

## Pioneer Memories and Vision is Handcart Days Theme



Handcart Days, recently voted the most popular community event in Davis County, will be held July 22 and 23 this year with the theme of "Pioneer Memories and Vision." Hundreds of volunteers from Bountiful, West Bountiful, and Woods Cross are already committed to making it a success. Dallas and Marjorie Bradford are this year's directors.

The Handcart Days Grand Parade will feature 100 entries, including an anticipated 10 major bands. Last year some 75,000 people were on hand to enjoy the floats, antique vehicles, clowns, and entries. The parade begins at 6 p.m., Friday, July 22. Those wanting to enter should apply before June 21. Go to [www.handcartdays.org](http://www.handcartdays.org) for applications and parade rules, or contact the parade committee chairs at 295-6296 or 295-0200.

The Handcart Days Arts and Crafts Exhibit at the Bountiful/Davis Art Center offers an opportunity for the area's artists, both professional and amateur, to show their

work. It opens June 22 and runs through July 23. Entries represent painting, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, metalwork, woodwork, quilting, and photography. Entries can be submitted June 10 or 11. Contact the Art Center, 292-0367, for details.

Fireworks will boom across the city Friday, July 22 from Celebration Park, east of Mueller Park Junior High, 10<sup>th</sup> East and 1800 South. Sponsored by Bountiful City Council, the dazzling starbursts are a favorite community event. They begin at dusk, about 10 p.m.

**Food concessions:** Always a favorite diversion at the park, volunteers will be on hand to serve corn-on-the-cob, barbecued beef, scones, hot dogs, cotton candy, nachos, and smoothies. Food booths are open July 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on July 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Talent showcase** will provide twenty hours of live entertainment at the west end of the park. The performances run from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 22, with a break during the parade, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

**Pioneer games:** Back this year is the two-man saw, tug-of-war, hoop toss, Teddy Bear race, climbing bears, Jacob's Ladder, and more. Learn how the pioneers celebrated their holidays.

The Annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast helps fund Davis County programs to prevent child abuse. Start the day Saturday, July 22, with a hearty serving of



pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, milk and orange juice, sponsored by the Bountiful Exchange Club. Family group tickets are available.

**Recreation Center fun.** Swim free from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday. Family swim races are from 10 a.m. to noon, and local ice skaters will give a free figure skating exhibition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Carnival rides and games.** Midway West Amusements brings its rides for children, teens and adults again this year. The popular fishing booth for children is back, along with caricature artists, face painting and balloon ties.

**Historical Tours.** Highly popular last year when they began, these 45-minute guided bus tours are sponsored by the Bountiful Historical Commission and visit spots of historical importance in the area. Buses will leave from the vicinity of the Arts Center, 745 South Main, throughout the day on Saturday.

## Head Start

**Attention Parents:** The Davis County Head Start Spring Registration has begun for the 2005-06 school year. This is a **free program** for families who are income eligible. There are several programs that families may qualify for. All programs include services for children with special needs.

Please call the Family Enrichment Center at 402-7309, Ext. 355, to schedule your appointment.

## Let Us Entertain You

The Bountiful Performing Arts Center is proud to present "HONK - The Musical", the Ugly Duckling story. HONK has received many awards for its wonderful music and clever comical story. This show will run June 2 - 25, Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults (over 17) and \$8 for children and seniors (over 55). The first three Mondays all seats only \$5.

To order tickets, call 294-SHOW, or purchase online at [www.bpac.cc](http://www.bpac.cc). Group discounts are available any night except Monday. Our 2005 season includes: "Nonsense" (February), "HONK" (June), "Guys & Dolls" (August), "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" (October), and "Merry Christmas George Bailey" (December).

## When City Watch Calls, Pay Attention



Public safety agencies in Davis County have access to a new technological tool that can make their jobs easier and your life safer. Named "City Watch" and unofficially known as "Reverse 9-1-1," this software lets public safety officials send a message to all telephones in a designated area.

Instead of dedicating precious time and staff to individually call every home or canvass door-to-door, officials can record a message, and with a single keystroke send it to every telephone in the area. During February's LPG tanker rollover and fire in Kaysville, the incident commander used City Watch to inform neighbors about the accident and provide evacuation instructions. Of the 440 telephones targeted, over 95% were answered.

Your public safety emergency responders are well trained and experienced at making life-and-death decisions under pressure with limited information. Their highest priority is your own personal safety and that of everyone else who may be affected by an incident. The best thing for you to do is to be prepared by having a 72-hour kit. If you get a call from City Watch, follow the instructions and then monitor news media or report to designated evacuation centers to get updates as they become available.



