



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a strange month for all of us as we have worked together to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. In an effort to minimize the number of people infected by this viral disease, some unprecedented steps have been taken.

**Mayor Kristie S. Overson**

Our Taylorsville Library, Senior Center and Recreation Center were temporarily closed. Schools were dismissed through May 1 and students have learned at home through digital platforms. Events with large gatherings like our Taylorsville-SLCC Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert and popular Earth Day Collection were canceled, while other events like our 2020 Taylorsville Art Show and production of Peter Pan Jr. were postponed to this fall. Dine-in seating at area restaurants also was no longer available during this time.

Still, I like to focus on the positive and what we can do, instead of what we can't. There is still so much to do in Taylorsville. Although playgrounds are closed, our parks are open. You can take a walk and enjoy the open space; delight in your children as they run and play, and the Jordan River Parkway is always beautiful this time of year, as spring begins to bloom. While team sports are on hold, individual activities are a go.

Even as precautionary measures remain in place, most restaurants still have provided drive-thru, take-out and/or delivery options. Pick up a meal in Taylorsville. You might also consider purchasing a gift certificate to your favorite restaurants for a sit-down meal once things get back to normal. Or, you might opt for a gift card to your favorite stores or for your favorite entertainment to enjoy later. There is a lot we can do now to support our local businesses.

You can also still shop at your grocery stores, which have remained open with supply chains intact. During this time, continue to practice social distancing, putting at least six feet between you and others, when you shop so as to minimize contact. There's no need to overreact; our tap water is safe and refreshing to drink, for instance.

You can still check out ebooks, music and lots of other materials with your library card online, and the Senior Center has been serving seniors with drive-thru meals (See Page 7). We have taken steps to continue to provide all city services, while allowing some employees to work from home during this period.

While it's been a challenging time, I am proud of our Taylorsville family, including our employees at City Hall, all of our residents, and our business owners and workers. You all have made the best of a tough situation and we are better because of you. *—Mayor Kristie S. Overson*

## City Center Design Brings Cohesive Community Space



City officials are moving forward with plans to create a beautiful community space that will tie City Hall and the adjacent Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center together into a cohesive setting featuring open space, vertical landscaping, a stage and amphitheater, water wall with signage, a plaza and picnic tables, even an ice skating rink.

The City Center design for the space in front of City Hall was detailed this past month in a presentation to the City Council by Planning Director Mark McGrath. "We want to create a community gathering space here – a community family room so to speak," he said. "We have these two very different buildings – City Hall and the Performing Arts Center. We want to make sure what we do is compatible with both of those areas."

The design plans also were shared in a separate presentation to officials with Salt Lake

County, which will manage the new Performing Arts Center. The arts center is an "extremely contemporary, modern building," McGrath said. "But the architects have done a good job of bringing elements to the building to warm it up a little."

On both the outside and inside of the building, for instance, there is extensive use of wood material, and the lobby is shaded by a "veiled" entry way. The City Center design incorporates some of the same features. "We're trying to pull all those individual materials together that define both buildings so it doesn't look like a bunch of individual parts and creates a cohesive design," McGrath said.

The city is in the process of securing a contractor, and plans to complete the opening of the City Center space at the same time construction of the Performing Arts Center is complete, in late fall this year.

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

## 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 &amp; 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

## City Officials Read to Children During Dr. Seuss Week



Mayor Kristie Overson joined Taylorsville police Chief Tracy Wyant, Lt. Brady Cottam and Det. Scott Lloyd in reading to students at Arcadia Elementary for Dr. Seuss week. The national reading observance is held each spring in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2.

The American artist Theodor Seuss Geisel is best known for authoring over 60 children's books. "We had a great time reading to the students," Mayor Overson said. "It is so much fun seeing their faces light up as they hear the words of these brilliant books and their delightful tongue-twisters."

Mayor Overson and some of the city's employees also were among those reading to the children during Dr. Seuss week at Taylorsville Elementary this past month. "We love to support our Taylorsville schools," she said.



