

BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

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Moderate Water Restrictions In Place For Summer '93

Despite this winter's above-average snow in Northern Utah, outside watering restrictions are still necessary to combat a six-year period of below-normal precipitation.

The Bountiful Water Subconservancy District, a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation project, has announced moderate water restrictions: **outside watering will not be allowed from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., but residents may water at any other time during the week.**

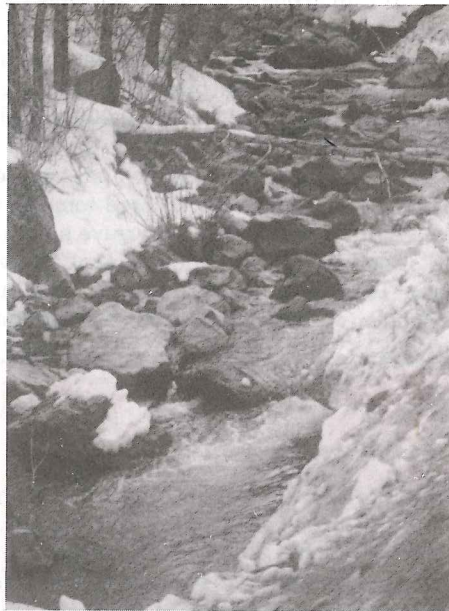
The restrictions reflect a rational water conservation program necessary due to Utah's recent drought. While the

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Weber River Drainage, the source of Bountiful's irrigation water, has had a 20% increase in average snowpack, the increase is not enough to make up for six previous years of below-normal precipitation.

"If we were down to 80% of normal for each of the six years, we'd have to receive a whopping 220% above-normal this year to even the score," said a city water official. "We won't even come close to that this year and there are still doubts that the reservoirs will fill. However, this winter's storms are appreciated; without the heavy snowpack, we were looking at a total prohibition on outside watering for the coming summer."

Water lines are now being



prepared for the 1993 water season which tentatively begins April 12-16. Residents using pressure irrigation are advised to close all taps and main control valves prior to April 12 to prevent flooding of their property or their neighbor's property. (Heavy-duty water keys are available as "free loaners" from the water district office, 385 West 500 South.)

The closing of taps and control valves to prevent flooding is the responsibility of the property owner. **Also, all new sprinkling system connections must be inspected by the water district. For an inspection appointment, please call 295-5573.**

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But in Case of Spring Flooding...

How many of you were here when the floods of 1983 hit? A cold, wet spring, followed by a rapid warming trend could create conditions similar to 1983 — prime for potential flooding within the City of Bountiful. However, the city is much better prepared to handle large amounts of water than it was ten years ago, when all three streams which traverse through the city flooded over their banks and created millions of dollars in property damage.

After the floods of 1983, over \$10 million in flood-control improvements were installed. Large debris basins at the mouths of Ward Canyon (Stone Creek) and Holbrook Canyon (Barton Creek) were installed, which would control and regulate potentially disastrous flows. The large earthfill at Davis Boulevard and 1500 South is designed to handle the water from Millcreek. Other smaller debris basins are located on all three creeks. Additionally, the stream channels were widened and, in many cases, lined with concrete to provide increased capacity for the water to flow through the city. Much larger culverts were installed at each of the creek crossings on our urban streets, so we are confident that almost any set of circumstances that Mother Nature throws at us will be properly handled by our storm drainage and flood control system.

Nevertheless, there is still a small amount of "low snow" in the
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Candidacy Deadlines For Bountiful Municipal Elections

Residents wishing to run in the Bountiful City Municipal Election must file a statement of candidacy with the City Recorder's Office by Aug. 24 at 5 p.m.

The 1993 election will involve two 4-year City Council seats currently held by René Coon and Les Foy and the four-year position of Mayor currently held by Bob Linnell. Both Mayor Linnell and Councilman Foy have announced that they will not seek reelection.

The general municipal election will be held Nov. 2. If a primary election is necessary, it will be held Oct. 5.

Requirements for those seeking Bountiful City office:

- Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Bountiful (or a newly-annexed area) for 12 consecutive months prior to the election.

- Must be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter of the municipality. Questions about candidacy can be answered by the City Recorder's Office (298-6115).