## 2005 Bountiful Municipal Elections

Believe it or not, there are elections this year! While state, federal, and county officials are elected on "even" years, by state law all municipal elections are held on "odd" years. Also by state law, these municipal elections are "non-partisan" - candidates are not chosen by any political party, so there are no democrats or republicans. These are part-time positions. In Bountiful, the Mayor and City Council set policy and direction for the city, and the city staff, under the direction of the city manager, implement that policy. All positions are "at-large", meaning that each council position represents all the citizens of Bountiful, rather than a specific geographic area.

This year the office of Mayor and two City Council positions are up for election - seats currently held by Mayor Joe Johnson and councilmembers Fred Moss and Tom Tolman. These positions are four-year terms; in 2007 the other three council seats, presently held by John Pitt, Barbara Holt, and Richard Higginson, will be up for election. This "overlapping

term" provides continuity for the city while allowing citizens the right to select half of their representatives every two years.

Mayor Johnson and Councilmen Moss and Tolman have indicated their intention to run again. They, along with anyone else who wishes to run, must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" in person in the City Recorder's Office between July 15 and August 15. There are four requirements that a candidate must meet in order to run:

- 1 Be a United States citizen.
- 2 Be at least 18 years old by the general election (November 8, 2005).
- 3 Be a legal resident of Bountiful for 12 consecutive months prior to the election.
- 4 Be a registered voter of Bountiful.

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 8. Should a primary election be necessary, it will be held Tuesday, October 4. If you have any questions about the 2005 municipal elections, please feel free to contact Kim Coleman, Bountiful City Recorder, at 298-6115.

## 2005-2006 Budget Highlights

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- 4 An increase in burial fees at the cemetery to pay for one additional person to assist in the increasing number of weekend burials.
- 5 A 3% cost-of-living adjustment for full-time personnel.
- 6 A decrease in medical benefits to full-time employees by increasing co-payments and deductibles for office visits, prescriptions, and other services.

The public is invited to attend the public hearing, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on June 14, and to review the budget prior to the meeting. The budget can be reviewed at city hall, or on the internet after May 24. If the public has any questions prior to the meeting, they are invited to call the city manager's office at 298-6140.

## Recreation for Everyone

The Bountiful Recreation Center's summer program sign-ups began May 2, and most classes start June 6. There is something for everybody in your family. Here is a list of just some of the programs offered:

**American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim:** For only \$30 per session, our Red Cross certified instructors offer a wide range of learn-to-swim classes, including a parent/tot program, diving, scout merit badge classes, and adult swim classes.

**USFSA Learn-to-Skate:** Lessons are taught by our staff of professional figure skating instructors. We teach basic through advanced figure skating skills, and we even have hockey lessons available. Each session costs \$32.

**Tee Ball (5 and 6-year-olds) / Coach Pitch (7 and 8-year-olds):** Our staff has organized these two leagues, and teams are divided by schools. Fee is \$30, which includes T-shirt and hat for each participant. Sign-up deadline is May 21.

**Summer Tennis:** Instruction is offered for beginner through intermediate

students. Classes will be taught at various parks within the city. We offer youth classes 7-11 year-olds, 12-15 year-olds, and adult classes. Students must have their own racquet; balls will be provided. Fee is \$25.

**Arts & Crafts:** Classes meet once a week for eight weeks. Students work on several projects throughout the session – about one per week. Course fee is \$30, which includes all materials and two hours of supervision.

Don't forget to inquire about **Mad Science Summer Camp**, the Division of Wildlife Resources' **Fishing Program**, Skyhawks **Soccer Sports Camps**, **Karate**, and **Racquetball** leagues.

Some classes have limited availability and they will fill up fast. For more information on all of the Recreation Center's programs, please check your 2005 Summer Program Guide. If you do not have a guide, you may pick one up at the Bountiful Recreation Center. Hurry to reserve your family's spot in summer recreation today!

## Summer Energy Conservation Tips

Most of us are energy conscious and want to conserve where we can. Your efforts, especially during the "peak use" hours of 4-9 p.m., will help us avoid having to buy the more expensive power. Bountiful Power's customers will benefit from energy savings this summer as they practice some of these tips:

### Lighting

- Keep bulbs and fixtures clean, since accumulated dust can lower lighting levels.
- Turn off fluorescent lights if you are going to leave a room for more than 10 minutes.
- Turn incandescent (regular type) lights off when leaving a room.
- Use low wattage bulbs or compact fluorescent bulbs in all areas when feasible, especially closets, hallways, and porches.

