



# WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2013

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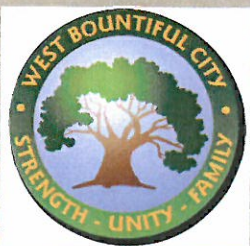
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## **State of the City~ by Mayor Ken Romney**

As springtime approaches I thought I would provide an update of the state of the city. This winter has been much colder and we have received much more snow than normal. This could make for high spring runoff this year. If you have a sump pump, land drain, or other means by which you deal with water drainage, I encourage you to ensure things are in good working order. Public Works employees are responsible for the open ditches and storm drains. If you have one in front of your house or nearby, your help in keeping them clean and free of debris is greatly appreciated. Following find a update of city departments.

**Finances-** The city is now in a better financial situation than in the past several years. That doesn't mean that there is extra money to spend. The big problem the city faced was a large amount of debt, coupled with aging water and road systems and a downturn in the economy that resulted in significant reduction in tax revenue to the city. The council has made some difficult, but in my opinion, necessary decisions to get the city on a stable financial path. This has been done by cutting spending, and unfortunately raising fees for water, and taxes for streets. It is our goal to pay off the current debts and fund replacement of our infrastructure without going into further debt. As of right now we are on that course. My biggest concern as we become more financially stable and pay off our debts is that we could drift off that course. There is a place for bonding/borrowing in government, but in my opinion it should only be for emergencies or limited circumstances. We need to operate on the money that we have.

**Streets-** We are now more adequately funding the capital improvement and replacement of our roads. Historically, rather than maintaining our roads to last for 50-75 years, some of our roads have deteriorated to the extent that they have to be fully replaced at a much higher cost. The first of those was 400 North between 800 and 1100 West. The next will be 700 West between 1000 and 1600 North this summer. There are a couple more in the future including 800 West North of Porter Lane. You may have noticed several roads the last couple of years that have been seal coated or overlaid with new asphalt. This is an effort to keep our roads from deteriorating to the point of needing full replacement.

**Water-** I know that our water rate is painful to everyone's pocket book. The average monthly residential water rate consists of three components; operating costs \$22.00, bond payments \$18.00 and pipe replacement \$23.00. The problem is that the city has approximately 35,000 feet of 50-75 years old water pipe that needs to be replaced with no funding available. With the pipe replacement fee, we are now on track to have a stable water system. Due to the downturn in the economy and lower construction costs we have been able to replace more pipe per dollar than anticipated. The pipe replacement portion of the water rate will automatically expire in the spring of 2014, at which time we will re-evaluate the status and needs of the system. The water bond will be paid off in August of 2024. This summer we will replace the water lines on 700 West along with the road replacement. We had not planned on replacing the water lines on Pages Lane for a few years, but, due to several breaks in the past month we may need to replace it this summer. Fortunately, we now have the money in our replacement fund to do so.

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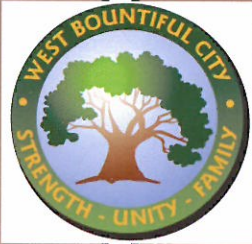


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**Golf Course-**The golf course is probably the area of the city that I am most concerned with right now. The golf course over the years has been a burden on city finances. That is due to the bond/loan the city took out for the course. That was understood when the city chose to buy the course. The last couple of years we have made some significant cuts in personnel at the course to reduce spending and minimize the impact on the city budget. I greatly appreciate the hard work from this reduced staff. The good thing is that we will make the last payment on the golf course this year. That will save us about \$225,000 per year. The important thing is that we operate the course efficiently and like a business. If we do so, the course will bring money to the city rather than be a cost to the city. I believe the Golf Course is a real asset to the city. We are currently working on a business plan for the course.

**Police Department-** The police department is the area of the city that I am least concerned about. I would like to thank our Chief Todd Hixson for his leadership and service. The current department consists of ten employees. That includes the Chief and Administrative Assistant. This is down from eleven employees that we have had in the past. There are no plans to add back the eleventh employee.

I would like to thank the citizens for the opportunity to serve you as your Mayor. West Bountiful is a great place to live. Let's make sure it's a great place for our kids to live also. As always, if you have any questions, comments or would like further information on the city please feel free to contact me by email at [kenr@gramoll.com](mailto:kenr@gramoll.com) or by phone at 801-298-3952.



