



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Staying in the know about what is happening in our community has never been easier. As a city, we are active on social media channels and launched our new website this last summer to put all the information you need literally at your fingertips.

Mayor Kristie S. Overson

We understand the importance of making sure information about our community is readily available. We know that the vibrancy of our city depends on the involvement of residents and each of us as neighbors. It's up to all of us to become informed so we can ensure that our city is the best it can be.

We also want to deliver information in the way that you want to receive it. It is why we included a question about preferred communication methods in recent polling conducted by Y2 Analytics. Results of that survey came back this past month (see accompanying story for details) and indicate that most residents prefer to receive information on these very pages. Fifty-one percent of residents are turning to the Taylorsville Journal to find information about our city, and it is a pleasure to communicate here.

On these pages, we publish the latest news and events about our city. We include important public safety information, articles about new businesses, Heritage Remembrances, and environmental, education and transportation news, as well as messages from your elected officials, including me in the form of my monthly Mayor's Message that you are reading right now, and the City Council's column that can always be found on Page 3 of this section.

Besides news on these pages, residents would also like to receive an email from the city, with social media information coming in third as the preferred method of communication. According to the survey, only 2 percent of residents report currently receiving most of their information in an email from the city. However, 26 percent said they would prefer receiving city news this way.

We see this as an opportunity where we can meet residents needs a little better and so toward that end, we have launched eNotifications to better communicate with you through email. You can subscribe to receive email notifications on our website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov/services/e-notifications. There, you can choose to receive updates on news and events, postings of agendas and minutes, important emergency alerts and other notifications from the city. It is easy to change your preferences and you can unsubscribe at any time.

We hope you will utilize this additional resource. It means a lot to me that our residents want to stay informed and involved in our city because I know that with that effort, we will only continue to get better.

—Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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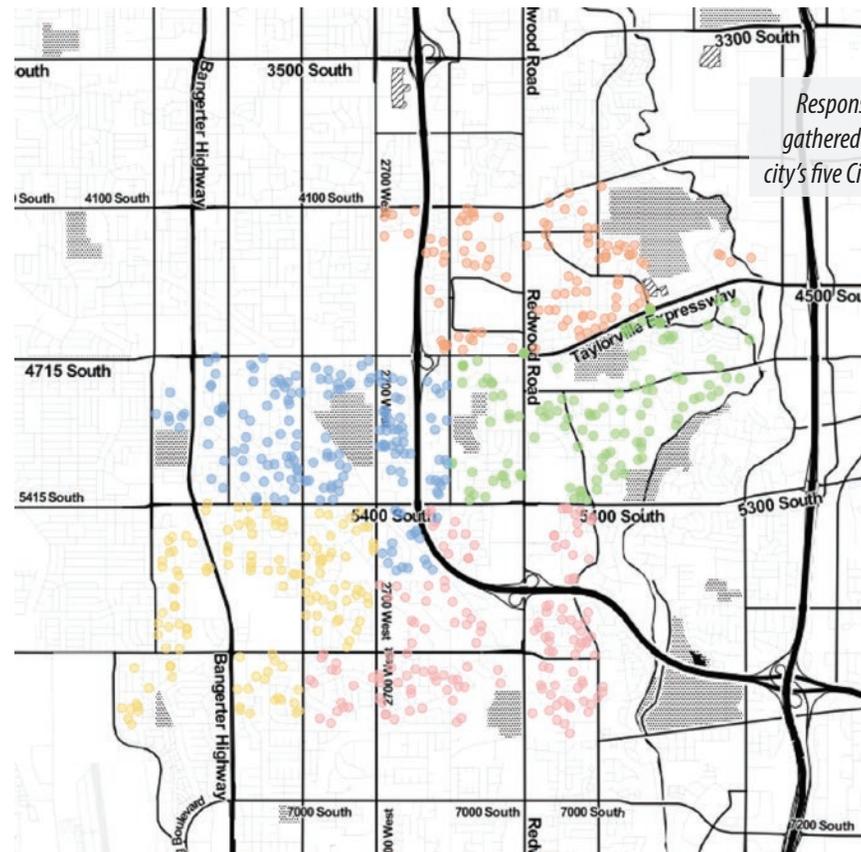
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New City Survey Reflects 'Remarkably Good' Ratings



Responses were evenly gathered from each of the city's five City Council Districts.

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

A new survey indicates that Taylorsville residents are happy with the way the city is being run and believe it is headed in the right direction. They are also highly likely to recommend Taylorsville as a good place to live.

