



BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

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Jan. 1, 2000 in Bountiful: Is Y2K Okay?

Many of our citizens have asked, "Will I be okay when Y2K (the year 2000) comes? Will there be water and power, will the sewer system work, will the police and fire departments be able to respond should I have an emergency, will the snow plows run, will I have heat for my house? While there are no guarantees in life, including whether the sun will come up on the dawn of the new millennium, Bountiful City is prepared for Y2K, and we hope the following article gives you some peace of mind.

POWER

As your electrical power provider, we have extensively tested all of our transmission and distribution systems components, and believe we are totally Y2K compliant. Most of Bountiful's power is generated outside the city, principally by hydroelectric facilities on the Colorado River. It appears that all of the major power resources from which Bountiful receives power are, or will be, ready for 1/1/2000. There are four major power grids in the United States, and we are in the western-most grid, so we will know if there are problems with the other grids before midnight on Friday, December 31st. As far as everyone has been able to determine so far, the power grid in the West should experience no unplanned outages. Power loads on a Friday evening in December are relatively light, so even if one power plant fails, the remaining plants should be able to handle the anticipated electrical demand.

Even if the Western power grid does fail, for some reason, Bountiful can still provide power within the city by severing our ties with the grid and generating emergency power at our power plant on 200 West, which is capable of providing approximately 25% of the city's demand during that time of year. Our contingency plans call for us to rotate

power through the different areas of the city, so that all of our citizens will have power approximately 25% of the time. In addition, the city has emergency generation at city hall, our public safety building, and at other critical city facilities, so that communications will not be interrupted.

We recommend that should the power go off, you do **not** hook your house up to independent generation. If you want to run



your own emergency generator, keep what you might hook up to it separate from the normal wiring in your house, which is connected to the overall city system—should the power flow out of your house, and on to our system, you could cause injury or death to someone working to restore your power, and possible damage to your neighbors' appliances. If the city rotates power through the city, you should have power for a long enough period of time to run your furnace fan and keep your home temperature at an acceptable short-term level.

HEAT

Questar believes that its system will be Y2K compliant, and that it should operate properly, provided the power grid stays up. We have heard of some citizens that are considering storing large amounts of fuel gasoline, kerosene, or propane—at their homes. We **highly discourage** any significant fuel storage at your house—it represents a real and present danger to you and to your neighbors, especially if you should have a fire or a leak. Use of these materials without proper ventilation can result in carbon

monoxide poisoning. Most gas fireplaces will light and burn without electricity, so they can be much more safely used, since they are already properly ventilated.

WATER

Unlike electricity, water can be stored, and the city has a variety of water sources and reservoirs, all of which we will be filling to the top on December 31st. These reservoirs, once filled, operate by gravity flow, and therefore are capable of providing water even if power is interrupted. Obviously, December 31st is not a peak demand time for water, so unless we have major large-scale fires of long duration, we should have an adequate supply for several days even if the power were to go out and not be restored. We have tested all of our well pumps, pump stations, and treatment plants, and have found them to be Y2K compliant. As power rotates throughout the city, we believe we will be able to re-fill our reservoirs and keep our citizens and businesses in water.

SEWER

Bountiful's sanitary sewage collection system operates strictly on gravity flow—there are no pumps within the city limits, so there should not be a problem getting wastewater out of the city. We have been told that the sewage treatment plants serving Bountiful are Y2K compliant, so we do not anticipate any problem in continued proper treatment. Should the treatment plants fail, however, it is possible to bypass the system directly into the Great Salt Lake—an event we do not believe would occur.

PUBLIC SAFETY

We have reviewed our communications systems and have identified several problem

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areas that were not Y2K compliant. These should be resolved by the time you receive this newsletter. However, we ask that you do **not** call 911 or our regular office numbers at 12:00 a.m. on January 1st to see if the system works—any large volume of calls will overload the system and preclude those who may have a real emergency from getting

Even if the Western power grid did fail, the city could still provide power by severing ties and generating from our 200 West power plant.

through to our dispatch center. All of our police and fire vehicles have been reviewed and found to be Y2K compliant.

OTHER CONCERNS AND CONTINGENCIES

We have checked all of the traffic controllers operating within our city, and believe that the traffic lights should operate properly without problem. We have checked our utility billing software, and believe we will be able to process bills on time and without Y2K-caused errors. We believe our swimming pool and ice rink mechanical equipment will operate properly, the “bubble” will stay up, and all of our street department vehicles will be ready and able to plow snow should we have a storm that evening.

While we believe we have done everything prudent to prepare for 1/1/2000, we still plan to have a full staff of personnel at the power department, the police department, the water department, the street department, the fire department, and at city hall should problems be experienced. As in the floods of 1983, should a prolonged emergency occur, we will work through the neighborhood/district organization established throughout the city, and will establish an emergency operations center at city hall.

