



## Mayor's Message

### *Winter Storms Bring Back Memories of Storms of Yesteryear*

The Christmas storm of 2003 will long be remembered as one of the larger storms Bountiful has experienced. Together with subsequent storms, freezing temperatures, and high winds, the severe weather tested Bountiful's power, water, street, sanitation, cemetery, and other departments.

As mayor, I want to express my deep appreciation to the tremendous efforts all of our city employees made to keep everyone in power, water, with streets that were clear and passable, and the many other services that were provided. Our street and power people worked 24 hours straight as the storm raged, and then worked 15-18 hours per day over the next week to make sure our citizens were served.

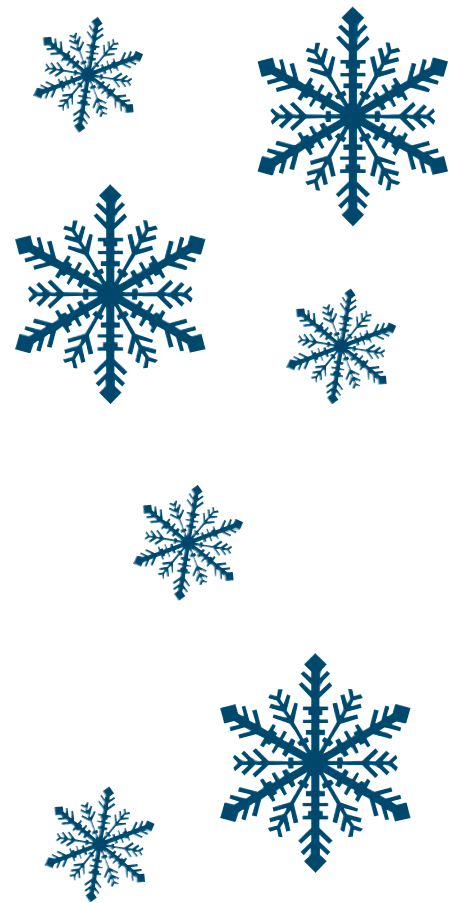
I am pleased to say that, unlike many surrounding cities, our power failures were small and localized, and no one was without power for more than 24 hours, and less than 100 homes were out for more than 5 hours. While we experienced continuing problems, the tree trimming efforts, the pole and cross-arm replacements, the line maintenance,

and the overall care of our system paid off in a big way. A number of our citizens have expressed gratitude for the great job and the outstanding reliability of our power system during extreme and adverse conditions.

Our street department used more than 6,000 tons of salt through the 14 days straight of precipitation we received. Many drivers plowed their routes continually throughout the day and night of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, but by the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> the roads were clear and down to the pavement again. Then came 60-70 mile-an-hour winds, which lasted for nearly a week, with even stronger gusts in the higher bench areas. Again, our street department plowed, and in some cases, had to use backhoes and front-end loaders to combat the drifts. During this two-week period every garbage route was picked up on its appointed day, and after they finished their sanitation duties those drivers got in a snowplow truck and helped keep the city roads passable.

Our water department repaired a se-

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ries of leaks which coincided with the storm, working 23 hours and 18 hours per day over the first weekend, and then throughout the following week as the frost penetrated the ground due to frigid temperatures. Again, no one was without water for more than a short period of time.



As you can imagine, combating a major storm like this requires hard work, teamwork, coordination between departments, and dedication from professional and competent employees. The parks department, the golf course, the landfill, the fire department, and other employees assisted in helping the field operations, and everyone else pitched in answering phones and responding to concerns. It was gratifying to watch as mayor.

I am equally proud of the tremendous job our citizens did to help each other out. I saw numerous citizens clear their own driveways and sidewalks, and then assist their neighbors. Those who had larger snowblowers helped those who didn't. If a car got stuck or plowed in, everyone pitched in to dig it out. This tradition of caring and taking care of each other is so powerful in Bountiful that many other cities wonder how we do it. It seems it just comes naturally, without government intervention and reminding, as people see a need and satisfy it. Again, thanks for the many selfless acts of service performed by many of you on behalf of others.



