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Bountiful's Stoker School Commemoration and Tours Set for May 4-6, 2017

Prior to the removal of the Stoker School in the summer of 2017, Bountiful City has joined with the Bountiful Historical Society to invite the community to celebrate the spirit and people of Stoker School.

Stoker School Tours/Commemoration will take place at 75 E 200 S, Bountiful, Utah. The public may walk through the school anytime during open hours. Tours guided by the Bountiful Historical Society will be available at the top of each hour. Souvenir pins will be given to all guests while supplies last.

Thursday: May 4, 2017 8 am – 5 pm
Friday: May 5, 2017 8 am – 8 pm
Brief program at 6 pm – Refreshments 6-8 pm
Saturday: May 6, 2017 8 am – 5 pm

Stoker School is more than a building

Stoker School building is held in high regard by many throughout Davis County and beyond. What makes Stoker School significant and dear isn't truly the building, it's what happened IN the building and in the hearts of those who attended there. The generosity of the Stoker family, the lessons taught and learned, the first hot lunches made from local farmer donations, the games played, and the memories made on playgrounds and within the walls are what make Stoker School so dear.

Decision to remove Stoker

As Bountiful City considered relocating city hall, leaders hoped to renovate Stoker School for that purpose. Extensive structural tests revealed disappointing news that the structural integrity of the edifice had been compromised due to poor original construction materials and methods, as well as multiple renovations. According to City Manager, Gary Hill, the conclusions reached by professional consultants revealed that, "In many places, unreinforced masonry walls showed irregularities in brick sizes and mortar—gaps between the three-layers of bricks that were used to make those walls—and the need for extensive reconstruction and upgrades." Hill said consultants "estimated it would cost tens of millions of dollars to refurbish Stoker." While Bountiful City no longer plans to move city hall operations, City leaders still have substantiated knowledge of safety concerns with the structure and a responsibility for the well-being of occupants. As a result, Stoker is scheduled to be removed this summer. Bountiful City is working closely with the Utah Division of State History, as well as the Bountiful Historical Society, to select and preserve important artifacts. For more details visit www.bountifulutah.gov or see <http://www.bountifulutah.gov/File/24024902-f54f-4e0c-876a-09ebaabb9e2c>

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