

City of Bountiful 2009 Election Information

We appreciate your interest and encourage your involvement in the municipal election process. The local government level is closest to home and where you can have the greatest direct influence. We hope the information contained on this site will be informative and helpful to you. **Please note that although we endeavor to keep this information current, election laws change regularly and rapidly. To be safe, dates and other information posted herein should not be absolutely relied upon.** To verify current information and critical dates, please contact the Bountiful City Recorder's Office at 298-6115. If you have concerns, feedback, or need additional information beyond that noted here, please contact the above office.

KEY ELECTION DATES

Candidate Filing Period - *FILING PERIOD IS CLOSED.*

July 1, 2009 to July 15, 2009 (5 pm). Obtain a candidate packet from the City Recorders office (790 S 100 E) and file **in person** at the same location.

Meet the Candidates Night - Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 pm. To be held in the City Hall Council Chambers (790 South 100 East, Bountiful). Hosted by the League of Women Voters, this is an opportunity to meet the candidates prior to the November General Election to determine what their views and concerns are and to see if they represent your views.

Primary Election - Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

General Election - Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. The ballot will include candidates for Mayor, two Council seats, and a yes/no vote on a Davis County School District Bond issue.

County In-Person Voter Registration - The last day you may register, **in person**, at the County Clerk's office (28 East State Street, Farmington) is Monday, August 31, 2009 for the Primary and Monday, October 19, 2009 for the November General Election. If you voted in the prior year's election, you need not re-register unless you have moved or changed your name.

By-Mail Registration - If registering with a "By-Mail" form, it must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to the election and be received by the County Clerk's Office at least 7 days prior to the election. These forms are available near the cashier's counter at Bountiful City Hall. If time is limited, we recommend you register in person to be sure to meet the necessary deadline.

Satellite Registration - A 2007 State law eliminated Satellite Registration. Now you may register only in person at the County Clerk's Office, with a by-mail form, or at a State or County agency such as the Driver's License office. The quickest and most sure method is the County Clerk's office. Since voter registration is a County function, please contact the County Clerk's office (451-3589) if you have questions. It is strongly recommended that you register as early as possible to avoid missing the opportunity to vote.

CANDIDATE FILING/POSITIONS TO BE FILLED - 2009

The City will hold elections for a Mayor and two City Council seats this year. All are "at-large" positions, meaning the candidates may live anywhere within the City and are not elected by a specific precinct or district. This is also a "non-partisan election", meaning all candidates are on one ticket with no party distinction being made. Each candidate for Mayor or City Council must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" with the City Recorder's Office (790 South 100 East) between July 1 and **5 pm on July 15** and pay a \$25.00 filing fee at the time of filing. Anyone interested in running for municipal office should obtain, from the City Recorder's office, an informational packet concerning filing, sign ordinances, campaign financial disclosure, and other election rules and information.

Qualifications for a candidate are:

- (1) Be a United States citizen at time of filing.
- (2) Be at least 18 years old at the time of the next general (November) municipal election.
- (3) Be a registered voter of the municipality.

- (4) Be a legal resident of the municipality or a resident of a recently annexed area for 12 months immediately preceding the date of the election (November).
- (5) Not be a convicted felon currently incarcerated. (Pursuant to Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, any person convicted of a felony, treason, or crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the right to vote or hold office is restored as provided by statute.)

The candidate must declare at the time of filing that he/she meets all of the above qualifications.

Therefore, a candidate must file “in person with the City Recorder” or Deputy Recorder [per State Code 20A-9-203(2)(a)] unless the nomination method is used.

There are three filing methods by which a citizen may become a candidate for Mayor or City Council. The first is a "**Declaration of Candidacy**" form which must be filed **in person** with the City Recorder's Office between July 1 and 5:00 pm on July 15 of the year the election is held (unless July 15 is a weekend, in which case the deadline will be the Monday immediately following the 15th). The second method is a "**Nomination Petition**" whereby a candidate may be nominated by a minimum of 25 residents who are at least 18 years old and who sign a properly completed nomination. This filing must also be completed by the July 15 deadline. Finally, election law for "cities of the third class" (which includes Bountiful) provides the option of filing as a **Write-In Candidate**. A write-in candidate must file a declaration of candidacy form just like any other candidate, except that he/she may file up to 30 days prior to the November General Election. Write-in candidates are not allowed in the Primary Election. Obviously, due to the very nature and definition of write-in candidacy, that person's name will not be printed on the ballot but must be written in by voters. All candidates must pay a \$25.00 filing fee at the time of filing. The \$25.00 filing fee may be cash or check. Checks should be made payable to "City of Bountiful." Filing fees shall be refundable only if it is determined that the person filing is not qualified to be a candidate or is found to have improperly filed. If using a nomination petition, the person filing the form must pay the fee. At the time of filing, the candidate must declare which office is being sought.

