

Mayor's Message

I have been asked by many residents about the number of businesses that have been leaving our city. They ask why the businesses leave and what the effects are to the city.

Some of the businesses (K-Mart, Albertsons, Circuit City, etc.) left because of corporate downsizing as a result of the recession. The reason our stores were selected over others was that they were not performing as well as other stores in the chains. The performance is affected by Taylorsville residents not shopping in their Taylorsville stores.

We are now faced with losing another large retail store. R.C. Willey recently announced that they would be closing

their Taylorsville location. I met with the CEO to discuss the matter. He indicated to me that their data shows that Taylorsville residents tend to shop at their Murray store. If we do not shop at our Taylorsville stores, they will close.

These closures greatly affect the city and you as a taxpayer. About one-third of the city's budget comes from sales tax revenues. If a person spends \$100 in a retail store, 1 percent, or \$1 of that expenditure comes back to the city. It may not seem like a lot but when you multiply that by the 19,000 families in Taylorsville, it adds up quickly.

The loss of a major retailer in the city can reduce the sales tax revenue by

\$300,000-\$400,000. A loss of \$400,000 in sales tax revenue would require a 10 percent increase in property tax to make up the difference. No one likes property tax increases but services like public safety and road maintenance need to be paid for and if we don't have a strong business base, tax payers have to make up the difference.

The bottom line is to please shop at Taylorsville businesses. You will keep them healthy and also support our city's sales tax base rather than another city's. When we don't shop in Taylorsville, it results in higher taxes.



Mayor Russ Wall



City Council Corner

TAYLORSVILLE: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW



The month of June here in Taylorsville was all about honoring our past through the sacrifices of our Veterans while celebrating today with our Taylorsville Dayzz celebration and also looking to the future with an emphasis on public safety...

HONORING YESTERDAY... On June 30th we unveiled the Veterans Memorial at Taylorsville directly in front of City Hall at 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd. This Veterans Memorial depicts veterans from several eras and conflicts and also includes engravings on granite walls hailing the contributions of these brave men and women. Along the southern entrance to City Hall fly the flags from each branch of the military. Granite pavers are being sold to help fund the memorial. If you are interested in purchasing a paver to honor a loved one or to show support, please visit taylorsvillememorial.com.

CELEBRATING TODAY... We just completed our annual Taylorsville Dayzz celebration, our city's birthday party, which is always a fun-filled weekend with a 5K race, the Lions Club Breakfast, the Exchange Club Parade, and all of the many fun events and concerts at Valley Regional Park including the carnival, car show and fireworks! If you missed the fun this year, make sure to mark your calendars for next year, it always held the weekend before July 4th!

PLANNING TOMORROW... starts with keeping strong our commitment to the safety and quality of life here in Taylorsville. This commitment can be seen through the following: our extensive budgeting process to ensure proper use of city funds; the new bicycle lanes along 2700 West; and our focus on improving public safety through our continued partnership with the Unified Fire Authority as well as through our expanding partnership with the Unified Police Department.

We encourage you to be involved in the planning for tomorrow here in Taylorsville either by joining a volunteer committee or by attending a city council meeting. Information on our committees, council meetings and other events can be found on our website: www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

Your Taylorsville City Council,

Ernest Burgess (District 1), Kristie Overson (District 2), Jerry Rechtenbach (District 3), Dama Barbour (District 4), Larry Johnson (District 5)

PLEASE JOIN US THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH AT 6:30 P.M. FOR OUR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!

THEN & NOW



Blake Home to Valley Christian Church

This month's historic photos are from the acreage in Bennion, Utah, located at 2700 West and 5400 South. Alexander Lee and his brother Arthur came to Bennion in the year 1893 by way of Canada and Oregon. They were originally from England. They homesteaded and built a 240 acre farm which Alexander lost in 1930 by not paying his taxes. Joseph E. Blake bought the farm and moved his family from Hinckley, Utah to Bennion in 1931. The farm covered an area from the south Jordan Canal Road up to 3200 West and 5400 South to 5780 South. Joseph Blake built a house using adobe bricks in the middle of the walls. People who have lived in the house say the temperature hardly ever changes. A church bought the house and built the chapel around it. As it stands today, the church, now called the Valley Christian Church stands in that location.