The survey by Y2 Analytics was conducted from Oct. 22 to Nov. 25, 2019. Invitations to participate were sent via email and regular mail to 11,701 residents. In response, 937 residents ended up participating by completing online surveys, which is well within industry standards. The survey has a 3 percent plus or minus margin of error.

Overall, two-thirds of residents said the city is headed in the right direction, and indicated they enjoy a high quality of life in Taylorsville. Most also said the city is doing better than it was five years ago.

"For a baseline survey where we're going to residents for the first time, to see all of these questions scored about 50 percent and, really, above 60 percent for the majority of them, it is remarkably good and surprising," said Kyrene Gibb, vice president of research and municipal services for Y2 Analytics.

An overview of results was presented to

the City Council at their Jan. 8 meeting and can be viewed on the city's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov

When asked about what they like about living in Taylorsville, residents pointed to location, proximity, and access to amenities, including accessibility to the freeways. The city is viewed as a family-friendly, positive place, Gibb said. Residents think of their neighborhoods as friendly, safe, quiet, nice, clean and with good people.

"All of these words are positive descriptions," she said. "They are pretty forward-thinking evaluations."

Residents also perceive an excellent or good value for their tax dollar. "The health of the city in the eyes of public opinion is quite good," Gibb said.

Additionally, residents gave very high ratings to the job the city's elected officials are doing, putting the approval rating of the Mayor and City Council at a remarkable 87 percent. "Part of this is a sentiment about levels of government," Gibb said. "The government closest to the people tends to receive the most positive ratings. But also relative to other cities

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Oh Mai Sandwich Kitchen locates at Jade Square

Oh Mai is open for business in Taylorsville. ChamberWest representatives and city officials welcomed Oh Mai with a recent Ribbon Cutting at their new location, 2975 W. 4700 South in Jade Square.

Oh Mai, which has been in business since 2012, specializes in homemade, made-to-order Vietnamese sandwiches. They also serve pho and a variety of other dishes, as well as gluten-free options.

Their menu items are naturally lower in calories and their cooking is free of MSG, tree nuts and peanuts. Taylorsville is Oh Mai's newest restaurant. They also have locations in Salt Lake City, Draper, Herriman, Holladay, Orem, Sandy, South Jordan and South Salt Lake.

Come enjoy their delicious and healthy food, and visit their website for more information, www.ohmaisandwichkitchen.com



Emergency

Emergency	911
Unified Police Department Dispatch	801-743-7000
<i>(Non-Emergencies)</i>	
Fire Department	801-743-7200
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222

Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control Shelter	801 -965 -5800
Animal Control After Hours Dispatch	801 -840 -4000
Building Inspection	801 -955 -2030
Chamber West <i>(Chamber of Commerce)</i>	801 -977 -8755
Gang Tip Line	385 -468 -9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up <i>(Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling)</i>	385 -468 -6325
Granite School District	385 -646 -5000
Health Department	385 -468 -4100
Highway Conditions <i>(from cell phone)</i>	511
Park Reservations	385 -468 -7275
Public Works <i>(Salt Lake County)</i>	385 -468 -6101
Questar	801 -324 -5000
Rocky Mountain Power	888 -221 -7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801 -974 -6920
Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District	801 -968 -9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	801 -815 -0003
Taylorsville Senior Center	385-468-3370
Taylorsville Neighborhood Compliance	801 -955 -2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801 -963 -0268
Taylorsville Library	801 -943 -4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385 -468 -1732
Swimming Pool <i>(Memorial Day to Labor Day)</i>	801 -967 -5006
Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center	801 -281 -0631
UDOT Region 2	801 -975 -4900
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801 -743 -3882

TAYLORSVILLE EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2020

Feb. 5 & 19 – 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall

Feb. 11 – 7 p.m. & Feb. 25 – 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall

Feb. 13 – 6-7 p.m.

Cultural Diversity Committee Meeting @ City Hall
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Feb. 17 – All day

President's Day, City Offices closed

Find a full calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication. Go to www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

The **MAYOR**  **R**
is **IN**

EVERY THURSDAY

2 - 4 p.m.

Taylorsville City Hall



COUNCIL CORNER

Welcome to the 1,500 State Workers Coming to Taylorsville

By Council Vice Chair Brad Christopherson

As a City Council, we like to say that Taylorsville is the place where community connects. It's a catchy tagline, to be sure, but there is also a lot of truth to it. Not only is our city situated in a prime location, right in the heart of the Salt Lake Valley that connects neighboring communities along the Wasatch Front, but we are also a place where people individually can connect as neighbors, coworkers and friends.