## TAYLORSVILLE EVENTS APRIL 2020

Several events planned for this month have been canceled or rescheduled due to social-distancing measures put in place in an effort to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus and to keep people healthy. They include:

- The 2020 Taylorsville Art Show (originally scheduled for April 10 and 11) has been canceled. It will be rescheduled this fall.
- The Taylorsville Arts Council's production of Peter Pan Jr. (originally scheduled for June 4, 5 and 6) has been rescheduled to September. Details to come.
- The Annual Earth Day Clean-up (originally scheduled for April 25) has been canceled. Area clean-up dumpsters are scheduled to be delivered to Taylorsville neighborhoods May 15 to June 9.

Please check the city's website, [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov), for scheduled City Council and Planning Commission meetings. Some recent meetings have been canceled; the city may hold other meetings electronically. Electronic meetings will be posted under the same requirements as regular meetings, including public noticing and the publishing of agendas. Also view the City Calendar online for the latest event details.

## Clean-up Event is Canceled

The Taylorsville Earth Day Clean-up event (originally scheduled for April 25) has been canceled in keeping with gathering limits aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Keep your eyes on the city website, [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov), for other ways to dispose of the items you were planning to bring to the event. Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District, for example, is working on a process to bring dumpsters or trailers by reservation for residents, hopefully starting this summer through September. Details will come as they are finalized. For more information, go to [wasatchfrontwaste.org/area-clean-up](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org/area-clean-up).

If you need a dump voucher, don't forget that you can get two per year from City Hall. Just call 801-955-2013 to request one.

As always, you can find more information each month about recycling and waste disposal on Page 8 of this section.

## COUNCIL CORNER

By Council Member Ernest Burgess

Neighbors helping neighbors. Challenging times often have a way of bringing people together.

We definitely saw that this past month as we have worked to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and then felt a 5.7-magnitude earthquake centered in Magna shake our nearby community. These difficulties, I have to say, have been met with resiliency, patience, understanding and generosity. Each of us who make up the City Council have witnessed small acts of kindness that have made all the difference, and we are so thankful for your efforts.

From checking in on a neighbor, to dropping a meal off, to doing yard work for another, the residents and businesses in our community have risen to the occasion. We have weathered these challenges together and will continue to do so as long as they last. As we work toward resolution, I know, too, that we as a community will emerge even stronger.

In addition to the small kindnesses of individuals, a couple of community programs also come to mind that I would like to highlight. The United Way's 2-1-1 program was created to bridge gaps and it has worked just as it should at this time. It's been a particularly good resource during this period for residents who are "food insecure" or in need of food assistance. The 2-1-1 app and website provide people with ways to get help, and give help. By simply dialing 2-1-1, callers can connect to health and human resources they need, as well as find meaningful volunteer opportunities.

## Taylorsville Once More Rises to the Occasion

Even though it was temporarily closed in keeping with limits to large gatherings and "social distancing" recommendations, the Taylorsville Senior Center also has still provided meals to our seniors. Salt Lake County centers, including Taylorsville's, have had staff on hand to run a to-go meal out to seniors. It has truly become a "meals on wheels" service.

Granite School District has continued to serve grab-and-go meals during its student dismissal that was put in place to quell spread of the coronavirus. In situations where a National Emergency is declared, the Emergency Food Service sponsored by the Summer Feeding Program, is made available to all children. See more at: [www.graniteschools.org](http://www.graniteschools.org)

In addition, the Utah Food Bank has held a weekly distribution event in the parking lot of the Bennion Utah Stake Center in Taylorsville. The food bank uses its mobile pantry program to distribute essential groceries to those in need. The food is donated from grocery stores, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other donors.

A few videos from Italy and Spain that have been widely shared via social media also illustrate the point perfectly. Residents there have been taking to their balconies, singing from their apartment buildings with other neighbors also isolated on their balconies. Quarantine has forced the neighbors apart but they still find a way to come together. Their songs and collective spirit are really quite moving.

Here in Taylorsville, one resident posted on social media about how she was trying to find things for



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)

her children to do while they were kept home during the soft closure of local schools. She had her children create shamrocks cut out of paper and colored with markers and crayons. They then taped them on neighbors' windows to bring a little joy on St. Patrick's Day.

Thank you for all you are doing. These small gestures mean the world to us and make us so grateful to be a part of our Taylorsville community.

## City Officials Tour the Momentum Glass Recycling Plant

City officials, including Mayor Kristie Overson, City Council Chair Meredith Harker and Council Members Ernest Burgess and Curt Cochran, toured Utah's only glass recycling plant and came away with a new appreciation for the detailed process and its benefits.

