

Wally Rupp: The Man Across The Street



Above: Wally Rupp has lived across the street from Taylorsville Redwood Campus since it was first built. Below: This plaque, given to longtime scoutmaster and Taylorsville resident Wally Rupp, bears the names of Eagle Scouts who Rupp mentored over the years.



Just across the street from Salt Lake Community College's Taylorsville Redwood Campus lives Wally Rupp, one of Taylorsville's most influential old-timers.

Rupp was born Sept. 17, 1928 and has lived on 2200 West his entire life, except for the two years he spent in the army when he was 22 years old. In the course of his life he has touched the lives of hundreds through the work and service he has done through his church service, helping in the community, and (most of all) the time he spent as scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America organization.

Rupp remembers times when he was in his youth where he and his friends would play basketball on the corner of 2200 West and 4700 South. During those times there wasn't even a stop sign at that intersection.

The day they put a stop sign there he and his friends bent the sign in half so drivers couldn't see it. A neighbor saw them do this and threatened to tell the authorities.

In response to this threat, Rupp and his friends dug up the sign and planted it in the middle of the neighbor's driveway. Rupp and his friends spent the afternoon the next day in jail.

Growing up, Rupp worked in the sugar beet fields in Taylorsville where he ultimately met his wife, Gloria Ashby.

Rupp found Ashby to be quite attractive and wanted to ask her out on a date. She hopped on the tractor he was about to ride into the field and they rode off together. They talked for a little while and Rupp asked Ashby if she would like to go on a date with him. She declined.

He gave her an ultimatum: either she would go on a date with him or he would hop off the tractor and leave her in the middle of the muddy field on the tractor. Ashby accepted Rupp's offer to take her on a date. They later were married in Junction City, Kansas while Rupp was in the service. They were married for 52 years until she passed

Wood carvings by Wally Rupp.



By Benjamin Lindsay
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away in 2006, and had eight sons and one daughter together.

When Rupp returned home from the service, he continued to serve in his community through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At the time, he was serving in the young men's program.

He approached his brother who was serving as a leader in the congregation. Rupp said, "I want you to put me in as scoutmaster, but if you do I don't ever want you to bother me again." That is exactly what they did.

Rupp served as scoutmaster in his local ward for 55 years. During that time he helped over 200 scouts receive their Eagle Scout award.

He earned countless awards in his time as scoutmaster, including the Silver Beaver award, before ending his service three years ago at age 83.

"I'd do it over again; that's how much I enjoyed scouting. I'd give anything if I could go on a 50 miler again," Rupp says.

In his time living on 2200 West, Rupp saw the entire creation of SLCC's Taylorsville Redwood Campus. He remembers when it was an open field, apple orchards, even the cellar where the north part of campus is today.

As SLCC began to expand Rupp even got involved in building it. Rupp helped to install the wooden floors of the gym in the Lifetime Activities Center when it was first being built. Rupp now goes to SLCC gym every day to exercise.

Rupp passes his time these days spending it with his family, sculpting wood carvings, working with his son, and hunting whenever he can get the chance.

Rupp has changed the lives of hundreds of people and helped countless people. He truly has been an influence for good in the Taylorsville community. It just goes to show we may never know how influential the person across the street may be. ✦

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Bangerter Tribute

By Doug Foxley

Tuesday morning, I received the shocking news that my dear friend Norm Bangerter had suffered a severe stroke. My thoughts and prayers were with him and I was saddened but relieved when I heard that he had passed away Tuesday afternoon. Norm had many great qualities, but he was not a patient man and frankly he would have made an awful invalid.

There is much that has been written and said about the former governor this week, but I had a unique attachment and relationship with the guy. I remember when I was deputy Lt. governor and met with him for the first time. Here was a guy from the west side who beat an entrenched Democrat in the Watergate year. Upon meeting him, I understood why. He was smart, bright, commonsensical. He knew how to get things done and how to bring people along with him. He and Jim Hansen, who later became the longest serving congressmen in the history of our state, made a phenomenal duo with Hansen as speaker and Norm as majority leader. What I respected about these two is that they worked closely with Scott Matheson, the Democratic governor, and did what was right for the state. It was a golden era.

After Jim Hansen's election to Congress, the Republicans made Norm speaker. I dealt with many great speakers, a couple not so great, but without question, Norm was the best I personally ever dealt with. During this time, it was the tradition of the House that a speaker serve only one term and leave the body, but future speakers Garff, Karas, Brown, Bishop and others wanted Norm to be governor and elected him to an unprecedented second term. Up until this time, this had only happened one other time in the history of the state.

I became close to Norm and he asked me to run his campaign for governor in 1984. At the time, it was not certain whether popular Governor Scott Matheson would run again or not. Norm announced and Scott announced a week later that he was not running. Norm used to tease that once Matheson heard that he was running he got out of the race. This was not the case, but it was a fun jest.

The race for the Republican nomination was tough. Bob Wright, who came close to beating Matheson in 1980 was running, Dan Marriott, a popular Republican Congressman from Utah decided to run as well as respected Utah State Senator Karl Snow. And yes, there was a gadfly in the race, former Salt Lake County Republican Chair Laura Ferguson. Norm and Colleen worked hard.

They spent an entire year on the road. We arranged for Republican House members, who all but a couple of RINOs, were not only

death. There was then State Senator Paul Rogers who was a fundraising whiz, Dave Buhler, who took a leave from Senator Hatch's Office, L.J. Godfrey, Rick Evans, Taz Biesinger and so many others.

After coming in first in the State Republican Convention, we decided to do the unconventional and put what few resources we had into media hoping that when the first Dan Jones Poll came out that we would be within striking distance of Dan Marriott if not ahead. Dan was a good man, but we felt

initially just a secretary of state who later became Lt. governor secretary of state. It was an amazing process for finding a candidate. In the end, it came down to two great guys, former Senator Doug Bischof who led the Reagan efforts in Utah, and an talented young state auditor from Orem named Val Oveson. In the end, Val was chosen, and he was an awesome Lt. governor.

There are many stories I could tell, but I will spare you. You all know about Kennecott shutting down along with Geneva Steel just weeks before Norm was inaugurated. You know about the floods, the pumps, and his leadership to save education. The repudiation by the U.E.A., the race with Ted Wilson and Merrill Cook. In the end, after being 30 points behind, we won 41, 38 for Wilson, and 22 for Cook. But what you don't know is that Norm was a good, decent human being who never did anything wrong. There is not an off color joke, story, or any inappropriate behavior with respect to anyone. He was a problem solver who never started life out thinking he would be governor. His natural talents and abilities continued to open doors and opportunities for him.

One cannot talk about Norm and his legacy without thinking about all of the people that he brought into state government: Dave Adams, Dave Grant, Kirk Green, Dave Johnson, Julie Orchard, Judy Schiffman, Steve Mecham, Francine Giani, Dave Buhler, John T. Nielsen, Bud Scruggs, Carol Nixon, Bonnie Stevens, Ed Leary, Alice Shearer, Leigh Vonderesch and oh so many more. Their legacy, like his, is one of true public service and behaving in a manner that public servants should.

