



# BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Is Our Bountiful City Water Safe To Drink?

*By David Wilding*

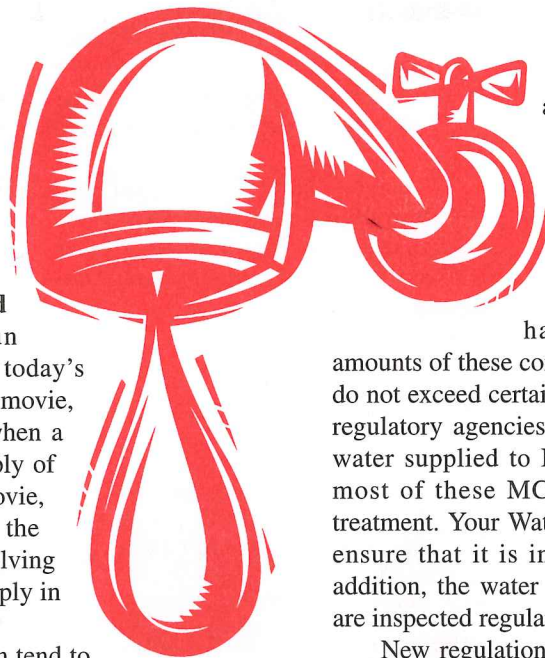
*Water Department Manager*

Recent media attention has brought drinking water issues to the forefront. In the last six months, Riverton and Salt Lake City have had problems with bacterial contamination. Major publications such as **USA Today** and **Good Housekeeping Magazine** have run articles about the safety and status of today's drinking water. **Thirst**, a made-for-TV movie, dramatized the problems encountered when a fictional parasite got into the water supply of a west coast city. A new Hollywood movie, **A Civil Action**, based on the book of the same name, documents a legal case involving chemical contamination of the water supply in Woburn, Massachusetts.

While these media productions often tend to exaggerate the severity of problems with drinking water, they do reflect a rising public interest in the subject and may have prompted some questions in the minds of Bountiful water consumers.

Water for Bountiful is supplied from three main sources: deep groundwater wells, Mill Creek and the Weber River. Bountiful owns and operates the wells which, except for one, all lie within the city limits. These provide about 60% of the city's water supply. The city also owns and operates a water treatment plant in Mueller Park which treats the Mill Creek water. Weber Basin Water Conservancy District operates a plant on Davis Boulevard which treats the Weber River water. Each of these plants supplies about 20% of the city supply.

The treatment plants clarify, filter and disinfect the raw water from the streams before it is sent to consumers. The well water is drawn from depths of 200-600 feet, and is considered adequately treated via natural filtering action of the subsurface sand, gravel and rock through which it passes and receives no further treatment.



We sometimes refer to safe water as "pure" water. Actually, this is a misnomer as the only "pure" water (no other chemicals) is distilled water. All the water supplied to water customers everywhere has varying amounts of dissolved inorganic and organic compounds which it picks up from the rocks, soil and plant life. The key to having safe water is assuring that the amounts of these compounds are not harmful, by assuring they do not exceed certain levels. These maximum levels are set by regulatory agencies such as USEPA. Fortunately, the source water supplied to Bountiful is already in compliance with most of these MCLs and requires very little additional treatment. Your Water Department regularly tests the water to ensure that it is in full compliance with these MCLs. In addition, the water system facilities and operations practices are inspected regularly to ensure security and safety.

New regulations continue to be promulgated. The city is proactive in the process of upgrading its operations in order to stay ahead of the regulatory requirements. One new regulation this year will require the city to prepare and distribute a "Consumer Confidence Report" which will advise consumers in more detail of the makeup and quality of their drinking water. Look for this report sometime next fall.

Although Bountiful currently has an adequate supply of high quality water, such water is nonetheless a finite and precious resource and should be used wisely. Growth and modern water use practices continue to place higher demands on the resource which can only cause the cost of producing it to increase. Consumers are encouraged to avoid water waste through proper indoor and outdoor use.

Bountiful Water Department is dedicated to provide a safe and adequate supply of high quality water to Bountiful customers at the lowest possible rates. We welcome your questions about your water quality, water conservation or other drinking water issues—Just call the Water Department Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 298-6180.



# Snow Removal: Working Together

*From the Streets and Sanitation Department*

Let's work together on snow removal, because in Bountiful we seem to receive more than our fair share of snow. Few things are more upsetting during a storm than walking in your house after clearing your drive approach and hearing the rumble of the snow plow churning up the road with a load of snow to dump right back in your driveway entrance. When temperatures remain below freezing much of the time, 'push back' efforts are a necessary part of snow removal. Streets need to be made safe and passable for everyday uses, like mail delivery, garbage collection, on-street parking and safe two-way traffic flows. These necessary normal activities require snow removal personnel to push the snow back into the gutter or as near as possible during these months. Our intention is to make our streets safe, not to fill your driveway.