It is important to us to make strong all the building blocks that make up a community so that people find everything they need right here. With that in mind, we are delighted to welcome the 1,500 state workers who will be making Taylorsville their new home away from home.

Crews have been working over the past several months to get the new multi-agency State Office Building at 4315 S. 2700 West ready for the workers who will move into their new space in phases this year. In a news story this past month, Fox-13 describes the new state office space as unlike any other government facility. "It's brighter, with large glass windows and views of the Oquirrh and Wasatch mountain ranges. There are places for small conferences, and spaces for telecommuters," according to the report. "It looks more like a tech company in Silicon Slopes than a government building."

The new space was needed because the current 60-year-old state office building on Capitol Hill is aging and vulnerable to earthquakes and because the complex suffers from parking shortages. The plan is to demolish the old building in 2021.

The first wave of about 400 employees moved into the new building in Taylorsville, starting Jan. 23 and

technology was connected for full functionality on Jan. 27. The state Department of Agriculture and Food is scheduled to move from its current facility at 350 N. Redwood Road into the new building in August, followed by the rest of the workers in December. (See pictures and a video of the renovation on the city's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov).

In all, there will be nearly 400,000 square feet for employees in the new space on 31 acres. The location is easily accessible, just off I-215, and a new transit stop near the building as well as the nearby Midvalley Connector Bus Rapid Transit line are coming.

Plans for the new space include a daycare on the first floor, large work spaces and room for collaboration. There are also plenty of restaurant options and businesses nearby.

As a Council, we are putting together a fold-out pocket map of Taylorsville, including additional information about the city and amenities here as well as a pin featuring the city's seal, to give to the state employees as a small gesture of welcome. We want them to find our Taylorsville home inviting, accessible and with plenty to do. We hope they will frequent our restaurants and businesses and take in some entertainment while here – perhaps see a show at our new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, also opening this year.

Not only is the new State Office Building good for Taylorsville but it is a wise investment for the state that saves taxpayers money. When it is completely finished, the state will have spent about \$100 million on the new state office building, according to Fox-13 News, but constructing new buildings would run taxpayers as much as \$365 million.

"It's just a better use of space. This keeps us from having to build new buildings," Marilee Richins, depu-



Left to right: Curt Cochran (District 2)
Ernest Burgess (District 1)
Dan Armstrong, (District 5)
Meredith Harker, Chair (District 4)
Brad Christopherson, Vice Chair (District 3)

ty director of the Utah Department of Administrative Services, was quoted as saying. The modern design and improved services, she said, also will help with retaining state employees.

We are so happy that the state workers are coming to Taylorsville. We want them to connect with our community and know that this is where they belong. Without question, their contributions, as well as the beautifully renovated building where they will now work, will bring added value to our city and we are pleased to have them here.



Meredith Harker
Chair, District 4



Brad Christopherson
Vice Chair, District 3

City Council Elects New Leadership

Council Members Meredith Harker and Brad Christopherson were elected this past month by their City Council colleagues to serve as respective Chair and Vice Chair of the Council.

New City Council Chair Harker is a lifelong resident of Taylorsville, representing District 4. She works as a third-grade teacher at Taylorsville's Calvin Smith Elementary School, and she and her husband have four sons.

Vice Chair Christopherson is a partner at the law firm Hayes Godfrey Bell, P.C., and he and his wife have three children. He also grew up in Taylorsville, attending Eisenhower Junior High and Taylorsville High School.

Christopherson also joined Council Members Ernest Burgess and Curt Cochran as they were sworn into serve another term on the Council. Each won re-election this past fall, and were sworn in by City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle at the Jan. 8 City Council meeting. Christopherson represents Council District 3, while Burgess and Cochran represent Council Districts 1 and 2, respectively.

Congratulations, Council Members!



Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center is on Track



Construction of the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center is on schedule to finish this fall. Crews have been working on the center next to City Hall for almost a year. Its Ribbon Cutting was held Dec. 20, 2018, and as planned, it is scheduled to open at the end of this year.

"We're excited to see the skeleton and steel go up and get a sense of the volume and space," said Jim Cavey, project executive with Jacobsen construction.

The main theater also is coming together, with the stage, pit and supports all in place. Finishes, including the brick veneer on the east-side of the building, and additional framing with the setting of structured steel is next up followed by the installation of facility's mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems.