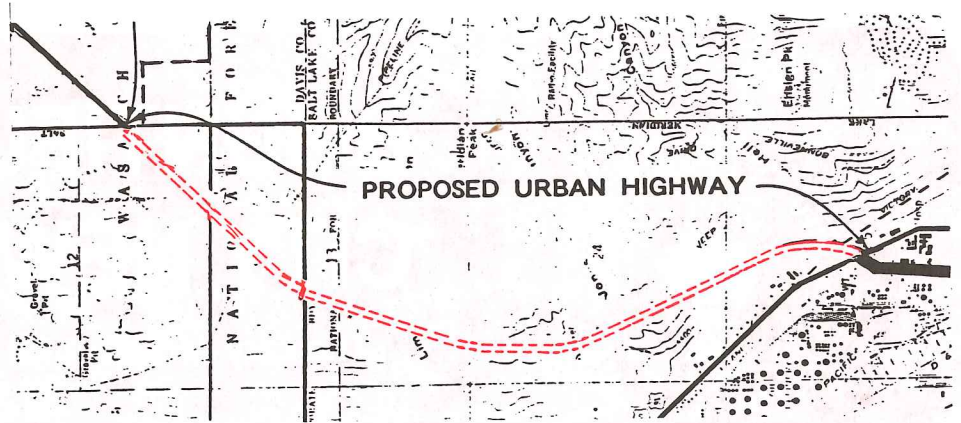
Newly Relocated Recycling Center Is Again Accepting Glass

The recycling center will be moved from the Bountiful City complex to the City Shops, 950 South 200 West, by mid-April—and once again, the bin will accept glass!

The newly-located recycling program for tin, newspaper and glass will also continue to help the city's beautification fund since the proceeds will be used to purchase trees for city parks and other municipal areas. (Last year, the City Parks Department purchased over \$1,200 worth of trees from newspaper recycling funds.)

The glass recycling container will accept any type or color of used food container glass or small pieces of plate glass. The recycler cannot, however, accept any safety glass (such as auto windows) or ceramics that look like glass. Residents recycling glass should remove the container lids and rinse the bottles before placing them in the bin, but there is no need to separate the glass by color.

As with any type of recycling center, please do not place any material in the container other than the specific material listed.



Council Supports Concept For Boulevard Extension Into Salt Lake

The Bountiful City Council has endorsed the efforts of Concerned Citizens of Bountiful to extend Bountiful Boulevard in a three-mile development connecting with Salt Lake City's 3rd West Street—a plan which would dramatically shorten the commute time to Salt Lake's downtown area.

"It's an attempt to halt the gridlock developing on the north-south freeways and major arteries," said City Engineer Jack Balling. "Bountiful Boulevard is currently carrying about 2,000 vehicles per day, but that will surely increase with next year's opening of the Bountiful LDS Temple. One study projects that traffic on the boulevard could balloon to 10,000 vehicles daily by the year 2020, more than five times the current volume."

The idea of an East Bench passage connecting Bountiful to Salt Lake City is not new. The concept was discussed some 60 years ago, and a 1965 transportation study by a San Francisco firm even gave a name to the idea: the Ensign Peak Parkway.

The City Council endorsement of the idea will be passed along to the Salt Lake Area Transportation Committee. The initial proposal will likely be for a two-lane extension with capability for an additional two lanes.

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higher residential areas. Most of this snow will leave in the next couple of weeks, and if it does it will mean that the only snow we have to contend with is that in the mountains, which the flood control system mentioned above should adequately handle. However, if we have a repeat of 1983, with additional heavy snows followed by rapid warming, individual properties may be flooded. To minimize damage and control, we recommend that homeowners take the following precautions:

- Survey your home to determine if the melting of snow on your own property could create problems for you. Look for such potential problems as snow banks above window wells or patio doors, inadequate roof drainage, or if your home is set lower than the street and the possibility exists that water could jump the curb and gutter and flow onto your property.

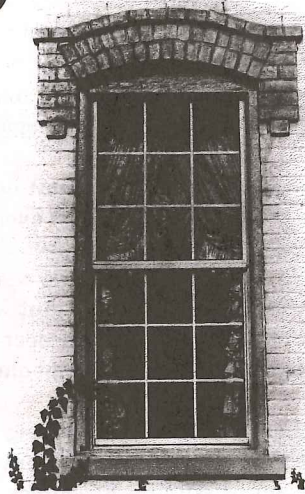
- If you observe any potential flooding problems, be prepared. The city has sandbags available at our city shops located at 800 South and 200 West, and arrangements can be made to obtain the sandbags by calling 298-6175 during working hours.

- If an emergency occurs where flooding on your property is imminent after hours or on weekends, call E-911 and arrangement will be made to open the city maintenance facility, where sandbags can be immediately picked up and placed.