## SOME HELPFUL HINTS:

1. Shovel your driveway snow to the right side of your approach so our plows will take the snow away from your drive entrance rather than pushing it back into the approach.

2. If you can delay clearing your

approach until snow removal is completed, you will only need to shovel out the entrance once.

3. Clear all sidewalks immediately after a snow storm.

4. Keep your vehicle off the road between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. or during



a snow storm.

5. Snow blowing operations should be contained on your property and not in the street.

A special note: every year the Sanitation Department observes several garbage containers burned to the ground because of hot coals. Make certain the fireplace coals you put in your containers are cold.

# Blow Out The Candles

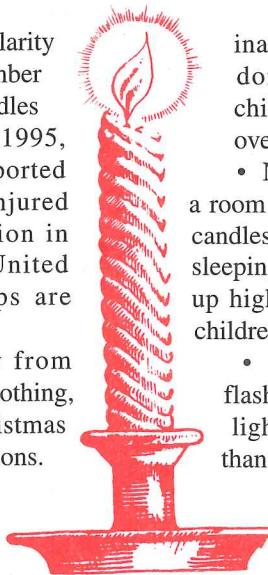
With the increased popularity of home candle use, the number of home fires caused by candles has risen dramatically. In 1995, There were 8,440 fires reported which killed 76 people, injured 914, and did \$117.6 million in property damage in the United States. The following tips are offered for safe candle use:

- Keep candles away from combustible items such as clothing, books, paper, curtains, Christmas trees, and flammable decorations.

- Make sure any candles you use are in sturdy, noncombustible holders that won't tip over and are big enough to collect dripping wax.

- Remember to extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep and keep candles-and all open flames-away from flammable liquids.

- Don't place lit candles in windows, where blinds or curtains can



inadvertently close over them and don't use them in places where children or pets could knock them over.

- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a lit candle and don't leave candles lit in a room in which a child is sleeping. Keep all matches and lighters up high and out of sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.

- During a power outage flashlights and other battery-powered lights are much safer light sources than candles. If you must use candles during a power outage, try to avoid carrying them around while lit. Never take a candle into a closet to look for things. Never use a candle for light when fueling equipment such as a kerosene heater or lantern.

- Don't use water to extinguish candles or any fire involving burning wax.

# Police Department Honors Citizens For Crime-Fighting

Three Bountiful citizens were recently honored at a City Council meeting for helping the Police Department to solve various crimes.

Doug Newman, Jayne Kearn and Cameron Carson received plaques for their crime fighting efforts that went beyond normal citizen involvement.

Mr. Newman, while shopping at Fred Meyer, responded to a cry for help from a woman whose purse was just stolen. Mr. Newman chased the female suspect out of the store and apprehended her. Police took custody of the suspect and determined that Mr. Newman's wife had her purse stolen by an associate of the thief Mr. Newman had caught. Several purse snatching cases were solved as a result of Mr. Newman's actions.

Jayne Kearn employed an extermination company to do service in her home, and noticed that her prescription medications were missing after the employees left her home. She contacted several of her neighbors who had also used this service, and determined medications had been stolen from them as well. Ms. Kearn invited the police to set hidden video equipment in her home while inviting the exterminators back for additional service. The thieves were videotaped stealing placebo drugs from the Kearn home that police had provided. These arrests solved several home burglaries in the Bountiful area.

Cameron Carson was shopping at Albertsons when he heard a lady scream and saw a man run out of the store with the lady's purse. While witnesses called Police, Mr. Carson chased the thief for over a block and apprehended him and held him until the police arrived. Mr. Carson's quick action not only recovered the elderly lady's purse, but lead to the arrest of the suspect for theft and an outstanding arrest warrant from a neighboring city.

# Neighborhood Watch A Help To Residents

Neighborhood Watch programs are designed to reduce crime by stopping it before it happens. The Bountiful police offer a training class for all neighborhoods who want to start a watch program. If you do not already have a Neighborhood Watch in your area, contact Edward Biehler at 298-6017 to get one started.





# BOUNTIFUL YOUTH COUNCIL

## A Dream Come True

(Note: Alan Johnson, City Councilman, and Janice Ridges are the current advisors. Please contact them if you have any questions about the Youth Council.)