### Laundry

- Operate your clothes washer and dryer only with full loads.
- Dry clothes on an outside line whenever possible.
- Remove lint from your washer and dryer filters.

### Cooling

- Central air conditioning can cost as much as 40 cents per hour.
- Raise your thermostat 2 or 3 degrees and save 1% for each degree raised.
- Set thermostat to higher settings when home will be unoccupied for several hours. Turn it off when leaving on vacation.
- Close curtains or blinds when the sun is shining directly in the windows.
- If it feels cool outside, leave A/C off and open windows (especially in the morning).

Your conservation efforts are appreciated. Together we can all work towards a pleasant and more efficient summer.



# BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

## New Recreation Center Update

By Mayor Joe Johnson

On April 12, an historic groundbreaking took place at the "bubble." The mayors of all the cities of South Davis County, together with Davis County School Superintendent Bryan Bowles, joined forces (and shovels) to break ground on the new \$23 million recreation center. The South Davis Recreation Board awarded a contract to Hogan and Associates Construction to build the facility, and final plans are being reviewed by the architect and contractor, with construction to begin in June. The facility is scheduled to be completed and open for business October 1, 2006.

Until the new facility is completed, the "old" recreation center will be open for business – the "bubble" is coming down this month, and summer swimming lessons and open swim will be enjoyed by all. The ice skating, racquetball, and fitness areas will all be open at the existing center, and the contractor will be required to leave the parking in front of the existing center until it finally closes its doors sometime next August, 2006. At this time it will be demolished, and the space it occupies will become the parking area for the new center.

This project could not have happened without the participation, support, and leadership of the mayors of South Davis County. I applaud Centerville Mayor Mike Deamer, West Bountiful Mayor Carl Martin, Woods Cross Mayor Jerry Larrabee, and North Salt Lake Mayor Kay Briggs for sharing the vision of what can happen when cities come together. Likewise, I express appreciation to the Davis County School District for partnering with us in building a joint gymnasium that will be used by Bountiful Junior High School during school hours, and by recreation center patrons the rest of the time. This is truly a "win-win" relationship that wisely uses taxpayer resources.

So as you drive past 400 North Park in the next year, glance over and watch as a wonderful 145,000 square foot facility comes out of the ground and takes shape. Use our existing facility this next year, and get ready to move with us into a great new center in October, 2006!

## 2005-2006 Budget Highlights

Bountiful's 2005-06 \$52.8 million budget has been tentatively adopted by the City Council. A public hearing on the budget will be held on June 14, with final adoption by the Council on June 21. The city's fiscal year begins July 1, 2005, by state law, and cities are required to adopt a balanced budget prior to the start of the fiscal year.

The 2005-06 fiscal year budget includes the following:

- 1 No increase in property taxes. Bountiful will maintain its position as the lowest property tax rate city of the 30 largest cities in the state.
- 2 No increase in water, sewer, garbage, or storm water utility rates.
- 3 A 6% increase in power rates to offset a 24% increase in power costs from Colorado River Storage Project power purchased! The average cost to the consumer will be \$3 per month based on 800 KWH average usage.

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## What's Happening At BDAC?

The art exhibit "Pieces of Eight" continues through June 10. Bountiful Handcart Days art exhibit opens June 22 and goes through July 23. Entries are due at the BDAC on June 10-11, from both amateur and professional artists. There is also a youth division (junior and senior high school).

Don't miss **Streetfest** on historic Main Street on August 10. Come experience "Artists in Action," sidewalk sales from local merchants all day, and the ever-popular **Street Dance** from 7-9 p.m. This is a free event.

Mayor Johnson will welcome the Summerfest groups at the Mayor's reception on August 10 at City Hall. Then enjoy the seventeenth annual **Bountiful Summerfest International** at Bountiful City Park, August 11-13, 2005. There will be international performers on the Main Stage, artist/craft



booths, ethnic food vendors, a Children's Art Yard, and performances and demonstrations on the "Grassroots Stage".

Countries participating as of this date are: Armenia, Bulgaria, China, France, Hungary, Mexico, Serbia/Montenegro, Tonga, and Turkey. We are in need of host families and volunteers. Please call BDAC for more information, 292-0367, or visit us online at [www.bdac.org](http://www.bdac.org).

### City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.

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