"You'll start to see a big difference in the next two weeks. It will really start to take shape," Cavey said.

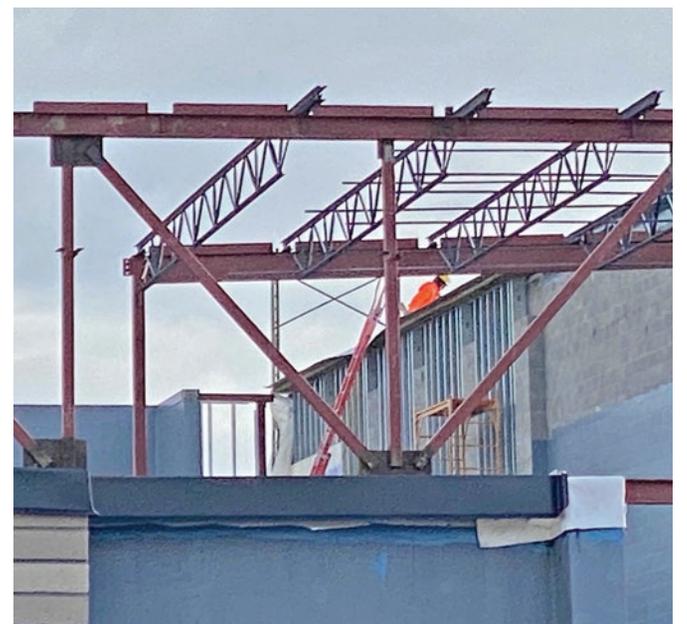
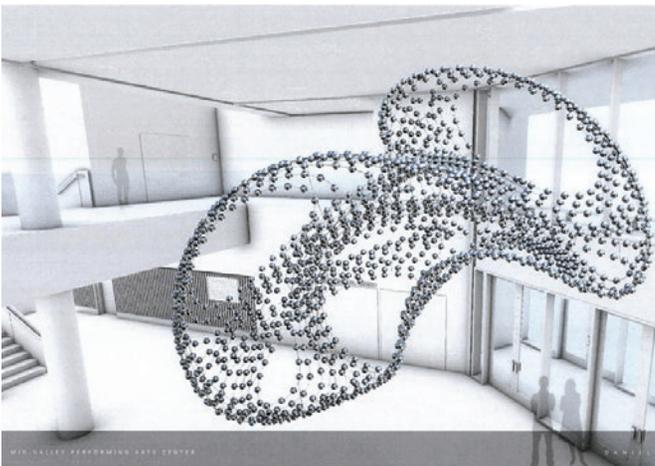
Installation of the block at the highest point on the building was expected Jan. 21, and the project, which recently reached its midway point of completion, is both on-time and on-budget. About 70 workers are at the site each day, with the goal of having the center substantially completed by the end of October. While a couple of test performances will take place at that time to make sure everything is operating correctly, the first actual performance has not been scheduled yet. There will be a move-in process when all lighting and furnishings will be installed.

Salt Lake County representatives also are working with artists on the final design of the public art pieces. The interior art piece, called *Adagio*, was designed by New York artist Danielle Roney. It will be 15 feet by 10 feet and will sit 11 feet above the floor in the south lobby. In all, 1,343 polished stainless steel spheres will make up the sculpture to be installed in three separate pieces. Most of the fabrication is taking place at Roney's studio in New York before shipment to Taylorsville for placement in the center.

The exterior artwork will be placed on the southeast side of the City Center campus. Local art studio Tooza Design is designing the piece, which will incorporate light and color.

When complete, the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center will feature the 400-seat Mainstage Theater, 200-seat Studio 5400 Theater, a multi-use rehearsal room and support spaces, and professional theater services including ticketing, technical direction, event management and guest services. Salt Lake County's Arts & Culture division will manage the facility and handle all event booking.

"It's special to be a part of it," Cavey said. "It has deeper meaning because we're really getting to set the stage for the community's vision."



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where we work, this is a remarkably high approval rating for elected officials so again that's something commendable that I would point to."

Gibb explained that a majority-level response indicates a positive reflection while a two-thirds majority is a decided consensus. "Once we get to that two-thirds mark I would say that's a really solid, big-picture conclusion," she said. "To be at the point where you're really 8 out of 10 or higher is an overwhelming majority."



Mayor Kristie Overson described the survey as a wealth of information. "It is affirming to how we are doing collectively as a city but also helps point out to us how, as we move forward, we can improve," she said.

