

Taylorsville

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December 2011

Mayor's Message

Another year has passed and 2011 was much the same for the city as it was for our businesses and residents. We all held our breath and hoped for better economic times, or at least an end to the downward slide.

While things are starting to look up for some, please continue to be mindful of our friends and neighbors who are still struggling with unemployment or other negative effects of a struggling economy.

I have been amazed at the stories I hear of neighborhood groups banding together to help with yard and house work for a family whose father or mother has been deployed in the military. I've heard of food and money being donated anonymously to help out a family with financial problems, or friends and neighbors who rally around a family who loses a loved one. Thank you for looking out for each other!

As we enter this New Year I challenge each of us to look outside of ourselves for others whose problems may be a little more difficult to deal with. When we find someone in such a condition let us find something, big or small, that we can do to help lighten his or her load. We will all be amazed at the weight of our loads that will be lifted by providing service to others.

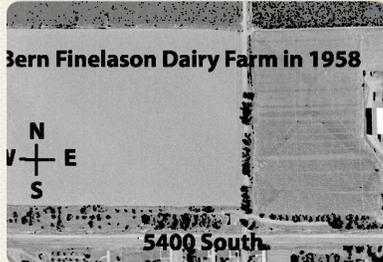
Thanks again to all for the kind acts of daily service to others. I hope we all experience joy and happiness in the coming year. Happy New Year!!



Mayor Russ Wall

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THEN & NOW...



Dairy Farm to City Hall

This month's exciting photos are of the City of Taylorsville property located on the corner of 5400 South and 2700 West. One of the first property owners was Mary T. Smith at approximately the turn of the 19th Century (4.0 acres). Then it was transferred to Mr. Melville, along with a portion being owned by Abram Barker. Next, around 1946, the property was owned by Burns Finlayson (Finlason). His home address was 2480 West 5400 South. He ran a dairy farm until around 1960, when the land was sold to Moss Namba and his brother. This family used the land for agriculture purposes. The Namba's dug a well on the corner of 5400 South and 2700 West in order to irrigate their property.

Not long after the City of Taylorsville was created in 1996, the Namba's sold the southern portion of their land to the City. Now in 2011 we have a beautiful City Center that houses the Police Department, Unified Fire Station #18, and the City offices. We proudly claim to be Utah's Centennial City which includes Centennial Way and Taylorsville Boulevard!

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

December Update



There will be regular Monday through Friday garbage and recycling collection the week of December 26th and the week of January 2nd. Please place your containers on the curb by 7 a.m.

We will collect Christmas trees curbside from January 2nd through January 31st. Your tree may be picked up on any of your regular scheduled collection days during the month of January. Please do not put trees in your garbage or recycle can. Trees must be bare of tinsel, flocking, ornaments and lights.

We have completed our customer satisfaction survey and are tallying the results. More information is forthcoming in January 2012.

Please visit our web at www.sanitation.slco.org or call our office at 385-468-6325 for more information.

**Join us on Tuesday,
Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. for the
Swearing-In Ceremony
for our two new
council members -
Kristie Overson and
Ernest Burgess.**

*The ceremony will take place
in the Council Chambers.
Refreshments will be served.*

Keep up to date on Taylorsville City issues!



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City Council Corner

Thank you to Council member Catlin and Pratt

We would like to honor Bud Catlin and Morris Pratt, as they finish their many years of service as Taylorsville council members.

Council member Bud Catlin was elected in 1997, and began his term 1998. He is the longest serving council member in Taylorsville. Catlin was involved in getting City Hall built and the Senior Center finished.

When Bud and Donna Catlin moved to Taylorsville in 1989, there were no sidewalks on the north side of the road by Fremont Elementary and he was concerned for the safety of the students. He was instrumental in getting a sidewalk put in, along with a fence, to provide safety for elementary school children.

Catlin felt it was important to put streetlights in all the neighborhoods and wanted to see that happen. He also helped secure the Taylorsville Rec Center and participated in building the skate park.

Catlin is proud of his record of voting against a tax increase. "He has loved being on the council and being involved," said Donna Catlin. "I think he's really going to miss the camaraderie with his fellow council members. He has made a lot of long time friends."