Norm, I will miss you, but you taught me many things. You were a true friend and mentor and may your reunion with Colleen be a sweet one. Thanks for being who you were, a humble carpenter from Granger, Utah, who served this state well.

Sincerely,
Doug Foxley



Left to right: Governor Bangerter, Steve Foxley and Doug Foxley.

supporting Norm but they agreed to hold meetings in their homes for all of the friends and former delegates. What was amazing, is that even though Karl Snow was a most effective state senator, the majority of Utah state senators endorsed Norm and worked hard holding events for him in their homes.

It was a real grassroots effort aided by the late great Julie Orchard and Judy Schiffman, Norm and Colleen's neighbor who later served as Colleen's assistant and took care of Colleen when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and subsequently married Norm after Colleen's

that there was not strong support for him. Our assumption was correct, and when Dan's first KSL-Deseret News Poll came out we were ahead. The money was tight, but after that poll it started coming in and we went on to beat Dan Marriott and Karl Snow in the Republican primary and handily defeated former Congressman Wayne Owens in November to make Norm the first Republican governor in Utah in 20 years.

1984 was a unique time, for it was the first time that a governor and Lt. governor ran in tandem. Prior to that time, there was

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Taylorsville Police Officer, Jared Cardon, Saves Man And Kitten From Fire

By Jessica Thompson

Officer Jared Cardon's journey of becoming a police officer started out differently than expected. He didn't watch crime shows as a boy or imagine himself fighting bad guys. Actually, young Jared Cardon didn't grow up wanting to become a police officer at all.

"I didn't really have any plans to become a police officer. As a teenager I had gotten a few speeding tickets and didn't like police very much," Cardon said.

But his perspective of police officers changed once he finished college and a friend introduced him to the idea of becoming part of the city police department. Officer Cardon said, "Once I got into city municipal law enforcement, I gained insight into how policemen are meant to help people."

On March 31 Officer Jared Cardon went above and beyond his responsibilities and did just that.

Officer Jared Cardon and another officer had just finished helping with a car accident when they heard over their radios that a Taylorsville house was on fire. When the two officers got to the house it was fully engulfed. Neighbors told Cardon that children lived in

"I'm grateful to be a police officer, because of the opportunity I have to help people."

the home and there had been no sign of them leaving the house. "That changed everything," Cardon said.

He began to enter the home, but the smoke was too debilitating. He went to the backyard to find another way into the house when he learned that a neighbor had entered the home looking for the children and had not been seen since. Cardon entered through a window to find the man. "The smoke was so black, light couldn't penetrate it, and the man must have gotten disoriented and couldn't remember which way the window was," Cardon said. He grabbed onto the man, and on his way out he found a kitten and grabbed it, too.

Cardon later found out that the two children made it out of the home safely. On the Unified Police Department Facebook page, people are calling Cardon a hero.

"I'm grateful to be a police officer, because of the opportunity I have to help people." ✦

Taylorsville Animal Shelter Helps Improve Animal Life

By Jessica Thompson

When Taylorsville's Animal Service Administrator, Chris Curtis, was young, he helped his great aunt take care of her stray cats and dogs. "She loved those animals as if they were her children," said Curtis. This love for stray animals was also found in his older sister. People would often drop off stray animals at his sister's farm. She would groom, give shots and find homes for the stray animals. Curtis' aunt and sister have since passed away, but the love for helping animals still lives on. Curtis says, "When the opportunity came for me to move into the position of administrator for the shelter, it was like carrying on a family tradition."

Chris Curtis and the staff at the West Valley City/ City of Taylorsville Animal Shelter love the animals and want to do all they can to improve the quality of life in the community by providing safety to citizens and animals.

Another way the Taylorsville Animal Shelter improves animal life is by being a no-kill shelter. According to Curtis, a "no-kill" shelter is, "an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full."



Another procedure that is followed carefully is when an animal first comes to the shelter it is vaccinated to prevent it from contracting diseases. If an animal seems to be infected, then it is quarantined to protect the other animals. All items used to care for the animals are washed and sterilized daily, and outside time is given to dogs to allow exercise and a bit of fresh air.

The West Valley City/ City of Taylorsville Animal Shelter truly lives up to their mission statement to "provide these services in a professional manner, being sensitive to the interests of the citizens, the welfare of the animals and the overall good of the community."

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Residents Tell Us “Why I Love The Parkway”

It's an early, warm spring morning under a clear sky, around nine in the morning. The birds are singing and enjoying a spring feast. In fact, everyone on the Jordan River Parkway at the Winchester trailhead has spring fever. You can see it in their faces, which is why I asked for their opinion on the Parkway.

There are no shortage of answers. Paul and Rebecca Simmons give a litany of reasons, including sage advice like “nature is good for the soul” and “it promotes a healthy body, mind and spirit.”

Paul calls the Parkway “beautiful and peaceful,” and says “it rids us of all the stress of the day. It is also much quicker than going to the mountains.”

“I feel blessed to live in the city and still have all of this beauty around me,” Rebecca said.

This opinion is shared by many others. “It’s peaceful and beautiful and there’s no traffic. That’s the biggest reason to come,” Seraphina Jones says.

For many, the biggest reason for coming is nature. Dave Brown, a regular, says, “It’s a nice, natural setting. I’ve seen deer, foxes, and all kinds of animals along the trail,” he says.

Bill Wagner, a retired nature photographer, says he’s there for the fishing. Several others have come for bird watching, binoculars in hand. They point out the many species of birds along the Parkway.

Karen Tibbitts, Pat Mongiat and others point to the safety of being surrounded by pleasant people on the trails. Mongiat comes every day for the fresh air and to exercise her dog, Mia. She moved to the area from



Bill Wagner fishing for catfish.

Flagstaff, Ariz. a year ago. With a look of appreciation for what the cities have done for residents by providing the Parkway, she says, “I thoroughly enjoy it! It’s safe, there are no cars, and everyone obeys the rules.”

I caught up to a mother and daughter team on their way out of the park. Emily Giles and Lori Pond tell me they’ve just broken off from the Bennion East Stake Youth Group. “Our youth group trains for track on the Parkway two or three times a week,” said Lori Pond, the group’s leader. “Our family also uses the picnic areas for church and family parties.”

There seems to be no lack of reasons behind why people love the Jordan River Parkway, or why they choose it for exercise and their recreational and nature walks. A few noted that they feel safer on some parts of the Parkway than others, and that some areas still need a little dressing up. Others point to the empty doggie bag dispenser, but none of it stops them from coming. All in all, people feel the city fathers and the Jordan River Commission have done a great public service with the Parkway.

Restoration is ongoing along the Parkway, and spring conservation activities are coming up in May. They include: Get into the River – Conservation Day on Thursday, May 14, and Get Into the River – Festival Day on Saturday, May 30. All are encouraged to join with others to help preserve, maintain and restore the 51 mile long park.

For more information about the parkway, the calendar of events and ongoing projects, go to jordanrivercommission.com ✦



Seraphina Jones on the Winchester trail.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



When I reflect upon my years in school, I remember my teachers more than I do the classes I took or the books I read. There were many who influenced academic progress but also worked to inspire, develop and nurture their students to think differently about the world.

This year, National Teacher Day falls on Tuesday, May 5th. This is a special time to pause and reflect on the teachers and educators that give, serve, and believe in their students each and every day.