"It was fascinating," said Mayor Overson. "I had no idea what an involved operation it is and of all its intricacies."

Momentum Recycling, which also has a facility in Denver, Colo., recently partnered with Taylorsville City to provide curbside glass recycling for residents to conveniently recycle their glass at home. For \$8 a month and a one-time \$45 activation fee, residents receive their own 35-gallon gray cart specifically for collecting glass recyclables that Momentum Recycling services once a month. No sorting is required, and there is no

need to rinse with water or remove labels.

You can sign up for the curbside service at [utah.momentumrecycling.com/taylorsville](http://utah.momentumrecycling.com/taylorsville)

The carts have been delivered to those who have signed up, and the first collection is set for Tuesday, April 14. Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District and Momentum Recycling work in partnership to provide the service.

There is also a free public drop-off location for glass at the Taylorsville Senior Center, 1628 W. 4800 South.

Watch a video of the tour at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)



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Among the elements of the City Center project: The main entrance at 5400 South will feature signage on both sides, along with heavily planted shrubbery and grasses, McGrath said. "There is a lot of verticality that I think will define the space really well."

Water will cascade down a wall behind the lettering on the signs that will be lit from the bottom. The water for the wall will be heated to 40 degrees so it can operate year-round, throughout the winter theater season. "By keeping it going all year long, we won't have to go through the maintenance of shutting it down and starting it back up in the spring," McGrath said.

It will appear similar to the fountain at the Hale Center Theater in Sandy. "When the water freezes, it will create interesting shapes on the face of the sign. It's quite beautiful, actually," McGrath said.

The space will also feature an amphitheater and stage, places to eat such as a shaded patio area and picnic tables, generous landscaping including a couple of arbors and canopy of trees, and an ice rink that will extend 120 feet by about 50 feet. A playground is included in the design but it may have to be delayed and completed later as funding permits.

"It's a visionary design," Mayor Kristie Overson said. "We're excited for all of the possibilities, and most especially that it will be a gathering place. It is a place where residents will want to take in an event, unwind or just spend some time."

"I think it's beautiful," echoed City Council Chair Meredith Harker. "We're excited to actually see it happen and for work to start soon."



## Coronavirus Update: Let's Flatten the Curve

By **UFA Capt. Richard Rich**

As of the time of this printing the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation is developing rapidly and remains very dynamic. To get the most up to date and factual information, there are several websites you can visit, including:

- [taylorsvilleut.gov/services/coronavirus](http://taylorsvilleut.gov/services/coronavirus)
- [coronavirus.utah.gov](http://coronavirus.utah.gov)
- [slco.org/health/covid-19](http://slco.org/health/covid-19)
- [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)
- [who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](http://who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)



As the situation develops and the virus spreads the goal is to "flatten the curve." In other words, we are trying to prevent a large spike in infections that will overwhelm our health care system. As with any other contagious outbreak, good hygiene is the best defense. Washing hands vigorously and often has been anecdotally able to reduce your chances of contracting the infection by almost 50 percent. Hand sanitizer is becoming difficult to find but the good news is washing with soap and water is just effective.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the common cold and flu with subtle differences. Unfortunately depending on your underlying health, if exposed, your risk of infection and the severity of your symptoms can vary widely. Because of this, we should treat this pandemic with the seriousness it deserves. It is anticipated many will become carriers of the virus and will not show signs or symptoms. At this time, carry on as normally as possible but avoid the large crowds, keep good hygiene (avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth) and increase the amount of personal space to avoid possible exposures. Continue to stay up to date through trusted media sources and governmental agencies that are monitoring the situation closely.

If you believe you have been exposed and may have contracted the virus, it is advised that you contact your health provider and please consider using telehealth or phone conversations rather than visiting your doctor's office in person to minimize the exposure of others.

## Earthquake Rattles Taylorsville, Neighboring Communities

A 5.7-magnitude earthquake centered in nearby Magna shook the Taylorsville community the morning of March 18. Residents definitely felt the quake but the city appeared to have sustained little to no initial damage, according to city officials.

"We are still assessing bridges, buildings and other infrastructure to ensure all is fine," said Mayor Kristie Overson on the morning of the earthquake. "But so far, everything here seems to be OK."

