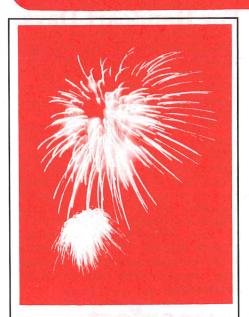


# BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Bountiful City Budget: No Tax or Fee Increases For 1991-92 Fiscal Year

Almost half of the proposed 1991-92 Bountiful City general fund budget will go for street improvements and police protection—and as an extra highlight, property owners will pay less this year in city-generated property tax than they did 10 years ago.

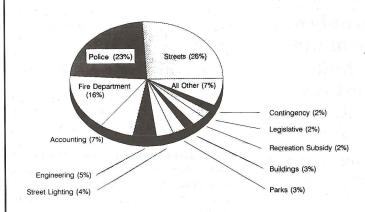
"Our financial position allows us to provide a high level of service without burdening our residents with tax increases," said Tom Hardy, city manager. "There are no increases in water or sewer rates, electrical rates, sanitation rates or business licenses. There are also no fee increases for the golf course, cemetery or recreation."

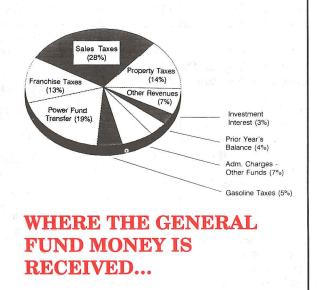
Major purchases in the \$31.1 million budget include replacement of the city's 25-year old aerial ladder fire truck (\$500,000), replacement of the Street Department's road grader (\$100,000), and purchase of a refuse front-end loader and 420 commercial refuse containers (a combined \$317,000). The Bountiful Centennial Committee will also receive \$18,000 for the group's various commemorative activities, and fulltime city employees will receive a 3% salary adjustment.

Among capital improvements is a \$600,000 expansion and upgrading of the city's central electrical substation and initiation of the East Canyon hydroelectric project (\$400,000).

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# WHERE THE GENERAL FUND MONEY IS SPENT...





# Parade And Other Activities Spotlight Handcart Days During Week of July 24

Bountiful's Handcart Days is simply an event for everyone!

"It's just a matter of finding out what suits you and your family—and then having a good time together," says Parks and Recreation Director Neal Jenkins

A traditional highlight is the July 23 Handcart Days Parade scheduled this



year at 6:30 p.m. The parade will assemble at 5-Points Mall and proceed north along Main Street to 400 North. The theme of this year's parade is "The Pioneering Spirit—A Family Tradition", and entries should carry a pioneer or patriotic theme, according to Frank Newman chairman of the 1991 event. Float entries are now being accepted by calling Mr. Newman at 292-6211 or 265-1210. (Commercial entries will be charged \$25.)

Other Handcart Days events:

—A traditional adult softball tournament at the City Park diamond, 250 W. 500 North;

—Free swimming for the entire family during special early-morning hours, and two-for-the-price-of-one discounts at the city pool on July 24.

—Free admission to an ice-skating exhibition featuring Bountiful's Holly Cook and other top-ranked skaters;

—A traditional 5-K and 10-K race scheduled for July 24;

—Concessions and special events at the City Park on the evening of July 23 and all day on July 24.

Chairman of the 1991 Bountiful Handcart Days is D. Allen Jameson



Fireworks Return For Handcart Days

After a more than 20-year absence, fireworks will return to Bountiful City's Handcart Days with a splashy 45-minute program on the evening of Tuesday, July 23. The program will be featured at dusk in the park area east of Mueller Park Junior High School.

"In past decades there have been concerns over safety," said Neil Jenkins, parks and recreation director. "However, there have been vast improvements in recent years with the accent on safety and visual choreography. We expect residents will enjoy the fireworks display as a comfortable family outing."

Cost of the display is approximately \$10,000. The city selected a Utah fireworks promotion company after competing firms made several bid presentations.

# Bountiful Celebrates Annual Summerfest With Unique Arts Festival & Sidewalk Days

What puts a community on the map more than anything else? More often than not, it's the summer festival held each year.

Richmond has its Black and White Days and Brigham City has its Peach Days. Now Bountiful is rapidly gaining popularity with its annual Summerfest and Sidewalk Days.

Bountiful's Summerfest will be held this year on Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10 with evening performances at Woods Cross High auditorium Aug. 8, 9 and 10.

Summerfest International 1991 is Davis County's only arts festival and will feature more than 75 fine arts and crafts' booths and nearly a dozen ethnic food booths. There will be 14 visiting foreign dance troupes from the Phillipines, Israel, Brazil, India, Mexico, Argentina, Italy, France, Switzerland and the United States. The groups will

bring with them craftsmen who will demonstrate various crafting methods and other culture of their countries.

