



# UPDATE

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT PANHANDLERS?



Mayor Russ Wall

You've probably noticed the dramatic increase in panhandlers and beggars at our city intersections and freeway off ramps. Many residents have asked me why the city allows them to be there. Until recently Taylorsville, as well as many other cities throughout the state, had ordinances that prohibited panhandling on city streets. Those ordinances were struck down by the courts and now the city has no choice but to allow people to utilize our street corners as a place to beg for money.

Some of these people may be truly in need. Others have been found to use the money for drugs or alcohol. Those who are in need have many resources to which they could go for help. There are services available to assist in many areas from medical help to job training, and from a warm meal to treatment.

Giving money to a panhandler or beggar on the street, may make you feel good for helping someone, but in reality, it just encourages the behavior. It also encourages more panhandlers to come to our city when they realize what a generous community Taylorsville is.

If you want to help those in need, please contact one of these organizations:

- Taylorsville Food Bank - (801) 428-7689
- Salvation Army - (801) 988-4204
- Christmas Box House - (801) 747-2201
- Family Support Center - (801) 955-9110
- The Road Home Homeless Shelter - (801) 359-4142
- Homeless Vet Program - (801) 582-1565

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

### TIPS FOR PREVENTING THEFTS FROM YOUR CAR

- Always lock your car at night, and set the alarm.
- Lock your car even when it's parked in the garage at night.
- Avoid parking on the street.
- Park in a well-lit area at night.
- Don't leave valuables (or anything that looks like valuables) in your car.
- Keep your glove compartment locked, as a rule.
- Don't assume any parking lot is safe from thieves.
- Don't place valuables in your trunk when you arrive and park in a public place. Assume someone is watching you in public parking lots, and place your valuables in the trunk before you get to the place where you will park.

## SANITATION DEPARTMENT

### NEW BILLING FOR SANITATION

Taylorsville uses Salt Lake County Special Service District #1 (Sanitation) for our garbage and recycling pick up. As of January 1, there will be some changes. The name will change to Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) and you will receive a bill in the mail rather than paying your garbage/recycling fee with your property taxes.

The fee will remain the same, but you will receive a separate bill and the fee will be removed from your property tax notice. This is a more transparent way for you to see the actual cost of your sanitation services. The rate for a residential property is \$153 per year for one garbage can. A second garbage can is an additional \$180. Recycling cans are part of the base fee and have no additional cost. Again, there is no fee increase for 2013 and is the same amount that was previously billed to your property taxes.

WFWRD will be mailing the annual bill with payment options during the first semester of 2013. Billing options include monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments. Please note that all payments are due by Aug. 15. You can pay online, in person or through the mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Sanitation at 385-468-6325.



## COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### GARBAGE PICK UP DATE CHANGE

Garbage/Recycling collection day the week of Christmas and New Year's will be moved to Friday. Please mark your calendars for pick up on December 28 and January 4.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL SERVICE

During the month of January, you can leave your live Christmas tree on your curb for free pick up on any collection day - Jan. 4, 10, 17, 24 or 31. Please make sure the tree is bare of ornaments, flocking, tree stands, lights, etc.

#### ANIMAL SHELTER CLOSE TO RECEIVING "NO KILL" STATUS

In Mayor Russ Wall's State of the City address this year, he urged the WVC/Taylorsville Animal Shelter to achieve a "no-kill" status by 2015. Thanks to help from Best Friends Animal Society, the shelter has gone from saving approximately 58 percent of the animals to over 82 percent. A 90 percent save rate would merit the shelter a "no-kill" status (shelters typically euthanize 10 percent of animals who are extremely aggressive, sick or badly injured). The partnership with Best Friends Animal Society involves a variety of programs intended to increase save rates. Adoption promotions, spay/neuter assistance, feral cat TNR (trap, neuter, release) programs and continued community engagement initiatives focusing on spaying and neutering, microchipping and licensing, adoption and responsible ownership are expected to further increase save rates. "We are thrilled with this progress and appreciate all those who have worked hard to make it happen," said Mayor Russ Wall.

#### 4100 SOUTH BLOCK WALL PROJECT

To aid in the safety of residents and to help with beautification, a block wall is being built along 4100 South just east of Redwood Road. The wall is moving along quickly and will be completed by the end of the year.

#### 5400 SOUTH FLEX LANES UPDATE

To help motorists see the intersection signals better, UDOT has turned off the last two green flex lane lights before and after the intersections. They will also be dimming the flex lane lights so there is better differentiation between those lights and the traffic signals.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPEN HOUSE

On December 11, Mayor Wall and the city's Economic Development Committee hosted the annual Economic Development Holiday Open House. This open house had information for residents, businesses, developers, and other interested parties on projects going on in the city and potential redevelopment areas. If you would like to see this information, please visit the city's website at [taylorsvilleut.gov](http://taylorsvilleut.gov).

#### COUNCIL APPROVES MID-YEAR BUDGET

During the mid-year budget review, the council unanimously voted to approve the mid-year budget adjustments, including a \$1.3 million reduction of the city's fund balance (savings account) to cover the \$1.9 million shortfall caused by not joining the Fire District. The council postponed several studies and capital projects - including bike lanes and traffic safety projects, but found that the operational budget was extremely lean and decided that taking funds out of the fund balance was the most responsible option.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

### HANG ON TO YOUR HERITAGE

During 2012, the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center has featured various articles titled, "Then & Now." We do this because we feel strongly that heritage is the glue that binds us together. So, what of YOUR heritage? YOU are endowed with a heritage of physical make-up, talents and tendencies, and attitudes and ideals because of your particular family line. For YOU, they've sacrificed and suffered some. For YOU, they've sought wisdom to guide you, patience and understanding to let you go it alone. YOU have a heritage of examples set by proud ancestors... History makers... City Builders... Molders of men... Pilgrims and Pioneers.