The earthquake rattled the Salt Lake Valley just after 7 a.m. It was the largest earthquake to hit Utah in 28 years. Following the earthquake at 7:09 a.m., a second 3.7-magnitude aftershock hit about 7:15 a.m., according to the United States Geological Survey, and another 3.5-magnitude aftershock hit shortly after. As of 7:30 a.m., at least 10 aftershocks were recorded, ranging from magnitude 2.5 to 3.9, according to the USGS.

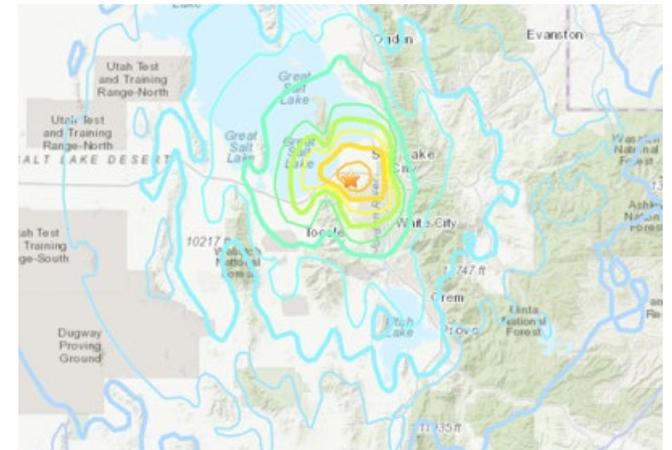
The Utah Transit Authority halted TRAX trains immediately following the earthquake, and city officials across the valley were assessing damage.

Taylorsville City Emergency Services Coordinator Donny Gasu said the seismic activity offers a good reminder about earthquake safety.

"First, stay calm," he said. "If you are indoors during an earthquake, stay inside, crouch under a desk or table, move away from any windows or other glass divider or brick walls where falling debris could harm you. Do not use the elevators. If you need to evacuate the building, do so calmly and get others to do so as well. Do not re-enter the building unless you are notified to do so."

"If you are outside, stay away from buildings, parking structures, trees, telephone and electric lines. If you are on the road, drive away from underpasses/overpasses; stop safely in an area and stay in your vehicle for at least three minutes."

You can find many emergency resources and additional information at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov/government/emergency-preparedness](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov/government/emergency-preparedness)



# Taylorsville City Regroups amid COVID-19

Taylorsville City residents as well as those across the state are grappling this month with the measures put in place to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus that causes the COVID-19 respiratory disease.

As Mayor Kristie Overson said in her letter to the community: "We appreciate your patience and kindness to those around you during this time. We are Taylorsville; we are a community, and as we do, we will get through this together. Please stay healthy and safe."

Read the Mayor's full letter and see the latest updates about the virus at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov).

### Among the steps taken this past month:

Salt Lake County Health Department declared a public health emergency and issued a health order, effective March 16, regarding business operations in the county, including specifics for the food and beverage industry. Dine-in and sit-down restaurant options were prohibited, while takeout, curbside, pickup, drive-thru and mobile food (trucks/carts) were allowed with some modifications.

### Limits to Mass Gatherings

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert recommended that mass gatherings exceeding 100 people be canceled as of March 16. The Centers for Disease Control also recommended that for eight weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events consisting of 50 people or more. Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities.

Gov. Herbert also issued additional recommendations in a statewide address this past month in conjunction with the Utah COVID-19 Community Task Force and local health departments. They have included:

- Recommendation that individuals over 60 should not participate in gatherings with more than 20 people
- Recommendation that individuals who are immunocompromised not participate in gatherings with more than 20 people
- Restricting visitor access to long-term care facilities and monitoring employees and visitors for symptoms of COVID-19
- Approving recommendations by the Utah Systems of Higher Education and the Utah State Board of Education to move public college and university campuses to online instruction and remote teaching.

### Emergency Declaration by Taylorsville City

Mayor Overson signed a proclamation declaring a state of local emergency and invoking emergency powers. "The declaration is necessary as a precursor to access federal funding and aid should the need arise," Mayor Overson said. It followed similar proclamations by Gov. Herbert and Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson on March 6.

### Closures and Cancellations

As a further precaution, Salt Lake County closed its senior centers, libraries and recreation centers, effective March 13, and until further notice. This has included the Taylorsville Senior Center, Taylorsville Library and Taylorsville Recreation Center.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also announced that it would not hold meetings until further

notice, including the cancellation of Sunday services and midweek activities.

