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City Making Plans To Accommodate Traffic For Bountiful Temple Functions

To minimize traffic inconvenience for the city's citizens, Bountiful City is working closely with LDS Church officials concerning the expected attendance at functions for the new Bountiful Temple.

An Open House will be held Nov. 5-

Dec. 17 prior to the official Dedication of the temple scheduled for Jan. 8-14, 1995.

City Manager Tom Hardy said, "The city is looking forward to this outstanding opportunity to 'showcase' our community to the large number of people visiting here from surrounding cities and outside our metropolitan area. In addition to appreciating the beauty and splendor of the temple facility, the visitors should also enjoy the cleanliness and beauty of the City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens."

To accommodate the many thousands of visitors at the Open House and Dedication, the city plans to utilize 1800 South and 400 North as the principal east-west access roads. Most of the parking for the two

functions will be at the temple site, along Bountiful Boulevard and in LDS chapel parking lots.

Uniformed officers will provide necessary traffic control. In the event of inclement weather, the Street Department will clear Bountiful Boulevard (including the curb and gutter sections) through the late evening and early morning hours to allow pedestrian traffic on the wide west-side sidewalk and continued parallel parking on both sides of the street.

The Bountiful Boulevard extension to 400 North should be completed by mid-October, carrying a major portion of the traffic from motorists residing north of the 400 North exit.

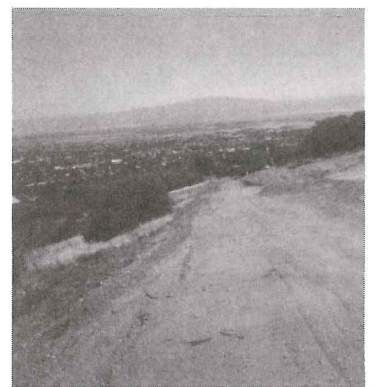


Already one of Utah's five busiest post offices, Bountiful Post Office volume is up more than 5% in 1994.

New Post Office 'On Target' for Spring 1995 Completion

The footings have been completed on the new U.S. Post Office facility, with construction "on target" for the scheduled March 21, 1995 opening.

The postal facility, under construction at Main and Center, will be about triple the size of the current Bountiful Post Office which is already one of the five busiest in the state. Postmaster Greg Jones said that mail volume at the Bountiful Post Office should near 50 million pieces by the end of the current fiscal year. That represents a 5.2% increase over the mail volume of last year.



The Bountiful Boulevard extension to 400 North began in July. When completed in mid-October, the roadway will become a major access road to the LDS Temple, alleviating heavy traffic from winding through other residential streets. The \$481,000 extension (right) includes construction of a culvert in Stone Creek (left).



Vee Waddoups



George Fadel



Matt Galt



Morris Swapp



Elmer Barlow



Dean Stahle



Bob Linnell

Bountiful's Former Mayors Recall The Challenges Faced By City Residents

Since its incorporation as a Third Class City in 1892, Bountiful voters have elected 27 different mayors. The seven living former mayors offer a glimpse of Bountiful's history and its challenges.

Vee Waddoups 1948-49

As the city's youngest mayor (barely 34), Vee accomplished what voters had defeated in three previous special elections: *funding for a sewer system*. Waddoups pressed for approval of the funding through a revenue bond—and it passed easily.

"Back then you had to sign the individual bonds by hand," he laughed, "and I signed 1,800 separate bonds. The sewer system was built with the money from these bonds which carried a low 3 1/4 % interest rate. Our city was barely scraping by, so we had to watch our pennies while still planning for the future. We bought our sewage disposal area in West Bountiful for \$165 per acre."

Now 81 years old, Vee and his wife "go south for the winter" and enjoy "a little traveling." The two live in North Salt Lake (*His brother-in-law, Elmer Barlow, would later serve as mayor*)

George Fadel 1954-57

While serving in his mid-30's, attorney George Fadel also faced the issue of water. "We had a culinary water shortage and had to tie in to private water systems," he recalls. "I got a call one day from a lady who wanted to bathe her baby—but she couldn't because there was not enough culinary water. There was also some interest in smaller cities consolidating with Bountiful."

Another challenge, he remembers, was the temptation to sell the city-owned municipal power system to Utah Power & Light. (That debate ended when Fadel and the City Council purchased a new generator.) Fadel and the council also successfully annexed the commercial area now associated with Willey Honda and Slim Olsen's.

Today, Fadel is still involved in his general law practice which also includes his son and two daughters.

Matt Galt 1962-65

The culinary water problem was substantially solved during the administration of Matt Galt, an elementary and junior high school principal. "We spent a lot of money," he said, "but we had to since Bountiful was growing and the city was suffering from a severe water problem. Our water system was so poor in the early 1960's that our residents could not qualify for an FHA loan. Some homeowners were storing water for use in the evening when our 2" pipelines would go dry."

Using \$6 million in "water reserve" funds, city officials expanded the pipeline capabilities and dug wells. Only two years later, says Galt, the city was honored by the State of Utah for Bountiful's development of a "first-class water system."