Finally, just a gentle reminder to clear your sidewalks for the children who walk to school, and to blow your snow to the side and not into the newly-plowed road. By following these simple steps, we can keep the incredible level of service which we have come to expect and enjoy alive and well.

# Get Going!

The Bountiful Recreation Center is the city's best value for recreation, exercise, and fun. We have a wide variety of programs available year round to the citizens of Davis County.

## Learn to Skate!

Our lesson program emphasizes the **Fundamentals** of skating. The key word is **FUN**. Each skater is encouraged to progress at his/her own speed so that all can enjoy skating. This program has been designed to create the highest degree of interest and enthusiasm possible in skating, regardless of age and ability. Lessons are taught by our staff of professional figure skaters, and classes consist of a maximum of 10 students. We also offer pre-school classes (Tots 1-3) which are composed of six 20-minute classes, held twice a week for three weeks. Adult classes are Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and run six weeks. Our current session has over 100 students enrolled, with many ready to sign up for the next session. Classes are \$30 per session. The remaining schedule for Winter/Spring is February 16, March 8, March 29, and April 19. Registration begins **one week prior** to the start dates.



## Learn to Swim!

Some of our other popular programs are the Swimming and Diving lessons. We offer one of the largest Red Cross Learn to Swim lesson programs in the state. In addition, we offer adaptive aquatics, parent-tot courses (designed for 18 - 36 months), and Scout merit badge classes. Lessons are offered in the mornings and evenings, and are typically 25 minutes long, running for 5 weeks for only \$30. The remaining sessions available this spring start on February 14, March 20, and April 19. Registration begins **one week prior** to the start dates.



## Lifeguard and Instructor Training

The Bountiful Recreation Center (BRC) is currently training Lifeguards and Swim Instructors for summer staff. Lifeguard training will be taught in February, March, and May. Class fee is only \$125 for three certifications. Swim Instructor Training (WSI) will be held in April and May, and class fee is \$105. Both classes are taught in the evening to accommodate school schedules. Detailed information is available at the BRC.



Call our front office, 298-6220, for specific details on all programs, or stop by today and sign up for your lessons and take a look at all of our exciting opportunities.

# Volunteer Opportunities

*Help deliver Meals on Wheels  
Golden Years Center  
726 South 100 East  
Call Ruth at 295-3479*



## Smoke Alarm Program A Success Free Alarms Still Available

A year ago Bountiful City Fire Department embarked on an ambitious mission to check the smoke alarms in every home in town and install free smoke alarms and replacement batteries wherever needed. Now, after inspecting over 12,000 homes and installing 7,500 free smoke alarms and 3,500 free batteries, the fire department is ending its door-to-door canvassing.

The project began almost two years ago with an application for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The wheels of government turned and eventually the fire department was granted \$86,208 to make sure 12,000 homes had adequate smoke alarm protection – a bargain at just over \$7.00 per home. Pilot inspections started in December, 2002 and the project kicked off in earnest in February, 2003. Since then almost every day firefighters and community volunteers lugged book bags bulging with smoke alarms door-to-door through neighborhoods in Bountiful.

Firefighters were especially proud to learn that one of the smoke alarms installed by their inspectors recently alerted a family to a small fire in their home, leading to quick fire con-

trol and limiting the fire damage. The grateful family e-mailed a note of thanks, saying “. . . one of your smoke alarms just saved us from what could have been terrible damage to our home.”

Although scaled back, the project will continue with community volunteers and firefighters going out to pick up the few remaining stragglers that have not been inspected. In addition, free smoke alarms will be available from the fire department for anyone who stops by or telephones to request one. Dozens of boy scouts have completed their Eagle Scout community service projects by helping with this program. Eagle Scout candidates and other community volunteers are still welcome to help, even though the project is scaled back. There is plenty of work to do to keep the ground that was gained over the past year.

Working smoke alarms can prevent terrible damage to your home. They can save your life. If you need smoke alarms or if you are looking for a great community service project, stop by one of Bountiful's fire stations (65 West 200 South or 1995 South Bountiful Boulevard), or call the fire department at 298-6230.