"We are grateful for the positive responses and indications, as well as the confirmation from the survey that we are moving in the right direction," Mayor Overson said. "We also sincerely appreciate the trust residents have placed in us and their validation. Looking forward, we remain strongly committed to this work and our focus as a city on continuing to make Taylorsville the preferred place to be."

City Council Chair Meredith Harker agreed. "My favorite part of this is how positive the responses were, that most people said, 'Yeah, I love living here. It's a good place to live and raise our family.'"

"My buttons are bursting a little bit," she added. "It's a good feeling and I feel like we're on the right track, and we have more work to do obviously but it is a good place to be and I think we'll just get better."



Residents' main concerns, both now and looking into the future, were focused on traffic and growth. In relationship to new business, they would like to see more restaurants and supermarkets, Gibb said. If an additional recreational amenity could be added to the city, an indoor pool was the most popular choice.

Gibb said the survey provides an excellent baseline for additional tracking over time. She recommended that the city conduct additional surveying no more than quarterly.

City Leaders are Working with Legislators on Several Priorities this Year

The 2020 General Session of the 63rd Legislature is underway. The 45-day session began on Monday, Jan. 27, and will run until midnight on March 12.

Taylorsville's legislators are working hard to represent the city and its residents, and are focused on furthering Taylorsville's interests and goals. City leaders also are actively participating in the process. Toward that end, a Legislative Breakfast was held at City Hall this past month where city leaders talked to legislators about their priorities and how to best support their work at the Capitol.

In addition to the Legislative Breakfast, Mayor Kristie Overson joined members of the Taylorsville Youth Council at the Utah League of Cities & Towns (ULCT) Local Elected Officials Day at the Legislature on Jan. 29. It is a yearly tradition for the Youth Council to attend the day, which provides an excellent opportunity for the youth to talk to legislators and see first-hand how the process works.

Overall, city leaders have identified several priorities and are tracking a number of bills before the Legislature this year. Affordable housing, transportation and public safety issues top the list. Representing Taylorsville are:

- Rep. Jim Dunnigan, House District 39. Rep. Dunnigan has long been involved in the community, serving on the Taylorsville/Bennion Community Council before helping to organize Taylorsville as a city and then serving on its inaugural City Council. He also is chairman of the city's Taylorsville Dayzz. He owns an insurance agency and holds a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Utah. To contact Rep. Dunnigan, call 801-840-1800 or email jdunnigan@le.utah.gov.

- Rep. Karen Kwan, House District 34. Rep. Kwan was elected to the House in 2016. She is an associate professor of psychology at Salt Lake Community College, where she was named SLCC 2014 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Pepperdine University and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy from the University of Utah. To contact Rep. Kwan, call 385-249-0683 or kkwan@le.utah.gov.

- Sen. Wayne Harper, District 6. Sen. Harper is a long-time resident of Taylorsville, where he works as the city's Economic Development Director. Sen. Harper was first elected to the Legislature as a member of the House of Representatives. He holds bachelor's and master's degree in history from Brigham Young University. To contact Sen. Harper, call 801-566-5466 or email wharper@le.utah.gov.

- Sen. Karen Mayne, District 5. Sen. Mayne is the Minority Leader in the Utah State Senate. She is retired after working as a para-educator with the Granite School District. Sen. Mayne attended Stevens-Henager College and is a graduate of the Chamber West Leadership Center. To contact Sen. Mayne, call 801-232-6648 or email kmayne@le.utah.gov.

"We are so appreciative of all you do," Mayor Overson told the legislators at the breakfast on Jan. 13. "We are truly fortunate to enjoy such a good relationship with each of you. You are attentive and responsive, and I have full confidence in you and your abilities. Best of luck this session and please call upon us if we can help you with anything at all."



Rep. Jim Dunnigan



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Sen. Wayne Harper



Sen. Karen Mayne

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Your Participation in the 2020 Census is Vital

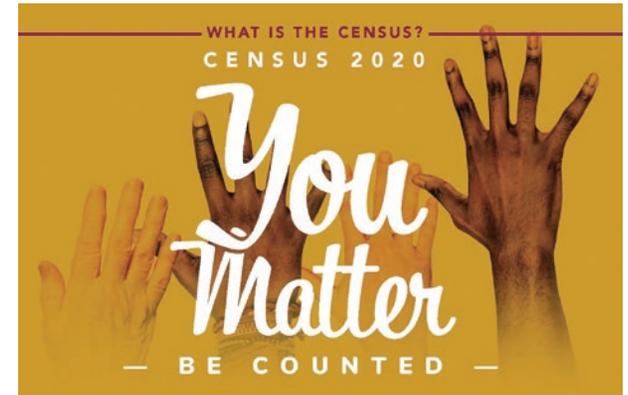
Every 10 years, the United States Constitution requires a non-biased, non-political count of the nation's residents. Everyone counts equally, no matter where you live, your income level or citizenship/residency status.

