In a few days, registered voters in Davis County will receive ballots to cast in this year’s primary election. Voting begins the date the ballots arrive and will continue through the actual primary election date—which is Tuesday, August 15.

The purpose of this Primary Election Guide, compiled by the Davis Clipper, is to give voters an opportunity to hear a brief response from all candidates who were asked what they felt the biggest issue or issues were facing their cities. The responses we received are printed as submitted, edited to fit our 125-word maximum format. They are listed alphabetically by city and by candidate’s last name.

The county clerk’s website provides information on how and where to vote, including drop off locations, as well as polling places. Access it at http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerk-auditor/elections2.

Following the primary election, the general election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 7. Ballots will be sent out to registered voters on Oct. 17.

Watch for election results in the Davis Clipper, on our website, or via Facebook.

Here are answers to a few commonly-asked questions:

Why Vote By-Mail?
Voting by mail is the best way to inform voters of the candidates and issues that are on the ballot each election. It provides voters the best opportunity to study the candidates and issues. Voters can make their choices and vote their ballot at their convenience. Voters have the choice to return their ballot in the mail or deliver it to one of the many drop locations.

Will Your Votes Remain Confidential?
Yes, your ballot will remain confidential. Our State Constitution ensures your right to a secret ballot. Our processes and procedures ensure separation of personal identifiers (such as the voter’s name, signature and address) prior to the ballot being viewed.
As a lifelong resident of Bountiful, I have become concerned with the lack of confidence in city leadership. Decisions have been made without listening to citizen input, and citizen opposition to issues has been largely ignored. The controversy surrounding the building of a new city hall, and tearing down Stoker School, illustrate this point.

I am concerned about the inadequate notice of public meetings, which has resulted in diminished opportunity for public input. For example, one public meeting notice arrived after that meeting had passed.

As Mayor, I would insist that notice of meetings exceeds the requirements of the law. We need to put this divisive time behind us and restore confidence in our local government.

Dean Collinwood

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Randy Lewis

A significant problem in Bountiful is the trend of childhood obesity. The Davis County Health Department, of which I am a board member, reports that 22.1 percent of our children 10-17 years old are overweight.

Two factors pose a threat to our health: a sedentary life style in front of the TV, video games, and social media, combined with fast food high in fat and calories. We have a deadly recipe for poor health and obesity.

I propose a program called “Get Out and Play,” which will be a two year program that will challenge us. Working with the Health Department, we can measure results and better our personal health. We know that losing weight will also have a positive health effect on our children.

Solution? Vote them out! Elect people with a fiscally conservative, BACK-TO-BASICS mindset.

Bob Lindsay

The biggest issue facing Bountiful City is a critical need for effective government leadership. My plans are to ensure proper planning, review, and announcements for city council and planning commission agendas. I will work with the city council to eliminate situations where budget increases, moratoriums, and policy changes are voted on without appropriate review timelines and community input.

My plans will improve business development by identifying available inventory and reaching out to state, local, and business leaders who want to invest in our community.

The Mayor’s office is the leader for building economic development bridges. My plans include a review of city operations to identify new and innovative approaches to reduce spending and increase efficiencies by listening to all employees and contractors serving the public.

John Pitt

A 50-year resident of Bountiful, I have come to recognize that retaining and attracting the next generation of citizens to live, work, shop and lead in our town is today’s most important task. As Mayor, creating the right mix of opportunity, affordability, and variety to enhance Bountiful’s future will be my key objective.

A Bountiful future is one that offers an inviting yet affordable place for all residents to live, has the infrastructure to ensure services are safe and cost-effective, and also promotes a robust economy driven by diverse employment, recreation, shopping and dining opportunities.

I am anxious for my children and yours to enjoy even more of the benefits of living in Bountiful that we’ve enjoyed for years. See www.bountifulfuture.com for my detailed plan.

Nicholas Price

I am listening – to be your leader! Our government is not listening to our citizens. We need to create a more open government, improve our schools, and make public safety (especially keeping our neighborhoods safe) a top priority. With nearly a decade of management experience, I know what it takes to listen, and then find solutions, navigate complicated issues, and get things done.

Now is the time for a leader who is full of energy, willing to listen, motivate and lead Bountiful City and its citizens to an elevated state of readiness and preparedness. The future is too uncertain. It is time to put the status quo behind us and have ideas and options for whichever way the economy will turn.