Despite the advice that citizens would "never vote to go in debt", Galt successfully supported a voter-approved recreation bond to build the city's swimming pool. ("I've always believed that people are pretty reasonable when they have all of the facts") The City Council also doubled the number of street lights, indicative of the city's growth.

Retired since 1989, Galt enjoys working on his small family orchard and traveling to see his "scattered family."

Morris Swapp 1966-77

Galt was succeeded as mayor by another elementary school principal, Morris Swapp, who served three four-year terms. Much of the recreation program came into "full bloom" during this time.

"We purchased the land for the golf course and I drove the first ball off the tee," recalls Swapp. "We also added parks, and built the Bountiful Bubble and skating rink. Growth in the city was continuing leaps and bounds and

most voters agreed with me that quality of life demanded that we provide recreational facilities. I worked with youth all my career and I know how important it is to provide things for them to do."

Following his service as mayor, Swapp served a two-year term as Davis County Commissioner. After retiring from the Davis County School District in the late 1970's, he served a LDS Church mission to Florida. Today he spends winters in Southern Utah and enjoys the summer from his home in Midway.

Elmer Barlow 1978-81

Elmer Barlow became the oldest elected mayor in city history when he was elected to a four-year term in Fall, 1977. Now retired, Elmer says history has proven his administration correct in refraining from drilling for geothermal power and from becoming involved in the "Burn Plant."

"By staying out of the Burn Plant, the city has saved almost \$1 million," he says. "I was criticized at the time, but it was the right thing to do."

Dean Stahle 1982-89

As a newspaper publisher, Dean Stahle was a supporter of "revitalizing" communities, but his two terms also brought up the challenge of the 1983 flooding.

"The floods destroyed much of our old city equipment, and we had to raise taxes by two mills to purchase the replacement. One year later, however, we reduced taxes by three mills by downsizing the Intermountain Power Project."

During Stahle's terms the city purchased the Stoker School for lease to the University of Utah, worked with developers on Gateway Park, and substantially increased funding for the arts.

Following his tenure in office, Dean and his wife served an LDS mission to West Africa. A self-admitted "lifetime learner" he spends much of his

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As Traffic Volume Increases, Speeding Becomes Even More Threatening To Safety

By Larry Higgins

Bountiful Chief of Police

Speeding has become an increasing problem on Bountiful City streets; the accident rate is increasing along with the severity of the injuries and the cost of the property damage.

While excessive speeds are seen throughout the city, speeding is especially noticeable on 1800 South, 400 North, 500 South, and Orchard Drive. To complicate the problem, these and other areas are also experiencing a vast influx of motorists and vehicles. Over the past three years, for example, some areas of our city have seen a 2,000-vehicle per day increase!

This increase in traffic may be linked to some of the excessive speeds. Drivers may try to make up for lost time by increasing their speed, thereby creating a hazard to other drivers and pedestrians. At other times, however, speeding is caused by simple inattention. When drivers are stopped for speeding by Bountiful City Police officers, an overwhelming majority of the drivers say they were not aware of their speed. Similarly, motorists stopped for stop sign violations often say they didn't even see the sign. All motorists should recognize the simple fact that vehicles can be deadly weapons when the operators are not alert, observant and aware of their surroundings.

The basic speed law states that you may never drive faster than is



reasonably safe. However, when there is no speed limit sign and where no special hazards exist, the speed limit is 25 mph in business and resident areas and only 20 mph in school zones.

In an effort to slow speeds and increase the awareness of motorists, the Bountiful Police Department will be operating a Reader Board at various locations throughout the city. The Reader Board is a portable electronic speed sign that reflects the speed of approaching motorists through a radar device. An officer will be present to survey the traffic and the speeds, thus compiling information for us to determine problem areas and time for future radar enforcement. At the same time, motorists can see their speed digitized on the Reader Board.

Due to previous complaints from citizens, radar speed enforcement has

been increased on 1800 South, 400 North and 500 South. We encourage all motorists to be more aware of their driving habits and obey speed limits and other rules of the road. It is never pleasant to receive a citation or the resulting costly fines and potential for increased insurance costs.

The Bountiful Police Department is making an effort to keep the streets of our growing city safe for the residents. Speeding and inattention account for the vast majority of accidents, so, when you drive, please concentrate on safe driving and obey the traffic laws.

Former Mayors

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retirement time reading, studying history and literature, and writing a family history.

Bob Linnell 1990-93

Bob Linnell recalls his one-term service fondly due to the "high quality employees and city manager." Currently Gov. Mike Leavitt's deputy over governmental relations, Linnell says it was ironic that the Northwest Pipeline project became a major issue since "the project didn't even touch our city limits. Still, we tried to mitigate the environmental concerns."

Service Clubs

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eyewear/glasses for needy children and students. The club also operates the city rifle range. Members meet twice each month; for membership information, contact Pres. Maher Ramaileh (292-8553), Paul R. Allen or any club member.

ROTARY CLUB (Bountiful Rotary Club)—The 40 members of this professional and managerial group help citizens in a variety of projects, from its Eagle neckerchief and scholarship presentations to its international focus on the eradication of polio. The club meets weekly; for membership information, contact Pres. Joe Call, or any Rotary member.

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