**Strength, Unity, Family** These words are on the logo of West Bountiful City. Strength is a result of Unity and Family, particularly unified families. Our hearts have been collectively wounded by too many recent events of violence in our country. We live in a wonderful community where we feel somewhat insulated from such difficulties. The best protection that we achieve for peace and happiness as a community is to continually watch after and care for one another. This is a demonstrated value of West Bountiful. It may not be on the logo, but we witness countless hours of service performed. Some is very private, some is public, but each act of compassion and kindness unites us, strengthens us, and demonstrates to our families the values that protect us. A little patience and understanding can go a long way to nurturing someone who is at the crossroads of life.

## **Holly Drills**

Holly (the refinery) is very proactive with their safety program. We are very familiar with the tests that are conducted every Friday at Noon where announcements are made over the loudspeakers. They also conduct periodic drills that emulate potential spills or evacuations. These are often multi-agency drills with the South Davis Metro Fire department, West Bountiful Police Department, and other Public Safety agencies and other refineries participating.

When Holly conducts drills they contact the City first so that we can respond to concerns. If you have any questions or concerns about announcements over the loudspeaker system from Holly you may contact their **CAER line at 801 560-5511**. You may also contact **City Hall at 801 292-4486** or the **Police Department business number at 801 292-4487**.





# PUBLIC WORKS



## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

### Upcoming Projects:

**400 North Street Reconstruction** The 400 North project will be completed this Spring as weather warms up and allows crews to finish up the odds & ends still left to be done.

**700 West Reconstruction** 700 West, from 1000 North to 1600 North, will be reconstructed this year. The project will include replacement of the water line and excavation and rebuilding of the street. We expect this project to take place in the Spring and early Summer. Please plan on taking alternate routes during construction. Thanks for your patience while we improve our City.

**400 North Storm Drain** We will be upgrading a portion of the storm drain located at 1151 W 400 North in early Spring. This section of drain is currently smaller than the new drain pipe that was installed as part of the 400 North Reconstruction project. The diameter of the pipe will be increased to handle the storm water run-off flows from the east.



**City Park – Parking Lot Overlay** The south parking lot of our City Park will get an asphalt overlay this summer. As part of the project, we will be constructing curb and gutter along the Park frontage on 1600 North. We are looking forward to a cleaner looking entrance to our Park as well as a fresh new parking lot.



**City Park Walking Path** We will be constructing a new walking path around the City Park beginning this Spring. The path will be constructed of concrete that will be 6 ft. wide and will meander around the outside edges of the Park. We hope that once this project is complete all of our residents will enjoy the many benefits this brings to our City Park.



### ARE WE PREPARED?

*by Terry Olsen*

Being prepared is not just for emergency situations. Each season brings reasons to get prepared. The record breaking snow we have received will present challenges for us as it melts in the springtime. Is your sump pump in working order to handle the demand that it may receive as the snow turns to water? **NOW is the time to check them out and make the repairs necessary** to have your pumping system in order.

Some other areas to consider when asking the question “ARE WE PREPARED?”

- Power Outages (electrical services disrupted)
- Food/Fuel Shortages (due to distribution problems)
- Severe Storms (may cause us to be home bound for long periods of time)
- Earthquake/Geophysical Disturbances ( could create widespread damage)

Nearly every day we see disasters of some kind happening throughout the world. “ARE WE PREPARED?” Remember the windstorm in December 2011?

To learn more about what you can do to help prepare to take care of yourself, your family, and your neighbors plan on taking a **Certified Emergency Response Team** class. To find out when our next class will be held, contact Rick Everett (801) 231-9800 [rick@myers.com](mailto:rick@myers.com) or Tom Cebrowski

[tom@cebrowski.org](mailto:tom@cebrowski.org). Visit us on... FACEBOOK.

**PREPARE  
TODAY!**





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL HOME OWNERS

## MESSAGES FROM YOUR WATER DEPARTMENT

**What is Thermal Expansion?** Thermal expansion is the build-up of pressure as water is heated. When a water heater heats water it causes it to expand to a point where it might be forced back into the drinking water system. In the event water backflows into the City's water system, the drinking water can become contaminated. Starting in the 1990's residential water meter setters were manufactured with backflow prevention devices built into them as a safeguard to protect the culinary water supply. While protecting a public drinking water supply from potential backflow, these devices also close or seal water off inside of your home. This can create higher pressure on an existing plumbing system within the home.



**All homes built since 2001** are required to have thermal expansion devices to protect the homeowners plumbing from potential damage. A thermal expansion tank (small tank), typically installed above the water heater, is one method to relieve excess pressure. However, **homes built prior to 2001** may not have these devices. You should consult a licensed plumber if you have any doubt about your system.

The Water Department encourages you to make sure pressure relief or thermal expansion devices are installed and operating properly on or within your plumbing system.