### City events that have been canceled or postponed:

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The Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center also has closed, effective March 17 through April 22.

### Dismissal of Area Schools

The Taylorsville-area Granite School District implemented a districtwide two-week dismissal. The dismissal from daily attendance was then extended to May 1. A school dismissal is defined as students not reporting to school, but facilities remaining open and staff report to work as normal. School has continued for students, but on a digital and distance platform.

"We are so grateful for the understanding of everyone in the community under these unusual circumstances," Mayor Overson said. "I know that by pulling together we will be able to move past these trying times and continue to operate at full strength and capacity."

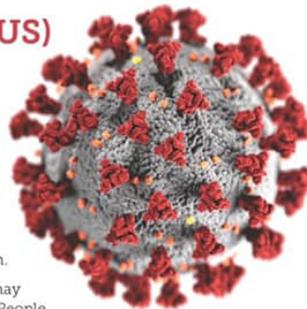
## COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

### What you need to know

COVID-19 is a new respiratory disease caused by a virus first detected in China in December 2019. The virus belongs to a family of viruses called coronaviruses, which causes respiratory illnesses ranging from the common cold to SARS.

COVID-19 is spread via respiratory droplets produced when a person coughs or sneezes. It is mainly spread through close personal contact with another person (within 6 feet). Effects of the virus range from mild symptoms to severe illness and death.

Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath and may appear between 2 and 14 days following exposure to the virus. People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest), but it may be possible to spread the virus before symptoms appear. It may be possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching a surface that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.



### Preparing for COVID-19

While the immediate risk of this virus to the American public is currently low, everyone can do their part to help prepare for this emerging public health threat:

- Get an annual flu vaccine.
- Practice good health habits that help your immune system work effectively:
  - Get appropriate sleep.
  - Stay physically active.
  - Manage stress.
  - Drink plenty of fluids.
  - Eat nutritiously.
- Keep on hand at least a two-week supply of food, as well as prescription and nonprescription drugs.

Take actions that help prevent the spread of all viruses:

- Stay home if you are ill.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly: scrub with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with ill people.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow; do not cough or sneeze into your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Avoid sharing food and personal items.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a bleach-based cleaning product.

### When COVID-19 Arrives in Our Community

- If you feel ill:
- Separate yourself and stay in a room away from other people in your home.
  - Stay home except to get medical care. Do not go to work, school, or any public place.
  - Call your healthcare provider before arriving for medical care.
  - Avoid public transit, ride-sharing, and taxis.
  - If possible, wear a facemask when you are around other people.

## COVID-19

### TREAT YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM WELL



- 1 Get appropriate sleep.
- 2 Eat nutritiously and drink plenty of fluids.
- 3 Stay physically active.
- 4 Manage your stress levels.

### TAKE ACTIONS THAT HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ALL ILLNESSES



- 5 Stay home if ill and avoid contact with ill people.
- 6 Wash your hands often: 20 second soap-and-scrub.
- 7 Cover coughs and sneezes—not with your hands.
- 8 Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces with bleached-based cleaners.
- 9 Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- 10 Avoid sharing food or personal items.

## Elementary Students Make Toys for Dogs and Cats

Students at Calvin Smith Elementary School tackled a big service project, making 700 toys for cats and dogs at the Taylorsville-West Valley City Animal Shelter.

The service project was organized by representatives from the shelter, the Community Animal Welfare Society (CAWS) and Humane Society. Taylorsville City Mayor Kristie Overson also joined in, even helping the children make some of the toys, and a representative from First Lego League assisted a few of the older students in making an instructional video on caring for animals that was shown at the presentation.

"We are so appreciative of all the help," said Maranda Weathermon, director of Animal Services for Taylorsville and West Valley City, which manages the shelter. She explained to the children that the toys will help the animals at the shelter stay active and cut down on boredom.

She also brought her own pet, Hermes, to greet the elementary school children. She rescued the 8-year-old border collie from a shelter in Texas after he had been abandoned at a park. The dog sat patiently as children lined up to pet him and give him a pat on the head at the end of the service project before heading back to class.

