup>th</sup> The Musical Ragtime  
Described by the Time Magazine as "Stunning" is a musical about life in the turn-of-the-century America, filled with joyous music, at the Pioneer Theatre \$25 for ticket & bus  
Depart 1:00 Return 5:30ish  
We will dine after the performance before coming home.

Canyon Lands - Moab Excursion  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
• Bar M Chuckwagon Dinner and Show  
• Moonlight Dinner Cruise on the Colorado  
Prices are all inclusive with meals, room, tips etc.  
\$270 ppdb - \$350 single; Reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit

Fall Foliage trip to New England Back Roads Departing October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 days \$1,649 pp

Wendover Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, \$12  
Dates and prices subject to change without notice.



### City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome  
Your Input and Suggestions.

Mayor  
**JOE JOHNSON**  
Finance, Public Safety  
& Public Relations

Councilwoman  
**BARBARA HOLT**  
Planning & Zoning

Councilman  
**FRED MOSS**  
Power

Councilman  
**TOM TOLMAN**  
Streets & Sanitation  
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**JOHN PITT**  
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## Council Set Goals and "Wish List" for 2003

Meeting in study session on January 14<sup>th</sup>, the mayor and city council listed some of the areas of emphasis for this next year, and brainstormed what new projects and programs they would like to see. During the session, however, the council made it clear that increasing taxes during the next fiscal year was not an option, and that whatever projects were done would have to be done within the resources available. Several council members indicated that citizens were still reeling from the 24% increase in property taxes imposed by Davis County, and that now was not the time to be considering a tax increase to pay for municipal operations.

High on the list of projects was the new recreation center that is now being master planned (see accompanying article). Mayor Johnson and the council expressed continued high interest and support for this project. With the completion of a master plan by spring and a preliminary cost estimate of both the construction and operation of such a facility, a bond election could be held as early as this fall. Citizen input and support were mentioned as necessary elements of any such facility.

The council also expressed a high level of concern for economic development. More commercial opportunities for citizens, revitalization of 5-Points Mall, an inventory of available land, and a greater emphasis on downtown, with a possible Farmer's Market, enhanced Summerfest and Handcart Days celebrations, continued enhancement of the Christmas Electric Light Parade, and a possible Historical Center downtown were all mentioned.

One of the ongoing issues the city is trying to solve is the beautification, reclamation, and enhancement of the area around the "B." This area is suffering from years of neglect, and while it is technically located outside Bountiful's city

limits, it reflects on the community, and is visible throughout the community. Under the leadership of Mayor Johnson, a task force made up of local residents, city and county law enforcement, forest service personnel, and off-road vehicle (ORV) user groups has been formed to come up with a more permanent and satisfactory solution to the problem. This group met last November, and will be meeting again this spring to review alternatives and work together toward making this area an asset, rather than an eyesore, for the city.

The council expressed strong support for Legacy Highway completion, along with construction of "light rail" or a "bus rapid transit" system similar to the one being planned in Eugene, Oregon. Under the leadership of Mayor Johnson, a task force has been formed to push for a feasibility study and inclusion on the region-wide long range plan for transit.

The council continues to explore the consolidation of our fire department with the South Davis Fire District, and our public safety dispatch center with other dispatch centers throughout Davis County. The transfer of the paramedic program from the Davis County Sheriff's Department to the fire district is also being pursued.

The city is moving to implement the flouridation of the water system in Bountiful, and hopes to have all of the operating wells and treatment plant sites in operation by the summer. The city will also be providing a well site where citizens who do not want flouridated water can come and get drinking water without charge. Citizens who do not want to utilize this alternative can install a reverse osmosis filter system at their

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