One of the things I enjoy most is the opportunity to interact with the many

100 years old just to see what this generation of elementary students will accomplish as adults. There is something about elementary school students citing examples where they have implemented these 7 habits into their lives at home and at school that makes me smile.

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Attending Leadership Day Programs at the schools participating in the Leader in Me Program that have incorporated the 7 Habits of Happy Kids, it gives me the desire to live to be

plants in the classroom. This is the 2nd year of this program and at a recent visit to Vista Elementary the kindergarten students were growing their own Lima Beans. Plymouth Elementary students had a lettuce party with

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Lime beans being grown by kindergarten students at Vista Elementary.



Plymouth Elementary students used Aerogarden planters to grow lettuce in their classrooms.

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-----Thursday, June 25-----

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- 7:30 pm **Utah Symphony with the Wasatch Cannoneers**
- 9:30 pm **Movie in the Park**
(How to Train Your Dragon 2)

-----Friday, June 26-----

- 4:00 pm **Carnival Rides open**
- 6:30 pm **Taylorville Orchestra**
- 8:00 pm **Billy Joel and Elton John Tribute**

10:00 pm **Fireworks!**

-----Saturday, June 27-----

- 7:00 am **Lions Club Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Parade**
- 11:00 am **Carnival Rides, Petting Zoo**
All-day Entertainment on 2 stages
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- 7:00 pm **Elvis & Friends Tribute**
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As a council we are committed to keep economic development a top priority. Many exciting things are happening right now or are just around the corner. This is what you can expect to see over the next few months:

- **New Del Taco** coming just south of the Salt Lake Community College on Redwood Road. Demolition of existing building is underway and when completed the site plans and building permits are ready for review.
- **New Jimmy John's** is currently under construction at 3900 West 5400 South with an expected opening schedule of June 2015.
- **Crossroads of Taylorsville** – Working on a revised site plan, a sign package, a revised demolition plan, new tenants,

and exterior building improvements around Schmidt's Pastry Cottage to begin right away.

- **Nelson Labs Expansion** – Expansion taking place on the east side of Redwood Road.
- **State Crime Lab** with building to begin Fall 2015 will be located at 4501 South 2700 West.
- **The 24/7 St. Marks Hospital Emergency Department.** Site work is underway on City Center property with completion scheduled for the end of October 2015.
- **Crescent Corporate Center** – A 300,000 Sq. Ft. office building next to American Express on 2700 West, with construction to start on the first 100,000 Sq. Ft. building this summer.

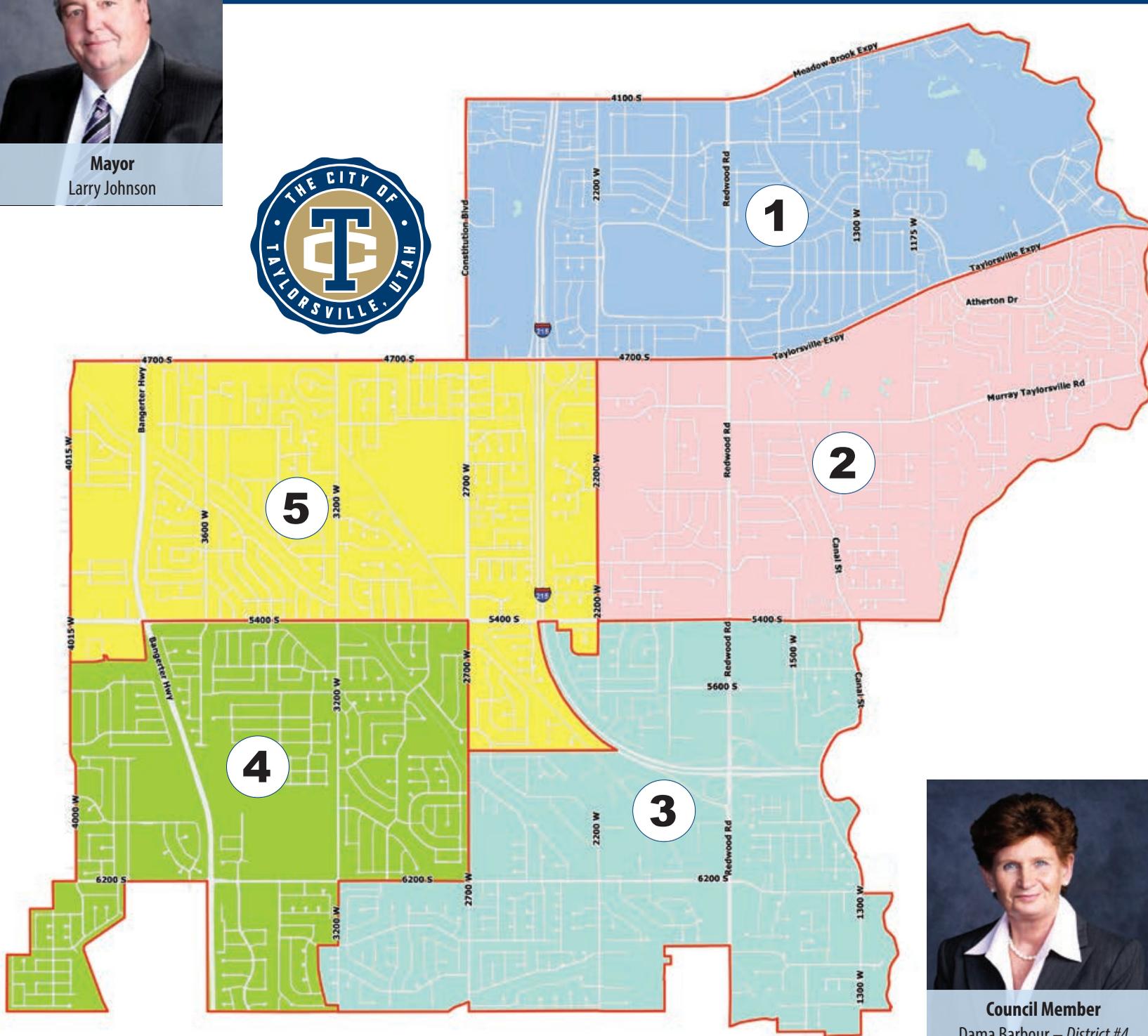
- **Performing Arts Center** – Salt Lake County should have a decision on the city location in just a few weeks.
- **Legacy Plaza at 54th** – Furniture Warehouse demolition underway with new tenants going in this spring.
- **Erickson Living Retirement Community** – This is a senior development that has been well received by the Planning Commission and is scheduled to open next year.
- **Redwood Road Wall Project** – Improvements along the west side of Redwood Road south of 5000 S. The project will include replacing the existing variety of fencing with an 8' stamped concrete sound wall. Construction is anticipated for Spring 2015. †



Mayor
Larry Johnson



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Council member Ernest Burgess



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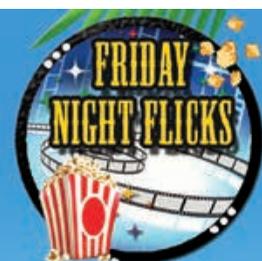
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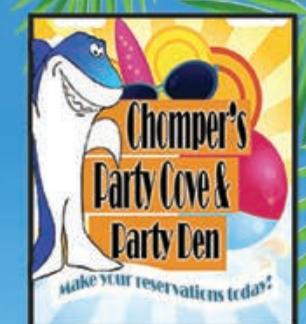


Summer nights with family and friends doesn't get any better than our FREE "Friday Night Flicks". Throughout the Summer, join us at Kearns Oquirrh Park & the Utah Olympic Oval for some "just out of the theater" movies, shown on our giant outdoor movie screen. Come early for pre-showtime music video fun, and concessions stocked with treats. Visit kopfc.com or [facebook.com/KOPFC](https://www.facebook.com/KOPFC) for movie titles, show times & location directions. First movie night is Friday, May 29 at 8:00 PM!