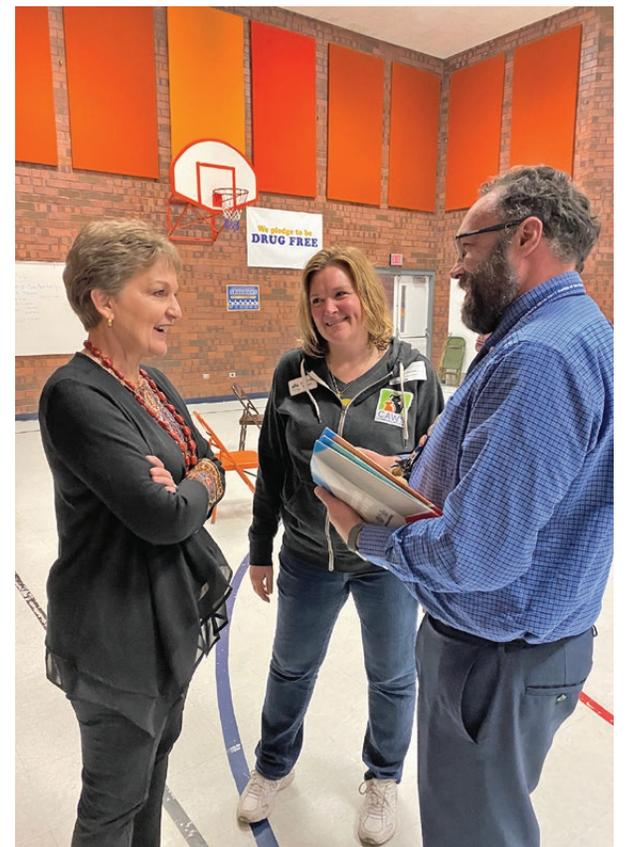
The service project was meant to provide a meaningful activity for the children while also being instructional, Weathermon said. "Anytime Animal Services is involved it's a fun project. It's also a great social service and way for children to know they can contribute and make a difference. After all, they really are the next leaders of the community."

"We are able to come up with solutions by working together," echoed Lynette Wendel, of the local volunteer rescue group CAWS, who brought the organizations together in spearheading the project.

Each class spent about 10 to 15 minutes in the school's gymnasium, making the toys throughout the day on Feb. 25. Children of all ages were involved, from kindergarten to sixth grade. The toys were crafted from water bottles, old socks, toilet paper rolls and jingle bells.

Mayor Overson commended the organizers for their efforts and thanked the children for all their help. "I am so impressed that an idea can be turned into a service project for the whole school," she said. "Listen, learn and do. The whole school is making a difference for the community and the animal shelter."

Watch a video of the project at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)



## Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES

This month's historic article is about a Taylorsville couple named Vern and Bessie Jensen, who lived at 4800 S. 1130 West. They married in 1934 and then started a fox ranch. They went to many fox and mink shows and won numerous awards. (It was a very profitable adventure!)



Vern ventured into the mink business around 1947. He was one of the men who started the Fur Breeders Co-op in Midvale. He served on the board of directors for years. He and Bessie had children who helped with the family business, including mainly sons George, Keith and Leon during the 1940s and '50s. Their sons married, and only George eventually stayed in Taylorsville to help with the business. George married Betty Alice Jacobson on Oct. 31, 1950, and they had five sons: George Jr., Steven, Michael, Randy and Jack.



All the children had jobs working at the fox ranch. George loved the business, and he and Betty were very active in the community, especially with sports involving their five sons. George himself was a prankster and while attending Granite High School, he put mink scent bags under the heaters; needless to say, he was in deep trouble.

Some of George's closest friends were Donald and Jerry Frame, Bob Wallace and Reed Smith, who all excelled in sports.

George and Betty considered themselves blessed to raise their sons across the street from Grandpa Vern and Grandma Bessie Jensen's influence and love.

*(This edited article was provided to the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center Museum by granddaughter, Rebecca Jorgenson of Taylorsville.)*

## TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 Plymouth View Drive

Upcoming Events for April:

### Taylorsville Senior Center Offering Drive-thru Meals

While the Taylorsville Senior Center has been temporarily closed due to the coronavirus, seniors can still receive meals. Salt Lake County centers, including Taylorsville's, have staff on hand to run a to-go meal out to seniors. Current participants can contact their regular center for ordering and pickup details. Seniors who have never been to a center but would like a meal can call 385-468-3200 during regular business hours to get signed up.