How to VOTE

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JOHN PITT
Bountiful's Top Choice for Mayor

When the Bountiful City Primary Ballot arrives in your mailbox, you will see Mayoral Candidate John Pitt’s name at the very top of the list. That ranking was strictly by luck of the draw. His ranking as Bountiful’s most qualified candidate for Mayor, however, has nothing to do with luck. It comes from many years of leadership experience, community development efforts, and engagement with citizens. Here are some of his qualifications and also a few of his plans for Bountiful’s future.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE
• Bountiful City Council Member
• Davis Chamber CEO
• Bountiful Davis Art Center Board Member
• Bountiful Youth Council Advisor
• Davis Association for Public Education Chair
• Davis Schools Foundation Board Member
• Davis United Economic Development Founding Member
• Pioneer Adult Rehabilitation Center Board Chair

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Helped bring about:
• Bountiful Recycling Program
• South Davis Recreation Center
• South Davis Fire District
• Expanded retail, arts and lifestyle activities downtown
• Creekside Park design
• Deer relocation program
• Hillside Preservation Zone
• Cemetery expansion

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT
• Continually votes to open public discussion on city issues
• Thoroughly researches, discusses, and considers all sides of issues before taking the best action for Bountiful
• Provides thorough explanation and reasoning for votes cast, regardless of position
• Seeks additional dialogue even after votes to ensure best outcome for Bountiful

PLANS FOR BOUNTIFUL’S FUTURE
He supports:
• Attractive yet affordable housing for Bountiful’s families
• Increased maintenance and repair of infrastructure citywide
• Additional recreational opportunities at Bountiful parks and creekside trailways
• Aggressive economic development to finance improved city service levels

VOTE JOHN PITT FOR MAYOR OF BOUNTIFUL.
MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT BY AUGUST 14TH
Seth Allen

I am looking towards Bountiful’s future! Are you? We need to make wise decisions that safeguard our solar power, our streets, our land, and our technology. I have an uncommon amount of common sense, and that is exactly what we need on the City Council to drive good decisions now, and into the new century. I want to create programs encouraging our residents to adopt clean power. I will put construction under contract to finish on time and within budget. I vow to curtail wasteful spending on land and side-deals. And, I pledge to vote FOR technology and infrastructure investments which keep Bountiful competitive in the 21st century.

Elect Seth Allen to Bountiful City Council and get an unbiased, future-driven perspective that is based in common sense.

Alex Densley

The City of Bountiful has many issues that it faces; however, the biggest one that I think the city faces is community trust. Through the past several years, Bountiful City has had multiple hot topic issues.

The most notable one was the new City Hall. The trust that was in the community for the city was strained beyond measure.

As my main running point there should be more transparency and communication between the city and its citizens, in order to rebuild that trust. This can be accomplished through a better city website, information sent to residents with their bills weeks in advance, and through social media.

Clint Halladay

The lack of vision is very concerning to me, but I want to touch on what I am hearing are the most important issues in Bountiful. I have been very active with my canvassing and talking with people, learning what they want to see in a city council member. The overwhelming response is someone who listens and is engaged.

I want the opportunity to help lead Bountiful to renewed heights and it’s very important to me to bring people and ideas together. If elected I will continue knocking on doors, talking with people, asking for advice, input and even help. I would like to see the town hall meetings live streamed and I will host events so I can hear your ideas and concerns. Clintforbountiful.com facebook.com/clintforbountiful

Kendalyn Harris

Infrastructure maintenance, including delivery of clean water, electricity, garbage pickup, and snowplowing at the best possible price are crucial responsibilities Bountiful city faces.

That being said; a city with effective communication with its residents will understand if these essential needs are being met as well as identifying areas needing improvement.

Kendalyn demonstrated her commitment to hearing resident concerns by her work to implement a public comment period at City Council meetings. She posts information online to encourage feedback from residents. She diligently responds to residents emails and phone calls.

Kendalyn pushed for surveys to be sent to residents to better gauge public opinions. She will continue to listen, collaborate and find win-win solutions. This will be key to Bountiful’s success despite future challenges we face.

Bret Hutchings

The most impactful issue that Bountiful faces is the lack of focus our elected officials and some management have on the fundamentals. The most neglected of these fundamentals are: First, the relationship between the city and the residents. Second, the immense amount of failing infrastructure (Streets, Water, Power) without a complete plan or proper funding. And, third the lack of accountability on flawed processes and performance.