By Alan Johnson  
Council Advisor

## Awards Handed To City Beautification Honorees

Bountiful City Beautification Awards were given to 44 homeowners, businesses and churches several months ago in an annual honors program that Mayor John Cushing says "exemplifies our tradition as a city of beautiful homes and gardens."

The City Beautification Award program began in 1984 when its creator, former City Planner Jon Reed Boothe, named six winners. The City now has 11 area chairmen who review nominations from citizens.

Among the awards:

**Community Spirit Award:** Jean Green for her faithful efforts to pick up trash along Bountiful Boulevard during her daily walks.

**Neighborhood Service Award:** Tom and Jana Foy accepted for Neighborhood 25 (Bountiful South Area) for residents helping two religious denominations beautify church grounds and for the help in creating two parks and an oversized green parkway.

**Most Beautiful Street Award:** Merlin and Marilyn Gardiner accepted for residents on 600 South from 200-300 East which boasts consistently tidy and unique landscaping.

**Business Awards:** Garden Barn, Xcel Spa & Fitness, Fred Meyer, Drescher Associates.

**Civic Award:** Jerry Wilson accepted for City Parks and Recreation

**Religious Structures:** St. Olaf's Catholic Church and the Bountiful LDS Temple.

**Residential Winners included the following:** Melvin Hatch, Alma & Melva Park, Dick & Colleen Lyman, Dean & Carolyn Sudweeks; Kerry & Charlotte Davis, Gilbert & Beverly Hill, Robert & Shirley Welch, David & Laurel Lindsay, Al and Ida Mitchell, Lance and Pam Wood, Scott and Muriel Haslam, Richard and Mary Cahoon, Max and Norma Hansen, Robert & Kathryn Wallace; Tom & Sherry Johnson, Dick & Gerri Prows, Brad & Holly Stone, Sherry Broderick, Bob Delahunty & Pam Wirthlin, Paul & Sylvia Miller, Keith & Mary Duerden, Dee & Gail Winegar, Jeff Brimley, Richard & Evelyn Lemon, Rodd & Carol Hadley, Doyle Stephens & Vincie Burk, Tanya Nelson, Steven & Michelle King, Steven & Linda Kirkham, Fred & Lois Crawley, Grenn & Kathleen Clark, Sherman & Linda Fuller, Max & Myrtice Jardine, and Gordon & Jean Johnson.

Five years ago Mayor Cushing thought it would be a wonderful thing to have a City Youth Council formed. Councilwoman Ann Wilcox took the idea and, along with a good friend, Janice Ridges, made it come to fruition.

It was determined that the Youth Council would be an organization dedicated to service to the citizens of Bountiful. Many projects were tried and some became traditional: The Halloween "Pumpkin Patch" and the Easter "Bunny Hop". The Pumpkin Patch is the major fund-raiser, while the Bunny Hop is free. Both take place at the new North Canyon City Park.

Youth Council members come from Bountiful, Viewmont, Woods Cross, Rowland Hall and Judge Memorial High Schools. However, they are required to live within the Bountiful City limits.

Want to see them in action?

■ Come to the City Hall each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. The full Council of approximately 35 members meets on the first and third Wednesdays and the Planning Council (leaders) meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

■ Come to Washington Elementary School after school on Wednesdays to see the activities for those students who stay after school (between 30 and 40 of them). These activities end with the Youth Council members escorting the students across busy Highway 89 (500 West) as they leave for their homes to the south.

■ Come to the Meadows Senior Citizens Housing and watch them participate with the people there in parties, games, and in planting their flower bed and putting up their Christmas tree.

■ Come to South Davis Community Hospital where they decorate for special activities such as Thanksgiving, or put on a wonderful talent show for the patients, young and old.

■ Come to Summerfest where they help staff booths.

■ Come with them when they visit the State Legislature for a day or when they spend a day with their City counterparts.

Yes, you get the idea! These are busy, informed, and happy youth who are doing worthwhile things for your community. We are proud of their willingness to serve.

## HOW TO JOIN?

Each January, application forms are given to the high school principals. They make periodic announcements to the studentbody. Those desiring to join can fill out an application and include a letter of recommendation. Through a process of screening and interviews, the new Council members are chosen. An "outreach" program is formed for those not invited to join. These applicants are welcomed to participate in council activities, but are not required to attend meetings.