**Back-Flow Testing** Annual back-flow testing is coming up! We are required to have annual testing of all back-flow assemblies. Back-flow protection is required on home sprinkler systems that use City water and do not have atmospheric vacuum breaker (AVB) sprinkler valves. Businesses are evaluated on a case by case basis. WB City must receive a copy of the test reports on all back-flow assemblies no later than May 31, 2013. For more information, contact Blake Anderson, WB Water Master at 801-292-4486.

**Back-Flow Class** Questions or concerns about thermal expansion and backflows? Please come to our class to get all the answers **May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at West Bountiful City Hall.** Contact Blake Anderson, Water Master at 801-292-4486 with questions.

**WEBER WATER WILL BE TURNED ON THE WEEK OF APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>.** Please remember to shut your valve off to prevent flooding and wasting water.

## WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY SPRING CLEAN UP 2013

The City will provide large bins in the City Park for Spring Cleanup beginning Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. WB Residents will be allowed to dispose of yard waste, scrap metal and miscellaneous cleanup materials from their primary place of residence. Driver's Licenses will be checked.

We will not accept...

- Lead Products
- Wood larger than 2x2x6'
- Chemical Material/Explosives
- Paint
- Commercial Waste
- Animal Remains
- Tires
- Appliances with Freon
- Hazardous Waste of any kind
- Radioactive materials
- TV's
- Barbed Wire

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

West Bountiful City Park

North Parking Lot by the Baseball Fields

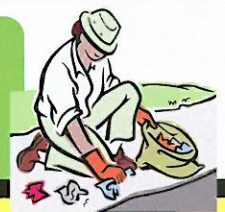
Mon- Fri 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Sat 8:00 a.m. until bins are full

Sunday- NO DUMPING ALLOWED

**BINS WILL BE BARRICADED AFTER HOURS**

- Please do not leave trash at barricades
- Please take Hazardous Material Waste to Wasatch Energy Recovery Facility in Layton
- Please take Green Waste to Bountiful Landfill- it is accepted there year round- but WB will cover the cost during our clean-up period.



**WB  
SPRING  
CLEAN~ UP  
APRIL 13 ~  
APRIL 20TH**



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Sponsored by the WB Youth City Council  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Bowery Behind City Hall**  
**Ages 1 - 9**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR CITY

### 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION

Concert & Fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Flag Raising Ceremony**

**Parade and Celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup>**

Chairperson Wendy Marble/& the WB Arts Council  
 Parks Coordinator- Debbie McKean  
 More information in Next Newsletter

## BARKING DOGS?? ANIMALS RUNNING LOOSE??

Whenever you encounter a problem with animals in our City, please contact the West Bountiful Police Department at 801-298-6000 and they'll determine when to call Davis County Animal Services.



## NEED A GIFT??

When you need a gift idea for that special someone – don't forget that Lakeside Golf Course gift cards are always appreciated!!



## SOLICITORS – What is and is not allowed?

Springtime brings nicer weather but also an increase in door to door sales. West Bountiful has strict requirements for Solicitor licensing. Once a solicitor successfully completes the licensing process, the City will issue a laminated "West Bountiful Solicitor License." The card will include a license number and must be carried by the licensee, and presented upon request, while engaging in business in West Bountiful. Hours for solicitation are from 10 am to 6 pm.



## Monthly Schedule of Events

All events occur at the West Bountiful City Hall unless otherwise noted

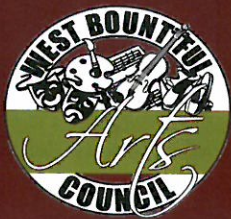
<b>Tues</b>	Mar 5	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting
<b>Fri</b>	Mar 8	7:00 PM	Arts Council – Irish Celebration
<b>Sun</b>	Mar 10	2:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time
<b>Tues</b>	Mar 12	7:30 PM	Planning Commission
<b>Tues</b>	Mar 19	7:30 PM	City Council
<b>Tues</b>	Mar 26	7:30 PM	Planning Commission
<b>Sat</b>	Mar 30	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Sun</b>	Mar 31		EASTER
<b>Tues</b>	Apr 2	6:00 PM	Budget Worksession
<b>Tues</b>	Apr 2	7:30 PM	City Council
<b>Tues</b>	Apr 9	7:30 PM	Planning Commission
<b>Fri</b>	Apr 12	7:00 PM	Arts Council-Movie Shorts
<b>Sat</b>	Apr 13	8:00 AM	Spring Clean-up Begins @ City Park
<b>Tues</b>	Apr 16	6:00 PM	Budget Worksession
<b>Tues</b>	Apr 16	7:30 PM	City Council
<b>Sat</b>	Apr 20		Spring Clean-up Ends @ City Park
<b>Tues</b>	Apr 23	7:30 PM	Planning Commission
<b>Tues</b>	May 7	7:30 PM	City Council
<b>Fri</b>	May 10	7:00 PM	Arts Council- Young Artist
<b>Sun</b>	May 12		MOTHER'S DAY
<b>Tues</b>	May 14	7:30 PM	Planning Commission
<b>Tues</b>	May 21	7:30 PM	City Council
<b>Mon</b>	May 27		MEMORIAL DAY City Offices Closed
<b>Tues</b>	May 28	7:30 PM	Planning Commission
<b>Tues</b>	June 4	7:30 PM	City Council

