



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

JANUARY 7, 2015



**PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL
BY JOHN TAYLOR, CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

TAYLORSVILLE PROJECTS:

Information from Taylorsville Engineering Department

Pedestrian Bridge at 4500 South



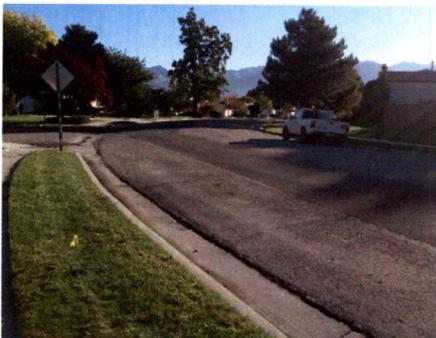
In efforts to improve regional connectivity and safety for pedestrians, Taylorsville is collaborating with Murray City, UTA, UDOT and the county to make this project possible. This safe sidewalk project extends and connects existing sidewalks to the Jordan River Trail. It also provides a bridge for pedestrians to safely cross the Jordan River at 4500 S. Anticipated completion for the project is Spring 2015.

3900 West 5400 South Roadway Improvements



This roadway and intersection improvement project is designed to improve the pedestrian and vehicular access to commercial properties in the area. This project was completed in December.

Storm Drain Projects



The city has four projects designed to improve the storm drain system in each area. Schedule for completion of projects are as follows:

Bluemont Dr.:	Completed
Atherton Dr.:	Spring 2015 Construction
4805 South:	Completed
Continental Cir.:	Completed

Open Space Connection Plan



The plan is to provide regional connectivity for pedestrians through a series of phased projects. This phase of the plan includes the following segments:

1. 2700 West: Two pedestrian path crossings have been installed in 2700 W. Scheduled completion is January 2015.
2. City Center: Pedestrian path along the north side of the property is in. The alternate pedestrian path will be added as the area is developed.
3. I-215: Concept and design for path improvements and access are underway. Construction not yet scheduled.
4. Smith Field Estates: This path is currently under construction by the developer of the area.
5. 2200 West: The trail utilizes the existing sidewalk in this area.
6. Vista Park: The trail utilizes the existing sidewalk in this area. Minor improvements will be made to improve access.
7. 4805 S: Trail improvements have been design. Construction not yet scheduled.
8. 4800 S/ Jordan River Parkway: The trail utilizes the existing sidewalk in this area. Minor improvements and signage will be added as needed.

PARKS:

Information from Taylorsville Engineering Department

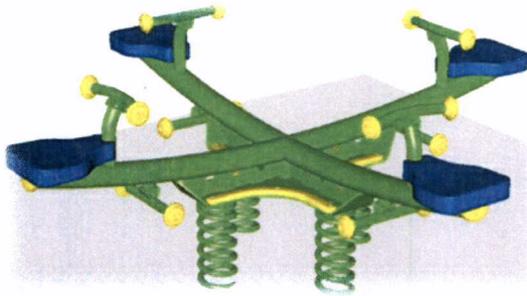
Labrum Park



Phase I for park improvements includes installation of the main pavilion,

restroom, walking trail and fencing. This project is near completion.

Bennion Park



The park expansion and upgrade includes additional swings and an assortment of spring toys. This project was completed in December.

Redwood Wall



The city plans improvements along the west side of Redwood Road South of 5000 S. The project will include replacing the existing variety of fencing with an 8' stamped concrete sound wall (Taylorsville typical style). Scheduled completion is pending.

TAYLORSVILLE FOOD PANTRY:

Information from Administration



The Taylorsville Food Pantry is open to all Taylorsville residents who are in need of food. The Food Pantry is located at 4775 South Plymouth View Drive (behind the Taylorsville Senior Center).
Hours: Monday: 1 - 3 p.m., Wednesdays 4 - 6 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m. - noon.

Do you have items to donate? Contact the Taylorsville Food Pantry at 801-815-0003 to see if they can use any items you may have to donate.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION HERITAGE CENTER:

Information from Historic Preservation Committee



Did you know we have a museum in our historic district? The Taylorsville Bennion-Heritage Center at 1488 W. 4800 S. provides free tour for families, scout troops, or fieldtrips. Contact Joan at 801-265-8478 for more information.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS:

Information from Ben Gustafson – Emergency Response Coordinator



Utah winters have earned us the reputation of having the 'greatest snow on earth.' Our winters bring great recreational, outdoor activities such as skiing, snowboarding, sledding and others. We also celebrate holidays and enjoy being with family and friends.

Utah winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

As you travel to your destinations this winter, you can avoid many dangerous weather problems by planning ahead.

Prepare your vehicle by:

- Keeping your gas tank full
- Having a trusted mechanic properly maintain fluids in your vehicle (oil, antifreeze, etc.) and perform other, regular maintenance
- Installing good winter tires

Also, carry a proper winter emergency car kit in your vehicle. Consider adding these items:

- Windshield scraper with a small broom
- Collapsible shovel
- Road salt, sand or kitty litter for traction
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery powered radio
- Water
- Snack food including energy bars

- Extra hats, socks and mittens
- Blankets
- Car cell phone charger
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Tow chain or rope
- Jumper cables
- Emergency flares or reflectors
- Fluorescent distress flag to attract attention

If you have any questions about how to prepare for winter or other emergencies, contact our Emergency Response Coordinator, Ben Gustafson, at 801-963-5400.

