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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

THE BEST IS YET TO COME



Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

We have much cause for optimism and we are also keenly aware that this year will be a challenging one for us. For a number of years we have sponsored a Strategic Planning meeting where we have invited the public to establish key goals and initiatives for the City. These have been organized into a 10-year Strategic Vision document that we update every year, and that we use as a guideline to each year's goals, and budget. Through my years on the city council, and now during the time that I have served as mayor, I have been clear that my priorities for the city are public safety, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization.

We must focus on public safety because that is a key obligation of government. Once we are satisfied that we have done that properly, then we must focus on economic development as a means of preserving quality of life in the City, and stabilizing our tax base. Because of difficult economic times, for four of the last five budget sessions we have chosen to reduce costs and services, restrict spending, and tighten our belt as a means to avoid tax increases. In past years we have missed out on some opportunities because we were either unprepared, or unwilling to act to take advantage of an opportunity. The challenge, therefore, is how to take advantage of the opportunities now before us without placing too great a financial burden on our citizens.

We are in an extremely competitive marketplace. Taylorsville enjoys an excellent bond rating and bond rates are low. There are excellent contractors out there that are willing to give competitive construction bids. Now, we must be willing to make the decisions and pull the trigger on initiatives that will shape the future of Taylorsville for years to come. If we fail to act, then we are unknowingly shaping our future for years to come, but not in a progressive way.

Of course, we are cognizant of the fact that all these things must be done within the financial constraints available to us. I have asked our department heads to prepare their budgets this year as flat as they can, and I have instructed the economic development staff to develop innovative funding strategies to be able to take advantage of the opportunities before us. In the upcoming weeks, we will be working closely with city staff, city council, committee members, and expert consultants to develop and prioritize the strategies to not only accomplish our public safety, economic, and neighborhood revitalization goals, but a fiscally responsible means of bringing them to fruition.

CITY COUNCIL CORNER

COMBINATION FIRE STATION CONSIDERED

In November of this year, the citizens of Taylorsville will have the opportunity to vote in favor of, or opposition to, joining the Salt Lake Valley Fire Service Area (the Fire District) as a member of the Unified Fire Authority (UFA). Regardless of that outcome, City officials and UFA administrators recognize the need to employ additional fire personnel and construct a new station within the City, and are drafting plans for the next fiscal year.

For several years, there has been a desire to construct a third fire station near the southeast quadrant of the City in order to handle the emergency call volume and offer better response times. In addition, there is growing need to rebuild Station 117 (4545 South Redwood), which was constructed in 1964 and is no longer fully suitable.

On February 13, 2013, under the direction of Mayor Rechtenbach, fire administration presented to the Council a new concept with respect to the aforementioned construction needs and additional per-



City Council: Larry Johnson – Dist. 5, Kristie Overson – Dist. 2, Ernest Burgess – Dist. 1, Dama Barbour – Dist. 4, Brad Christopherson – Dist. 3

sonnel. Rather than build a third station and rebuild Station 117, it is now proposed that one larger station be built farther south along Redwood Road. This would accommodate two fire companies, which could then respond both north and south, handle the respective call volume, and respond in a reasonable timeframe based on current standards (mapping, statistics numbers, estimated costs, etc. were presented to the Council and will be made available for public exhibit in the coming weeks).

In addition, it is proposed this station be built with a large community room which could handle promotion and graduation ceremonies for the organization, as

well as training opportunities on a regional basis. This room would also be made available for meeting purposes by City officials, various sub-committees, and volunteer groups. Construction of an internal tower for additional training purposes is also being considered.

Given the various dynamics within the City and for UFA, this proposal has merit in many respects, as it would ultimately save tax dollars (constructing one station instead of two), meet the emergency response criteria, and serve to draw others into the community on a regular basis for the various aforementioned activities.

(Thanks to Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski for this information.)

Join us for our City Council meetings on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

DID YOU KNOW?

READY FOR GARDENING?

The Taylorsville Community Greenhouse (1488 W. 4800 S.) will be opening for you to come and start your seeds for gardens. The cost to start your seeds in the greenhouse is \$25. We also have classes on soils, composting, fertilizers, amending and improving soils, as well as pruning of fruit trees, grapevines and roses. It is \$10 for each class and they begin at 10 a.m. in the greenhouse:

- March 9 - Planting seeds
- March 16 - Soils, composting, fertilizers, amending and improving soils
- March 23 - Pruning

We also have gardening spots available for rent this spring/summer! For more information call Toni Lanning - 801-265-1328 or 801-414-4192.

ANIMAL SHELTER REACHING "NO-KILL" STATUS

The final numbers are in, and West Valley City and Taylorsville are well on the road to being no-kill communities. The two cities are served by West Valley Animal Services, which in 2012 achieved three months where 90 percent or more of the dogs and cats going into the shelter were saved.



Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach, Detective Scott Lloyd, Chief Tracy Wyant, Sheriff Jim Winder

UPD OFFICER RECEIVES MEDAL OF HONOR

On February 7, Taylorsville UPD Detective Scott Lloyd was awarded The Medal of Honor by the Utah Police Officer's Association. This is the organization's highest award and is given in exceptional cases when a heroic action is performed by a Utah law enforcement officer. Lloyd responded to a domestic dispute call on December 20, 2012. A female was held at knife-point in a vehicle by her boyfriend. The suspect made threats to her and to law enforcement if they responded. Lloyd observed the suspect attacking the victim with a knife and after repeatedly telling the suspect to drop his weapon, fired multiple rounds. Lloyd's quick response and ability to immediately assess the situation quite possibly saved the victim's life.

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 March 2nd, 2013
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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1 **ART SHOW – FREE TO THE PUBLIC**
3-8 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall
- 2 **ART SHOW – FREE TO THE PUBLIC**
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall
- 2 **TAYLORSVILLE URBAN IDITAROD**
10 a.m. – Location TBD
- 6 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
6:30 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall
- 12 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
7 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall
- 13 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
6:30 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall
- 21 **GENERAL CERT MEETING**
7 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

THEN & NOW

This month's historic article is centered around the David and Minerva Frame home, located at 1399 West 4800 South in Taylorsville. Dave and Minerva truly loved this little old home which was originally owned by Ephraim Harker who built the house about 1880. There was a little white picket swing on the north side of the home, that entertained many children in the neighborhood.

Beginning in the 1950's, Taylorsville began to experience a population explosion. Due to the many housing developments, the area began growing. It continued on into the 60's when the Frame family was approached to buy their home and land in order to build a new LDS Stake Center at that location. Property to the east was also purchased to be used as a baseball field. Ground was broken for the new building in 1963, and on August 14, 1964, the building was dedicated. Today the building still serves the LDS community as the Taylorsville Stake Center.

If you have any ideas for future submissions, Please email museum@taylorsvilleut.gov



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PLAN NOW FOR THE GREAT UTAH SHAKEOUT!

On April 17, Taylorsville staff will be participating in the Great Utah Shakeout. City staff will be setting up equipment in our council chambers for activation of our Emergency Operations Center. This exercise will allow staff to simulate their response to a 7.0 earthquake along the Wasatch Front. The intended outcome of this exercise is to see if the simulated response will reflect the written emergency plans and procedures.

It is important for all residents of Taylorsville to take advantage of this "Shakeout" as well. Writing, practicing, and evaluating your family emergency plans will help your family feel confident that in a disaster situation, they have a game plan and will know what to do. It is particularly important to teach children in an age-appropriate way, how to prepare for a disaster

and have confidence that they will receive the help they need even if it takes a little while.

Please take this opportunity to prepare by going to beready.utah.gov and sign-up to participate in a manner that fits your family and where you are in the preparedness process. You can put together a 72 hour kit or go through an existing one. You can go over your family emergency communication plan, test neighborhood emergency plans by activating your neighborhood block program or CERT teams. You can simply prepare dinner as if your utilities were not working. You can do an evacuation drill at your place of work. The beready.utah.gov website has ideas on how you can get involved and protect your family. For more information regarding local emergency planning and how you can be involved, please contact your city Emergency Response Coordinator, Lisa Schwartz at lschwartz@taylorsvilleut.gov.



SANITATION DEPARTMENT

SANITATION BILLING CHANGES, FEES STAY THE SAME

As you may have heard, Salt Lake County Sanitation became its own independent organization as of January 1 of this year. They are now Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District.



Although their name has changed, you will still find the same great service and customer care that you have been experiencing. Nothing with your service will change and **even your fees this year will remain the same.**

The Salt Lake County Council made this improvement to bring control of sanitation closer to the people, allowing the cities and townships served to have ultimate authority.

There is one change that we want to bring to your attention and that is their new billing system. Previously your sanitation fees were added to your property taxes. Legally they can no longer bill fees through property tax, so you will be receiving a bill for your 2013 sanitation services over the next few weeks.

To make it as easy as possible, you have the option of paying this fee in one or two payments through a check, or one, two or six payments through an Xpress Bill Pay online system. They will also accept checks or walk-in payments at their office, located at 604 W. 6960 S.

Wasatch Front Waste has a team who has been involved with taking care of your garbage and recycling pick up for over 30 years. Taylorsville residents received services from them before we were a city and continued to partner with them after we incorporated. They have had a 97 percent satisfaction rating from our residents, and we appreciate their great service!

If you have questions about this billing change, please visit wasatchfrontwaste.org.

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
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