## City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome  
Your Input and Suggestions.



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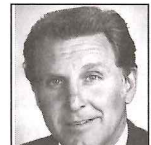
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Fine Arts and  
Youth Council



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Streets, Sanitation  
and Traffic Safety  
Committee



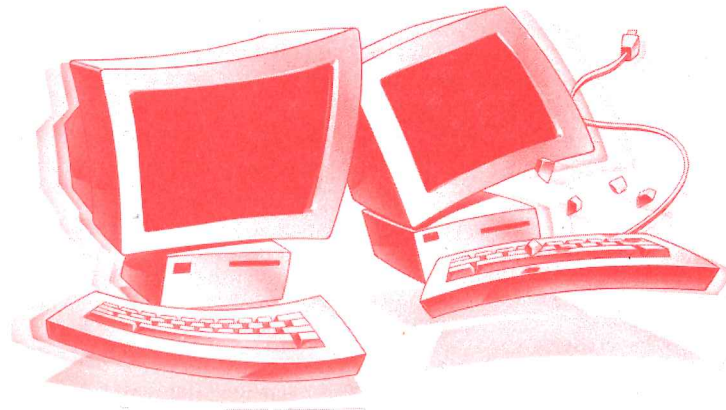
Councilman  
Stewart Knowlton  
Water & Sewer



# In Pursuit of the Cure for the Much-Publicized Y2K Millennium Computer Bug

By Galen D. Rasmussen, Admin. Services Director  
and  
Alan M. West, Information Services Manager

The media has been very active in sounding the warning call on potential computer problems related to the year 2000. Whether termed the "Millennium Bug" or "Y2K", this problem relates to the inability of many older, and some newer, computerized systems to correctly recognize the year "00" while processing data. In the past, programmers wrote computer code with two digit representations for years instead of four digits (i.e. "98" for 1998) to save on computing resources. The computer recognition problem comes when the computer program does not allow interpretation of which century the two digit representations refer to (i.e. "00" may mean the year 1900 or 2000). The potential for problems is enormous and affects almost every facet of our daily lives. Like it or not, we have all become extremely dependent upon computers and embedded computerized chips as a global society. We depend on our utility suppliers to supply energy, water, telecommunications and other services to us daily. We think very little about the traffic signals that regulate the flow of traffic and the systems in our homes, cars and businesses that control our comfort and safety. We also take for granted the distribution systems that control the movement of food, clothing, money, and other items we need daily to sustain us. Many of these systems are controlled in whole or in part by computers or embedded computer chips.



citizens. Key suppliers such as energy and telecommunications companies, financial institutions, transportation companies, software/hardware vendors and a myriad of others have issued certifications and/or status reports on their Y2K readiness and appear to be making acceptable progress at this time toward Y2K compliance. Yet, it is important to note that City services could still be

impaired in some areas if suppliers, such as ones listed above, cannot ultimately deliver their products and services to us.

While doomsday calls are prevalent, it is important to keep things in perspective. A recent article published by the Gartner Group, noted that "...most enterprises will address mission-critical systems so that 90 percent of the systems that do fail will be corrected within three days." As such "preparing for the new millennium should be much like preparing for a storm that will last less than a week." This Y2K issue has undoubtedly received one of the highest levels of awareness and resource commitment of any major issue in recent history. The resulting cooperation among organizations, and the progress made to-date by ourselves and others, gives reason to feel reassured of a positive outcome. The City Y2K committee will be issuing a report on the status of our organization's Y2K readiness in January 1999. A copy of the report will be available for public review.

The City of Bountiful has anticipated the Y2K issue by forming a City staff committee comprised of representatives from every department in the city to examine and deal with our City organization's potential Y2K exposure. In short, the task of this Y2K committee includes a comprehensive inventory, assessment and testing program of all systems and equipment for determining components that are susceptible to Y2K impacts. Our review also includes contacts with vendors who supply our mission critical areas to determine the vendors' readiness. Where problems are noted, remediation efforts will entail repair or replacement of hardware and software. If repair or replacement is not feasible, appropriate contingency plans will be developed to ensure continuous operations after December 31, 1999.

**In City owned and operated systems, our known Y2K problems appear to be minimal and are projected to be repaired or replaced on or before June 30, 1999.** However, our City organization has interdependent relationships with many other organizations and vendors which supply products and services to allow us to carry out our responsibilities to our

## Low Interest Loans Available for Repair Of Existing Homes



In an effort to preserve the existing housing stock in Davis County, the Davis County Housing Authority is providing low-interest loans to qualified low-income home owners for necessary home repairs. Loans are made available at 3-5% interest depending on income (annual income for a family of five \$41,200 or less). To see if you qualify, call Shelli Goble at 451-2587 or 546-6142 ext. 3104. Your home must be over 10 years old, you must not have a second mortgage on your home, and you must be income qualified as required by HUD.