The following have filed as official candidates for Mayor and City Council:

FOR MAYOR (4-Year Term):

Joe L. Johnson	85 North Davis Blvd	801-294-4459
Jeffrey L. Novak	3284 South 475 West	801-292-4399
Nicholas D. Price	517 Heritage Drive	801-721-9858

FOR CITY COUNCIL (4-Year Term, 2 positions to be filled):

Ernie Cox	1372 Seville Way	801-298-1776
Fred Moss	2640 South Oakwood Drive	801-295-9353
Thomas B. Tolman	585 North 400 East	801-292-1981
Phill Wright	1253 Cassidy Circle	801-540-3598

STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC VOTER INFORMATION WEBSITE

The State of Utah recently created a website which provides for registered voters to view information particular to them, including their polling place, election officials, and a sample ballot with information about candidates and propositions. All candidates are invited to provide information to be included on that website so that interested voters may learn about each candidate and their platform. The website is located at <http://www.elections.utah.gov/>.

Candidates are also required to submit their campaign financial disclosure reports so that interested citizens may review them at this same web location. Your report should be submitted to the Recorder who will forward the necessary information for posting on the State site.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Please note that voter registration is a County function so City personnel cannot register you to vote. As noted

previously (see KEY ELECTION DATES), you may go directly to the County Clerk's office, use a By-Mail form, or register at some other State/County agency when you update driver's license or other information. Whichever option you choose, remember that the County Clerk's office must show that you are registered **no later than 14 days prior to the election** or you will not be allowed to vote in the pending election (unless you postmarked your by-mail form at least 30 days prior and it is received at least one week prior to the election). To vote early, you must be registered no later than 30 days prior to the election.

The following are the requirements to be eligible to vote (per State code 20A-2-101):

1. Be a United States citizen.
2. Be a resident of Utah for at least 30 days immediately before the next election.
3. Be at least 18 years old on the day of the next election (the November General Election).
4. Have your principal place of residence in a specific voting precinct in Utah.

A person who has been convicted of a felony, whose right to vote has not been restored as provided by law, may not register to vote while incarcerated (20A-2-101.5).

VOTER IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIRED AT THE POLLS

Per new State law (20A-1-102), valid voter identification is now required when voting at the polls. (Previously it was only required if the voter had not shown ID when they registered or if they were challenged at the polls.) The new law also has changed what documents are acceptable forms of voter ID. The following is a fairly comprehensive list of acceptable forms of ID:

Present One of the following forms of ID that bears the name and photograph of the voter:

Currently valid Utah Driver's License

A currently valid identification card issued by:

-The State of Utah

-A branch, department, or agency of the United States

A currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon

A valid United States passport

A valid Tribal Identification Card, whether or not the card includes a photograph of the voter

Or

Present Two of the following forms of identification that bears the name of the voter and provides evidence that the voter resides within the voting precinct:

Current utility bill or a legible copy (dated within 90 before the election)

A bank or other financial account statement, or legible copy

A certified birth certificate

A valid social security card

A check issued by the state or the federal government, or legible copy thereof

A paycheck from the voter's employer, or a legible copy

A valid Utah Hunting or Fishing license

A currently valid United States military ID card

Certified naturalization documentation

A valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States

A certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change

A Bureau of Indian Affairs card

A tribal treaty Card

Valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer Card

A currently valid identification card issued by:

-A local government within the State of Utah

-An employer for an employee

-A college, university, technical school, or professional school located within the State of Utah

Note: If a valid form of Identification listed under Section A above does not contain a photograph of the voter, then one other form of Identification listed in Section B must be included.

Voters who do not present proper identification at the polls, may vote using a provisional ballot. However, the provisional ballot will not count unless they provide valid voter identification to the election official within 5 days after the election.

In the case that one's income falls below the federal poverty guideline issued by the U.S. department of Health and Human Services, he or she can receive a free identification card from the driver license division.

The voter information card issued by the County is NOT acceptable ID.

POLLING LOCATIONS

The City generally combines voting precincts during its elections. The table below indicates each regular precinct, the consolidated precinct (100 series number), and the location where citizens of each precinct will vote.

Regular Precinct #	Consolidated Precinct #	Polling Location	Polling Address
Bountiful #1 Bountiful #6	Precinct #101	Meadowbrook Elementary	700 North 325 West
Bountiful #2 Bountiful #3	Precinct #102	South Davis Recreation Center	550 North 200 West
Bountiful #4 Bountiful #5	Precinct #103	Bountiful Jr. High	30 West 400 North
Bountiful #7	Precinct #104	Washington Elementary	340 West 650 South
Bountiful #8 Bountiful #14	Precinct #105	Bountiful Library	725 South Main
Bountiful #9 Bountiful #10	Precinct #106	Holbrook Elementary	1018 East 250 North
Bountiful #11 Bountiful #12	Precinct #107	Oak Hills Elementary	1235 East 600 South
Bountiful #13	Precinct #108	Millcreek Jr. High	245 East 1000 South
Bountiful #15	Precinct #109	Bountiful City Hall	790 South 100 East
Bountiful #16 Bountiful #20	Precinct #110	Valley View Elementary	1395 South 600 East
Bountiful #17 Bountiful #18 Bountiful #28 Bountiful #30	Precinct #111	LDS Mueller Park Stake Ctr	1800 E Mueller Park Road
Bountiful #19	Precinct #112	Mueller Park Jr High	955 East 1800 South
Bountiful #21 Bountiful #22 Bountiful #23 Bountiful #27	Precinct #113	St Olaf's Catholic School	1793 So Orchard Dr