GRAFFITI BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM:

Information from Administration

If a residence is attacked by graffiti, the homeowner can contact the City of Taylorsville (801-963-5400). The homeowner will then receive a case number and a voucher that is good for up to one gallon of free paint matching the color of the surface where the graffiti was left. The voucher is redeemable at Kwal Paint located at 5640 South Redwood Rd. Taylorsville, Utah. We appreciate our partnership with Kwal Paint in this beautification program.

WASATCH FRONT WASTE & RECYCLING DISTRICT:

Information from Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District

Christmas Tree Collection



From January 5-30, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District will be collecting Christmas trees curbside. Please do not place trees in the street. Your tree may be picked up on any of your regular scheduled collection days during the month of January.

TIPS:

- No trees with lights, ornaments, tinsel, stands, or flocking
- Do not put trees in your garbage can or recycle can

No Garbage Collection Monthly Fee Increase for 2015

The Administrative Control Board of the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District has rescinded the earlier anticipated monthly fee increase for 2015. This is due to the efforts of district staff improving efficiencies through residential routing to reduce miles and making adjustments to the fleet replacement. Efforts towards recycling by our customers have also assisted in keeping garbage dumping costs manageable.

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District will be conducting our 2014 customer survey Monday, November 24th through Wednesday, December 14, 2014. Please visit our website at wasatchfrontwaste.org and complete a survey to help the district better monitor and improve our services.

UNIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Information from UPD



Winter Driving Tips

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down-hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

- **Utah's Child Restraint Law states:** The operator of a motor vehicle operated on a highway shall provide for the protection of a person younger than eight years of age by using a child restraint device to restrain each person in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer of the device.
- Children younger than eight are not required to be in a booster seat if they are at least 57 inches tall. At that point, they should use the lap and shoulder belt without a booster.
- The penalty for breaking this law is \$45. Failure to properly secure children is a primary offense, so a driver may be pulled over if anyone in the vehicle under age 19 is not properly restrained. This does not mean simply restrained in a seat belt. Children ages seven and younger must be restrained in an age-appropriate child safety seat or booster seat.

PARKING AND SNOW REMOVAL:

Information from Neighborhood Compliance

City of Taylorsville Code:

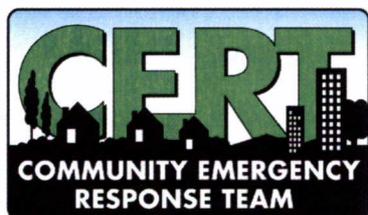
11.20.080: PARKING PROHIBITED WHEN:

It is unlawful for any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle to park any vehicle on any street or highway:

- After any snow and/or ice accumulation, until after the street or highway is cleared of snow and/or ice; or
- For a period longer than twenty four (24) hours; or
- For any period longer than the allowed by appropriate signs, markings or parking meters giving notice of such parking time limitation. (Ord. 14-03, 2-19-2014)

GENERAL CERT MEETING:

Information from Emergency Response Coordinator – Ben Gustafson



Community Emergency Response Teams or CERT Teams, are made up of volunteer community members who are trained in light search and rescue, fire suppression, CPR and first aid as well as many other necessary skills that could be needed in emergencies or disasters.

The General CERT monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month (except July and December). Sponsored by the City of Taylorsville, the meetings consist of mini-refreshers on different aspects of CERT. The next general CERT meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Gustafson at 801-963-5400 or bgustafson@taylorsvilleut.gov.

CALLING ALL HAM OPERATORS:

Information from Emergency Response Coordinator – Ben Gustafson



Is your radio just sitting there? LET'S TALK!

If you are a licensed HAM radio operator living in or near the Taylorsville, we invite you to become involved in the TAYLORSVILLE HAMnet. We welcome your talents and expertise in our efforts to provide the community with dedicated radio operators, community event radio support and emergency communication services.

If you want to become a licensed HAM radio operator, contact us in

person on the last

Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m., - noon. We are located at 4775 S. Plymouth View Circle (follow the road around past the Senior Center to the Pantry). The radio room is on the south side of the building.

JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Information from Kris Heineman



Community Council meetings are held monthly in the evenings. Please consider attending these lively discussions and participating with your community in making Taylorsville an even better place to live, work, and play!

If you are willing to get involved, please contact Kris at kheineman@taylorsvilleut.gov or at 801-963-5400.

WEST VALLEY CITY/TAYLORSVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER:

Information from West Valley City/Taylorsville Animal Control



The mission of West Valley City/Taylorsville Animal Shelter is to diligently improve the quality of life in our community by providing safety to citizens and animals, preserving the health of citizens, and providing care for animals.

Our mission is to provide these services in a professional manner being sensitive to the interests of the citizens, the welfare of the animals and the overall good of the community.

West Valley City/Taylorsville Animal Services proudly serves the City of Taylorsville residents. For questions, concerns or to report a stray animal, call 801-965-5800. For after-hours service, call 801-840-4000.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2015:

Jan 1		New Year's Day City Offices Closed for Business	
Jan 5 - 30		Christmas Tree collection @ curbside	
Jan 7	6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
Jan 13	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall
Jan 14	6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
Jan 23	7:00 p.m.	CERT Training	City Hall
Jan 28	7:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Day at the Legislature	Capitol
Jan 29	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Mayor's Town Hall Meeting	City Hall