



2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget Highlights

Bountiful City's 2008-09 budget, which begins July 1, 2008, is currently being reviewed by the Mayor and City Council. The public hearing on the budget will be June 10, 2008, at the City Council's regular City Council meeting, and final adoption of the budget will occur on Tuesday, June 17th.

The proposed 2008-09 budget contains no tax increases. Bountiful City's property tax rate will continue to be the lowest of any major city in the state. This year, Bountiful City's property taxes will comprise only 8% of the property tax bill imposed upon our citizens. Obviously, the property tax increase of over 30% imposed by the Davis County Commission, coupled with the over 15% increase by the Davis County School Board, together with record valuation increases in property, created a citizen outrage and uproar last year. We are hopeful that no additional increases will be taken by any taxing entity, and that they will follow Bountiful City's lead in trying to reduce property tax burdens on our citizens. For your information, Bountiful received \$1,955,000 in property tax revenues this year, compared with \$1,926,000 last year - an increase of \$28,000, or 1.4%. We are hopeful that the reassessment work done by Davis County during this year will moderate, and in some cases reduce, the property tax bill that citizens will pay this coming November over what they paid last November.

The largest increase in Bountiful City's budget is in the Power Department, where the cost of purchasing power and generating power to serve our citizens continues to increase. Last December, a 20-year power purchase agreement with Idaho Power expired, and it could not be renewed. To replace this power, the City has increased its allocation of power from the

Intermountain Power Project, although this power is almost 20% more expensive. Additionally, the City's largest source of power, the Colorado River Storage Project, is increasing 18% this year. While still the most economical source of power, the Colorado River Storage Project has produced consistently less power due to the lower levels of Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge, coupled with environmental regulations which do not allow the power to be generated at peak times. Overall, power costs are increasing \$2.7 million, or 19% over last year. However, a rate increase of 10% is being proposed. Bountiful's Power Department has tried to economize in every other area, while still keeping our system the most reliable system in the state. Even with this increase, Bountiful's rates will compare favorably with Utah Power and Light's rates for the average residential customer.

Also proposed in the 2008-09 budget is an increase in water rates, which have not been increased for some time. The basic water rate will increase from approximately \$7 per month to \$10 per month for the standard meter size used by most of our residents. Usage over the minimum allowed per meter will also be going up about 20%. This increase will affect those who do not have secondary water much more dramatically than citizens who enjoy the benefits of secondary, or Weber water. The increases in water rates are necessitated by an aging system which needs to be maintained and in some cases replaced in order to provide continued reliability to our citizens. Even with these increases, Bountiful's water rates will be among the lowest in the state.

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City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.

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May 2008

Xeriscaping and Maintaining Your Parkstrip

As residents of Utah we have the privilege of living amongst the greatest scenery in the world, however this does come at an expense. We are the second driest state in the country and one might assume that we use the least amount of water. The fact is that Utah is one of the top consumers of water per person. A majority of our water usage in the state can be attributed to the irrigation of our lawns. Over the last few years conserving water has become a big issue and one of those ways that we can conserve water is through sustainable landscaping also known as "Xeriscaping".

A well-designed xeriscaped yard is made up of native vegetation, which can be seen as very beautiful and lush. Xeriscaping is not the same as "Zeroscaping", which refers to covering your yard with gravel, cement or other non-vegetative surfaces. Zeroscaping is not permitted in Bountiful. Bountiful City has recently amended the landscaping ordinance to allow for the use of xeriscaping in parkstrips located within the public right-of-way.

For people who choose to have grass in their parkstrips, here is a handy tip for preventing and repairing road salt damage. Every fall and spring, put down a heavy layer of gypsum, which chemically reduces the impact of the salt and opens the



soil's "pores" to allow the salt to drain through faster. It also works well on lawns near pine trees and other evergreens. Gypsum can be found at J&L Gardens and IFA stores, and is spread like ordinary fertilizer. For more information visit our website at www.bountifulutah.gov, click on "Departments", then "Planning & Zoning", scroll down to Chapter 16 called "Landscaping and Fencing".

Cruisin' the Boulevard "Coats for Kids" Car Show

The Bountiful Rotary Club is gearing up for the 10th Anniversary of their annual "Coats for Kids" Car Show. It will be held Friday evening June 13, along Historic Main Street, and Saturday June 14 in the Bountiful City Park.