We believe that most of the banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions will be Y2K compliant by the time 1/1/2000 arrives. We join them in **not** recommending that people withdraw large amounts of money to store at their homes—the money would represent a tempting target for burglars and others that may want to relieve you of your cash.

In conclusion, we hope that we'll all have a great New Year's Eve as we celebrate the close of a most eventful century on Friday, December 31, 1999, and wake up the next morning, Saturday, January 1, 2000 with nothing worse than bleary eyes! At Bountiful City, we believe we've done everything we can to make it that way for you.

Please Help Us Give You Accurate Meter Readings

With the advent of the summer season, keeping plants from growing up in front of your electric meter can be a challenge. Dogs and locked gates also present problems for city meter readers, and may prevent them from reading your meter safely or having access. The City doesn't like to estimate the usage for your bill, and requests your help.

- Prune shrubs or trees away from meters.
- Dogs like to protect their territory, so please keep them penned or tethered during the several day window when your meter is read.
- Leave your gate unlocked for those few days or make arrangements with us for access.

By working together we can ensure that our meter readers have safe, easy access to your meter and that you will receive an accurate, timely bill. If you have questions, please call customer service at 298-6072.

HANDCART DAYS

June 28-July 24

Art Exhibit (See Pg. 3)

July 18

Handcart Days Fireside

Week of July 18

Melodrama: “Something’s Rotten at the Sawmill”

Friday, July 23

4:30 p.m. Park Concessions open (City Park)

6:30 p.m. Parade followed by band concert in

Bountiful City Park

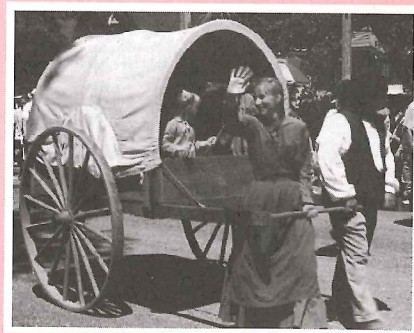
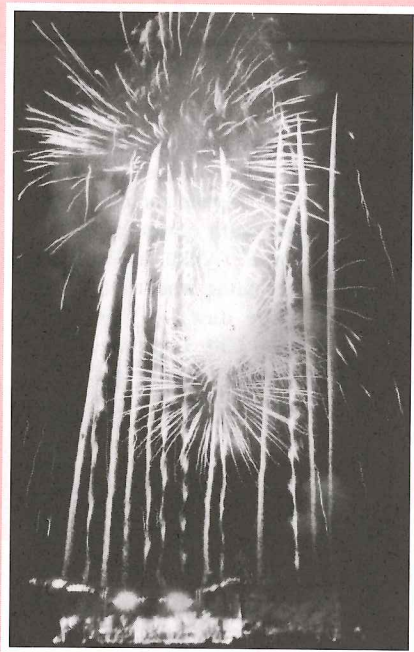
10 p.m. Fireworks at Mueller Park Junior High

Saturday, July 24

7-10 a.m. Chuckwagon Breakfast in City Park Bowery

8-Noon Free Swimming at City Recreation Center

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Park Concessions and Entertainment



For more information, call Dave or Nannette Hansen at 298-1406.

City Budget Passed: A Balanced Budget With No Tax Increases And Less Than 1% Increase In Spending

The City Council unanimously adopted its 1999-2000 fiscal year budget of \$42,807,645 for the upcoming fiscal year at their June 23rd council meeting. The budget is virtually the same amount as last year's budget of \$42,734,882. **The budget is balanced**, as required by state law, with regard to revenues and expenses. However, the city will be spending approximately \$1.5 million of reserves, primarily in the water fund and the power fund, to construct large capital improvements and to pay down debt.

The single largest revenue source (where the money comes from), as shown in the summary chart, is user fees and charges (54%), with power, water, sewer, garbage, recreation, golf course, cemetery, ambulance, building permit, and business licenses and garbage fees being the largest user fee generators. Unlike taxes, these fees are charged only when the service is used, and then only to the extent or amount that they are used. There will be **no increase in any of the utility fees or charges, so Bountiful residents will again enjoy the lowest power, water, sewer, and garbage rates in Davis County, and the lowest of any city our size throughout the State of Utah.** As important as our favorable rate position is, however, it is equally important to note that our public infrastructure is in an excellent state of repair, and our service level, as measured by both reliability in each of those areas and in customer satisfaction, continues to exceed other cities and utilities.

The budget includes three full-time positions, **bringing the total full-time city work force for the year 2000 to 180—compared with over 200 positions in 1980.** How has Bountiful been able to reduce its work force by 10% and still deal with all the annexations and growth over the past twenty years? The answer is through making every department as efficient as possible, using technology, best practices, out-sourcing many activities previously done by municipal employees to the private sector, using part-time employees to supplement full-time employees where possible, and then assuring that every full-time employee truly is one of **the best municipal employees in the state!** This winning combination makes Bountiful the envy of both public and private sector organizations- a great organization with high morale, professionalism, customer service, and a clear vision of what needs to be done and how to accomplish it.

