

Mayor's Message: October 2009



Mayor Russ Wall

Recently the Taylorsville Arts Council and Historic Preservation Committee presented "Taylorsville Tales," a collection of historical accounts of some earlier residents of the Taylorsville/Bennion community. The event was held at the Taylorsville Cemetery and featured local actors portraying folks who are buried there. The idea was originally produced under the name "Tombstone Tales" by Mavis Steadman and new stories were written and adapted by current members of our artistic community.

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend and learn about our history. The actors did a marvelous job and many hundreds of hours of research and preparation went into the production. I was amazed at some of the stories and it made me proud to know the quality of people who have lived in our city (not to mention those who still do live here).

The pre-show entertainment each evening was enjoyed by all who attended the event. The flag ceremony on September 11 by Unified Fire Authority added a moment of reflection. There was also assistance from the Salt Lake Community College Media Department, as well as the LDS Institute of Religion. Special recognition should go to Jake and Dama Barbour who donated the use of a beautifully restored tractor that pulled a haywagon to and from Eisenhower Junior High School for the visitors. Taylorsville Police provided escort for the safety of the riders.

Thanks to all who helped make the event successful. You are great!!

If you were not lucky enough to see the production, there will soon be DVDs available at the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center and at the City Offices for purchase.

Taylorsville has a rich heritage and I encourage everyone to take some time to visit the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center at 1488 West 4800 South, especially during Celebrate Your Museum Day, Saturday, September 26, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., as well as Saturdays 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The museum is staffed by volunteers and admission is free. Tours may also be accommodated at other times by calling 801-281-0631. You will be amazed at the fantastic exhibits that are housed at the museum.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russ Wall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.