

## Intense Snowstorms Create City Challenges, But Residents Can Help Immensely

The intense winter storms in December have already affected Bountiful City's budgeted supply of road salt. But the real challenge remains in having citizens use common sense to help snowplow crews keep streets safe and free of snow.

Two major requests:

**1) Do not blow the snow back into the roadways.** When residents shovel or blow snow from their sidewalks and driveways into the street, it defeats the efforts of the city plows. Residents typically get to their driveways and sidewalks after the plows have cleared the street, and snow blown or shoveled back into the roadway becomes a danger to motorists who believe the roads are clear and are then not watching for patches of slush and ice.

**2) Do not park on the street during a snowstorm or between the hours of 2 a.m. - 6 a.m. from November to March.** Plows cannot often see a vehicle during a heavy winter storm. Residents can avoid possible citation and towing by parking off the street and complying with the winter ordinance.

Bountiful City crews have special challenges not seen in Woods Cross and

West Bountiful since many Bountiful streets are relatively narrow and hilly. Still, street supervisor Terry Thompson said snow removal this year has gone quite smoothly considering the aggressive storms that pounded South Davis communities.

The storms created a "run" on road salt. On average, the City uses 11,000 tons per year; this year in only one month, the crews used 7,500 tons. (Salt prices have also increased from \$13 per ton several years ago to a current \$16.80.)

The storms have also taken a toll on the truck blades. Each of the 20 trucks is equipped with a double set of "cutting edges." Last year, the City went through one set per truck during the entire season; this year between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, the City has gone through 34 blades (Each double set costs about \$208.) Crews have also racked up larger-than-anticipated amounts of overtime.

The city snow removal efforts are mapped on a grid, with individual crews (streets and sanitation staffs combined) assigned to a particular area averaging about 8.5 lane miles. In this way, crews are familiar with the geography and



special needs and challenges of particular neighborhoods.

While city crews maintain roadways, city ordinance mandates that residents are legally responsible for removing snow from sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours after a storm. When pedestrians are forced to step into the street to avoid snow or ice, they become a traffic hazard.

## Four of Six City Wells To Be Initially Equipped for Fluoride

by David Wilding  
Water Superintendent

Now that the dust has settled surrounding the drinking water fluoridation issue, Bountiful is moving ahead with preparation of plans and specifications to build the system. We hope to have fluoridated water available by mid-year 2002.

Initially we will be equipping only four of the City's sources: the Mueller Park Treatment Plant and three wells—Viewmont, Zesiger and Calder. Two other wells, the Shop Well and the 1st East Well, will be equipped later in the year in conjunction with construction of new well houses. It is not expected that we will need these wells until the well houses are built.

Last July, a \$1.00 per month per connection surcharge to the water bills was

imposed to generate some of the funds needed to pay for the initial installation of the system. After the system is fully installed and we have a few months operating experience, it may be necessary to adjust the fluoridation surcharge up or down a bit to bring it into line with actual operating costs.

As with any of the operations in your Water Department, safety is one of our primary concerns, both for the water consumer and for the employees who operate and maintain the system. The system design will incorporate a number of features to prevent fluoridation chemical overfeeds or underfeeds and to provide alarms to operators in the event of system malfunction. Fluoride levels in the water will be checked daily in different parts of the water distribution system in order to insure that the dosage is maintained.



## Final Certified Election Results on Nov. 6 City Ballots

Mayor	
Joe L. Johnson	5,033
J. Gordon Thomas	2,712
Council	
R. Fred Moss	4,976
Thomas Tolman	4,459
Kevin R. Murray	2,869
Sherman Fuller	2,220

Citywide voting turnout:  
27% of registered voters



## City Recreation Center Is A Resident "Fitness and Fun" Emporium All Year Long

Considering the medical emphasis on fitness, it's not surprising that gym enrollment is increasing in Utah and throughout the country. Exercise is not only healthy, it's also invigorating.