Getting an accurate or complete census count is very important. Census data will guide decisions on how billions of dollars annually are distributed to support education, nutrition, social and workforce services for the next decade. The information will also help determine where to build homes and parks, establish new routes for public transit, build roads, prepare for emergencies, and assist businesses in determining where to locate and what types of products and services to provide.

Invitations to respond to the Census will be sent out between March 12-20, with a reminder letter following

up between March 16-24. If no response has been received beyond then, a reminder postcard will be sent March 26-April 3, with a reminder letter and paper questionnaire following between April 8-16. A final reminder postcard will be sent between April 20-27 before in-person follow-ups.

Residents of Salt Lake County and Utah benefit from nearly \$5.7 billion in federal funds distributed each year to our state and local governments using information from the U.S. Census. That's about \$1,870 per Utahn per year. A less-than-accurate Census count in 2020 is likely and could deprive Salt Lake County communities of needed funding to address challenges of growth, affordability and opportunity. Census data also determine the number of U.S. representatives each state sends to Congress and are used to set dis-



trict boundaries at the state, county and city levels.

For more information of if you have questions, please visit Salt Lake County's website at slco.org/regional-development/census-2020 or the U.S. Census Bureau site at census.gov

Provide Your Input on the Draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

Taylorsville City is working to enhance our community by creating and maintaining sustainable neighborhoods through robust, proactive planning. The Draft 2020-2024 Taylorsville City Consolidated Plan will identify goals, priorities and strategies to support our community's housing, economic development and infrastructure needs for low- to moderate-income individuals and families.

Specifically, the Draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan will outline how federal funding from four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs can be used, including:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

Taylorsville City is committed to providing a desirable quality of life for all residents. Your feedback is needed in helping us to identify priorities for this available federal funding. Toward that end, you can take a brief survey through Feb. 14. The link is: www.surveymonkey.com/r/taylorsvilleconsolidated



Winter is Here

Please remember these winter parking restrictions

CITY CODE 11.20.080 - PARKING PROHIBITED WHEN:

It is unlawful for any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle or trailer to park or knowingly allow to be parked any vehicle or trailer on any street or highway:

- A. After any snow and/or ice accumulation, until after the street or highway is cleared of snow and/or ice; or
- B. For a period longer than twenty four (24) consecutive hours;
- C. For any period longer than that allowed by appropriate signs, markings, or parking meters giving notice of such parking time limitation. (Ord. 14-03, 2-19-2014)

Thank you and stay safe!



Follow These Tips when Shoveling Snow



By UFA Capt. Richard Rich

The temperatures have dropped, the days have become shorter and the snow has begun to fall. So far this season, we have been blessed with "designer" storms, light snow in the valley and piles in the mountains. Taylorsville ordinance requires that snow be removed within 24 hours of the end of the storm. This is required for the safety of our residents and guests.

Snow removal can be a physically demanding chore and can result in serious injury. Injuries can range from muscle strains, broken bones to something as serious as cardiac arrest. As many as 100 deaths a year can be attributed to shoveling snow. Before the next blanket of snow arrives take a few minutes to review these snow-shoveling tips to avoid potential injuries.

The following tips can help keep you safer when you set out to shovel:

- Warm up. Warm your muscles before heading out to shovel by doing some light movements, such as bending side to side or walking in place.
- Push rather than lift. Pushing the snow with the shovel instead of lifting can help reduce the strain on your body. When lifting snow, bend your knees and use your legs when possible.
- Choose your shovel wisely. Ergonomically designed shovels can help reduce the amount of bending you have to do.
- Lighten your load. Consider using a lighter-weight plastic shovel instead of a metal one to help decrease the weight being lifted.
- Hit the pause button. Pace yourself and be sure to take frequent breaks. Consider taking a break after 20 to 30 minutes of shoveling, especially when the snow is wet.
- Consider multiple trips. Consider shoveling periodically throughout the storm to avoid having to move large amounts of snow at once.
- Keep up with snowfall. Try to shovel snow shortly after it falls, when it is lighter and fluffier. The longer snow stays on the ground, the wetter it can become. Wet snow is heavier and harder to move.
- Wear layers. Dress in layers and remove them as you get warm to help maintain a comfortable body temperature.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated while shoveling.