- If you experience flooding in your home, our Fire Department is available to help pump out the water. Should you need assistance, call 298-6230.

The city found an invaluable tool in the floods of 1983 — our neighborhood district organization, where neighbors banded together to help each other. Once again this year, should flooding problems occur, the city will utilize the neighborhood district organization to help minimize damage to property and make sure that we get through the unusually heavy winter without tragedy.

DWELLINGS



A Guide to Early Bountiful Homes
Built Before 1900

Historical Home Book Now On Sale

The new Bountiful Centennial history (*Dwellings—A Guide to Early Bountiful Homes Built Before 1900*) is available for \$12 at a variety of community outlets.

The book is divided into four geographical tours of 91 early Bountiful homes in the central, northern, eastern and southern neighborhoods. The book also includes a map to help guide drive-by spectators, current and historical photographs of the homes, dates of construction, lines of ownership, architectural features, and biographical information about the owners.

A "human history" of Bountiful City, the volume is enriched by historical anecdotes and local lore.

The book can be purchased at the Bountiful City Hall (Utilities Dept.), Bountiful Senior Citizens Center, Carr Stationery, Sam Weller's Book Store at 5-Points, and Temple View Book and Tape. Mail orders (\$2 additional) can be processed by Louise Leary, 766 North 600 East, Bountiful, 84010.

Also available at the City Utilities Dept.: **BOUNTIFUL CEMETERY WALKING TOUR GUIDE**

"Luther S. Burnham donated 10.23 acres for the burial ground and Stephen Hales Ellis sold 9.8 acres for \$50 to form the 20-acre Bountiful Cemetery... In the early 1850's and 1860's there were no undertakers. The dead were packed in ice at home."

Utah Legislature 'Favorable' To Bountiful, Say Lawmakers

Bountiful City taxpayers will benefit from legislation passed during the 1993 session, according to the area's Utah House and Senate representatives.

"We didn't get everything on our wish list, but the end result was quite favorable for Davis County," said Rep. Kim Burningham.

Among items directly impacting the Bountiful area:

- A school equalization measure to help high-growth, low-assessment school districts like Davis County's. Sen. Lane Beattie noted that, without the bill, districts with a relatively low commercial tax base and soaring enrollment growth would bear the bulk of future tax burdens, creating an even greater disparity between low-assessment and rich-assessment districts. (Even though Gov. Mike Leavitt vetoed the bill, the Governor's alternative plan implements other funding sources helpful to Davis County). Local bonding may still be necessary, but the increased funding should lessen the need for future property tax hikes.

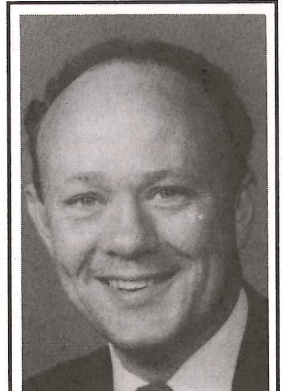
- The State's agreement to reimburse county jail facilities for confinement of state inmates, reducing

the need for future county tax increases.

- An appropriation of \$1.5 million to assist displaced defense workers and providing funding for matching grant programs emphasizing career retraining.

- An amendment creating a "bill of rights" for property owners and limiting the powers of redevelopment agencies. The bill, a compromise proposal, should also increase the tax base of local school districts.

- Additional funding for Antelope Island including \$400,000 for the causeway and more than \$1 million to help construct necessary facilities on the potential tourist site.

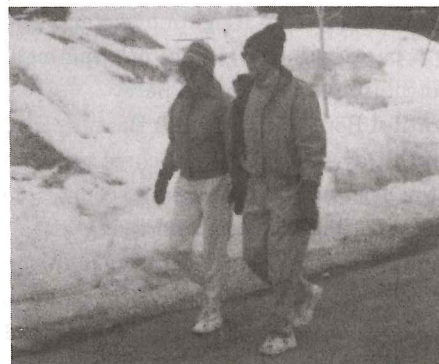


Sen. Lane Beattie said school funding measures are vital to Davis County education.

Major Summer Street Projects Include 400 East, Bountiful Blvd.

Major 1993 road projects include a reconstruction of 400 East (from 500 South to 400 North) and a nearly two-mile lighted "walking path" on Bountiful Boulevard from Mueller Park south to Chelsea Cove.

The 400 East project due to begin in late April or early May will involve



Popularity of jogging along Bountiful Boulevard has led to 1993 pathway project

the relocation of underground cable, replacement of sewer and water lines, and the reconstruction of the roadway, curb, gutter and sidewalk. The cost of the project: an estimated \$850,000.