As residents, we must elect and support leaders who can regain this focus. I commit to keeping residents informed, and will let your voice guide my actions. I am developing a plan for the perpetual maintenance of the infrastructure. Proper accountability will start on day one, and will be paramount to making OUR Bountiful the best it can be.

Kenny Knighton

In my opinion, the biggest issue facing Bountiful is TRUST. During the past several months, our community has been severely divided.

There is a serious need to rebuild trust not only in our city leaders, but in the direction our city is heading.

I will work hard to earn your trust. I will use your tax dollars wisely to improve Bountiful’s roads, sidewalks, parks, water lines and electrical infrastructure. I will strive to ensure that our citizens have a voice in the important decisions that affect them.

The public’s business should be conducted in the public’s view. I support televising city council meetings. I will LISTEN to the concerns of the citizens of Bountiful in an open and productive manner to unify our city.
DEDICATED

KENNY KNIGHTON

- 40-year resident of Bountiful
- 30-year Bountiful business owner
- Co-founder of NoNewCityHall.com & Better Bountiful Committee
- Supports televising city council meetings
- Ready and willing to LISTEN to citizens' concerns
- To remain impartial Kenny is NOT accepting campaign donations

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Bountiful - Council

Mason Milligan

The generational shift that is taking place. As a fifth generation Bountiful resident, I love and respect the core values and traditions that I have been taught and the foundation that has been established within our community.

It's now time for the younger generation to follow in these footsteps. By improving our streets, utilities, parks and recreations, and working together on the deer population, while protecting the Bountiful city limits and foothills.

We must establish great community camaraderie and bring these two generations together.

Chris R. Simonsen

My wife and I chose to live and run a business in Bountiful. We raised 6 wonderful children here and now watch 11 grandchildren grow up in this same community. From attending City Council meetings I have become aware of some challenges facing our community.

If elected, I will have an open mind to the public and city employees on how to best deal with these challenges. This would be an opportunity for me to apply the principles of leadership and service I have gained from over 40 years in business and as a husband and father. I have no hidden agenda; my purpose in running for City Council is to keep Bountiful a wonderful place to live, raise a family and retire.

Chris R. Simonsen
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Seth Wright

Transparency is at the heart of every critical issue in Bountiful. Whether the matter is relocating city hall or investing in critical infrastructure, it's Bountiful's obligation to share information with residents quickly so that elected officials may be held accountable.

I will work to stream online Bountiful's open meetings for greater transparency in government – this builds upon the high standard of integrity we have in Bountiful, and catalyzes open governance. It will generate transparency, engage citizens, and provide near instant feedback for elected officials and administrators.

There is no need to legislate in the dark!

Chris R. Simonsen
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No response was sent to the Clipper by this candidate
Dave L. Nelson

Farmington- Council

John Bilton

When my wife and I returned to Utah to raise our family, we chose to settle in Farmington because of its unique combination of friendly citizens, beautiful surroundings, great schools and small-town appeal.

As a City Councilman for Farmington, I have worked to preserve our sense of community and space amidst growth, our largest challenge as a community. I have served to preserve the things that make Farmington a great place to live. Creating a community that is vibrant, provides the correct level of public services, community parks and programs is a balancing act.

We have not raised taxes in Farmington for 14 years and I am working to make sure we have the right mix of commercial development while enhancing that which makes Farmington unique.

Emma Mansour

As a resident of Farmington, I believe that one of the biggest issues facing this city is the need to maintain our city's charm while accommodating its development needs.

As your city council member I will take a stand on the following:

Development:
Insist that development in the city of Farmington is consistent with our unique city character and places an emphasis on “Live/Work/Play”

Open Spaces:
Balance development with protection of Farmington's urban open spaces (trails, parks, nature preserves).

Budget:
Continue to have a budget that is fiscally responsible and financially able to meet our cities growing needs.

Viability:
Ensure that Farmington's development creates a residential and commercial city that will be economically viable for future generations.

No response was sent to the Clipper by these candidates
Brigham Mellor
Rebecca Wayment

Election Results

Watch for election results in the Davis Clipper, on our website, or via Facebook
2017 Re-Elect Randy Lewis
FOR MAYOR

“I’m Hooked on Bountiful’s Future”

WE SUPPORT RANDY LEWIS FOR BOUNTIFUL MAYOR

“I met Randy Lewis when I first moved to Utah as an eleven year old kid. He was the first person I met when I went to school for the first day. He has been a positive influence in my life since the first day we met. I consider him to be a person I can trust and believe in. I appreciate the friendship my wife and I share with Randy and his wife Melanie.”