If you do not exercise on a regular basis, are middle-aged or older, or have any health conditions, such as heart disease or high blood pressure, you should check with your doctor before doing any strenuous shoveling. Consider using a snow blower or snow removal service as an alternative means of snow removal.

Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES

This month's historic memory is about two folks from the Bennion area, Walter and Ruby Palmer Nichols.

Walter Nichols was born in 1866 in Crewkerne Somersetshire, England. He was one of 15 children born to William and Ann Webber Nichols. He started working at the age of six, carrying coal oil in bottles and cans to sell while earning his wages. He worked hard at many other jobs as a young child.

At age 14, word came that money had been deposited for him to go to America. He arrived there in 1881 and worked for Samuel R. Bennion, herding sheep for \$10 a month. Mr. Bennion was very good to Walt and one of the first things he did was give him some overalls and a shirt. Walt always spoke of him with praise and kindness.



The first Christmas Walt was there, Mr. Bennion gave him a 50-cent piece to save to bring his family to America. In the spring of 1884, Mr. Bennion told Walt he would pay the passage for his family to come to America. It cost \$575, and Walt promised he would continue to work for him until the debt was paid, which he did.

In 1898, Walt bought a four-bedroom home and farm in Bennion. (The home at 6200 S. 1881 West is still standing today). This is when he met his wife, Ruby Palmer.

Ruby was born in 1881 to Alphonso Morris Palmer and Mary Frost Palmer in Taylorsville. She was the sixth child of a family of 12, including six boys and six girls. Her father was a blacksmith and a musician. Ruby loved to dance and got to know Walt; they married in 1900 in the Salt Lake Temple. Walt was 15 years older than Ruby and he took her to his home in Bennion where his mother lived with them for 10 years before passing away. The home where Ruby was born was a couple of blocks away from the home she lived with Walt. That home



also still stands at 6061 S. 1700 West.

Walt left for a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Central States when his third child was about two months old. Ruby didn't know

how to milk a cow, but she learned and took care of the farm. Walt was released after 18 months because he was ill. He had chills and fever for many years after.

Walt and Ruby had 10 children, plus a 12-year-old orphan boy, who came to live with them; his name was Ralph Player. They took him in and loved him as if he were their own. Of the 10 children, five of them lived in Bennion and raised their families there.

Their eldest son, Webber, was killed in a car-train accident at the age of 21. That was a very hard thing for Ruby to bear, but her family always said, "She is a woman of faith."

Walt and Ruby were hardworking, faithful people and both lived a life of serving others in the original Bennion Ward.

TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER Upcoming Events for February:

- **Closed for Presidents' Day holiday:** Monday, Feb. 17
- **Family History Search Class (register):** Monday, Feb. 3 and 10, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Story Crossroads (register):** Mondays, Feb. 3-March 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Birthday Tuesday Entertainment (Chris Dokas):** Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m. to noon
- **Iceland, The Land of Ice Presentation (register):** Friday, Feb. 7, 1 to 2 p.m.
- **AARP Tax Aide (register):** Mondays, Feb. 10, 24 and March 2-13, 8 a.m. to noon
- **Free Health Screenings:** Tuesday, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- **Valentine's Day Entertainment (Jenny Floor):** Friday, Feb. 14, 1 to 2 p.m.
- **The Importance of Social Interaction Presentation (register):** Friday, Feb. 14, 1 to 2 p.m.
- **Good Grief, Creative Grief Processing (register):** Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Beat the Winter Blues Ent. (DJ Ruby Tuesday):** Thursday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. to noon
- **Beat the Winter Blues Special Meal (register):** Thursday, Feb. 20, noon to 1 p.m.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Univ. of Utah Exercise Class Series:** Mondays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Qigong** (pronounced chee-gong) is an ancient Chinese exercise and healing technique that involves meditation, controlled breathing and gentle movement: Wednesdays, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
- **Drums Alive:** Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you need to register for a class, you may do so by calling 385-468-3200 or stop by the front desk when you are at the center, 4743 Plymouth View Drive.

Enjoy a Month Packed with Programs at the Library

The Taylorsville Library, at 4870 S. 2700 West, is hosting several events in February. They include:

Galactic Grown-Ups: Art and Cosmic Connection

Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.

Create intergalactic art as you learn about space with hands-on STEM activities for adults. Interpret NASA data to create fabulous art. You have the option to paint on canvas or on half-sphere domes. This program, in partnership with Clark Planetarium, is designed for adults. Please register online or by calling the Information Desk at 801-943-4636.

One-Two Punch – Monday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.

Claudia Wilson's One-Two Punch method helps people understand how to have a healthy relationship with food without needing to count or track calories. Wilson, MS, RDN, CSSD, CSCS is the creator and author of the One-Two Punch concept and book. She is the founder of All of Nutrition and has been guiding individuals on their path to healthy eating for more than 20 years.

Parenting Book Club – Friday, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.

Parents, grandparents, caregivers: Anyone interested in parenting is welcome to attend! Children welcome, activities will be provided. This month, the library will be reading the book *Under Our Clothes: Our First Talk About Our Bodies* by Dr. Jillian Roberts. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Taylorsville Library. Books are located at the end of the Holds shelf, on aisle 3.

Adult Lecture Series: Explore Our National Parks – Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

Discover the amazing sites across the country run by the National Park Service with Clarissa Venditelli. Learn how best to explore the parks and the ins and outs of working for the NPS. Clarissa Venditelli spent a long career in technology followed by 12 years as an interior designer in her first retirement. She has worked as a Park Ranger and Volunteer with the National Park Service since 2012. She now fulfills her dream of exploring our beautiful lands nationwide.



The Taylorsville Cultural Diversity Committee welcomes everyone!

Join us for our next meeting
February 13th, 6-7 p.m.
City Council Chambers
2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

Handle 'FOG' Carefully to Avoid Backups

Fats, oils and grease: These dirty actors have the potential to cost you money if not handled properly. Problems can develop in your household drains and the Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District sewer collection system due to their improper disposal.

Also known as FOG, these commonly used cooking fats, oils and grease, if disposed in sink drains, can lead to sewer line backups in homes and businesses. Sewer main backups may overflow onto streets creating adverse impacts to public health and the environment.

The easiest way to solve a FOG buildup problem is to keep it out of the sewer system. Here are a couple of tips:

- Pour cooled FOG into a can or other container with a tight lid (coffee can, glass jar or plastic container) and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Place baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids then empty the drain baskets/strainers into the trash.
- Tell your family, friends and neighbors about problems associated with grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out. The solution starts in your home with your actions.



QUESTIONS?

Please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org.

You can also follow the district on Facebook and Twitter.



FEBRUARY WFWRD UPDATES

2020 COLLECTION RATES

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District fees for 2020 will remain at \$17 per month/per year (\$204 per year) for one garbage can and one recycle can. The fee also includes annual Area Cleanup, Leaf Bag Collection, Curbside Christmas Tree Collection, and can repair/replacement.

There is an increase, from \$50 to \$100, to the start-up fees on accounts for newly built homes. This fee increase covers the full cost of the waste and recycle cans for the new home. Please refer to the 2020 fee schedule at wasatchfrontwaste.org/rates-fees/ for more details on all district fees.

WFWRD continues to find ways to be more efficient and keep costs as low as possible for residents. However, the district has been absorbing increased costs for labor, maintenance shop rates and recycling processing for the past three years. Therefore, WFWRD is anticipating a fee increase at the beginning of 2021 to sustain the current service levels. More details will be provided in the coming months. You may also contact Pam Roberts, general manager, for more information. She can be reached by phone at 385-468-6342, or email, PROberts@wasatchfrontwaste.org.

BROKEN/DAMAGED CANS

If your garbage or recycle can is broken or damaged, please call 385-468-6325. A district representative will come and repair your cans as part of your fees for services. You can also complete an online service order request at wasatchfrontwaste.org/report-a-problem-or-request-service/

RECYCLING

As the recycling industry stabilizes, many organizations are creating new and innovative ways to recycle the materials we use daily. From paper to plastic to cardboard, WFWRD is working hard to find new opportunities to accept more materials and make sure they are being recycled in the most environmentally friendly way possible. Make sure to take the time to familiarize yourself with items that are currently recyclable by using the district's new recycling guides, also found on its Facebook page and website. By reducing contamination, WFWRD can continue to keep costs low for all residents. Remember, when in doubt, throw it out!

Recycling Guide

All Items must be EMPTY and DRY

Fridge
Friendly Guide

Plastic Bottles, Tubs, Jugs, & Jars (no lids)



Metal, Aluminum, & Empty Aerosol Cans



Cardboard, Mixed Paper (Office/Junk), Paperboard & Paper Bags



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