## Spring Cleanup Dates Set

Even with the winter snow still on the ground, it's not too early to calendar Bountiful's free spring cleanup for its citizens – a service not offered by any other Davis County city. It's a great opportunity to spruce up the yard, clean the garage, and trim the trees, and then let us haul it away for you.

Spring cleanup is April 12 - 16. During that week, city crews, on your regular garbage pickup day, will also remove trash and refuse which has been properly bundled, bagged, or boxed. Limbs and trees must be cut, bundled and tied in five-foot lengths. Any bundles, bags, or boxes must not exceed 50 lbs. Items such as old furniture or appliances should be placed on the drive approach or park strip – not on the street or sidewalk.

**Compliance with the special cleanup regulations is mandatory. If you cannot meet the regulations, you will need to haul away the debris yourself.**

Also to assist you in your spring cleanup, the landfill will not charge a fee to the residents of Bountiful during spring cleanup week or the following week to enable you to dispose of the trash that does not comply with the above restrictions. We can no longer accept propane tanks or tires of any kind at the landfill.

Garbage containers should be placed at the curb not later than 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day. Lids must be closed when put out for collection.

### LANDFILL SUMMER HOURS

(April through October)

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Closed Sunday)

### COMPOST AVAILABLE FOR SPRING GARDENING

Compost increases water retention in your soil

COST: \$30.00 per ton or

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## What is 2-1-1?

2-1-1 is a free Health and Human Service Information and Referral line provided to the community. Trained information specialists who assess your situation, prioritize your needs, and make a referral to help you find the appropriate service answer each call. Each call is confidential and anonymous. 2-1-1 is specific to Health and Human Services as well as Volunteer opportunity information for those wishing to give of their time. While 2-1-1 works from most residential phones, it is not yet working on every phone, including cell phones. 2-1-1 services can also be reached by calling 497-9111.

*Bountiful Performing Arts Center presents*  
**"Joseph and the  
Technicolor Dreamcoat"**

March 10 - April 2, 2004  
Call 294-SHOW  
745 South Main Street  
Bountiful/Davis Art Center

## CRUISIN' THE BLVD '04 COATS FOR KIDS

The Bountiful Rotary Club's annual car show is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2004 at the Bountiful City Park. As in the past, there will be a Cruise In, Car Show, Picnic, Fun Awards, Good Food, Sky Divers, Boy Scout Flag Service, and lots of 50's and 60's music by J. C. Hackett, "The King of the Cruisers". All proceeds from this event go to provide new coats, mittens, and boots to needy children in the Bountiful area.



## A MESSAGE TO "OUR CUSTOMERS" *Winter Storm Outage Report*

A major storm hit Bountiful on the morning of December 26, 2003. Bountiful received over 40 inches of snow which began with a higher than normal water content. This heavy, wet snow stuck to the trees which then drooped into or broke off and fell into the power lines. Repairs to the system were then hampered by the heavy accumulation of snow which made travel, walking, finding underground equipment, and moving equipment very difficult. Trees which would normally never come into contact with the power system broke and fell into our lines, breaking poles and wires and blowing section fuses.

Our first outage was reported at 1:50 a.m. on December 26, and power was restored to all customers at 2:40 a.m. on December 27 – 25 hours later. During that time, we received 347 calls with our outage tracking system. The average outage lasted 4.43 hours, and the longest outage lasted 23.97 hours.

The central east area of Bountiful was the largest area affected on December 26, when 1,300 customers were without power for one hour and forty minutes.

We received many calls over the next three days, ranging from half powers to sections that were out of power. We were able to handle these outages with a two- to three-man crew, restoring power typically within two or three hours.

We want to thank you, our customers, for your patience and understanding during those difficult days. Many customers called to thank us for our efforts, and letters expressing thanks were written to the editor. We especially appreciated these customer responses. Our many loyal customers know that we are dedicated to their best interests. During this year we plan to keep up the maintenance of our system, which includes the trimming of trees. We will do our best to keep our system very reliable, with minimal outages. – Clifford C. Michaelis, Bountiful Light and Power Director