"During its 10-year run in Bountiful the Summerfest has gained the reputation of being the cleanest, most

Bountiful is only one of 5 cities in the nation to hold a Summerfest Arts Festival...

family oriented festival in Utah. last year, nearly 15,000 attended the two-day event, up from 6,000 in 1989. "We are expecting upwards of 20,000 to attend this year," said Scott Jensen, director.

He noted that this type of arts festival is quite new to the United States, and the Bountiful Summerfest is only one of five sites nationwide—the others being Waynesville, N.C.; Rexburg, Idaho; Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and Springville, Utah.

Sidewalk Days is also unique, being one of the first communities in Utah—or the nation for that matter—to begin selling clothes, shoes, foods, and all types of items from the sidewalk, according to Lois Pickett, owner of Servus Drug and long-time Main Street merchant.

This year's Sidewalk Days, as in past years, will be staged the first weekend in August—Thursday, Aug. 1, Friday Aug. 2 and Saturday, Aug. 3. Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association, the three-day attraction is expected to draw thousands of prospective shoppers to the downtown stores.

#### Budget Includes No Tax Increases

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The city's level of service, its responsiveness to its citizens, and the low taxes, fees and charges it imposes all add up to a high quality life at an affordable cost," says Hardy. "In fact, Bountiful's overall 'cost of living' index for all municipal services is less than any other surrounding city and is among the lowest in the state."

"We try to provide quality, professional, friendly and reliable services. We don't just provide water; we try to provide absolutely pure water which exceeds all health standards at adequate pressures and volumes with proper temperature and taste."

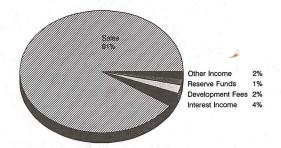
"We don't just deliver electricity; we try to provide proper voltage, nearly 100% reliability, without power surges, and a safe transmission and distribution system."

"We don't just have a 'rec' center; we try to provide a pleasing experience in an outstanding, clean, professionally operated and managed recreation facility for young and old alike."

"We don't just provide a golf course; we try to provide a 'country club conditioned' course with friendly and professional staff."

"These attempts to raise our standards set Bountiful apart in our goal

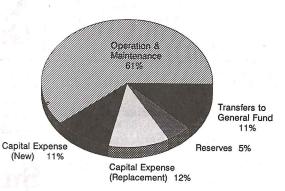
to make it a 'world class' city."



#### WHERE THE CITY'S ENTERPRISE FUNDS MONIES ARE RECEIVED

91% are derived from sales or charges. Of this amount, almost 75% is received from electricity or power rates.

#### WHERE THE CITY'S ENTERPRISE FUNDS MONIES ARE SPENT



### **Mayors Corner**

#### By Mayor Bob Linnell

I would like to take this opportunity to report to the citizens on the fiscal status of our community. We are just completing the 1991-92 fiscal year budget, which will be \$31,124,328. This is a balanced budget with no increases in taxes or fees — no water rate increases for the 7th year in a row, no sewer rate increases for the 8th year in a row, no sanitation increase for the 6th year in a row, no business license increase for the 9th year in a row, no golf course, cemetery or recreation fee increase, and no power rate increases.

It does provide for one new police officer, one additional fireman, and a police dispatcher. We will then have 170 full-time employees — 40 less than the 210 we had in 1980.

It also incorporates a 3% salary adjustment for all full-time employees. Medical costs are up considerably, with the employees and the city sharing in those increases.

The city adopted a "pay as you go" philosophy in 1981 and created "Reserve for Replacement" and "Reserve for Future Development" funds to assure resources would be available to meet the city needs at any given time. This precludes the necessity of bonding and allows each generation of taxpayers to pay their fair share. The following is the present status of some of those funds:

		Current	Needed to
Fund		Balance	<u>Fully Fund</u>
Capital Improvement		\$1,562,749	\$5,000,000
Water—Future Development	t .	1,400,417	1,500,000
Water Replacement		1,767,588	5,000,000
Sewer Replacement		1,614,220	3,000,000
Light & Power Transformer		1,156,172	2,000,000
Future Power		(154,676)	5,000,000
Golf Course Future Develop	ment	313,993	500,000
Golf Course Replacement		581,548	1,000,000
Recreation Center		614,813	1,800,000
Landfill		302.951	7.800.000

We contribute a nominal amount to these reserves each year, thereby assuring the fund will be available as needed. **This** "pay as you go" approach means we are not "mortgaging our grandchildren." More importantly, we have the capital necessary to make repairs, replacements, and upgrades, thereby keeping our public infrastructure modern, safe, and efficient.