Proceeds from this event go to clothing children in new and warm winter coats, boots, and mittens. Over 3500 children in our community have been served with funds from this event over the past 9 years. The Rotary Club appreciates the incredible support of the community, Bountiful City, and our generous sponsors. Since food and prizes are donated, when you register your car, purchase food and drinks, or participate in the drawings, games and contests, your dollars are going directly to the children.

The Friday Night Cruisin' and Street Party begin at 6:30 on Main Street and end at 10:00 p.m. There will be activities for the whole family including a continuous Main Street Cruise, entertainment, lots of food, a dance contest, a climbing wall, live music by the "Go Dog Go" Band, and much more. A special event will be the Burt Brothers Tire Burn Out at 7:30 pm. You won't want to miss it!

Saturday begins at 10:00 a.m. in the 400 North park. In addition to all the great cars on display, there will be fun contests, activities, and plenty of good food throughout the day.

CELEBRATING OUR
10TH ANNIVERSARY '08
Rotary "Coats for Kids"



Win a chance for a new set of tires by participating in the tire roll, compete in the radio controlled car races, or enter the drawing to win our grand prize of a Youth Polaris ATV.

There will be a special patriotic program at 12:00 noon, and Show Awards will be hosted by Dick Nourse at 3:00 p.m.

Come, bring the family and enjoy the festivities. Or, if you prefer, just sit under a large shade tree by your "baby" and chill out

Davis County Head Start

The Davis County Head Start Program is now accepting registration for the 2008-09 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 402-0650 to schedule your appointment.

Bountiful Power Update

Bountiful Power wishes to thank those of you who have updated your phone numbers with us. We must have your correct phone numbers listed on your account so we can identify your address in a power outage. If you have not contacted us, please help us update your information so that we can respond faster in the event of a power outage!

When you call us to report a power outage, we will have a real person answer as often as possible. However, with large outages we must use an automated phone system to handle the volume of calls efficiently. This system uses caller ID to match your phone number to your account and address so as to identify your outage location. However, if you call from a phone number that is not listed on your account, the system will not be able to find your address in an outage.

Our phone system can use up to three phone numbers to find your account and address.

Bountiful U of U

Youth Education is offering ACT Prep classes on Wednesdays, beginning April 16th and ending June 4th. Our instructors will provide you with concrete strategies for every section of the test and give full-scale practice exams to ensure you maximize your score. They will also be offering summer classes for youth ages 4 to 11. These classes are: Pee Wee Picasso, Claymagination, and Introduction to Chinese - Language and Culture. For more information call 581-6984 or go online at www.youth.utah.edu.

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A recent article in the Deseret News raised concern about Bountiful's water supply, and indicated that there was contaminated water as a result of leeching into the soil of dangerous chemicals from two dry cleaning establishments, one at 1500 South and Main Street and one at approximately 500 West and 300 South. Several things need to be clarified that were not stated in the news report. The first is that no well used by Bountiful for culinary water purposes shows any evidence of the presence of these contaminants. In fact, Bountiful has no wells close to where the pollution is found. Woods Cross did have one well that was potentially affected by the ground contamination, and Woods Cross has discontinued the use of this well until results show that the contamination has been eliminated. Secondly, it needs to be pointed out that neither dry cleaning establishment has been using either chemicals or practices that would add to the pollution for many years.

We suggest the following:

- Your primary phone number. Generally, this should be the one listed in the phone book.
- Two alternate numbers. You can use cell phone numbers (but notify us when these change!).
- Do NOT use work numbers or any other number that might also be used by another citizen of Bountiful in an outage.
- Cordless phones do not function during a power outage, so keep one regular phone plugged in - just in case!

Tell us your phone numbers, including area code, by:

- Calling us at (801) 298-6072
- Faxing us at (801) 298-1110
- Emailing us at porche@bountifulutah.gov. (PORCHE is the name of our automated phone system).

Attention All Artists!!

Come be a part of our 2008 Handcart Days Arts & Crafts Exhibit! "Celebrating Our Heritage"

Entries will be accepted at BDAC on Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th only. Open House will be Monday, June 30th. Exhibit continues until July 25th.

Free to the public!

Entry forms and details can be found on the website at www.handcartdays.org or by calling Alan or Carolyn Low at 292-1096

Accepting painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, metal-work, woodwork, quilting, needlework, crafts, pottery, and photography.

There are many needed public improvements found in the 2008-09 budget, including reconstruction of 200 West from 400 North to 1000 North, a major overlay on Chelsea Drive, a reconstruction of Center Street from 100 West to 200 West, and reconstruction of 470 North. Bountiful City has always prided itself in providing first-class infrastructure on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. The City has no general obligation bonded debt, almost unheard of for a city of our size and our taxes, fees and charges are among the lowest in the state of Utah. In spite of this, we believe that our parks, roads, buildings and utility systems are up to date, and we pledge to keep them in a reliable and modern condition consistent with the expectations of our citizens.

We invite any citizen interested in the budget to attend the public meeting on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. here in City Hall. In the interim, the budget will be available for review in the City Offices or online at our website, www.bountifulutah.gov beginning May 13th.

Road Construction in Bountiful, April - October, 2008

Tulips and daffodils are not going to provide the only early spring color in Bountiful this year. If you haven't already, you will soon be seeing lots of orange. Orange construction barrels, orange construction fencing, orange construction signs, etc. Here is a brief list of construction projects that Bountiful City has planned for this summer, along with some approximate dates when the work will start and finish.

Five Points Round-About. The intersection of 1500 South and Main Street (Five Points) will be closed and reconstructed as a five-way round-about. Construction began April 21, and is expected to be completed approximately July 4.

200 West Reconstruction. 200 West between 400 North and 1000 North will be closed and reconstructed as a concrete street. This is the continuation of the project started in 2006 with the work completed from 1000 North to 1600 North. At least one driveway into the Recreation Center will remain open at all times along with the east entrance near Bountiful Jr. High School. Work will begin at the 400 North end with the road closing about May 5 and completion about mid August.

200 West Storm Drain. A new storm drain pipe will be installed in 200 West from 600 South (just west of Smith's Market Place) to 1500 South. This pipe will be installed down the center of the road so that traffic will be open, but congested in the area of work. This work will begin about the first week of July and will be completed about the end of August.

Center Street Reconstruction. Between 200 West and 100 West, Center Street will have a new waterline installed and then will be closed for a complete street reconstruction. The waterline work will begin in June and then the full closure for the reconstruction work will happen during July. The project should be complete by the end of August.

470 North/275 East Reconstruction. Completing the work started in 2007, 470 North from 200 East to 275 East and then 275 East to 400 North will be closed for reconstruction. The work will begin as soon in May as weather allows and will take about four weeks.

These are the projects that will impact high traffic roads or will include a complete road closure. We have several other waterline replacement projects and storm drain projects coming this summer that will not close the entire road, but will affect local traffic in the area of the work. These projects are:

700 North, Main St. to Chapel Drive	Waterline replacement
Canyon Park Rd., Canyon Crest to 1300 East	Waterline replacement
1700 South, Orchard Drive to 400 East	Waterline replacement
3400 South Park Circle	Storm Drain Line
3200 South Orchard Drive	Storm Drain Line

Have Fun at the South Davis Recreation Center

We've been open a year now and memberships are beginning to expire. Stop in at the front desk to see when your expiration date is. Renewal your membership now and keep last year's rates! Check our website for current job openings!

Summer Programs:

Adult/Youth Summer Tennis Lessons
Registration: May 5th-until classes are filled.

Ages: 12-15, 7-11, 16+

Divisions: Beginner, Advanced beginner, Intermediate

Cost: \$30.00 for Adults and \$25.00 for youth.

Summer Arts and Crafts

This is a great program for children to be creative and create great projects. Registration: May 5th-Until classes are filled

Starts: June 2

Cost: \$30.00

T-Ball/Coach Pitch Baseball

Registration: May 5th

Begins: June 9th

Cost: \$32.00

Ages: 5-6 Play on Monday and Wednesdays

Coach Pitch 7-8 Play on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Around the World in 80 Minutes!!

Presented by: The Utah Figure Skating Club and South Davis Recreation Center
May 9 & 10 @7:00PM Ticket are \$7 at the door Ages 2 and under are free

Sign-ups begin May 5 for the following aquatic programs:

Swim Lessons

Community CPR

Boating safety

Babysitter Training

Adaptive Aquatics

Diving

Check out our website for all summer program information and times. www.southdavisrecreation.com, or call our front desk (801)298-6220