The **COOL Kids Triathlon** introduces the sport of triathlon to young people between the ages of 5 and 14 in a safe and positive environment. While competition is always a part of any race, kids participating can make it be whatever they want - an opportunity to challenge themselves doing something they've never tried before or maybe improve their competitive skills with real race experience. Go to KOPFC.COM for more info and to get your kids registered today! **Event Date: Sat. June 20th**

Summer is a time for active play and fun. The fun will begin on Monday, June 8th and will run until Friday, August 14th excluding weekends and holidays from 9:00 am-12:00 PM. Come join other kids aged 5-12 years old to play tennis, kickball, many other fun and exciting games, and to swim every day in our indoor and outdoor pools. Register at KOPFC.COM.

Saturday, August 8th Noon - Fireworks Skyshow
You won't want to miss this year's celebration! The biggest, wettest, funnest pool party you'll ever experience. We have rides and activities for everyone, and awesome live entertainment all day long. All this leads up to our most spectacular Fireworks Skyshow seen in our 17 years of festival fun. Admission is only \$3 for kids, \$4 for Teens and \$5 for Adults. Mark your calendars today!



Book now for your Summer party at Chomper's Party Cove!

Call today and secure your spot under "Chomper's Party Cove" pavilions for your upcoming Summer birthday, company or any occasion party. We can accommodate groups of all sizes and you can take advantage of our generous group discount rates. We are open 7 days a week and welcome after hour parties as well. Outside food and catering is permitted. So, once you're booked, send out the invitations, print the flyers and get ready for a Summer of Celebration not to be forgotten!

For more info & reservations call Jennifer at 801.545.4109.



5624 South Cougar Lane - 801.966.555

Celebrating Arbor Day in Taylorsville – LARP Committee

By Joan Thalmann

The Leisure Activities, Recreation and Parks (LARP) Committee celebrated Arbor Day by planting three trees. They selected the Riverside Park Freedom Shrine, a veterans memorial along the Jordan River Parkway, as the site of their tree plantings.

Celebrating Arbor Day is a great way to bring a city together. Arbor Day is a national day to plant and celebrate trees. It was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton. National Arbor Day is usually celebrated on the last Friday of April in the United States, but many states observe Arbor Day on different days.

The State of Utah officially celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday of April. In Utah there are 84 cities and communities that celebrate Arbor Day. This year Taylorsville celebrates its twenty years as a city in the great State of Utah, and its third year as a Tree City.

The LARP Committee wishes to thank Sutherlands and Lowe's for their contribution of the trees.



Left to right: Jerry Milne, Joan Thalmann and Keith Sorensen.
Photo courtesy of Councilmember Kristie Overson



Trees —By Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.



Mosquito Abatement District

Summer provides a great time to participate in a variety of outdoor activities. Unwelcome mosquitoes, however, can make many outdoor activities less enjoyable. Familiarity with basic mosquito biology and some simple precautions can help reduce the negative impacts of mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes complete the early stages of their life cycle in stagnant water in places ranging from ponds, marshy areas, and irrigated pasturelands, to gutters, cavities in trees, and bird baths. During the summer, nearly any water left standing for at least one week can provide suitable conditions for larval mosquitoes to develop into adults.

Adult female mosquitoes take blood meals from vertebrate hosts to obtain protein required for egg production. In addition to causing an irritating allergic reaction, mosquito bites can facilitate disease transmission. West Nile virus is an example of a disease transmitted by mosquitoes in the Salt Lake Valley.

The South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District (SSLVMAD) seeks to promote public health and quality of life by reducing the number of larval mosquitoes that develop to the adult stage. District technicians regularly inspect known larval mosquito habitats in the Salt Lake Valley and apply mosquito control measures as needed. Treatments targeting adult mosquitoes are also applied when appropriate.



You can help control the population of mosquitoes by:

- Eliminating unnecessary standing water from your property.
 - Emptying and refreshing desirable standing water at least weekly.
 - Treating livestock watering troughs and ornamental ponds with mosquito control products or fish (this service is available free of charge from the SSLVMAD).
 - Reporting other standing water to the SSLVMAD.
- Additionally, the following suggestions can help you avoid being bitten by mosquitoes:

- Use mosquito repellents approved by the Environmental Protection Agency according to instructions on the product label.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible when outdoors.
- Avoid outdoor activities during times of peak mosquito activity (between dusk and dawn for several species of mosquitoes, including disease vectors known to occur in Utah).

The South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District would like to wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer. For additional information about mosquitoes and mosquito control, or to submit a request for service, please visit www.sslvmad.org.

City of Taylorsville 2015 Municipal Elections

The City of Taylorsville will hold a Municipal Election on November 3, 2015 to elect one city council member each from Council District 1, Council District 2, and Council District 3, to serve four-year terms.



The filing period will run from Monday, June 1, 2015 through Monday, June 8, 2015, during regular City Hall hours (Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Candidates must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" in person with the Taylorsville City Recorder at Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Taylorsville, Utah during the filing period, although the forms will be available on the City website and in the office of the City Recorder beginning April 15, 2015.



A candidate must have been a resident of the City of Taylorsville for at least 12 consecutive months (365 days) immediately prior to the date of the General Election. A candidate must also be a registered voter. A candidate running for a Council District Seat must be a resident of that district. A filing fee of \$100.00 must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy. (The filing fee will be reduced to \$50 for candidates who submit a nomination petition containing 25 signatures of residents of the city who are at least 18 years old). For additional information, please visit the City's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov or contact Cheryl Peacock Cottle, in the City Recorder's Office, at 801-963-5400. ✦

MAYOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Ranch dressing dip after harvesting the lettuce they grew in the planters in their classrooms with the support of excellent teachers and Principal Graham.

Calvin Smith Elementary second graders and Bennion Elementary fourth graders asked some tuff questions when they invited me to their classrooms to talk about the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor. I was very impressed with their knowledge of local government.

Westbrook Elementary Principal Chatterton was thinking outside the box when they hosted their first annual Saturday Kite Festival under the direction of art teacher, Mr. Scott Hampton. He assisted 637 students to learn to make a kite. He did the prep work and the kids made and decorated their own kites. They had over 250 people attend a Saturday Kite Fair and it was incredible.

All of the Taylorsville Elementary fourth grades were invited to attend the upcoming Salt Lake County 10th Annual Water Quality Fair in mid-May. It offers the students the opportunity to learn about storm water, water conservation, the water cycle and other topics in an entertaining way. Each teacher responded promptly and quickly made arrangements to make this a possibility for their students.

