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Taylorville Mayor Wins “Best of State”

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Taylorville Mayor Russ Wall won “Best of State Mayor” for 2012 and will be honored at the Best of State Awards Gala on May 22.

Wall took office in January 2006 and was previously a member of the city council. He sits on several boards including: Habitat for Humanity, The After School Network, Unified Police Department, Valley Emergency Communications, Wasatch Front Regional Council and Utah Local Governments Trust.

Under Wall’s leadership, Taylorville has maintained its AA+ bond rating, one of the highest bond ratings of any city in Utah. Taylorville was also recognized by the Utah Taxpayers Association for having the lowest cost of government per capita in the state.

Wall recently helped secure \$4 million in funding from the state for design and engineering on a Bus Rapid Transit project from Murray’s Intermountain Medical Center to the Salt Lake Community College in Taylorville.

He started a Green Committee in Taylorville, a group of citizens educating on ways to be green, save energy and recycle. Under Wall’s prodding, Taylorville recently earned a “Tree City, USA” designation. His support of efforts helped the city earn the Gold Level Healthy Community Award by the Utah Department of Health.

Economic Development is a priority in Taylorville and Wall created an economic development task force to assist with building the city’s business base.

When asked how he felt winning this award, Wall said, “I am honored to be receiving an award that was won mostly through the works of my staff and volunteers.”

The Best of State Awards were created to recognize outstanding individuals, organizations and businesses in Utah. The Best of State program judges individuals, businesses, and organizations on excelling in their endeavor, using innovative approaches or methods, and contributing to a better quality of life in Utah.

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