And when it comes to fitness, the Bountiful Recreation Center offers year-round value through its swimming pool, water aerobics, hot tub, ice rink, weight room, racquetball and wallyball courts.

Adults can enjoy the steam room and sauna to relax after a workout or a long day at work. There is even a rental program in which residents can rent the facility on weekend nights or other times by request.

One of the many celebrated programs is the popular Swimming and Diving lessons, with the Center offering one of the largest Red Cross "Learn to Swim" (Levels 1-7) programs in the entire state. The Center also hosts Adaptive Aquatics, Parent-Tot courses (designed for 18-36 month olds) and Scout Merit Badge Classes.

Lessons are offered Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday between 9 am and Noon and between 4-6 pm and on Saturdays between 9-11 a.m. Adult lessons are available in the evening by request.

Swim lesson sessions are typically 25 minutes long and run five weeks for only \$30. Water exercise classes are one hour in length and are offered mornings at 5 a.m., 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday through Friday and

in the evening Monday through Thursday from 9-10 p.m.

An Annual Pass covers fees for the water exercise classes, but the Center also sells single admission or multi-visit punch

**Best Recreation Value:**  
**A One-Year Family Pass to the entire recreation facility \$395.00**

passes.

Another one of the highly-rated programs is the ice skating lessons, emphasizing the "FUNdamentals" of skating. The key word is FUN, and each skater is encouraged to progress at his or her own pace to enjoy the sport. This program has been designed to create the highest degree of interest and enthusiasm possible. The Ice Arena follows the U.S. Figure Skating Association's "Skate with Us" program, and all lessons are taught by a staff of professional figure skaters.

## Bountiful's Post 9/11 Economic Outlook

Since the events of September 11th, everyone is concerned about the economy and what is happening to their particular organization. Here at Bountiful City we are no different—we are analyzing our own economic data, and what the financial impact of 9/11 will be to Bountiful. While there is still a question about whether or not this will be a short or a medium recession, there is no question that we were in an economic slowdown before the events of September 11th, and those events had a negative economic impact on Bountiful as they did on almost all other corporations.

Bountiful adopted a 2001-02 budget of \$48 million. As in previous years, the council and city management paid careful attention to budgeting conservatively and living within the city's means. In fact, the budget included a **10% reduction** in property tax. Although Bountiful City receives only 10% of the total property tax on a business or residence, it was an important statement that the council wanted to make with regard to collecting only the minimum amount necessary to keep the city's finances balanced.

The largest source of tax revenue for Bountiful, as with most cities, is sales tax. Our sales tax data show negative economic growth of 1% through November. We do not yet have December's sales tax information, but anecdotal evidence indicates it will not be as strong as last year. Of the 6.75% sales tax paid on each sale in Bountiful, 5% goes to the State of Utah, .5% to the Utah Transit Authority, .25% to Davis County, and 1% to Bountiful City. Most of Bountiful's sales tax is generated by food sales and car sales. As expected, food sales are steady, while car sales are slightly down. The other taxes the city receives—property tax, franchise tax, gasoline taxes—seem to be steady, although the first quarter gasoline tax was down from the same period a year ago. Surprisingly, building permits for the first six month of the year are equal to the same period a year ago—although there is only modest growth.

Utility billing receipts through November show flat sales of water and electricity, with small increases in sanitation and sewer services. However, our 2001-02 budget reflects what

Each session of Basic 1-Basic 8 and Freestyle 1-4 is composed of six half-hour classes. The pre-school Snowplow Sam 1, 2 & 3 program is comprised of six 20-minute classes. The classes are held twice a week for three weeks, and consist of a maximum of 10 students for personalized instruction.

Skating classes are held Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Snowplow Sam classes are held Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 10:40 a.m., noon and 12:20 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m, 10:20 a.m., and 10:40 a.m. Adult classes are held Monday nights at 6:15 p.m.

Payment for courses is required at time of registration. Because of the limited class space, the Center is unable to hold make-up classes due to a participant's illness or other time conflicts. Any refunds are subject to the Center's refund policy and it reserves the right to cancel or combine classes as needed.