From Kindergarten through college, teachers are an important part of our children's and grandchildren's lives. I hope that we will embrace and celebrate their importance and contributions. They inspire hope, ignite imagination, and instill a love of learning. I am very grateful for all they do for our city and community. THANK YOU! ✦



Westbrook Elementary hosted their first annual Saturday Kite Festival.



Neighborhood Community Service Project - Earth Day 2015

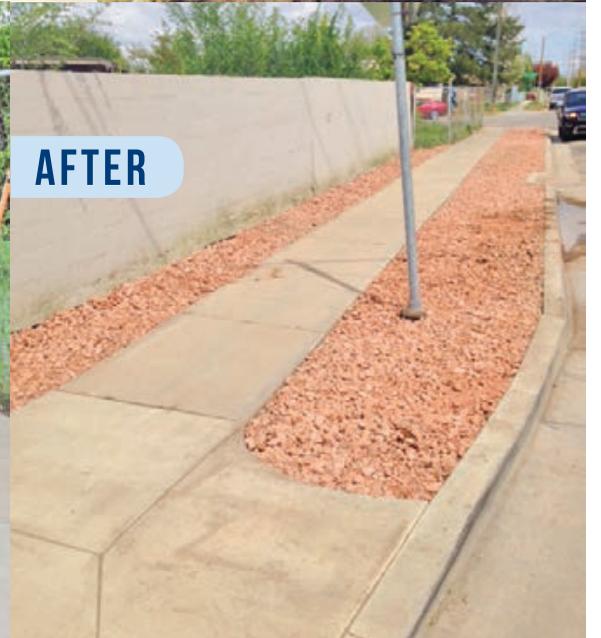
“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” —Helen Keller

One great community service project for Earth Day 2015 started from a simple conversation. Planning Commissioner Don Quigley, City Administrator John Taylor and Councilmember Ernest Burgess were talking about improving some of the gateway entrances into their neighborhoods. One particular parking strip is a classic out of sight, out of mind piece of property coming in off of 4700 South onto 1175 South. The thought was that this would be a great project for the community to find a solution for, in concert with some funding from the city.

Bishop Richard Lyon of the Taylorsville 13th Ward asked if there was a service project the ward could undertake for the neighborhood. As a member of that ward, Don Quigley let him know he had the perfect project. Don coordinated with the City of Taylorsville and received permission to proceed. The City provided the materials and the Taylorsville 13th Ward provided the labor. They knocked down weeds, tilled up the ground, removed about three inches of debris, sterilized the dirt, laid down a weed barrier, and installed approximately 3 inches of rock. This has made a huge difference in the entrance to this neighborhood and now it is virtually maintenance-free.

As part of this service project, at the same time the rock work was being done, a number of the Relief Society sisters and High Priests were assisting neighbors in taking advantage of the Taylorsville Earth Day Collection Event by arranging to go by neighbors homes and pick up items that could be taken to City Hall for recycling or disposal. Several pick up loads of hazardous waste items, electronics, document shredding, and prescription drugs, which were gathered up and taken to City Hall to be disposed of in the morning. Both projects started at 8am and were finished by 12 noon.

Check out some of the pictures to the right to see this amazing project. Thank you to the many Taylorsville 13th Ward volunteers and the coordination efforts of Don Quigley, John Taylor, and Councilmember Burgess for working together to beautify this area. ✦



TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Conserving water begins with you! The Utah Division of Water Resources has stated, "Utah is the second driest state in the country. We are the highest water users per person." And, "with the ever changing climate and population projections, Utahns need to change the way we use water." Annually, the majority of the water provided in the Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District service area is used to maintain landscaping. Please consider the water guidelines in the chart to the right.

If you have any questions regarding this article or any other water conservation, please contact Dan McDougal, Water Quality Coordinator, at 801-968-9081.

Can you have both a Beautiful Lawn and a Low Water Bill?

Yes! Here's how:



	How Often?	When?	How Long?
Mother's Day (start watering)	Once every 5 days	Before 8 am or After 8 pm	Fixed Rotating  25 minutes 45 minutes
Father's Day	Once every 3 days		
Labor Day	Once every 5 days		
Columbus Day (stop watering)	Winterize		

www.ConservationGardenPark.org

Suggested Watering Guide for Central/Northern Utah



Head Start is a FREE comprehensive preschool program that provides an exceptional preschool education complimented by family activities, medical and dental services, nutritional meals and self-sufficiency services for the entire family.

Join us at one of our Application Intake days to apply!

- Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2015.
- Children with disabilities are given priority for Head Start enrollment.

FOR 'APPLICATION INTAKE' DATES AND FOR INFORMATION:

Call: 801-972-2337 or 801-743-6450 **Email:** ERSEAteam@slcap.org

Website: Print application and check our calendar at

www.saltlakeheadstart.org

City of Taylorsville Meeting Schedule • Location: Taylorsville City Hall

City Council Meeting	May 20th	6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	June 3rd	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	June 9th	7:00 p.m.
Special City Council Meeting	June 10th	6:00p.m.
City Council Meeting	June 17th	6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	July 1st	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	July 7th	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	July 15th	6:30 p.m.
Mayor's Town Hall Meeting	July 29th	6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	Aug. 5th	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Aug. 11th	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	Aug. 19th	6:30 p.m.

Public Meetings are subject to change. Official agendas for public meetings are posted the Friday prior to meetings. Please check the City's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov to view upcoming agendas.

Earthquake Safety

Residents, businesses and government agencies throughout the State of Utah recently participated in the Great Utah Shake-Out; this year's activities included nearly one million participants.

An earthquake striking somewhere along the Wasatch Front in the near future is a distinct possibility. Since we are unable to predict when this might be, it is important to prepare now to keep your family and home safe for when the ground will start to move.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE

- Prepare your home. With the help of professionals, assess the structural integrity of your home. Its building type may be vulnerable to damage in an earthquake. Determine the probability of damage and make necessary improvements to your home.

- Secure loose objects inside your home. Most injuries in homes are sustained from objects falling on top of people. Walk through each room of your home and secure objects that could move. For example, secure large furniture and your water heater with the proper safety mechanisms.

- Practice earthquake drills and techniques with your family. Having a family plan for an emergency is important, and being able to get back in touch with your loved ones will be a priority.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE GROUND SHAKES

- Drop. Put yourself to the ground before the shaking does that for you. This is an easy way to avoid injury.
- Cover. Hide as much of your body below



Taylorsville City Staff playing Emergency Management Jeopardy for the Great ShakeOut 2015.

a table or similar large surface. If you are unable to do that, huddle up against an interior wall and cover the back of your head and neck with your hands to prevent injuries from falling objects.

- Hold on. Stay under the table, holding on to it, ready to move with it as the ground does.

Wait for one minute below the table after the ground stops shaking before evacuating.

If you have any questions about earthquakes or how to prepare your family for an emergency, please contact the City's Emergency Manager, Ben Gustafson, at 801-963-5400 or at response-coordinator@taylorsvilleut.gov.



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Green Waste Subscription Program

The 2015 Green Waste Subscription Program is **NOW AVAILABLE**. Curbside green waste collection reduces waste that goes into our landfills and provides valuable compost for home gardens.