I salute the staff for the effective and efficient manner in which they administer the operational and financial needs of this community.

Street Projects Scheduled For Summer, 1991

Summer public works projects include 11.2 miles of road resurfacing at 55 different sites, sidewalk/curb/gutter improvements (including the replacement of culverts and reconstruction of storm drains at 29 intersections) and some \$600,000 in major capitol construction.

Among the major street projects:

• Reconstruction of 1500 South from Main Street to Orchard Drive, and reconstruction of 400 East form 500 South to 200 South. Work on the two projects budgeted at a combined \$475,000, could start as early as July, but preliminary needs may delay one or both projects until next spring;

 Diversion of water through a new storm sewer system on 400 North. Upon completion, the State will begin repaying of 4th North from 500 West to Main Street and into Centerville;

• Completion of repaying on Davis

Boulevard from 3500 South to 3800 South;

 Widening of 400 North from Davis Boulevard to 1250 East.

In addition, the city plans on realigning Barton Creek to remove the creek flow from the sanitary landfill.

#### Gypsy Moth Program Nearing An End

Bountiful's role in the statewide Gypsy Moth eradication program is drawing to a close, but the success will not be immediately known.

The aerial spray covered a wide but sparsely populated area east of 1300 East and from Cave Hollow to Centerville. However, more than 90 percent of the area covered is uninhabited U.S. Forest Service property, according to Neal Jenkins, Bountiful Parks and Recreation director.

He noted that this is the third—and probably final—year for Bountiful's eradication program. The first year the area was hand-sprayed from the ground, but last year the area was "bombed" with an aerial spray.

Jenkins explained that the pest management program is divided into three equally important components: trapping, quarantine and treatment. The treatment program was started in late May and is expected to be completed between June 15 and June 30.

Residents of the area being treated were cautioned that under the quarantine portion of the program items such as boats, recreation vehicles, mobile homes, camping gear, trees, shrubs and building material which had been stored out of doors couldn't be moved from the property until a certificate of clearance was obtained and the items inspected. Failure to comply with this quarantine requirement could result in a fine of up to \$5,000.



## A Request To Please Cover Garbage Enroute To Landfill

It's the law, and West Bountiful City officials say they are going to enforce the Utah Littering Act, and issue citations to those who do not enclose or cover their garbage while enroute to the Bay Area Refuse Disposal (BARD) facility. West Bountiful Mayor Carl M. Johnson sent a letter to Bountiful officials urging residents to cover or enclose their debris being hauled to the dump, or face a possible fine for littering. Bountiful City Manager Tom Hardy has asked residents to "be friendly neighbors"—and avoid a citiation in the process.

## Summer Precautions Can Enhance Safety, Decrease Theft

With the onset of summer, break-in and theft cases skyrocket—but there are precautions that homeowners can take to prevent these occurances.

Police Chief Larry D. Higgins said a lot more emphasis needs to be placed with homeowners to protect their property.

Thefts from homes and vehicles can be decreased if owners will be certain to lock their car and house doors and to report to the police station when going

#### Fill out a simple form...And the city police will make periodic checks of your home

on a vacation of more than two or three days. "If a family member will come into the station and fill out a simple form before going on vacation, police officers will provide a periodic check of the home," Chief Higgins explained.

"Also a neighbor-to-neighbor watch is very effective during the summer, especially when so many people are away from their homes."

Bike riders, skateboarders and the new craze of skateblading also increase in the summer—and along with increased participants come an increase in the number of accidents. These riders are urged to exercise caution and wear protective gear, especially helmets. None

of these sports should occur in the city streets where it is not only unlawful but dangerous the chief noted.

Water Restrictions Relaxed Due To Spring Rain

On May 28, the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District restored irrigation water allocations back to 100% and relaxed outside watering restrictions to allow watering on any day during any hours other than 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. BOUNTIFUL WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT, which supplies water to most city residents, will follow this Weber Basin outside watering policy.

In addition, BOUNTIFUL CITY WATER DEPARTMENT, which furnishes culinary water to most city residents, has also relaxed restrictions to allow watering any time except from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The relaxation of the restrictions was made possible by the wetter than normal months of March, April and May, an occurrence which could not be foreseen in February when the restrictions were imposed.

Although the restrictions have been relaxed, the water sheds have not fully recovered from five years of drier than normal conditions. Water users should still practice conservative use of water by only watering when necessary, adjusting watering systems to prevent waste, and observing the "no watering" time (10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily).