



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

THIS MONTH HAS BEEN A CRAZY RIDE!



Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

The selection process for the mayoral position was a nerve-racking experience. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve you and look forward to working hard to represent you and ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely.

When I was appointed to be the interim mayor, I talked about three areas of focus – public safety, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization. In the coming months, and after hearing from you, I hope to be able to identify some priorities to help us in these three areas.

I am still getting my arms around this new job, and would welcome any comments or advice. My door is always open and I value input given by our Taylorsville community. I will be hosting a Mayor's Town Hall Open House on Wednesday, February 27 from 6-7 p.m. I would welcome all of you to come so I can get to know you and your needs better. You can also set up an appointment to meet with me by calling Pat at 801-955-2009. My cell phone is 801-875-8759 and my email is jrechtenbach@taylorsvilleut.gov.

TAYLORSVILLE MAYOR RESIGNS TO TAKE COUNTY CABINET POST

At a press conference held on December 20, Taylorsville Mayor Russ Wall announced his resignation effective January 8, 2013, to take a position in Mayor-elect Ben McAdams' cabinet as the Director of Public Works. Wall served for seven years as mayor and four years as a council member.

SOME OF RUSS WALL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS TAYLORSVILLE MAYOR INCLUDE:

- Won "Best of State Mayor" for 2012.
- Helped form the Unified Police Department and then urged Taylorsville to have all police services through UPD this year, saving the city over \$600,000.
- Promoted transparent and open government through better communication with city council members, improved customer service at city hall, and more means of communicating to the public via social media.
- Under his watch, Taylorsville was deemed the city with the lowest cost per capita for residents of any city in the state by the Utah Taxpayers Association.
- Improved economic development by implementing an economic development team, updating the city's branding and logo, and helping to bring in technology and science-based businesses which brought hundreds of jobs to the city.
- Advocated for veterans by promoting legislation to help veterans, hosted the annual Veterans parade and program, and this past year dedicated the Veterans Memorial at Taylorsville.
- Partnered the city with YMCA and Granite School District to share space for a YMCA after school center.
- Promoted energy efficiency by creating a



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Green Committee and retrofitting city buildings and changing out street lights to be energy efficient.

- Advocated walking trails, bike lanes, parks and open space. Helped build baseball diamonds, the city's first bike lanes, and cleaned up the Jordan River Parkway. This past year Taylorsville became a "Tree City USA" city.
- Championed transportation improvements to aid in better traffic flow and improved public safety.

CITY RECORDER

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR 2013

The City of Taylorsville will hold a municipal election on November 5, 2013 to elect a mayor; one city council member each from council district 4 and council district 5 to serve four-year terms; and one city council member from council district 3 to serve a two-year term. Candidates must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" in person with the Taylorsville city recorder, at Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Taylorsville, UT. The forms will be available in the office of the city recorder beginning June 3, 2013. The filing period will run from June 3, 2013 through June 17, 2013, during regular City Hall hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Monday through Friday. A candidate must have been a resident of the City of Taylorsville for at least 12 consecutive months (365 days) immediately prior to the date of the general election. A candidate must also be a registered voter. If a candidate is running for a council district seat, he/she must be a resident of that district. A filing fee of \$100.00 must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy. (The filing fee will be reduced to \$50 for candidates who submit a nomination petition containing 25 signatures of residents of the city who are at least 18 years old). For additional information, please visit the city's website at taylorsvilleut.gov or contact City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle at 801-963-5400.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

THEN AND NOW



This month's historic photo is of the Mary Cook home which was located at 4195 South 1175 West in Taylorsville. Mary was a widow and invited her daughter Wilma Cook to live with her. Mary was very active in the community and a member of the Taylorsville Relief Society. When Mary passed away, Wilma continued to live there until her passing. The home was then rented out until it was purchased by the Tilly Time Child Development Center. Currently a brand new home sits on the site.

TAYLORSVILLE URBAN IDITAROD

MUSH ON, MY FRIENDS

Each year the streets are filled with shopping carts and costumes for the Taylorsville Urban Iditarod. This exciting event not only helps Taylorsville get more activity in a fun way, but highlights our city's businesses and parks. The Healthy Taylorsville Committee and the Leisure Activities, Recreation, and Parks (LARP) Committee sponsor the Iditarod as a unique event that is attended by teams from all over the state, but features Taylorsville as a vibrant and fun place to live, work, and play.

Iditarod teams are made up of five people acting as the sled dogs who run the course, and a shopping cart for a sled, all in theme costumes. There is no set course, but teams decide how to get to the various challenges where they compete for points. Awards are given for most points, fastest time through the checkpoints, best costume/theme, and even the slowest team. Find out more at taylorsvilleurbaniditarod.blogspot.com. Register your team today!



CALENDAR

JANUARY

25
Applications for Council District 3 seat due
Turn in at City Hall by 5 p.m.

30
Special City Council Meeting to Interview and Appoint Council member
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

31
Swearing-In Ceremony for new Council member
12 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

FEBRUARY

5
CPR Training
6 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

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

12
Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

13
City Council Work Session
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

20
City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

21
General CERT Meeting
7 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

22
Taylorsville/SLCC Symphony
7:30 p.m. Taylorsville High School

26
Planning Commission Work Session
6:00 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

26-27
Art Show Entries Due
4-8 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

COUNCIL CORNER

APPOINTING A MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER

The past month has been an interesting one for us council members. We received the news that Mayor Russ Wall was resigning, identified the process to choose an interim mayor, published information to the public and collected names of those interested, interviewed the applicants, and then ultimately voted 4-1 to appoint Jerry Rechtenbach to fill the remainder of the term until the end of this year.

Because Mayor Rechtenbach was previously serving as a council member, we are currently in the process of collecting names of interested applicants to serve as the District 3 council member. Applications will be taken until January 25 at 5 p.m. Interviews for that position will be held publicly on January 30 at 6:30 p.m. at a special city council meeting. We anticipate making a decision that evening and then the new council member will be sworn in on January 31 at noon.

This has been a great learning experience for us as we've navigated this process. We had some residents ask us why they did not get to vote for the new mayor or council member. We have to adhere to state law and follow the statutes that outline how this process is done for municipalities. In November of this year residents will have the opportunity to vote for mayor and council members for districts 3, 4 and 5.



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

We have met some great people and are excited to see some new faces participating in our citizen committees as a result of this process. We believe now, more than ever, that Taylorsville is a great city of community-minded residents who want to make the city the best it can be.

Come join us at city council meetings on the first and third Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m.!

WANTED:

ANY EAGLE SCOUTS WHO HAVE DONE THEIR FINAL EAGLE PROJECT FOR THE CITY.

If you or anyone you know has done a city or emergency preparedness Eagle project for Taylorsville, please contact Lisa Schwartz at 801-955-2092 or lschwartz@taylorsvilleut.gov. These young men will be recognized at a city council meeting in February.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEW BUSINESS PARK ANNOUNCED IN TAYLORSVILLE

A new 95-acre business park has been announced on 6200 South between 3200 West and Bangerter Highway. This property offers a new, uncongested and dynamic location for companies needing to expand or move to the center of the Salt Lake Valley.

The Bennion Point Business Park is zoned for business, research and development and fills an existing void in the central and western quadrant of Salt Lake County for flex, light industrial and office space.

The proposed land uses include: 57 acres flex, light industrial and office space; 14 acres single family; 9 acres neighborhood commercial; with the remainder making up open space, roads and a park. The site is projected to accommodate about 700,000 square feet of commercial buildings and approximately 1,000 employees at build-out.

Interested developers, users, builders or tenants should contact Wayne Harper, Assistant to the Mayor for Business and Economic Development, at wharper@taylorsvilleut.gov or 801-955-2024.

The City of Taylorsville and the Taylorsville Arts Council present

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The **Taylorsville-SLCC** Symphony Orchestra
Adam Larson, Music Director & Conductor

Tenth Season

Black Tie
Italian & Latin Flair
Friday, February 22, 2013
Taylorsville High School
7:30 pm

For more information about the Taylorsville-SLCC Symphony, please visit our website at www.taylorsvillesymphony.wix.com/site



Prepare Your Entries!

Taylorsville Arts Council annually sponsored

ART SHOW 2013

Friday, March 1st from 3 pm - 8 pm
and Saturday, March 2nd 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.

"Fine Art" Category:	"Needlework" Category:	"Other" Category:
- 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 26th and Wednesday, February 27th. 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 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.