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR FUTURE SUBMISSIONS, PLEASE EMAIL MUSEUM@TAYLORSVILLEUT.GOV

Best of Taylorsville Winner - Another Piece of an Attractive Community Tapestry

It may seem like a contradiction, but it's always encouraging when the winner of the "Best of Taylorsville" award for home beautification doesn't stick out like a novelty in the neighborhood. Michael and Jessica Stott, 4787 Quailbrook Drive, have done excellent work in renewing the look and feel of their property, but it's what one has come to expect in the area of Quailbrook and Quailstone Drives.



In the past couple years the Stotts have given their home a landscape makeover, featuring an attractive dry stream bed that meanders smartly through their front lawn. The bed features a delightful array of flowers, shrubs, grasses, ground cover and rock. Year-round color comes courtesy of iris, daisy, butterfly bush, English lavender, Russian sage and much more. Several trees have been strategically planted to help take the edge off the summer sun. The Stott's good work always makes for good neighborhood relations. "We love what they've done with their yard," says Danielle Latta, a next door neighbor. "This is a close community and we all try to do our part to make

it a great place for everyone."

For their excellent efforts the Stotts will be recognized at the Taylorsville City Council meeting on August 1st where they will receive a beautiful plaque donated by Crown Trophy of Taylorsville and an ice cream gift pack from Leatherby's.

If you have a neighbor you would like to nominate for the "Best of Taylorsville" monthly award you can e-mail your nomination to: jspringer@taylorsvilleut.gov or mail your nomination to: City of Taylorsville, Attn: Jessica Springer, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd, Taylorsville, Utah 84129.

Keep up to date on Taylorsville City issues!



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The City of Taylorsville and
the Taylorsville Arts Council
present

Annie



Bet your bottom dollar that you'll love it!

August 3, 4, 6, 10, 11 2012
7:30 pm

Taylorsville High School | 5225 So. Redwood Road



Tickets are just:
\$7. per person or
\$25. family (up to 6 persons)

Book by Thomas Meehan

Music by Charles Strouse | Lyrics by Martin Charnin



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Update on the WVC-Taylorsville Animal Shelter

Taylorsville contracts with West Valley City for animal services. Recently Best Friends Animal Society/No More Homeless Pets entered into an agreement with WVC to support the goal to become a no-kill animal shelter, which was also one of Mayor Wall's goals in his 2012 State of the City address.

Some of the things that this partnership will bring include marketing support for adoptions, mobile adoptions, free spay and neuter services to low-income pet owners, implementing a trap-neuter-return program, extended shelter operation times and Saturday shelter openings.

The goal is to achieve an 80 percent save rate for dogs and cats and to stabilize feral cat populations.

This joint venture is funded in large part by No More Homeless Pets, with contributions from West Valley City and Taylorsville City.

The following are tips from the WVC/Taylorsville Animal Shelter to care for your animal when the temperatures are high:

- Overheating (heat prostration) can kill an animal. Never leave an animal alone in a vehicle, even with the windows open, a parked car, truck or van quickly can become a furnace. Parking in shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day. When traveling, carry a gallon thermos filled with fresh, cold water.
- Always provide plenty of shade for an animal staying outside. A properly constructed dog house serves best. Bring your dog inside during the hot time of the day and let her/him rest in a cool part of the house. Provide

plenty of cool water. Keep cats indoors.

- Be sensitive to old and overweight animals in hot weather. Snub nosed dogs (especially bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos and shih tzus) and those with heart or lung diseases should be kept in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- Keep a current license and identification (ID) tag on your animal and consider microchipping as a permanent identification.
- Avoid walking your dog in areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals, as poisonings increase during summer when gardens, lawns and trees are sprayed. These chemicals can sicken or kill an animal. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center, if you suspect that your animal has been poisoned.
- Be alert for coolant leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste of coolant and ingesting just a small amount can cause an animal's death. Try animal friendly products that use propylene glycol rather than those containing ethylene glycol.
- Never tie an animal outside on a correction collar. He can choke to death. If you must tether him, use a buckle collar with ID tags instead (in all seasons).
- Never let your animal loose outside. An animal can contract a fatal disease, or be injured, killed or stolen. Be sure there are no open, unscreened windows or doors through which your animal can fall or jump.

