Bountiful

CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

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- How to save on energy costs during the winter
- ACT Prep courses offered at Bountiful U of U
- Bountiful's Spring Clean up is April 13-17
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Bountiful City Lives Within Its Means

Many citizens have asked how the economic slowdown has affected Bountiful City, and what steps the city is taking to deal with the current economic crisis. These are good questions, and hopefully what follows will be an equally good response.

Bountiful City, like the State of Utah, must adopt a balanced budget. There is no such thing as a "stimulus" package or a "bailout" for state or local governments in our state constitution or state law-nor should there be. Each year all governmental entities must adopt a budget that is balanced with regard to revenues and expenses. Thus, if revenues decrease, expenses must likewise decrease. Like the state of Utah, Bountiful does have a contingency, or "rainy day" fund that it can use for exceptional circumstances. However, Bountiful has never used its contingency fund to pay for normal, recurring or ongoing operational and maintenance expenses. This fund has been used during years when we have experienced unusually heavy snowstorms, or had something unanticipated break down or fail that needed immediate repair, but we have not, and have committed to avoid, using one-time monies to pay for ongoing expenses.

Bountiful has also established a "pay-as-you-go" policy-we save up money to pay for needed new construction, repairs, or replacements, and use bonding, or debt, only as a last resort. The result is that Bountiful has no general obligation debt for any public building, utility system, park, golf course, cemetery, landfill, or other public improvement, with the exception of a 40-year debt on its share of the Intermountain Power Project at Delta, Utah. This debt, which began in 1987 and will end in 2027, is being paid off as part of the monthly electrical bill charged to citizens and businesses. All other electrical power resources in which Bountiful has an ownership interest are fully paid. In spite of Bountiful's lack of debt, our roads, buildings, utility lines, parks, cemetery, landfill, golf course, and other public facilities are in very good shape, and care is taken each year to keep the maintenance current on them.

Bountiful has the lowest property tax rates of any of the twenty largest cities in the state, and the lowest utility rates of any of them as well. Again, our commitment is to keep taxes and fees as low as possible for as long as possible. This commitment will be tested this coming budget year, but we will do everything possible to avoid any sort of increase in either taxes or utility rates this coming year, thus keeping money in your pocket during these tough economic times. Sales taxes and other revenues have declined somewhat during the past several months, and it is anticipated that with slow car sales, retail sales, and construction activity, this trend will continue for awhile. The mayor and council have committed to living within our means. Likewise, we will keep critical city services operating-including the best snow plowing operation in the state!

The fiscal stress of this economic recession is being felt by our local businesses and citizens as well as our local and state governments. Bountiful City will continue to do its best to ensure that it's conservative approach to spending results in great services, low taxes and utility rates, and properly operated and maintained infrastructure. No bailout requested; no bailout needed.

City Council and Committee Chairmanship

The Mayor and City Council welcome your input and suggestions

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Bountiful City's Spring Clean Up

Spring cleanup is April 13 thru April 17. During that week city crews, on your regular garbage pickup day, will also remove trash and refuse which has been properly bundled, bagged or boxed. Limbs and trees must be cut, bundled and tied in 5-foot lengths. Any bundles, bags or boxes must not exceed 50 lbs. Items such as old furniture or appliances should be placed on the drive approach or park strip, not on the street or sidewalk.

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COMPLIANCE TO THE SPECIAL CLEANUP REGULATIONS IS MANDATORY. IF YOU CAN NOT MEET THE REGULATIONS YOU WILL NEED TO HAUL AWAY THE DEBRIS YOURSELF.

LANDFILL INFORMATION

To assist you in your spring cleanup, the landfill will not charge a fee to the residents of Bountiful during spring cleanup week or the following week, to assist you with disposing of the trash that does not comply with the previously described restrictions.

We are no longer accepting propane tanks or tires of any kind at the landfill.

There are new standards for the disposal of electrical waste, i.e., televisions, computers and the other electrical devices we throw away. Our landfill now has an area set aside to recycle these electrical devices. Please tell the scale house attendant and they will direct you to the area set aside for electrical waste.

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Energy Conservation Tips for Winter

Winter and colder weather are once again upon us and we are starting to use more energy to heat our homes. Here are a few tips to help you keep warm in your home this winter, and save money on energy costs.

- Manage your thermostat and realize that you can lower it a few degrees and still be comfortable. For every 1 degree you lower it, you will save approximately 3% in energy costs.
- Electronic thermostats allow you to set a program and not worry about frequently changing the temperature. Consider purchasing one if you don't have one already.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed when you're not using the fireplace or plug and seal the chimney flue if you don't use it at all.
- Check furnace filters and replace or clean them monthly.
- Don't block your heating vents, radiators, or registers with furniture or other things. That will allow the vent to push the heat into the room more efficiently.
- Drapes can add an extra layer of insulation. Blinds can also insulate, but aren't as effective. Keep drapes and blinds closed at night and open on sunny days to let in the sun's free heat, especially if the window faces south.
- Caulking and weather-stripping are inexpensive, but very effective in controlling air leaks around windows and doors. Use your damp hand near cracks to detect air leakage. Then caulk or use weather-stripping to seal it off.
- Large holes and cracks can be filled with expanding foam sealant (use easy clean-up types). You can also use flexible foam or other material.
- Check your attic insulation to see if it is at least six inches deep. If it's less or there is none there at all, adding insulation is recommended. A licensed contractor can help.
- If you choose to use heat tapes on your roof, remember to turn them off when you don't need them. Usually an hour or two of use will melt away ice and take care of problems.