“Mayor Lewis has played an important role in the success of the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah. His leadership and enthusiasm has played a key role in the success of this great Bountiful event.”

“I support Randy Lewis for re-election as Mayor of Bountiful City. I have experienced Randy’s leadership and integrity first hand for more than 30 years. Bountiful will do great into the future with Mayor Lewis at the helm.”

From years of our association, I speak of Mayor Lewis as a person of vision, commitment and dedication. His insight will continue to be a blessing to our city.”

“I have known Randy Lewis for nearly forty years and we are friends. We may not agree on every issue, however you look at a man or mayor from his full body of work. Mayor Lewis has the integrity, experience and proven leadership that we need as our Bountiful Mayor. I endorse Mayor Randy Lewis for re-election.”

“From years of our association, I speak of Mayor Lewis as a person of vision, commitment and dedication. His insight will continue to be a blessing to our city.”

“I supported Randy 4 years ago when he ran for Mayor, and I support him today. His experience in many areas, and his proven leadership abilities are needed in our city today. I appreciate the calmness he shows and the civility he demonstrates on all occasions.”

FIRST TERM ACHIEVEMENTS

• Bringing the spectacular BOUNTIFUL DAVIS ARTS CENTER to Main Street
• Receiving the highest award for FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF A UTAH CITY 35th year
• Bringing to Bountiful the internationally prestigious LARRY H. MILLER TOUR OF UTAH for the third consecutive year
• Relocating 725 DEER to the wild
• Representing the Residents on 10 COMMUNITY BOARDS (HEALTH DEPT., SEWER DISTRICT, LAKEVIEW HOSPITAL, OTHERS)

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

• Working with Davis County to develop a NEW COUNTY LIBRARY in Bountiful
• Creating a beautiful DOWNTOWN PLAZA as a community gathering place.
• Building more HIKING TRAILS, BIKE LANES AND A DOG PARK.
• REMODEL CITY HALL

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Kaysville- Mayor

Rustin James

Kaysville is facing countless operational challenges, but our largest issue by far is a City Council mired in infighting, mistrust, and insolent behavior toward each other and, by extension, the city we love. I would like to represent my hometown as Mayor with a well-honed skill set and a breadth of experience managing disparate personalities.

Bringing differing sides together for an unexpected explosion of awesome is what I do every day on large, international, multi-million dollar projects, and it’s what I will do for Kaysville. I will be an advocate for you. I will be an active communicator, and transparent decision maker.

Every move I make will be measured against the 4 Keys I believe speak to the core values of our city: Safety, Honesty, Efficiency, and Identity.

Lorene Miner Kamalu

Kaysville was a one-stop-light town when Lorene Kamalu moved here with her family 21 years ago. Since then, the city has grown tremendously.

Lorene gained valuable experience as a planning commissioner and committee member of the Active Transportation Plan in the Kaysville/Farmington community. She will apply her experience to Kaysville's road system by focusing on the following points:

1. Improve the 200 North bridge with additional traffic lanes and safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists.
2. Prioritize maintenance of roads and safe walking routes to schools with a sustainable funding plan.
3. Advocate for citizens regarding major changes to Highway 89 by speaking with residents, professional planners, and UDOT managers.

As mayor, Lorene will listen, learn, and work hard for you!

Katie Witt

Kaysville is a great community to work, live, and raise our families – but it can be even better!

What is the Kaysville we want to hand down to our grandchildren? How do we want Kaysville to look, feel, and function?

How do we get from where we are now, to the Kaysville we want for them? We need input from residents, businesses, schools, and other stakeholders to create a strategic plan for the community.

A strategic plan gives elected and city staff clear direction, as well as short- and long-term goals to keep Kaysville on track year after year. Having a plan saves taxpayers' money and staff time.

I will spearhead this effort as mayor, and I would appreciate your vote.

Layton - Council

Tom Day

As the fastest growing city in the one of the fastest growing counties in the state, the pressure of growth and development and how it will occur in the biggest issue.

Layton has an existing strong retail and growing industrial base, but how we develop our residential neighborhoods will determine the character of our city in the future. Responsible growth will be the key! I feel there is a place for all types of housing, but all types of housing do not belong in all areas of the city.

We need to have a strong General Plan to guide the future development of Layton to provide for strong jobs, good neighborhoods, parks and open space for a high quality of life.