Taylorsville Calendar of Events

August 2012

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| 1 | 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting – Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. | 14 | 7 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting – Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. |
| 3, 4, 6, 10 & 11 | 7 p.m. "Annie" production by the Arts Council
Taylorsville High School
5400 South Redwood Road | 15 | 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting – Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. |
| 7 | 6-10 p.m. CPR Training
Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. | 16 | 7 p.m. General CERT Meeting – Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. |
| 8 | 6 p.m. City Council Work Session – Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. | 28 | 6 p.m. Planning Commission Work Meeting
Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. |
| 14 | 6 p.m. Truth in Taxation Public Hearing – Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. | 29 | 6-7 p.m. Mayor's Town Hall Open House – Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. |

Neighborhood Clean-Up Dumpsters

Just a reminder that this year the dumpsters will be delivered between Sept. 21-Oct. 23. We contract with Salt Lake County Sanitation and each year they rotate when the contract cities get those dumpsters. This year it's our turn to have them in the fall. You will get a postcard a few weeks before letting you know the exact dates the dumpsters will be in your neighborhood. In the meantime you can rent a trailer for green waste for only \$30. Please contact Sanitation at 385-468-6325. You can also visit their website at sanitation.slco.org.

Unified Police Department Transition

On July 1, the Taylorsville Police Department was officially absorbed by UPD. The transition has gone exceptionally well and is ahead of schedule. All patrol cars now have the UPD decals. You will see mostly the same officers on the streets and we expect enhanced investigative services as well as increased efficiency. Tracy Wyant was recently approved by the mayor and city council to serve as the chief of the Taylorsville precinct. The phone number to the Taylorsville precinct is 385-468-9435. If you need police officer response for a non-emergency, please continue to call dispatch at 801-743-7000. For emergencies, call 911.

New Street Signs

We've had many of you tell us how much you like the blue street signs.

These signs are more than just a pretty face. They are necessary for public safety, as the reflective material makes it easier for emergency vehicles and others to find addresses in the dark.

Become a Museum Tour Guide!

Do you enjoy talking to people? Do you like history? Do you have extra time on your hands? We have the perfect thing for you... Become a docent (tour guide) at the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center museum. Hours will vary depending on the tour schedule. Groups of all ages and sizes love to tour the museum and hear about the history of the museum and the Taylorsville and Bennion area. If you are interested, contact Joan White at 801-265-8478 or jwhyte@msn.com.

Post Office

Some residents have complained that there is not a post office in the eastern part of the city. Actually there is. Did you know that Harmons on 5400 South Redwood Road has a full-service post office inside?

Flex Lanes

As you have probably seen, UDOT has been testing the signals for the Flex Lanes on 5400 South. This project is being done by UDOT and more information is on their website at udot.utah.gov/flexlanes.

Tours of Municipal Court/City Hall

If you are interested in bringing a scout troop or other group on a tour of the Municipal Court and City Hall, please contact Tess Falkner at 801-963-0268. Friday afternoons are optimal times for touring.

Why is Social Media vital in an emergency?

Our city's communications director, who also serves as our Public Information Officer in an emergency, had the opportunity to help during the recent Herriman fire. After watching how well Herriman City was able to disseminate information using Facebook and Twitter, we would like to urge our residents to follow the city at facebook.com/taylorsvillecity and twitter.com/tvilleut. You will receive pertinent information about the city, announcements about events, and it will be an important medium used during an emergency.

Pet Fest West Valley City
City of Taylorsville
Pet Health & Wellness Fair

Saturday
September 29, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

West Valley City
Animal Shelter
at City Park
4522 W 3500 S



www.wvc-ut.gov/petfest