ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

FEBRUARY 4, 2015

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL
BY JOHN TAYLOR, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

TAYLORSVILLE PROJECTS:

Information from Taylorsville Engineering Department

Pedestrian Bridge at 4500 South

In an effort 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.

Taylorsville Exchange Club Freedom Shrine

In an effort to preserve and protect the Freedom Shrine Memorial, Taylorsville in collaboration with the Taylorsville Exchange Club to remedy an ongoing maintenance issue with the brick paver areas checkered throughout the memorial.

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 Drive.	Completed
Atherton Drive.	Spring 2015 Construction
4805 South	Completed
Continental Circle.	Completed

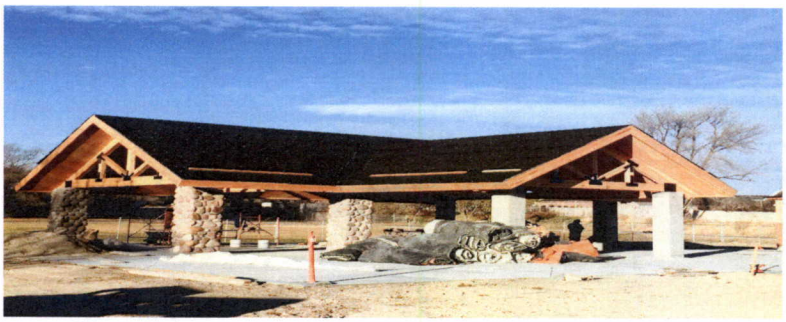
Open Space Connection Plan

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:

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.

NEW TAYLORSVILLE BUSINESSES:

Information from Economic Development

Carlos Trujillo Law - 5991 South. Redwood Road - Law Firm
Cupbop J - 3269 West. 5400 South. - Mobile Catering
DMV Emission & Inspection - 4973 South Redwood Road – Emissions
James L. Guinn, DMD - 6287 S. Redwood Road - Dentist

TAYLORSVILLE ARTS COUNCIL SHOW – 2015:

Information from Arts Council

The annual Arts Council Show will be held on February 27 – 28, 2015. Entries will be open to the public on Friday, February 27, 2015 from noon to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. This event will be held at the Taylorsville Senior Center located at 4743 South Plymouth View Drive.

Save the Date - Taylorsville Arts Council Auditions

Taylorsville Arts Council is holding auditions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Taylorsville City Hall on Friday, May 1st, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please come prepared with 12-16 bars of an up-beat Broadway Song, and accompanist will be provided. Please bring a headshot and resume. Call-backs will be in the afternoon on Saturday – May 2nd. Performances will be July 9th-14th, at the amphitheater on the Taylorsville campus of the Salt Lake Community College.

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 YOUTH COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE:

Information from Taylorsville City Council

The Taylorsville Youth Council is hosting a service project for the Taylorsville Food Pantry. They are in competition with other Youth Council groups from all over Utah to see who can collect the most pounds of non-perishable food items they can receive by February 15, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Jaden Muir (City Youth Ambassador) at 801-706-2460, or Kris Heineman (Youth Council Advisor) at 801-243-7855.

Drop-off locations are as follows: Taylorsville City Hall (2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. - first floor, and Taylorsville Senior Center (4743 Plymouth View Drive).

5th ANNUAL TAYLORSVILLE URBAN CART DART:

Information from Neighborhood Services Coordinator

The Taylorsville Urban Cart Dart will be Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Each year the streets are filled with shopping carts and costumes for the Taylorsville Urban Cart Dart. This exciting event not only helps Taylorsville get more activity in a fun way, but highlights our city's businesses and parks. The Healthy Taylorsville Committee and the Leisure Activities, Recreation, and Parks (LARP) Committee sponsor this event as a unique event that is attended by teams from all over the state, but features Taylorsville as a vibrant and fun place to live, work, and play.

Urban Cart Dart teams are made up of five people acting as the sled dogs who run the course, and a shopping cart for a sled, all in theme costumes. There is no set course, but teams decide how to get to the various challenges where they compete for points. Awards are given for most points, fastest time through the checkpoints, best costume/theme, and even the slowest team. Register your team today at www.taylorsvilleut.gov - $40.00 for a team of five participants. For more information, contact Rhetta at 801-963-5400, x 3030.

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

Information from the LARP Committee

Attention Garden Lovers! Spring will be here before we know it! We will be starting our spring seed planting at the Taylorsville Community Greenhouse on Saturday March 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The cost is $25.00. You will leave seeds in the greenhouse until you plant outside.

- March 14, at 10:00 class on straw bale gardens and companion planting

- March 21, at 10:00 class on pruning, fruit trees, grape vines and roses

Cost on the classes is $10.00 for each class.

If you have any questions, call Toni at 801-265-1328 or email at td3lenning@qwestoffice.net.

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 PREPARDEDNESS:

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

WASATCH FRONT
Waste & Recycling District

The fees for 2015 will remain $14.75 per month ($177 per year) for one garbage can and one recycling can, plus all the other services you receive in your services package. Additional garbage cans are $180 each per year (unchanged for 2015). There is a $5 fee increase for green trailer rentals, raising the price per rental from $30 to $35.

Green Waste Subscribers:
241 in Taylorsville

2014 Diversion for Taylorsville:
Green Waste – 515 tons ($7,732 in savings)
Recycling Collected – 3,318 tons ($102,863 in savings)

Glass Collected – 65 tons ($2,001 in savings)

2014 Voucher Program:
147 vouchers were used in Taylorsville. $1,470 paid by the District. Vouchers are available from January – December. You can pick them up at the receptionist desk at city hall.

UNIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Information from UPD

Kathy Smith presented Unified Police Department Executive Lieutenant Mike Schoenfeld with stuffed animal donations from the State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining employees.

Why do the police, fire fighters and paramedics need stuffed animals? They give them to children who are accident victims, sick and/or injured, crime victims, witnesses to a crime, experiencing a traumatic event, or coping with a loss.

PARKING AND SNOW REMOVEL:

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:

A. After any snow and/or ice accumulation, until after the street or highway is cleared of snow and/or ice; or
B. For a period longer than twenty four (24) hours; or
C. 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, February 19, 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

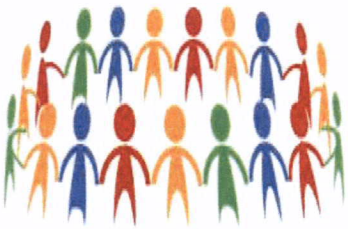
Is your radio just sitting there? LET'S TALK!

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:

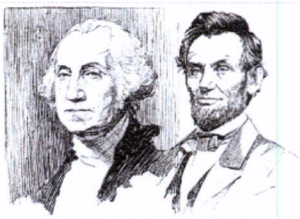
Information from West Valley City/Taylorsville Animal Control

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 FEBRUARY 2015:

Feb 4	6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
Feb 10	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall
Feb 15		Youth Council Food Drive Deadline	
Feb 16		President's Day City Offices Closed for Business	
Feb 18	6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
Feb 19	7:00 p.m.	CERT Training	City Hall
Feb 27-28		Annual Arts Show	Taylorsville Sr. Center