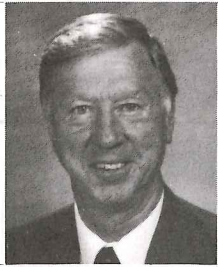
The "walking path" will create an 8' - 10' wide area on the boulevard for recreational walkers and joggers. The path will be similar to the walking area previously constructed north of 1800 South.

Traditionally, the city has designated at least one major street project for summer construction. Last year's project involved reconstruction of 1500 South from Main Street to Orchard Drive; the 1991 project centered on Orchard Drive.

The 1994 summer project will focus on Main Street between 500 South and 1500 South, according to Balling.

Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Bob Linnell



The State of Utah's Board of Game Control recently considered a recommendation to eliminate rifle hunting in the mountains east of Bountiful and along all of the Wasatch Front from Weber Canyon to the Point of the Mountain. After meeting with a number of experts, including employees who work for the Division of Wildlife, it was obvious to me that this was a poorly-thought-out proposal which could have very negative impacts on our citizens.

We are experiencing rapid deer population growth resulting in a phenomenon known as **urban deer**. These deer live year-around in our community, and can be found in canyons, open fields, and even in people's backyards. Our citizens have lost landscaping and vegetation as these deer have left their mountain habitat for our city limits. Last year, almost 1,700 deer were taken from the mountains east of Bountiful and other Davis County cities, with only 70 of those taken by bow hunters. If the deer hunt were limited only to bow hunting in this area, the deer population would explode. The result would be an increase in deer-car accidents, starvation and disease for animals due to too many deer and too little forage and range, and an over-all imbalance and potential disaster for both the deer and our citizens.

The Division of Wildlife Resources has tried to thin out the "urban deer" population in Bountiful this year, taking out almost 100 deer in controlled circumstances within our city limits. The city has an ordinance against any type of hunting, including both archery and rifle, within the city limits, so only authorized officers of the Division of Wildlife Resources can harvest these deer. If the deer population is allowed to explode in the foothills, the amount of deer in the city would simply be too much.

In another matter, the city has sold Block 29 to the post office, and is hopeful that the post office while initiating construction of a facility within the next year so that Bountiful citizens can enjoy a modern post office with better access and service. A contract has been let for the demolition of the buildings on that site, and all of the buildings should be completely demolished and removed from the property by the end of May.

The Redevelopment Agency is discussing possible uses of the fund derived from the sale, and is leaning toward some sort of low-interest loan program for the improvement, upgrading, and expansion of businesses throughout Bountiful. The Redevelopment Agency is presently meeting with financial institutions to determine if they have an interest in participating in such a program.

City Manager's Report

By Tom Hardy



Last year the Davis County School District determined that two pieces of Bountiful property were surplus properties they wished to sell. These properties, located at 1800 South east of Mueller Park Junior High and at the intersection of 400 East and Bountiful Boulevard, were originally acquired by the school district for construction of additional elementary schools as the need arose. When the district determined that there would not be a need for additional elementary schools in the foreseeable future, the city quickly contacted the school district to indicate an interest in acquiring the properties. A large number of citizens also petitioned the city to purchase the properties and utilize them for city parks.

Both the city and the school district had the properties independently appraised, and the city paid the school district the average of the two appraisals. Each property is approximately ten acres, and could have been developed into single-family residential lots. The total purchase price of both sites was \$620,000.

The property acquired by the city east of Mueller Park Junior High is known as the "upper field" and presently has two soccer fields on it. It is already planted in grass and has an irrigation system. The city has no immediate plans to change the character or use of that property, although a parking lot originally programmed for the property may be constructed. The city's annual July 23rd fireworks display will continue to be located here.

The other property, at the corner of Bountiful Boulevard and 400 East (approximately 3800 South), is undeveloped at this time. A recent public hearing was held at South Davis Junior High School to solicit input from area residents concerning what they would like to have in the park. Among the desired uses were tennis courts, playgrounds for both small and large children, grass areas (to be used for practicing soccer, throwing frisbees, and flying kites), a sand volleyball area, jogging trails, and boweries for both large groups and individual families. A conceptual plan for the development is being prepared by a consulting firm, and a budget is being prepared to go along with the conceptual plan.

It's nice to be able to preserve a large open space east of the Mueller Park Junior High School, and exciting to acquire property for a park site in the southeast area of town where we have had considerable growth and development. Bountiful is renowned for its quality parks and open spaces, and these two areas will further serve to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.