For seniors, to receive a drive-thru meal:

1. Email [LButterfield@slco.org](mailto:LButterfield@slco.org) or leave a voice message at 385-468-3370 by 3 p.m. one business day before you want to receive a meal. Please include your name and how many meals you will be picking up. Participants can get a meal for themselves and a meal for another senior in the same household.
2. Drive-thru meals will be served Monday-Friday from noon to 12:45 p.m.
3. To pick up your meal, drive up to the front door and a staff person will deliver your meal(s) to you in your car.
4. Please give the food runner your name and let them know if you will be requesting a meal (or two) for the next business day. If you let the center know at the drive-thru pickup that you'll be needing a meal for the next day, you won't need to call or email ahead.
5. Please do not exit your vehicle at any point during this process.

Please check the Senior Center webpage for the current online newsletter at [slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center](http://slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center). You can register at the front desk for a program when the Taylorsville Senior Center reopens or by calling 385-468-3370.

## Access eBooks, Music and Other Library Materials Online

Check back for events at the Taylorsville Library. The library was closed, effective March 13 until further notice as a precautionary measure to prevent potential spread of the coronavirus disease.

You can still access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, and other materials through the Salt Lake County Library website with your library card at [www.slcolibrary.org](http://www.slcolibrary.org). The online resources are a great way to stay busy and cut boredom at this time!

Please hold on to your checked out materials; the library will not be assessing fines, and the book drops are closed.



## Waiting to Water Brings a Healthier Lawn

Sometimes it's hard to wait.

Whether it is a teenager waiting for that 16th birthday to be able to get behind the wheel or that special vacation, it is sometimes hard to wait. But waiting is a good practice in the spring when it comes to landscape watering.

By delaying watering your lawn before Mother's Day, roots will have grown deeper and your lawn will be healthier. This delayed watering benefits the lawn in hotter months when the surface dries out quickly but the roots can access water deeper in the soil.

### General Watering Guide for Central/Northern Utah

#### Lawns

How Often?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil	How Long?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil
Mother's Day (start watering)	Once every 5 days	Once every 3 days	Rotating 	45 min. total	25 min. total
Father's Day	Once every 3 days	Once every 2 days	Fixed 	25 min. total	15 min. total
Labor Day	Once every 5 days	Once every 3 days			
Columbus Day	Stop Watering (winterize)		Use the "cycle and soak" method for lawn. Set each zone for half the time needed, run all zones, then run each station a second time. This minimizes water runoff.		

#### Planting Beds

How Often?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil	How Long?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil
Mother's Day (start watering)	Once every 7 days	Once every 5 days	Drip (Recommended) 	60 minutes	30 minutes
Father's Day	Once every 4 days	Once every 3 days	Spray 	25 minutes	15 minutes
Labor Day	Once every 7 days	Once every 5 days			
Columbus Day	Stop Watering (winterize)		Drip irrigation in planting beds dramatically reduces weeds while saving water.		

Water before 8 am OR after 8 pm for both lawn and planting beds.  
Weather Conditions may impact your watering needs.

[www.ConservationGardenPark.org](http://www.ConservationGardenPark.org)



#### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org).

You can also follow the district on Facebook and Twitter.



### APRIL WFWRD UPDATES

#### BAGGING RECYCLABLES

WFWRD is still seeing many situations where residents are placing their recycling materials in plastic bags. The recycling processing facilities will not accept plastic-bagged materials, and they often forward them to the landfill, unopened. Please do not place anything in your recycling can that is wrapped in plastic bags.

Contact Sustainability Coordinator, Ethan Morris (EMorris@wasatchfrontwaste.org or 385-468-6337) if you have specific recycling questions.



#### ANNUAL EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22. Help celebrate our beautiful planet and practice conservation efforts by reducing the use of disposable plastics, recycling your e-waste and buying local produce. More information and suggestions can be found at [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org).



#### ILLEGAL DUMPING

Utah Administrative Code R315 requires all waste to be disposed of at a properly designated disposal facility. It is illegal to dispose of any waste at any other location. If residents see any illegal dumping, they should contact the Salt Lake County Health Department at 385-468-4100



### Recycling Tip #6

Americans represent 5% of the world's population, but generate 30% of the world's garbage. You can change that!  
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

