

TAYLORSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Best of Taylorsville

PRESENTER: Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

ISSUE SUMMARY:



BEST OF TAYLORSVILLE WINNER A NOD TO THE PAST

Since moving into his established Taylorsville neighborhood nine months ago (6596 South 1460 West) Gary Madsen and his wife Jackie say they've been welcomed by more neighbors than they ever met during their entire six year stay at a nearby condominium.

"They're so friendly here, it's great." says Gary. "But it seems our new neighbors also wanted to make sure we planned on keeping the 'yard art' left by the previous owner,"

The focus of this neighborly affection is the corner planter display featuring a rusted out 1923 Ford T-Bucket, parked in front of a tiny 1940's era gas station garage; complete with vintage gas pump and signs.

The previous home owner drove the old car into it's current position 26 years ago and never moved it. He allowed friends to strip the car of parts, but the car body has stayed rooted in the planter area ever since, complemented by handsome flowers and shrubs. Gary says the prior owner made several trips to city council just to make sure he wasn't violating any city junk ordinance. "They were always supportive," he says.

How could they not be? Any yard display featuring a vintage sign reminding us that gas was once 9 cents a gallon is worth its weight in 'oh-my-heck' nostalgia.

In addition to the unique yard art, the Madsen's finely manicured lawn and landscape make it the top vote getter for this months "Best of Taylorsville" award which recognizes residents and businesses in the city whose care of private property make Taylorsville a better place to live. They will be duly recognized by the Mayor and City Council during the first council meeting of October.