



Mayor Russ Wall

Mayor's Message

On Feb. 1st I gave my annual State of the City address. Here are a few highlights –

Tax revenues were up 3.5 percent over the prior year and the city has maintained its AA+ bond rating, one of the highest in the state.

As always, economic development is a priority and the city is currently working with 48 new potential businesses and the list is always growing. City research has shown that Taylorsville residents have more disposable income than most communities.

Since Taylorsville is the most densely populated city in Utah, and located in the center of the Salt Lake Valley, we have an edge that is unmatched.

We are hoping for funding from the state to begin engineering work on a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line on 4700 South. We are also planning a focus on neighborhood revitalization, both through enhanced code enforcement and through investments in beautification projects.

Property crimes in Taylorsville were reduced by 21.8 percent in 2011, which is the most significant reduction of any municipality within Salt Lake County.

In my address I challenged the West Valley City/Taylorsville Animal Shelter to certify as a no-kill animal shelter by the year 2015.

I also asked the city council to consider a budget line-item to save funds for a performing arts and community center. The Taylorsville Arts Council does several productions each year, including musicals, symphonies, and talent shows. This facility would also be open to the community for other events, but would include an auditorium with a professional stage and meeting rooms.

I would like to see community councils come to fruition. We want to get input and find a way to involve more residents.

Lastly, I want to thank all the volunteers, residents and businesses in the city for all you do to make Taylorsville a great place to live, work, and play. We appreciate your patience during our many construction projects over the past year and can assure you that the new changes will improve traffic flow and safety.

Don't forget to shop in Taylorsville to keep your tax dollars here!

TAYLORSVILLE BRINGS BACK SHOPPING CART RACE

Promising to be the most fun you will ever have with a shopping cart, the Taylorsville Urban Iditarod is back for its second year on March 3. The race is a way to promote health, fun and economic development for the city and is hosted by the Leisure Activities, Recreation and Parks (LARP) and Healthy Taylorsville committees.

"The concept of an Urban Iditarod isn't new, in fact it has been done around the country in places such as Portland and Chicago," said Taylorsville Mayor Russ Wall. Teams dress in costume and decorate carts as they negotiate a course around Taylorsville businesses, participating in challenges along the way.

Several Taylorsville businesses will be participating, which makes this a unique way to integrate residents and businesses. Each business will sponsor a challenge and get a chance to highlight their business. 'Bout Time Pub and Grub and Leatherby's Family Creamery are two such businesses who are excited to be involved. "We look forward to this event

as a way to show off our business and support the community," said Leatherby's General Manager Chris Cooley. Race organizers are looking for other businesses to participate.

"Anyone can do a bar crawl, but we wanted this to be something Taylorsville could be proud of, and really help organizations in our area," said Rhetta McIff, chair of the Taylorsville LARP Committee. Proceeds from the race will be donated to local groups for health-promoting activities such as the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day. In many urban Iditarods, raising money or food for food pantries is a driving goal. "We really want people to have fun and help our community, too," said McIff.

The starting point of the race will be just south of FYE in the Taylorsville Family Center at 10 a.m.

Teams can register and find out more information at taylorsvilleurbaniditarod.blogspot.com. Registration is \$40 per team, and teams are made up of five members.

Here are some photos of last year's participants. Look at how much fun they are having!!



www.TaylorsvilleUrbanIditarod.blogspot.com
March 3, 2012

Why is 1300 West still closed?
Last summer when we had the intense rainstorms and flooding, sections of the 1300 West roadway, between 5400 - 5550 South, failed and was closed. Because of erosion of the canal bank and utility lines under the road, a geotechnical study was done to help us determine the best way to repair it. We are now ready to start repair and the road is scheduled to be completed this spring. Thank you for your patience!

Keep up to date on Taylorsville City issues!



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City Council Corner

We would like to invite you to...

BE INVOLVED! There are many ways that you can be involved in the City of Taylorsville. One way is to become a volunteer on one of our citizen committees. We have many excellent volunteers here in Taylorsville and are always looking for more people who care about Taylorsville and want to be part of making it a great place to live!

Below is a list of the committee's that currently have space available. If you are interested in applying to be a volunteer come by City Hall and pick up a volunteer application form or visit our website at: www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Committee	Meeting Times
Arts Council	2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 5:45 p.m.
Ordinance Review Committee	3rd Tuesday-6:30 p.m.
Public Safety Committee	1st Thursday-6 p.m.
Healthy Taylorsville Committee	1st Thursday-4:30 p.m.
Green Committee	3rd Thursday-6:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation Committee	4th Thursday-7 p.m.
LARP Committee	2nd Thursday-6 p.m.