There are **no tax increases** planned for

1999-2000 Fiscal Year (All Funds)

Where The Money Comes From

1	User Fees & Charges	23,097,940	54%
2	Taxes & Contributions	11,204,745	26%
3	Reserves & Transfers	4,668,480	11%
4	Development Fees	1,186,200	3%
5	Interest	1,878,335	4%
6	Other	771,945	2%
TOTAL REVENUE		42,807,645	100%

Where The Money Goes

		Operating	Capital	Reserves	Other Funds	Total
1	Power	9,753,103	4,360,251	1,460,000	1,890,000	17,463,354
2	Police & Fire	5,166,358	882,890	0	0	6,049,248
3	Water & Sewer	1,533,251	2,874,398	432,749	0	4,840,398
4	Streets & Sanitation	2,956,739	1,836,533	315,075	600,000	5,708,347
5	Parks, Recreation, & Golf Course	2,546,005	726,682	142,720	290,572	3,705,979
6	All Others	3,758,934	1,198,454	82,932	0	5,040,320
TOTAL EXPENSES		25,714,390 60%	11,879,208 28%	2,433,476 6%	2,780,572 6%	42,807,646 100%

next year—Bountiful still has one of the lowest property tax rates of any city throughout the State. Bountiful receives only 10% of the property tax paid by citizens—with the other 90% being paid to the Davis County School District (60%), Davis County (25%), and special districts (5%). In fact, property taxes make up less than 5% of the city's budget! The single largest source of tax revenue for Bountiful is sales tax—so shop within the city, and keep your taxes here within the city. Franchise taxes (the taxes paid on utility use) will remain the same as they did last year.

One of the significant additions in this budget is money to pay for overtime for police officers to be in the elementary schools for an average of 15 hours per week. This program, funded in part by a grant from the

State, partly by the school district, and partly by Bountiful City, is modeled after the successful programs of full-time school resource officers in the high schools and part-time school resource officers in the junior high schools. These police officers have made a difference in not only providing help and security to the school administration, but also establishing working relationships with the young people and dealing with problems while they are at a manageable level. While we have traditionally not had a serious security problem in the schools, we feel these programs are important in making law enforcement a positive, as opposed to negative, part of our children's lives.

Under the leadership of **Mayor Cushing and the City Council**, the city is committed to providing our citizens with the **highest possible service at the lowest possible cost.**

SUMMER



ARTS

EXHIBITIONS

June 28 - July 24 Annual Bountiful Handcart Days Exhibit at Bountiful/Davis Art Center, 745 South Main Street, Bountiful

July 30 - August 21 Tamara Burnside, Andrew Bird and Gibbs Smith Bountiful Summerfest International Sampler at Bountiful/Davis Art Center

August 27 - October 9 Utah Watercolor Society Members Exhibition at Bountiful/Davis Art Center

CLASSES

July 10 - 17 Children's Handbuilding Ceramics (Ages 6-9, 10-12) (Melanie Swann)

July 31 Pastel Portrait Workshop (Merrily Kulmer)

For information about these classes, call Bountiful/Davis Art Center, 292-0367

DANCES

Aug. 12 - 14 Bountiful Summerfest International, Bountiful City Park

CONCERTS/PLAYS

Tickets are available (reserved and general admission) by calling the Davis Arts and Humanities Council (546-8575) or The First National Bank, 207 S. Main in Bountiful. All concerts are open-air held in the Kenley Centennial Amphitheater, 465 N. Wasatch Drive in Layton (across from Layton High School).

July 15, 16, 17, 19 Off Broadway's **A Mid-Summer Night's Dream**, 8 p.m.

July 26 Ballet West/Repertory Dance Company's **Out of the Wing's Dance Co.**, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 2 - 7 **South Pacific**, 8 p.m.

August 13 Shanahy, Celtic Dance/Music, 7:30 p.m.

August 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 **Peg O' My Heart**, 8 p.m.

Aug. 23 Maureen McGovern million-selling recording artist ("A Morning After") and stage singer. "A Tribute to Sinatra and Other Pop Standards," 7:30 pm.



SUMMERFEST

BOUNTIFUL SUMMERFEST INTERNATIONAL
August 12-14
Bountiful City Park

Children's Art Yard • Ethnic Food Court
Artist Booths: Handmade Arts & Crafts
SUMMERFEST DINNERS INVITED FROM
ARGENTINA COSTA RICA GERMANY
INDIA ISRAEL CHINA COLOMBIA
HUNGARY NEW ZEALAND PERU NEPAL
POLAND URUGUAY And others