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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

FINAL FAREWELL FROM MAYOR RECHTENBACH



In a few short weeks my year serving as Mayor of Taylorsville will come to a close. It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor and I have enjoyed the time, and the associations that I have made during my service. As I reflect back on the year 2013, as most of us do this time of year, I thought I would highlight a few of the accomplishments during the year.

- **Traffic and Transportation:** We lobbied for and obtained \$4.2 million from the state legislature that will fund several important transportation projects, and we worked hard to improve our relationship with UDOT to accomplish some important objectives for the City, these include:
 - Prairie View/Gold Medal Drive safety improvements;
 - Pedestrian bridge over 6200 South to Westbrook Elementary
 - East-West pedestrian trail development that will connect Valley Regional Parks with the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Museum on 4800 South;
 - Successfully negotiated with UDOT to allow construction of an entrance to Walmart from 5400 South, which has been key to attracting new business to the location.
- **Community Outreach and Neighborhood Revitalization:** created programs focused on better communication with residents, and enhancements of our neighborhoods. These include:
 - Organized 10 Community Councils;
 - Implemented neighborhood cleanup programs;
 - Reinvented the Code Enforcement program to be more community friendly, and to focus on chronic problem areas;
 - Reconstructed two neighborhood parks.
- **Economic Development:** It has always been clear to me that economic development is the life-blood and the future of Taylorsville. As we are successful in bringing fresh new business to Taylorsville, we stabilize our revenue base, and create an inviting community for business and resident alike. Some of the economic development initiatives we have focused on during 2013 include:
 - Opening of the new Markosian Auto Center on Redwood Road;
 - Successfully negotiated a joint venture between the city, local developer, and an anchor tenant to redevelop the shopping center known as Plaza 5400 (Furniture Warehouse site on 5400 South and Redwood Road).
 - Negotiated with a new major entertainment anchor to go into Plaza 5400, which has also created much interest in new restaurants there. The city hopes to name the entertainment user early next year;
 - Developed relationships with Salt Lake County Government that resulted in a recent announcement by Mayor Ben McAdams of a partnership undertaking to reinvent, and even transform the Family Center into a vibrant and progressive center;
 - Negotiated with a major developer to purchase the property adjacent to American Express, where they will begin constructing new commercial buildings in the coming year;
 - Negotiated the purchase of a 2.5 acre section of City Center property for commercial development;
 - We are still a front runner to be awarded the site for Salt Lake County's new Regional Performing Arts Center.
- **General Accomplishments:** In 2013, we received the overwhelming approval of the residents of Taylorsville to proceed with an initiative that I introduced in 2012 as a City Council Member; to join the Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA). The effects of this action include:
 - The City will receive enhanced fire and emergency medical service immediately as the Unified Fire Authority will increase the number of personnel serving the City;
 - The UFSA has already begun negotiating to buy a piece of property to build the replacement for Fire Station 117 that currently is located on Redwood Road across from the Salt Lake Community College;
 - The UFSA, as soon as the property has been acquired, will commence construction of the new fire station
 - This new fire station will house more fire and emergency medical personnel, and will have all the most current and modern apparatus and equipment, thus enhancing the safety of Taylorsville residents;
 - Due to economies of scale and other effects, this change in the fire service will cost less in the long run, than it would if the change were not made.

So, as I complete my term as Mayor of Taylorsville, I am comfortable in saying that I am leaving the City better than it was when I found it. If the initiatives and programs we have begun are continued, I firmly believe that the result will be a better Taylorsville, and a place that we all can be proud to call our home.

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

DID YOU KNOW?

Garbage and Recycling Schedule Change for the Holidays

The week of Christmas and New Year's Day, garbage/recycling pick up will be on Friday, December 27 and January 3.

New Mayor and Council Members Sworn In

The public is invited to the swearing in ceremony on Monday, January 6th at noon for Mayor Larry Johnson and Councilmembers Dama Barbour, Brad Christopherson, and Dan Armstrong. The ceremony will take place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Community Council Upcoming Meetings

Make a New Year's Resolution to get involved in your neighborhood community council. To find out which Community Council you belong to, see this QR code or visit <http://bit.ly/15H5PaF>



We are still looking for residents willing to lead Community Council 4A, which covers the southwest portion of the city. If you are willing to get involved, please contact Rhetta at rmciff@taylorsvilleut.gov or at 801-963-5400.

Turning Lane Gives Better Access

You may have noticed that the access into the Walmart and other shopping areas on 5400 South Redwood Road has been difficult. Thanks to hard work by our city staffers, a turn lane has just been completed on 5400 South into the shopping center.

Come Meet the New Mayor!

You are invited to attend the Mayor's Town Hall Open House on Wednesday, January 27 from 6-7 p.m. at City Hall. Come meet newly elected Mayor Larry Johnson and visit with elected officials and staff about city issues.



Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m.
taylorsvilleiditarod.com



Congratulations to the owners of 5479 Hews Place for winning the "Best of Taylorsville" Award for December. They will be recognized at a City Council meeting in January.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
City Offices Closed
- 6 **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**
12 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 8 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 10 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
7 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 15 **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**
6 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 20 **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
City Offices Closed
- 22 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 29 **MAYOR'S TOWN HALL OPEN HOUSE**
6-7 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall

CITY COUNCIL CORNER

COMMITTEE ORDINANCES REVISED

As the Taylorsville City Council, we recently revised the Volunteer Committee Ordinance. Some committees were overloaded, which made them less effective. Others were desperate for volunteers. We rewrote the ordinance to make sure the committees could operate as effectively as possible.