Please contact Jessica Springer, our volunteer coordinator, at jspringer@taylorsvilleut.gov or 801-963-5400 with any questions. We look forward to working with you in 2012!

As always, we would like to encourage everyone to attend our City Council meetings which are held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of every month at 6:30 p.m. We have a public comment time in which you can address the council with any community-related comments or concerns that you may have. Public input is a vital part of our council meetings and we would love to hear from you!

Your Taylorsville City Council,

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

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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!!

Taylorsville Calendar of Events

February 2012

24	3-8 p.m.	Taylorsville Art Show 2012 <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
25	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Taylorsville Art Show 2012 <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
25	9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Taylorsville Youth Baseball, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth and Taylorsville Girls Fast Pitch Softball Registration <i>Taylorsville High School</i>
28	6 p.m.	Planning Commission Work Meeting <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
29	6-7 p.m.	Mayor's Town Hall Open House Meet with elected officials and staff in an informal setting. <i>Residents and business owners are encouraged to attend. Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>

March 2012

3	10 a.m.	2012 Taylorsville Urban Iditarod <i>FYE parking lot in the Family Center</i>
6	6-10 p.m.	CPR Training <i>Taylorsville City Council Chambers</i>
7	6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
13	7 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
14	6 p.m.	City Council Work Session <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
15	7 - 8 p.m.	General CERT Meeting <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
21	6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>
27	6 p.m.	Planning Commission Work Meeting <i>Taylorsville Council Chambers</i>

Zip Code Update:

Have you been frustrated as we've changed zip codes? We all have! It's not easy making address changes and it's been an interesting process, to say the least. We are hoping this year to see more businesses recognize the 84129 zip code in their systems. Just a reminder that you can put "Taylorsville" or "Salt Lake City" as the city on your mail. (We'd prefer "Taylorsville.") You can use either zip code until July 1, and then the US Post Office will require 84129 with the correct city.

As a city, we are seeing some great advantages to having our own zip code. First, we are able to more easily track sales tax revenue. That helps all taxpayers as the city receives these funds. Secondly, it has been easier to market the city for economic development and to apply for grants. When businesses look to move here, they pull demographic information by zip code. The new zip code more accurately represents Taylorsville's demographics, as the other zip codes crossed city boundaries.

As always, if you have questions about this issue or any others, please don't hesitate to call us at City Hall - 801-963-5400.

THE CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE AND THE TAYLORSVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

ART SHOW

2012

FREE Entry & awards open to all ages.

3 piece limit per category

Friday, Feb. 24th: 3 - 8 pm and
Saturday, Feb. 25th: 10 am - 2 pm
Awards presented Sat. at 2 pm

ATTENTION GARDEN LOVERS!

Our first garden class will start in March this year.

March 3 - Soils, soil enrichment and composting

March 10 - Saving seeds, companion planting, all around gardening information

March 17 - Planting all your seeds for your garden at home

March 24 - Pruning of fruit trees, grape vines and roses, and grafting

Classes will start at 10 a.m. in the Taylorsville Community Greenhouse at 4800 S. 1485 W. in Taylorsville. Cost of each class is \$10/each.

Planting your seeds for your gardens at home is \$25. You will be leaving your plants in the greenhouse until it is time to plant them outside.

Also this year we have a few spaces available in the community gardens for anyone who is interested.

For more information, please call Toni Lenning at 801-265-1328 or 801-414-4192.

THEN & NOW

Blacksmith Shop to Walgreen's

This month's exciting photos are from the acreage at 4650 South Redwood Road in Taylorsville. William Deverall started a blacksmith shop to serve the community and augment his income from his small farm for his family of 12. He was also a volunteer fireman. William's shop was started around the year 1900 and lasted until 1930, when it burned down in a fire. The anvil, hammer, and a lot of the tools he used are housed at the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center - 1488 West 4800 South.

In 1945, William's son, Melvin Deverall, started Redwood Implement, a welding and farm implement repair facility, at the same location as the old blacksmith shop. Melvin and his son, Richard, served the community by building truck-bodies, trailers, conveyors and serving every conceivable farm machinery ever imagined.

When the farms started to dwindle and were replaced with housing and development, the work shifted to fabricating steel for contractors and builders. The business was then known as Deverall Welding.

Today a Walgreen's Drug Store (4668 South) is now located on that property.

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