Thank you for your 14 years of service, Council member Catlin!



Council member Morris Pratt has served two terms, representing District 2 on the city council. He is very proud of his role in helping the Taylorsville Food Pantry open. He would like to ask residents in Taylorsville to please make a donation to the Food Bank.

Pratt was instrumental in creating a plan for the city to own and operate the Taylorsville cemetery, thus helping to keep the maintenance up and preserve this historical place.

He was a big proponent of the Millrace Dog Park, and helped see that to fruition. Pratt was also instrumental in getting the Freedom Shrine Memorial completed on 4500 South by the Jordan River.

Probably some of Pratt's most active volunteerism has been to keep the historical area around 4800 South intact. He served as the advisor over the Historical Preservation Committee, and was supportive of the efforts of the Taylorsville Ben-ion Heritage Center.

Thank you for your eight years of service, Council member Pratt!

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Taylorsville Calendar of Events

December 2011

26 City Hall is closed for the holiday.

January 2012

2 City Hall is closed for the holiday

3 CPR Training - Taylorsville City Council Chambers 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

4 6 p.m. Swearing In Ceremony for new council members, Kristie Overson and Ernest Burgess - Taylorsville City Council Chambers 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Taylorsville City Council Chambers 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

11 6 p.m. City Council Work Session - Taylorsville City Council Chambers 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

18 6:30 PM City Council Meeting - Taylorsville City Council Chambers 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

19 7 p.m. General CERT Meeting - Taylorsville City Council Chambers 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

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3 Taylorsville Urban Iditarod - For details see www.taylorsvilleurbaniditarod.blogspot.com

Preventing Vehicle Burglaries

With the Holiday's nearing, criminals are ever aware of presents and other valuables left in vehicles. Vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity and people can minimize their chances of being a victim by taking a few simple steps;

- Keep all car doors and windows closed and locked – even if it's a quick errand.
- Do not leave valuables or packages in plain sight in your vehicle. If you must leave valuables in the car, put them in the trunk.
- If your vehicle has a built in security system, use it. If you don't have a security system installed, it is worth the investment.
- Park your vehicle in an area that is visible to the public and well-lit at night. If possible, park your car in the garage. If garage parking is not available, the next best option is to park your car in the driveway and install motion-sensor security lighting on your home.
- Never leave an electronic garage opener in the car.
- Headed to the store? Burglars are, too. When you pack the car, bring as few items as possible with you - leave jewelry, watches, laptops, etc at home. Keep any necessary valuables like keys, identification, and credit cards on your person.
- Keep a list of serial numbers (include make and model information, as well) for the commonly used electronic equipment you may keep in the car, like CD players, stereo faceplates, MP3 players, etc. Keep a copy of this inventory in a safe place such as a safe deposit box. We also suggest that you engrave your driver's license number on your valuables to aid in their recovery, should they be lost or stolen.
- If your car is burglarized, please report it to the police department immediately.
- Remember.... If it can be seen, it can be stolen!



In addition to protecting your own property from criminals, you can be a good neighbor by watching out for suspicious persons or activities in your area. No one knows a neighborhood better than the people who live there, so the Police Department depends on the assistance of concerned, responsible residents to report suspicious persons or activity. If you see something that looks suspicious, call dispatch @ #801-743-700 or call 9-1-1. Suspicious activity may include;

- A person looking into parked cars may be looking for a car to steal or for valuables left in plain view inside.
- The sound of breaking glass or car alarm could mean a vehicle break-in.
- Any vehicle cruising slowly, or following a course that seems aimless or repetitive is suspicious in any location. Persons walking around a neighborhood pulling on car door handles may be looking for unlocked vehicles to steal from.
- Persons going door to door without a legitimate reason (asking for someone who doesn't live at the residence) or without business license.

Don't worry about feeling embarrassed if your suspicions are wrong; think instead about what could happen if your suspicions are right and you don't call. It is the Police Department's job to investigate suspicious matters, and any assistance in spotting suspicious activity is greatly appreciated! Our dispatch non-emergency phone number is 801 743-7000 or in an emergency dial 911.