Hold fast to your heritage. It is most valuable. Hold your head high. Be glad you are you, not someone else. With all that you're heir to, add some of your own - contribute, accomplish, serve, and excel. Drink deeply of the good things in life. Live that you may one day hand to your children and your children's children the blessing of a heritage even more worthy than your own. Heritage is a building thing!



**CALENDAR**

**JANUARY**

**2**  
"Mints with the Mayor"  
Visit with Mayor Russ Wall about any issues. 5-6 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall 2nd Floor

**2**  
**City Council Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

**8**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

**9**  
**City Council Work Session**  
6 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

**16**  
**City Council Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

**17**  
**Citizen Emergency Management Task Force**  
6 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

**17**  
**CERT Refresher Training**  
7 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

**COUNCIL CORNER**

**WHERE DO YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS?**

When people shop at Taylorsville businesses, it helps the city obtain sales tax revenue. Approximately \$1 of every \$100 spent goes back to our city. During this holiday season, we wanted to remind you of some of the great businesses in Taylorsville and share with you where we shop:

**ERNEST BURGESS, DISTRICT 1** - True Value Hardware, Fresh Market, Reams, Auto Zone, Famous Footwear, Army Navy, Jo-Ann Fabric, RC Willey, Radio Shack, Ross Dress for Less, Shopko, Mr. Mac, Savers.

**KRISTIE OVERSON, DISTRICT 2** - Army Navy Store, Ross Dress for Less, Great Harvest, Seagull Book, Dollar Tree, Sports Authority, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bell's Deli for a giant cookie!

**JERRY RECHTENBACH, DISTRICT 3** - Bed,

Bath and Beyond, Shopko, Walmart, Skechers, Anderson Goodyear, Schmidt's Bakery, Harmons, FedEx Kinkos, Great Harvest Bread.

**DAMA BARBOUR, DISTRICT 4** - Harmons, T-Mobile, Jo-Ann Fabric, Petsmart, Sports Authority, Les Schwab, Salon diJon, Songs Nails, 24 Hour Fitness, Dollar Tree, Skechers, Sally's Beauty Supply, Dragon Fly Salon.

**LARRY JOHNSON, DISTRICT 5** - Reams, Mr. Mac's, Schmidt's Bakery, Seagull Book, RC Willey, Sports Authority, Clark's Tuxedos, Nickel Cade, Taylor's Bike Shop, Marvin's Gardens, The Guitar Center, Famous Footwear, Royal Nails.

Have a very happy holiday season! Don't forget to join us for city council meetings every first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.



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



Be a part of  
**THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AT TAYLORSVILLE**  
Remembering Those Who Remembered us  
**"BUY A PAVER" PROGRAM**

Individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations can help support the Veterans Memorial at Taylorsville by purchasing a paver with a custom inscription.

3" x 6" = \$75	(2 lines of 11 characters)
6" x 6" = \$100	(4 lines of 11 characters)
6" x 9" = \$150	(4 lines of 13 characters)
9" x 9" = \$200	(6 lines of 13 characters)

More details at [www.TaylorsvilleMemorial.com](http://www.TaylorsvilleMemorial.com)

Prepare Your Entries!  
Taylorsville Arts Council  
annually sponsored

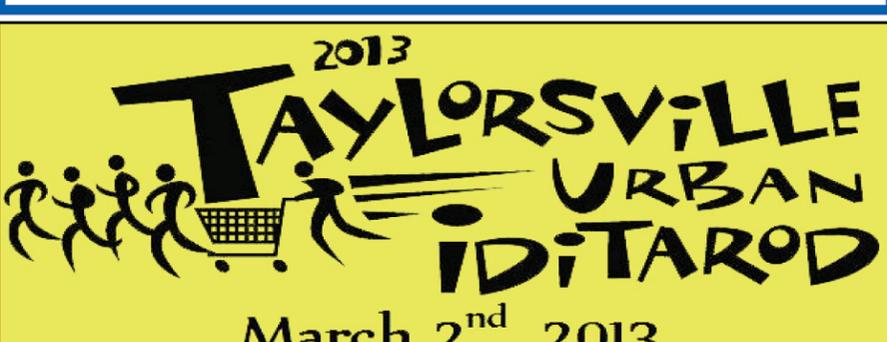


Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 pm - 8 pm  
and Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am - 2 pm  
Awards presented Saturday at 2 pm  
**CITY HALL • FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC**

FREE entry of up to 3 pieces per person per category. New age divisions: Youth (to age 14) | Young Adult (15-20) | Adult (21 - 59) | Seniors (60+) Judging will be based on Amateurs and/or Professionals and by age groups.

<b>"Fine Art" Category:</b>	<b>"Needlework" Category:</b>	<b>"Other" Category:</b>
- Watercolors	- Crochet	- Photography
- Oils	- Knitting	- Digital Computer Art
- Acrylics	- Hand/Machine Quilting	- Ceramics
- Pastels	- Embroidery	- Pottery
- Colored Pencils	- Stamped Cross-Stitch	- Carved Wood
- Graphite Pencils	- Counted Cross-Stitch	- Sculptured Clay/Stone
- Charcoal	- Weaving	- Metal Sculpting
- Etching	- Needlepoint	- Hobby Crafts

All entries will be received at City Hall from 4 pm - 8 pm on both Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Each entry must be accompanied by a photograph of the piece and a completed entry form available in January online at [taylorsvilleut.gov/arts.main.html](http://taylorsvilleut.gov/arts.main.html) or in person from City Hall, local libraries and the Taylorsville Sr. Center. Please contact Howard Wilson, Arts Council Chairman at 801-831-7107 with questions.



March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
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