The 2015 area Cleanup Program will begin July 2, 2015 and will run for the majority of July 2015. Taylorsville residents will receive a notification of when the containers will be in their neighborhoods 3-4 weeks prior. For additional information go to the website at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org



Garden Planting Schedule

TENDER VEGETABLES

Average Planting Date:

May 5 – June 1

- Celery
- Cucumber
- Summer Squash
- Dry Bean
- Sweet Corn
- Snap Bean

VERY TENDER VEGETABLES

Average Planting Date:

May 20 – June 10

- Cantaloupe
- Pumpkin
- Eggplant
- Tomato
- Lima Bean
- Watermelon
- Pepper
- Winter Squash

WELCOME TO TAYLORSVILLE!



New Businesses:

Futures Through Choices, Inc. Clinical

5691 So Redwood Road #16
Mental Health Services

Gould + Architects, LLC

5673 So Redwood Rd #21
Architecture

Security National Mortgage

5993 So Redwood Rd
Mortgage Lending

Tekkers Cell Phone Repair

2308 West 5400 South
Cell phone repairs

Trung Tam Khoe Tre Dep

4900 So Redwood Rd #B
Training Center for Nu Skin

Utah Dispatch

4122 South 1785 West #D
Arrange Freight Brokers with Trucks

Are You CERT Certified Or A Licensed Amateur Radio Operator?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Taylorsville HAMnet have been largely revamped in the way that we will respond to emergencies. It's very important for these volunteer emergency responders to have the activation and operating procedures in the event that CERT is needed in an emergency.

All currently certified emergency volunteers are invited to attend a training that will cover the changes to the program. The meeting will take place on June 11 at 7 p.m at Taylorsville City Hall (2600 Taylorsville Blvd.)

Additionally, the City of Taylorsville

Emergency Management is working to make a collective roster of all CERT-trained volunteers and licensed amateur radio operators in the City. It's important for us to have contact information to be able to activate CERT in an emergency and promote training events.

If you have already completed your CERT training or if you have a valid amateur radio operator license, visit the Emergency Preparedness page of the City's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov/emergency_preparedness.main.html to submit your information. If you have not completed your training but would like to, you can find information about how



you can also from the City's website.

With any questions, please contact the City's Emergency Manager, Ben Gustafson, at 801-963-5400 or response-coordinator@taylorsvilleut.gov.

FROM THE KITCHENS OF TAYLORSVILLE & BENNION



Danish Dumplings

Chicken Soup Stock

- 3-4lb. stewing chicken, cut up
- 8 quarts water
- 1 stock celery, cut in 1-inch lengths
- 2 or 3 sprigs parsley
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup shredded carrots

Place cut up stewing chicken in large kettle. Add water. Cover. Cook over low heat until boiling point is reached. Skim carefully. Add carrots, celery, parsley, and salt. Cover and gently simmer about three hours. Strain.

Chill. If any fat accumulates over chilled liquid, remove while soup stock is cold.

NOTE: If you prefer Beef Soup Stock, follow the same directions, using about a 5-6 pound soup knuckle, with marrow from bone, and add a bay leaf and a few whole black peppers to the water the meat cooks in.

To Make Danish Dumplings:

Bring to boil:

- 1 ½ cups soup stock
- 1 cup milk

Drop into this liquid 2 whole slices dry bread (crusts removed)

Add enough flour to "slip" the pan (approx. 2 cups) (Leave the sides and gather around the spoon while stirring)

Remove mixture from heat. Put in mixing bowl. Add ¼ tsp. salt and 4 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Take remaining soup stock in soup kettle (about 2 quarts) and bring to boil. Drop dumplings by spoonfuls into hot soup. Let come to full boil and remove from heat and serve. Parsley may be added to the dumpling batter if desired.

This month's historic recipe is from the kitchen of Barbara Whitbeck. Willis and Barbara Whitbeck were both born and raised in the town of Milford in Southern Utah. Willis was chairman of the Milford High junior prom and Barbara was a freshman, and she claims that all the unwanted jobs that went with the event were given to her to do. However, this dance activity turned into dating and the pair married four years later.

The Whitbecks had three daughters born to them while they lived in Milford, where Willis operated his own barber shop. In 1947, Willis and Barbara Whitbeck moved to Bennion at 5770 South Redwood Road to become dairy farmers.

Barbara said about this move to dairy farming: "It has given us a freedom and independence we never dreamed possible. Our family has even become a closer knit group because of the dairy farm."

The Whitbecks considered themselves lucky to have found farm life. She described it as a basic, satisfying profession with benefits that go far beyond merely earning a living.

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Evening at the Center

Sponsored by the Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 21st

\$6.00 per person

Dinner– Potato Bar

Entertainment by Bill Stidd



Volunteer of the Month

Doyle Atwood

Doyle is from Spanish Fork, Utah. He has lived in Utah his entire life. Doyle has been married to his sweetheart, Kathy, for 54 years. They have three sons, six grandkids and seven great-grandkids. When not at the Senior Center helping members with their Wii Bowling swings or working on wood burning, Doyle likes to do archery, wood burning and spend time with his dog, Feather. He has been a Scoutmaster for over 30 years. Doyle has been attending the Taylorsville Senior Center for over 12 years now. Every Sunday, Doyle enjoys going out to eat with Kathy.

Thanks Doyle for everything you do. ✦

Friday, May 22nd, 2:00 p.m.

Friday at the Movies- "The Cowboys"



Friday, May 15th- 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Movies- "Overboard"

Monday, May 18th- 10:30 a.m. to 12-noon. Identity Theft Presentation followed by Self Defense Workshop- Dr. William Nieves

Wednesday, May 20th- 11:15 a.m. to 12-noon. Entertainment by "The Tap Dancing Grannies"

Friday, May 22nd- 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo sponsored by Legacy

Friday, May 22nd- 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Movies- "The Cowboys"

Monday, May 25th- Memorial Day.
 Senior Center Closed

Tuesday, May 26th- 11:15 a.m. to 12-noon. Choir Concert by Taylorsville Senior Center Choir

Wednesday, May 27th- Senior Health & Fitness Day
 @ Wheeler Farm

TAYLORSVILLE FOOD PANTRY

4775 South Plymouth View Drive
 Taylorsville, Utah 84129
 (801) 815-0003

The Taylorsville Food Pantry will be holding a grocery give-away every Wednesday from 4 PM to 6 PM. We don't always have room in our fridges to keep all this fresh food, so we would like to give it away ASAP to those in our town who could really use the help. It includes dairy and delicatessen items, fresh fruits and vegetables, and bakery goods. To receive this food you do not need to fill out an application. Just come on Wednesday from 4PM to 6PM.

In addition to the food give-way, the pantry will be open regular hours which are:

Monday 1 PM to 3 PM
 Wednesday 4 PM to 6 PM
 Saturday 10 AM to 12 Noon



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Help Change A Life Through Volunteer Work At The Boys And Girls Club

By Jessica Thompson

Lives are changed through the selfless service offered by the volunteers of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake.