If you have questions on classes and programs, call the front office (298-6220) or stop by the Center and purchase a Family Pass to take full advantage of the Bountiful facility.

## Artists' Cooperative Gallery Opens in Bountiful



Bountiful is now home to an artists' cooperative gallery, displaying the original artwork of eleven local and regional artists.

The Lamplight Art Gallery, located in the north end of the newly-remodeled Carr Stationery Building (Main between 1st - 2nd South) is open to the public Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Civic, school, and religious groups are invited to tour the gallery by appointment (298-0290)

The gallery's mission statement is "to generate enthusiasm for creating and viewing fine art. Members will support and encourage the community through education, exhibition and participation in the art experience." Along with art exhibition, the gallery will offer regular classes centering on art principles and various art media techniques.

The local and regional artists displayed include Linda Walker, Ginny Coombs, Colleen Parker, Rebecca Lee, Anne Chesley, Barbara Dowdle, Stan Elmer, Charlene Hill, Kay Taylor Affleck, Ruth Hewlett and Jennifer Harrington.

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# New Elected Officials View Bountiful in 2002

## Joe L. Johnson

### Mayor

I love Bountiful City! I simply can't think of a better place to live. And yet, my vision for Bountiful is not simply to maintain our current quality of life, but rather to build upon our great heritage and traditions by making improvements where they are needed.



I look forward to working with the city council, and express my thanks and gratitude to our current council members, Barbara Holt, John Pitt, and Gordon Thomas, for all they have done in the past. I also extend a welcome to Tom Tolman and Fred Moss, our two newly-elected members to the council. Together we will work hard to keep Bountiful what you, the citizens, would want it to be.

There are some issues that I hope we can and need to work on right away. One is economic growth, which is vital to Bountiful. It is perhaps the most important improvement we can make. Economic growth will increase our tax base, which in turn will allow us to make needed changes to better serve each of you. We will do all we can to help make this happen.

As we succeed with our plans for a better economic future, our needs for transportation will only increase. We need to have the Legacy Highway completed, and we need commuter rail. I believe we must continue our efforts to bring light rail to Bountiful, which will benefit each of us and will promote growth of our businesses.

I appreciate the neighborhood meetings that were held and the suggestions you have shared with me. I, too, am concerned with the growth on the benches, the land around the "B", the electrical power issues, the performing arts, and the recreation facilities. The list goes on and, together, I hope we will make improvements on these issues.

Now, I would like to express my appreciation to Mayor Cushing for his time and efforts in behalf of this wonderful city. We will miss him, and wish him well in his new assignments. Thank you again, Mayor Cushing, for your service to each of us.

To each of you, may I just say "Thank You." I am honored to serve in this city, and wish each of you a Happy New Year.

## R. Fred Moss

### Councilman

I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the citizens of Bountiful. This is a great City that we live in and I will do my best to keep it that way. I will be working on the Power Board and feel that this is one of the most important areas that we have in



our City. All of us pay for and enjoy the benefits of electricity and the service that our power company and its employees give. The rising cost of power is a large concern of mine. We all need to conserve and use it wisely. As power board members we will do our best to make good decisions, to keep the reliability and supply up and the costs down.

The City has several challenges facing it with the costs of services increasing and our limited amount of land that we have left to develop. We will need to be careful in our spending and attract new businesses that can help with the cost of running the City. I will listen to you the citizens of Bountiful and will make the best decisions that I can to benefit all of us. Thank you for this chance to serve. I promise I will do my best.

## Economy

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we anticipated to be a fairly stagnant year. We anticipate losing almost \$4 million in the Light and Power Fund of the city—the result of very high-priced power purchase contracts that we had to fulfill. Beginning January 1, we believe that we will have in place the right long-term and short-term power purchases to avoid any rate increases in the near-term future and still break even. With the installation of the new 5-megawatt natural gas turbine at the power plant on 200 West, we feel we can generate power when it makes economic sense to do so, and buy when it is cheaper than generating.