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WEST BOUNTIFUL

# ARTS COUNCIL

PRESENTS

## CITY EVENTS



## Good Ol' Irish fun

*Come join the St. Patrick's Day celebration*

**Friday, March 8, 2013**

7 p.m. - City Hall

The Arts Council's March concert will offer a fun, toe-tappin' good old Irish celebration. West Bountiful's very own Irish resident, Alan Marsden, will get you in the St. Patrick's Day spirit with his great performance. We promise a surprise or two for a terrific, "feel great" evening starting at 7 p.m. at city hall.

## Movie shorts rescheduled

**Friday, April 12, 2013 ~ 7 p.m. - City Hall**

January's storm prevented local filmmakers Keith Maloy and Daniel Smith from sharing their work January 11 in a night of movie shorts. The Arts Council is pleased to announce this night of movie shorts has been rescheduled to Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at city hall. Come and see Daniel Smith's Rocket Boy which won awards at the 2011 Park City Short Film festival. Then burst out laughing at one of Keith Maloy's crazy short films! Maloy and Smith's films are guaranteed to bring you laughs galore. Bring your snacks and leave your stresses at the door. Then go home feeling happy! This is a night you won't want to miss!



## LOVE THE SPOTLIGHT?

The Arts Council wants to give local artists an opportunity to share their talent. Contact Eric Eastman, 801-292-0664, if you know someone from West Bountiful whose work we could showcase at city hall as one of the monthly featured artists. Contact Colleen Maloy, 801-298-0293 if you or someone you know would like to perform at one of our free monthly concerts.

## Talented youth to showcase music

**Friday, May 10, 2013 ~ 7 p.m. - City Hall**

The second Friday in May will be the annual young artists concert. Each year, the Arts Council hosts a tribute to West Bountiful's own talented young musicians. The program showcases a variety of instrumental and vocal performers. Come celebrate the accomplishments of these developing musicians. This will be a night honoring truly dedicated and talented young performers.







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### FROM THE CHIEF...

#### One Person Makes a Difference for Everyone

**We live in a great community and our neighbors are good people.** We as a whole want to believe in the best part of humanity, but despite all of this there are those out there that prey on others. LTC (RET) Dave Grossman spoke about society using the analogy of Sheep,

Sheepdogs, and Wolves. (A great read if you're interested it can be found on the internet.)

In this article I want to use that analogy, but on a little smaller scale. LTC (RET) Grossman talks about the denial of the sheep and how they don't want to believe the wolves exist, but the wolves will feed on the sheep without mercy. The wolves prey on those they perceive as being weak, or in many cases they take the path of least resistance to get their reward.

So, what does this have to do with **one person making a difference**? We live in a community and whether we like it or not our individual actions affect others. If we make it easy for the wolves to come into our neighborhood and steal our property, or commit other crimes then it puts everyone at risk. We have now invited the wolves with easy prey and while they are here they will take advantage of others.

We all need to move towards thinking like the sheepdog, **don't make it easy for the wolves. Close your garage doors at night**, if you see a neighbor forgot to close theirs then call them and let them know. **Don't leave your purse, wallet, phone, or other valuable items in your car** even if you lock the door. The wolves know how to break windows. **Don't leave your purse in the shopping cart unattended**, even for a moment, the wolves are fast. The wolves are very creative and will take advantage of any opportunity to relieve you of your property. Let's make it as difficult as possible for them to hunt in our neighborhoods and they will move onto easier hunting grounds.

I am not saying that you should live in a hyper vigilant state all your life, but increase your level of awareness and help your neighbors when theirs might be down. Let's make sure the wolves know they are being watched and the sheepdogs will be coming for them. Let them know we are not easy prey and this community is full of sheepdogs!

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West Bountiful City



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