“I believe very passionately that every child deserves a childhood. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake strives to do that for every child that walks through our doors. I have worked for the organization for ten years, and I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact our programs, staff and volunteers have on the youth we serve,” volunteer coordinator, Tiffany Harris, said.

You, too, can become an influence in the lives of children by becoming a volunteer for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Greater Salt Lake Area.

There are eight different volunteer opportunities within the Boys and Girls Clubs. Here are three of the activities you can help with:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Homework Help/Tutor: You can make a difference in a child’s life by helping them reach their full potential by tutoring them in subjects such as math, reading, spelling, science and social studies. Volunteers need to commit to at least one hour a week for 3 months. Opportunities are available Monday through Thursday from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Kids Café: This program provides meals to hundreds of children who otherwise wouldn’t receive dinner. Volunteers help prepare meals provided by the Utah Food Bank. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and help out for at least one shift a week for three months.

Art Teacher: You can help youth explore their talents and skills by participating in the art program. Teaching opportunities are available Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Through Harris’s years of working with the organization, she has seen many volunteers go out of their way to impact the youth. One specific volunteer has given over 200 hours



of service with the teen program at the Capitol West Club. “To celebrate this amazing milestone we threw her a small party with the teens in her program. While everyone else was lining up for cake, she hung back and finished a pool game she started with one of our Club members. It wasn’t until the game was over that she finally came and got a piece of her cake, well after the party had dissipated. This was just one example of this volunteer’s dedication to our youth,” Harris said.

You, too, can have an impact on the lives of the youth here in our community by becoming a volunteer by visiting: https://bgcgslorg.presencehost.net/get_involved/volunteer.html

Murray Arts In The Park 2015

Season Tickets: \$45 Adult, \$40 Senior, \$25 Child
Murray Amphitheater Parking: 495 East 5300 South
Ticket Information: 801-264-2614 or www.murray.utah.gov

EVENING SERIES

June 6	Cultural Showcase featuring Pacific Sound Productions and Quinn Reesor Drum Ensemble and Wofa Afrofusion Dancers
June 17-20, 22-25	Peter Pan, Produced by Sandbox Theater with permission from MTI
June 27	Murray Symphony Pops
July 10-11	Ballet Under the Stars
July 18	Murray Concert Band
July 30-Aug 1, 3-5	Annie Get Your Gun, Produced by MAC with permission from Rodgers and Hammerstein
Aug 8	Big Band Swing in the Park with guest artist, Bill Tole
Aug 20-22, 24, 27-29	Camelot, Produced by Murray Cultural Arts with permission from Tams-Witmark
Sept 7	Murray Acoustic Music Festival, Produced by IAMA Jim Fish (country blues), Ophir Creek (folk/bluegrass), Rusty Shovels (bluegrass).

FAMILY NIGHT SERIES

Bring the Whole Family Young and Old!
The 2nd Monday of every month at 7 pm, FREE
 Murray Heritage Senior Center (#10 East 6150 South – 1/2 block west of State)

June 8	Fabulous Flynnstones, Jazz	Aug 10	Ophir Creek, Bluegrass
July 13	Salt City Saints, Dixieland	Sept 14	Wasatch Jazz Project Big Band

LUNCH CONCERT SERIES

Every Tuesday at Noon in Murray Park Pavilion #5, FREE

June 9	Sounding Brass	July 7	Prevailing Winds
June 16	Salzburger Echo	July 14	Ambassadors, Oldies
June 23	Michael “Boots” Robinson, Cowboy Music and Poetry	July 21	Slickrock Gypsy, Jazz
June 30	Red Desert Ramblers, Bluegrass	July 28	Salt Lake Goodtime Jazz Band, Dixieland
		Aug 4	Time Cruisers, Oldies

CHILDREN MATINEE SERIES

Every Thursday at 2 PM in Murray Park Pavilion #5, FREE

June 11	Salt Lake Capoeira, Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts
June 18	Top Brass Quintet
June 25	Elves and the Shoemaker, Interactive Theater
July 2	The Great American Idea with Brian Jackson Fetzer, Stories & Music
July 9	Once Upon an Adventure... Storytelling with Janine and Rachel
July 16	Duna International Folk Dance
July 23	Jonathan Swift, Magician
July 30	Music and Motion with Marsha, Folk
Aug 6	The Brave Princess, Puppet Players

This program has received funding support from residents of Salt Lake County, SL County Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) and Utah Division of Arts and Museums and National Endowment for the Arts.

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Do you like to write? Need some extra cash?

The City Journals currently has openings in the following beats: government, education and sports. Email bryan@mycityjournals for specific information.

Newspaper experience is not necessary, just a commitment to hard work and follow-through. Attendance at twice-monthly (first and third Wednesday or Thursday) evening meetings is a requirement of the government beat. We offer some orientation and training, but we’re really looking for self-starters who can take the ball and run with it without a lot of handholding.

Send your resume and writing samples today via e-mail to bryan@mycityjournals.com

COUNTY MAYOR'S MESSAGE



May Is Older Americans Month

By Ben McAdams, Salt Lake County Mayor

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act. In 1965, Congress passed the legislation in response to concern about a lack of community services for older persons. It authorized a wide array of service programs through a national network of state and county agencies on aging. This year marks a celebration of how, over the years, the focus has shifted towards helping older adults take charge of their health, stay engaged in their communities and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

The good news is that as Utahns, we're living longer than ever before. The baby-boomer generation has redefined what it is to be an older adult. Even though Utah is known as a state where there are lots of children in larger-than-average families, our 60 and older population will surpass our school-age population by 2030—just 15 years from now. Of Utah's 65 and older population, 35 percent will live in Salt Lake County by that year. Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services has been trusted by county residents for many years to help improve the quality of life for older Utahns. We take that responsibility seriously. These residents are someone's mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandmother or grandfather. We try to serve them as we would want our own family members to be served.

Many of you are familiar with some of the programs we offer, such as Meals on Wheels. In collaboration with volunteers and businesses throughout Salt Lake County, we deliver hot noontime meals to frail and isolated older adults six days a

week. Nutritional meals help their physical health; a friendly word and watchful eye supports their emotional well-being.

The County offers other programs, including:

- **The Caregiver Support Program** – a short-term program that provides assistance and support to individuals taking care of a loved one, often a spouse or parent.
- **The Community Care and Transitions Program** – providing in-home services to individuals who wish to age in their own home.
- **The Rides To Wellness Program** – providing rides for those 60 and older with no means of transportation to medical appointments and prescription pick-ups.
- **The Senior Employment Program** – providing job search assistance to residents age 55 or older with paid on-the-job training programs.

Many older county residents are frequent customers at one of our 19 Senior Centers. The county partners with multiple cities to offer this network, where active senior adults can take a class, participate in a workshop or clinic, and get together with friends for a nutritious lunch. You're more likely to see these folks playing pickle ball or taking aerobics classes than sitting sedately in rocking chairs. We take our cues from the needs of this important population that we are here to serve.