All in all, we believe that the 2001-02 budget year will be "okay" for the city, thanks to conservative spending and realistic revenue estimates.

—Tom Hardy

## Thomas Tolman

### Councilman

As the second oldest community in the State of Utah, Bountiful needs to do a better job in recording and preserving its history. We need a place where the citizens of Bountiful can come and relive the past—a place that is part of our community center, full of stories, pictures, artifacts, and displays of Bountiful's history. We need to do that now so that future generations will know and appreciate the sacrifice of our early settlers who helped establish Bountiful. We owe it to the next generations so they may understand their heritage and know where they came from, why they are here, and where they are going in the future. My generation has an association with the past, and stories of early Bountiful are still clear in our minds. If we don't pass this information on now, it will be lost forever. I feel this is my generation's responsibility. I can help preserve Bountiful's history because it is part of my heritage and I believe many in the community are ready to help bring these ideas to reality. My next goal is to help promote the future of Bountiful. I want to help Bountiful residents understand the importance of shopping and spending their money here as a means to keep personal property taxes practical. I like the ideas that Councilman Pitt has with his "Buy it in Bountiful" approach to help build our tax base. We all need to adopt his attitude. I for one very seldom go out of Bountiful to buy my goods. I work & shop at Fred Meyer. I buy and service my vehicles at Bountiful Businesses. I take my family out to eat at Bountiful restaurants.

My third motto talks about protecting today and tomorrow. My father, Eric Tolman, worked for Bountiful City Water Department for over 35 years. As a result, I grew up mingling with the men and women who worked for the City and became friends with many in the police and fire departments. These people have been my life-long friends, and I can attest to their devotion to duty and excellence of performance over the years. (A fire in our home just before Christmas in 1983 tells of their efficiency and quickness that could have been a real disaster. Thanks again men!) I pledge to do my part to provide these professionals with support they need to continued their commendable service that makes Bountiful a safe and wonderful community in which to live and raise a family.



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## Olympic Torch Relay Comes Through Bountiful on Friday, February 8

On the morning of Friday, February 8, the Olympic Torch will pass through Bountiful. This is significant, because that evening the torch will make its way into Rice-Eccles Stadium for the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. In other words, the relay through Bountiful will kick off the start of the Olympic Winter games opening event!

The exact route has yet to be determined; however, it will in all probability come up 2600 South at around 6:00 a.m., go past South Davis Junior High School, Boulton Elementary, St. Olaf's, and continue on Orchard Drive to Bountiful High School, arriving there between 6:20 and 6:30 a.m. We are planning a special event—having the torch circle the high school track at Bountiful high school while we have a special program and fireworks celebration, which will last 5-7 minutes.

We invite all of you to line the route along 2600 South and Orchard Drive, bring flashlights or candles to "light the way," and then join us for the fireworks spectacular at the high school. We know the hour is early and the weather will be brisk, but this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of the Olympic torch relay as it winds its way to the stadium for opening ceremonies. Watch the **Davis County Clipper** for final times, routes, and events, and plan the morning of Friday, February 8 to be a highlight of the 2002 Games!



## Mayor Cushing Made Our City a Better Place

For ten years, eight years as Mayor and two years as City Councilman, John Cushing has faithfully served the citizens of Bountiful. Although the mayor's position is a part-time job in Bountiful, Mayor Cushing came in to City Hall almost every day. He represented Bountiful with our congressional delegation, our state legislators, county commissioners, and other mayors in Davis County, and was well respected, admired, and liked by all of them—a rare combination in these days and times. Mayor Cushing never chose to be "politically correct"—he was simply honest, straightforward, kind, considerate, and professional.

It seemed like he knew virtually everybody in Bountiful, and those whom he did not know he quickly made his friends. Mayor Cushing continued a rich tradition and legacy of mayors who have served Bountiful well. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Mayor Cushing, along with his lovely wife, Anita, have been called to preside over an L.D.S. mission, and they will receive their assignment in February.