By following these tips you will have a more energy efficient and comfortable home while saving energy and money. Call us at 298-6072 if you have any questions on this or related topics.

Garbage Pick Up

Garbage containers should be placed at the curb no later than ***7 A.M.*** on your regular pickup day. Lids must be closed when put out for collection.

LANDFILL SUMMER HOURS
(April through October)
Closed Sunday
Monday through Saturday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of all year by taking it to:

Wasatch Integrated Waste
Management District
1150 East North Hills Drive
(Davis Landfill)
Layton, Utah 84041
801-614-5600

Protecting Our Valuable Water Resources

Many, if not most, Bountiful homes, businesses and other properties lie within drinking water source protection zones as established by State regulations. It is the responsibility of all property owners and users to properly manage the use, storage and disposal of chemicals or other substances which could potentially contaminate the ground water which supplies Bountiful's drinking water wells. Examples of such substances are fertilizers, pesticides, cleaning solvents, and fuels.

All residents and other property owners are encouraged to refer to Fact Sheets containing best management practices for these substances. These Fact Sheets may be viewed on line at www.drinkingwater.utah.gov/source_protection_intro.htm or copies may be obtained at the Water Department office at 260 W 1050 S.

Storm Water

Remember to keep our storm drains clean and our creeks free from pollution. Please do not rake or place anything in the gutter that will wash down the storm drains.

Recycling Calendar available ONLINE

Do you know if you put your recycle can out on a green week or a white week? Do you know which week Waste Management picks up your recycling? If not, log onto www.bountifulutah.gov and print off a calendar and map so you can keep track the rest of the year! For any questions regarding recycling, call Waste Management at **1-888-496-8824**.

Bountiful U of U

The University of Utah in Bountiful will once again be offering ACT preparation courses. This course will help students take the mystery out of the ACT test. Students will receive 18 hours of instruction provided over seven sessions, including a diagnostic test to assess pre-course performance levels. The first class will start on Thursday, February 12th and ends April 2nd. The second class starts Thursday, April 9th and ends May 28th. Both classes coincide with the ACT testing schedule. For more information on these classes contact Youth Education at 581-6984.

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South Davis Recreation Center

Check out our website or call us for updated information on activities, events, classes and facility closures! Visit www.southdavisrecreation.com or call (801)298-6220.

Golden Years Senior Activity Center

For information on any of our many activities, or for a complete calendar of events, call us at 295-3479, come in (726 South 100 East, Bountiful) or easier still, visit our website at www.co.davis.ut.us and click on Aging Services and then Senior Centers.

If you would like to submit a photo of beautiful Bountiful for possible publication, please email it to sandrus@bountifulutah.gov along with your name and the location of the picture.

Bountiful Davis Arts Center

Join us for **"Family Encounters of the Art Kind"** every third Monday of the month. Families can enjoy working together on an art project and learning about the current exhibit in the galleries.

Statewide Competition - February 27 - April 3 (call BDAC for more information if you are interested in entering).

For more information about these or other programs and events, contact the Bountiful/Davis Art Center at 292-0367, or visit us online at www.bdac.org.

"At Rest" by Christopher Thornock

Winter Parking in Bountiful

"It is unlawful . . . to be parked . . . on any street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of November, December, January, February, and March."

It's that time of year again when the city's winter parking ordinance goes into effect. In an effort to help our street department continue doing such an excellent job clearing the snow from the roadways, we are asking for your cooperation in not parking your vehicles on the street.

Bountiful City Parking Ordinance 13-1-103 states:
"It is unlawful for any person who owns or has possession, custody, or control of any vehicle to park or allow to be parked any vehicle or trailer on any street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of November, December, January, February, and March."

The ordinance also prohibits parking vehicles on the street when it is actually snowing, or within twelve hours thereafter. This prohibition does not include Main Street between 500 South and 400 North.

This ordinance assists the street department in keeping the streets plowed during the winter months. It is difficult for the snowplows to keep the streets free of snow if they have to maneuver around vehicles parked on the street. Bountiful also has many residential streets and cul-de-sacs that are impossible to plow if there are vehicles parked on them.

The police department will enforce this ordinance as we have for the past several years. Officers will be putting warnings on vehicles left parked on the street for the first two weeks of November. After that, officers will begin issuing parking citations on all vehicles that are left on the street in violation of this ordinance. After the same vehicle has been issued two parking citations, that vehicle will be impounded at the owner's expense. This includes all cars, trailers, boats, etc.

The police department does not want to issue parking citations or impound vehicles, but we will do so to assist the street department in keeping the streets clean and safe for our citizens. Please help us by keeping your vehicles parked off the street during the early morning hours.

It is also unlawful to blow, shovel or plow snow from private property onto a public street or right of way causing a hazard to vehicle or pedestrian traffic.