There is a great deal of information

about these and other Aging and Adult Services programs at our website: www.slco.org/aging. Or, you can dial (385) 468-3200 to receive help from a friendly staff member. Salt Lake County is committed to promoting independence of aging generations and to offer programs and services that help you and your family members live a healthy, active and engaged lifestyle in our community, while at the same time looking out for those vulnerable older adults to help keep them safe. ✦



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WHERE TO GET DISCOUNTED GIFT CARDS



By Joani Taylor

Last month's story about playing the gift card game may have seemed a bit silly and extreme, but learning to use gift cards as a means of payment can save you some serious cash, especially on large ticket items or at stores and restaurants you frequent often. As promised, here are some favorite ways to put a simple gift card to work for you.

Know your bank or credit card policies. Many banks and credit unions offer bonus offers and rewards on purchases. Often, this means making a gift card purchase can earn you additional bonuses and even gift cards.

WHERE TO BUY DISCOUNTED GIFT CARDS:

Knowing where to look can be all it takes to save as much as 25% on your gift card purchase.

Costco and Sam's Club both have discounted gift cards that can save you as much as 20% off. Look for them in the store, or you can purchase them online. Also, currently Sam's Club is offering new members a free \$5.00 Sam's Club gift card and free rotisserie chicken for joining.

Ebay.com - Discounted gift cards can be found in the "daily deal" section. These are limited, come and go without warning and sell out fast. They will often save you as much as 25% off. Locate them at <http://deals.ebay.com/shop/gift-cards-deals>.

CardCash.com - This is a gift card exchange that sells a huge variety of gift cards. You'll find everything from grocery gift cards to restaurants and department stores. Discounts depend on the gift card and can save



you as much as 15%. Looking to unload a gift card you can't use? CardCash will purchase your gift cards from you, too.

STORES WITH GIFT CARD DEALS:

Many stores have rewards programs and bonuses that can get you additional savings on gift cards for their store, and sometimes other stores, too.

Smith's often offers 4X fuel rewards on gift card purchases. The offer is typically valid on any gift card, except for a Smith's store gift card, and usually has to be loaded digitally onto your Smith's Shoppers card. Smith's is also known for offering digital coupons for gift cards. For example, just a couple of weeks ago they had a digital coupon valid for \$5.00 off a \$20 Payless Shoes gift card.

Kohl's has a program called Yes2Rewards where shoppers earn points with each purchase. The points will then automatically convert to Kohl's gift cards. This great program is in addition to weeks when they have Kohl's cash, and you don't need a Kohl's card to join the program. It's free to join, and currently new members will receive a \$5.00 Kohl's reward just for signing up.

Target offers weekly sales specials where shoppers are rewarded with Target store gift cards for purchasing select products. Plus, if there are coupons for these products, you can use them when making your purchase. These additional savings can often make your products completely free, after considering the gift card. For a current list of which products have gift card promotions, visit www.totallytarget.com/gift-card-deals/.

Now, just imagine: Purchase a Kohl's gift card at Smith's during a 4x fuel reward promotion, using your credit card that offers bonus points, then head to Kohl's to make your purchase. Use the Kohl's gift card you purchased at Smith's and get Yes2Rewards Kohl's credit. That's what we call a triple dip. And, I haven't even mentioned Kohl's Cash or coupons!

Other stores that have great rewards programs are: Best Buy, Staples, Office Depot, Famous Footwear, Sears/Kmart, and JCPenney.

That's my frugal wisdom for this month. Next month, I'll share with you our favorite apps and websites that can bag you completely free gift cards, along with my idea of a fun, and frugal, date night.

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Hercules is celebrating their 70th year of being in business. To find out how they have been successful for so long, one needs to look no further than their tradition of changing and expanding services as members' needs grow and change. Hercules Credit Union is committed to helping their members improve their long-term financial success. The staff, directors and volunteers at Hercules Credit Union are all dedicated professionals who



support and share the credit union philosophy of "people helping people." The credit union's customized programs are designed to help grow, protect, and conserve members' wealth by delivering a high level of personalized service.

"We are a full-service credit union, with products and services to fill all needs," says Alan Slagowski, compliance and marketing associate for Hercules Credit Union.

Even though they are small, with their current location in Salt Lake City being the only

one, Hercules Credit Union can compete with larger financial institutions in more ways than one. Currently, their standard, everyday auto loan rates are the lowest in the valley, starting at 2.49% APR, and they have consistently paid one of the highest dividend rates in the nation for many years. Not only do they offer sensational products and services, but Hercules Credit Union has a hometown feel.

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Life & Laughter

Just a Mom

By Peri Kinder

For years I was just a mom. When people asked what I did for a living, I'd respond, "I'm just a stay-at-home mom." Ironically, I was never home. I was shuttling kids to and from softball, swimming, dance, school and the mall. I spent approximately 20 years living in my van—and I wasn't even homeless.

Being a full-time mom is exhausting. People who've never spent 24 hours with small children Have No Idea how listening to the opening notes of "Sesame Street" for the billionth time can make your ear drums bleed.

I'd wake up early to enjoy some alone time and hear the shuffling of pajama-footed feet as a toddler waddled into the kitchen and onto my lap, where she rested against my chest, smelling like baby shampoo, warm blankets and dreams. I'd put my nose in her hair, inhale that scent and think: remember this.

I'd snuggle with my daughters on the couch with piles of library books. We'd read about hungry caterpillars, wicked witches, Sneetches, wild things and little blue engines. I'd share stories about being kind, wise and brave, and I'd pray those messages would stick.

A favorite activity was making cinnamon rolls, letting the girls bake their own sugar-covered creations. They would be coated with flour, butter and cinnamon, and the same ingredients blanketed the floor, but it was okay. It was cleanable. Memories



lasted longer than spilled milk.

Depending on the day, my girls were princesses, gypsies, cheerleaders or demons. They'd walk down the sidewalk with pink, plastic high-heeled shoes slapping the soles of their feet, or wear queen costumes while racing on Big Wheels, catching the fabric under the wheels until all their dresses had shredded hems.

There were thousands of homework assignments, reading logs and math quizzes, and hundreds of times hearing: "My teacher hates me" or "I don't get it. Explain it again."

At night, there were bedtime stories, bedtime songs and bedtime prayers: all the rituals kids need to keep their moms around a few more moments, delaying sleep just a little bit longer.

But sleep was never a reprieve. I'd often go from coma-level slumber to caffeine-addict wide awake in five seconds

or less, wakened by a cry, and sometimes the undeniably disgusting sound of vomit hitting the sheets or carpet.

And the next day I'd do it all again.

I was so jealous of my neighbor. She'd go to work each morning dressed in a classy skirt and blazer, looking important and doing important things. She was able to talk to grown-ups all day, and probably didn't have to tell any co-worker to stop wiping their boogers on the couch.

She didn't go to bed scraping Play-Doh out of her hair. She didn't watch Cinderella all day or have to be the Ken doll all the time. I schlepped around the house 24/7 in stained yoga pants and T-shirts, listening to poop jokes and kids telling on each other.

Because the grass is always greener, maybe she wished she could be a slacker like me, eating cold fish sticks and playing Chutes and Ladders for hours at a time.

We were far from rich, but we were also far from poor. It was a time when Band-Aids and kisses healed skinned knees, and chocolate chip cookies and hugs mended broken hearts. And even though it was an emotionally, mentally and physically exhausting time, I'm so grateful for my daughters' childhoods.

I'm so thankful I was able to play and laugh and love. Even though I was just a mom. ✦

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