The Economic Development committee has been narrowed down to five volunteers who will be invited to participate. These five will be advisors to the elected officials on economic development matters. Because of confidentiality issues with economic development deals, the number of committee members was limited.

The Budget Committee is limited to 12 volunteers and the Ordinance Review Committee is limited to seven. There is no limit to Public Safety Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Leisure Activities Recreation and Parks (LARP), Green Committee, Arts Council, or Healthy Taylorsville Committee. Residents who are interested in one of these committees are encouraged to apply. They generally meet once per month. Please visit our website for an application: <http://bit.ly/1e6OoFk>

As always, we would encourage you to attend the City Council meetings on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. There is a time at the beginning of each meeting for citizen comments and we would love to hear from you then or any other time.



Your Taylorsville City Council,
Ernest Burgess (District 1), Kristie Overson (District 2),
Brad Christopherson (District 3), Dama Barbour (District 4)
and Larry Johnson (District 5)

UNIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT

BURGLARY PREVENTION

Stop Home & Business Burglaries -- Don't Tempt a Thief!

- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short period of time, lock your doors and windows.
- Fact: Most Residential Burglaries occur between 10:00am and 5:00pm.
- **REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO UPD (801) 743-7000**
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps with automatic timers to turn on in the evening and off during the day. Also you can notify the Unified Police Department Taylorsville Precinct to request a property check while you are away. (385-468-9435)
- Keep your garage door closed and locked at all times!
- Do not leave lawn mowers or other easily stolen yard items in plain view.
- Secure vacant rental or foreclosure properties from air conditioning and copper thefts by using a padlock and chain security device or by caging in the unit so thieves cannot reach the valuable metal.
- Do not allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers, or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the United States Postal Service to hold your mail or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick them up regularly. (<https://holdmail.usps.com>)
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed or your snow to be removed by a trusted individual while you are gone for an extended period of time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them if necessary.
- Push button locks on doorknobs to exterior doors are easy for burglars to open. Replace them with deadbolt locks.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security. Check with your local home improvement store for assistance.

BE A PART OF THIS
TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS
with
MEMORIAL PAVERS

Let us be dedicated to the mission of preserving the memory of their sacrifices with a legacy of commemoration, inspiration, and healing.



Paver Prices
3" x 6" = \$75
6" x 6" = \$100
6" x 9" = \$150
9" x 9" = \$200

THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AT TAYLORSVILLE
www.TaylorsvilleMemorial.com
or
Contact Jean Ashby - 801.963.5400
jeashby@TaylorsvilleUt.gov
All proceeds for Memorial maintenance

CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILMEMBER DAN ARMSTRONG

In the November election, Dan Armstrong was elected to the District 5 Council seat. Armstrong, 61, is a part owner of Armstrong, Duke and Associates. He is a Certified Public Accountant who does full service accounting and tax fraud investigations. He is a diplomat with the American Board of Forensics Accountants and sits on several boards for mini corporations.

Armstrong has lived in Taylorsville since 1991 and loves living here. He has seven children - four boys and three girls, all graduates from Taylorsville High School. He is the proud grandpa to seven grandchildren - five granddaughters and two grandsons.

He grew up in Idaho Falls and graduated from Ricks College and Brigham Young University's institute for professional accountancy. Armstrong enjoys riding his bike, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. He's been involved in Boy Scouts for 26 years and recently earned his Black Belt in Karate.

When we asked Armstrong why he ran and what he would like to do on the council, he said, "As I've audited other municipalities, sometimes I see waste. I would like to find ways to help Taylorsville. After seeing some businesses leave the city, I would like to help more development come to the 'Taylorsville.'" He also added that even though it is 'pie in the sky,' he would love to see all the telephone poles and lines buried underground.

Councilmember-elect Dan Armstrong will be sworn in on Monday, January 6 at noon at City Hall, along with Councilmembers Dama Barbour and Brad Christopherson, and Mayor-elect Larry Johnson. The public is welcome to attend.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

FROM THE KITCHENS OF TAYLORSVILLE AND BENNION

This is the first recipe in a series of heritage recipes to come from some of our old-time Taylorsville residents.

Hilma J. Barker, born in 1901, was known for her excellent cooking skills, floral arranging, and many musical talents. She married Clyde Barker in 1924, and resided in Taylorsville with her husband and three children. Here is one of her favorite recipes:

Tuna or Turkey Salad

- 3 c. turkey or chicken 1/2 c. nut meats
- 1/2 lb. white grapes 3/4 c. boiling water
- 1 chicken bouillon cube 3 small celery stocks
- 1 c. mayonnaise 1 Tb. gelatin
- 1 t. salt pepper to taste
- 4 hard cooked eggs

Cut turkey, celery and hard-boiled eggs into small pieces. If grapes are seedless variety, leave whole, otherwise cut in half and remove the seeds. Soak gelatin in water and dissolve in hot bouillon.

Cool, add to the mayonnaise and finally mix with other ingredients. Pour into molds. Set over night.



Hilma Jansson Barker