Bountiful #24 Bountiful #25 Bountiful #26 Bountiful #29	Precinct #114	LDS Val Verda Stake Ctr	2651 South 500 West
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You may wonder “**Why do I sometimes vote at one location, change to a different location the next year, and then change back the following year?**”. It is because State law requires all municipal polling locations to be within our municipal boundaries. The County, however, may overlap. For example, during the County/State/Federal election years, some Bountiful voters will go to polling locations at Adelaide Elementary. Because Adelaide is located outside the Bountiful City limits, we must move those voters to a location within our city for the municipal elections (typically South Davis Jr. High or Boulton Elementary). Otherwise, we try to utilize the same polling locations as the County and the same sites from one year to the next. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may cause.

ABSENT-VOTER BALLOTS

Registered voters who will be out of town or otherwise unavailable to vote on election day may obtain an **absent-voter ballot** during the designated time prior to the municipal election and through 5 p.m. the Friday prior to the election. (Please note that we do not handle absent-voter ballots or any other voting during even-numbered election years when Federal, State, and County officials are elected. The County handles ALL voting in those years.) Absent-voter ballots may be obtained in person at the City Recorder’s office (790 S 100 E, Bountiful, Utah, 84010) or by mailing your request to that same address. To reduce the risk of a request and/or ballot not getting to/from the Recorder’s office in time, we suggest coming into the office in person if at all possible. However, if you choose to mail your request, please indicate your full name, address of residence, address to which the ballot should be mailed (if different from residence), your date of birth, and the election for which you desire a ballot (you may request a ballot for both the Primary and General election if needed). The person who will vote the ballot **must also sign the letter**. There are restrictions as to how late absent-voter ballot requests and the related voted ballots may be accepted. A by-mail application for an absent-voter ballot within the U.S. may not be accepted after the Friday immediately preceding the election. Overseas requests require even more time (20 days), so please allow as much time as possible. If you feel you have special or complicated circumstances or are unclear regarding any of the information concerning an absent-voter ballot, please call the Recorder’s office directly (298-6115).

A special “**hospitalized absent-voter ballot**” may be obtained on the day of the election for a voter **who is confined** to a medical or long-term care institution **after** the above-noted Friday deadline. Please call the City Recorder’s office if you need additional information regarding this option.

EARLY VOTING

Utah State election law provides for early voting to begin 14 days prior to the official election day and end at 5 p.m. the Friday prior to election day. Those wishing to vote early this year may do so **at Bountiful City Hall** on the following dates and at the following times:

Prior to Primary Election

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	September 1 7 am - Noon	September 2 4 pm - 8 pm	September 3 4 pm - 8 pm	September 4 7 am - Noon
	September 8 7 am - Noon	September 9 4 pm - 8 pm	September 10 7 am - Noon	September 11 Noon - 5 pm

Prior to General Election

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

	October 20 7am - Noon	October 21 4 pm - 8 pm	October 22 7 am - Noon	October 23 4 pm - 8 pm
October 26 4 pm - 8 pm	October 27 7 am - Noon	October 28 4 pm - 8 pm	October 29 7 am - Noon	October 30 Noon - 5 pm

In order to vote early, a voter must provide valid photo I.D. and must be registered no less than 30 days prior to the election.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Bountiful holds elections in the Fall of odd-numbered years (e.g. 2009, 2011, 2013). Candidates who are successful in the municipal general election typically will take office on the first Monday in January of the year following the election. The Mayor and two Council Members are elected in one year, and the other three Council Members are elected in the next election (two years later). In even-numbered years, Federal, State, and County positions are elected, and **all** voting is handled by the County (including absentee voting).

Bountiful City's election is "**non-partisan**", meaning that a candidate is not nominated by nor according to party, but may come from any party. All candidates are "**at-large**", meaning they can be from any location within the City boundaries and are not elected by certain voting precincts or areas but by the entire voting public of the city.

Bountiful City will hold a **Primary Election** the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September of odd-numbered years **when** the number of candidates that have filed exceeds twice the number of positions to be filled. For example, in the year that three Council seats are to be filled, there will be a primary election only if there are more than 6 candidates for those three seats. Every year it seems there are frustrated citizens who believe that we keep changing the timing of the Primary election. This is the result of different times for the Federal, State, and County Primary (which occurs in June of even numbered years) versus a municipal primary (which occurs in September of odd numbered years, if there is one at all). Also, in 2007, the State Legislature DID change the Municipal Primary from October to September, so we understand why there is confusion, but it is not under our control.

The **General Election** is held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Those candidates with the **highest number of total votes** will take office. For example, if there are five candidates for three positions, the three with the highest **total** votes will take office (it is not determined by the number of precincts one wins).

We thank you for your interest and involvement in the voting process!!! Again, due to frequent changes in election laws, we strongly recommend that you confirm any deadlines or other information noted above by calling the Recorder's office at 298-6115. Please feel free to come to the City Recorder's Office (in City Hall at 790 South 100 East) or call if you have any questions concerning the elections.