Dante Fratto

I feel one of the biggest issues facing Layton city is the accelerated growth we are experiencing in housing growth without building a infrastructure to support it. We need the developers and contractors to be more involved in being part of the infrastructure planning and to carry a larger financial burden.

The west part of Layton is seeing a large increase in residents and the current roads cannot accommodate them without causing congestion.

We need the developers and contractors to be more involved in being part of the infrastructure planning and to carry a larger financial burden.

The new intersections on Main Street have helped, but we need more progressive thought and planning like that to help the traffic.

We need to as a city grow our ability to think critically to see thru our growth while creating a positive identity for our city.

Clint Morris

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I feel that the biggest issue facing Layton City is maintaining our economy as we grow. The biggest sources of revenue for Layton City are sales tax revenues and property taxes.

As we are 75 percent “built out,” the mix of business and residential land use is key. A strong economy in our business community is ideal as it provides revenue for services and keeps property taxes in check; this balance is essential as we continue to grow.

My pledge to you is to attract new businesses that support living wages, including retail options that are less affected by current e-commerce trends and industry that supports Hill AFB’s mission. Our continued support of the arts will also create economic benefits.

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How to VOTE

Drop off locations, as well as polling places.

Access it at
http://www.daviscountyyouth.gov/clerk-auditor/elections2
Layton faces a few big issues that its residents would like to see addressed. They are agricultural preservation, we need to be preserving rural feel and function; economic development, we should be increasing the number of family sustaining jobs; redevelopment and infill, we should be reimagining underused space in existing communities; parks and trails network, we need to connect Layton residents to local and regional amenities.

A couple of years ago, residents submitted their ideas to Envision Layton to share how they would like to see their city by the year 2050. If elected I would continue to work with Envision Layton to help see Layton's residents wishes come to fruition. Tomorrow is looking great.

I am a lifelong resident of Bountiful. My wife, Linda Keddington Clark, and I both attended Stoker School and graduated from Bountiful High School. I owned and operated Gem Produce and Clark Wholesale produce, Inc. for over 40 years, and I would be very interested in listening to the ideas and opinions of the small business owners in Bountiful. I was a member of the Bountiful Rotary Club and attended Rotary with my father and father-in-law for many years. I am retired, and would devote my time and energy to the city I love.
Karen and I chose to live and run a pediatric dental practice in Bountiful. We raised 6 wonderful children here and now watch 11 grandchildren grow up in this same community. From attending City Council meetings I have become aware of some challenges facing our community. If elected, I will have an open mind to the public and city employees on how to best deal with these challenges. I hope to serve Bountiful by applying the principles of leadership and service I have gained from over 40 years in business and as a husband and father. I have no hidden agenda, my purpose in running for City Council is to keep Bountiful a wonderful place to live, raise a family and retire.

I ask for your vote in the primary on Aug 15th.

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for MAYOR?
It’s apples and oranges.

- Randy Lewis and John Pitt wanted to recklessly spend $15 million on a new city hall we don’t need.

- Randy Lewis and John Pitt rejected over 4100 people who signed a petition asking for a vote on the city’s government expansion scheme.

- Randy Lewis and John Pitt neglected our streets in favor of big spending for new government offices.

- Randy Lewis and John Pitt chose to demolish Stoker School, Bountiful’s second most historic building.

- Randy Lewis and John Pitt effectively drove out the University of Utah Extension from Bountiful—a huge cultural loss to the city.

- Randy Lewis and John Pitt spent almost $2 million more on cemetery land than they needed to. They were not careful with our tax dollars.

- Randy Lewis and John Pitt chastised citizens who disagreed with them, and Randy Lewis even ordered one elderly speaker removed when she tried to speak at a city meeting.

- Dean Collinwood organized the No New City Hall campaign to stop the city from wasting $15 million on a government building we don’t need.

- Dean Collinwood, and many others, gathered 4100 signatures to ask the city for a vote on the new city hall idea, and then sued city officials when they didn’t listen.

- Dean Collinwood will double the number of streets re-paved in the city and clean up the parks. He will run a BACK TO BASICS city government with a focus on needs, not wants.

- Dean Collinwood worked hard to save Stoker School and proposed a way to keep it as a community center.

- Dean Collinwood asked UU VP Ruth Watkins to keep the UU Extension in Bountiful. He is working to find a replacement.

- Dean Collinwood welcomes people’s opinions and values and respects their right to speak their minds to elected officials. To him, listening to, and doing the will of, the people is the essence of good government.

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