

Comments to the City Council by Connie S. Taney - Chair of the
Historic Preservation Comm. Wed., July 8, 2015

Tonights thoughts are going to be very informal, as I plan to simply chat with you about our awesome Historic Preservation Comm.

First of all, please accept our gratitude for the strong support you send our way. We feel accepted, honored, and valued. We are very pleased to be under the umbrella of Taylorsville City, representing our valued past and preserved heritage.

Our concerns are few, but our showcased efforts are worth shouting about. Our advisor, Chair Kristie Overson, knows how much we anguish over the allotted yearly budget, and how frugal we are with trusted donations.

We are simply making you aware of some of the events that took place at the Heritage Museum since I last stood before you.

1. Thanks to Committee member Joan White, we had the privilege of shepherding 51 classes from 12 elementary schools during May and June through the museum! That translates to approx. 1,326 students plus teachers & parent volunteers. The classes that were invited were 2nd through 5th grades. These tours were funded by a ZAPP grant that Joan wrote.
2. There have been 6 Eagle Scout projects nearly completed at the Center.
3. 2 loads of road base have been delivered and spread around the facility to cover up deep pot holes. This helps keep the dust down.
4. There were new rain gutters installed around the Dairy store.
5. The old diseased tree by the greenhouse was cut down for safety issues.
6. All 3 parking lots were re-designed and cement curbs were placed as needed.
7. The School house and Bringham shed got a new fresh coat of paint.
8. There is a brand new water fountain outside under the parlor window that is a dandy! The fountain was made possible from private donations in honor of my Mom, Audrey Jones Steadman who lived in the Jones home for 23 years.
9. The antique tractor donation made by Jake and Dama Barbor was once again used in the Taylorsville Dayzz parade, and driven by Bruce Wasden. He really enjoys that task! (Even if it was 100 degrees that day)
10. Building rentals of the Gazebo, museum and dairy store are so exciting! Folks in Taylorsville use the facilities in abundance as shows for the months of May & June:

- a. The Arts Council used the dairy store for rehearsals of "Joseph" for 19 nights.
- b. The Utah Poultry Association had a meeting/social in the dairy store.
- c. The DUP gals from one of the Taylorsville camps rented the dairy store
- d. The North Jordan Irrigation Canal folks rented the dairy store.
- e. The Ham Operators of Taylorsville rented the dairy store.
- f. A 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary was celebrated in the dairy store.
- g. There was a gorgeous wedding in the Gazebo with the wedding luncheon served in the dairy store.
- h. A Religious organization rented the Gazebo area for their summer social
- i. A group of young women volunteered to clean the museum from top to bottom one night.
- j. There was a 20th Wedding Anniversary celebration in the Gazebo.
- k. A family reunion was held in the dairy store.

11. Some upcoming efforts that are planned this summer are:

- a. Painting of the foundation wall to the west of the Gazebo
- b. Removal of the Pfitzer shrubs in front of the museum, replaced by healthy grass.
- c. 6 rentals of the facility so far for July.
- d. As part of our outreach program, we have put together a traveling exhibit called "Grandma's Kitchen". It is a tote full of artifacts and memories of days gone by. If schools cannot come to us at the museum, they can check out the tote and use it in a history lesson for their school. I'll pass around an album that goes with the exhibit.

e. I saved the best up coming event for last. **SAVE THE DATES: Sept 10, 11, 12** for Tombstone Tales to be presented in the Cemetery across from SLCC. You won't want to miss this event, in fact we are going to officially invite all of you to act as greeters on one of those nights. Your job would be to simply let the folks know who are getting off the tractor driven wagon that they are **welcome** and we are excited to entertain them.

This event is in conjunction with the Arts Council and ZAPP.

My, that's been a lot of info to digest, right? So now, let me ask any of you who might have questions of me before I sit down. Are we bragging, you BET! We are proud of our Museum and outbuildings. WE have the best advisor possible, and cherish the time we spend together as a committee. Oh, and please don't take away our hard working care taker who makes us look so good!

Questions?