

Tooele City History - Dowdle Puzzle Descriptions

“T” Mountain

South East Side of Town - Oquirrh Mountains

The Tooele “T” was first constructed shortly after the high school was finished in 1914. It started with a pile of rocks in the shape of a T, and needed heavy whitewashing at least once a year. In 1969 using cement mixers and generators from a spot below the base of the “T,” the senior class mixed concrete and then formed a brigade to pass five-gallon buckets half-full of concrete up the mountainside to the landmark. This facelift lasted for several decades until Broken Arrow Construction, along with high school students, covered the then eroding “T” with white rolled roofing sometime in the mid-90s. Over the years, each Senior class has participated in celebrating homecoming and graduation by lighting the “T” with burning tires and flares, and now flashlights.



Engine 11 Museum

35 North Broadway

Tooele Valley Railroad Engine 11 ran down the middle of Vine Street carrying people and ore on 6.235 miles of line from the International Smelting and Refining Company’s copper smelter from 1912-1963. The rail lines were eventually removed from Vine Street in the 1980’s. Engine 11 is still on display at the Tooele Valley Museum. Listed on the State Historical Register, the museum is housed in the former Tooele Valley Railway Station and features a fascinating display of artifacts that tell the story of the immigrants and migrants from a variety of backgrounds that came together to create a community.



Veterans Park Statues - World War II and Vietnam Veteran Memorial Corner of Main and Vine Street

On November 10, 2018, the Life’s Worth Living Foundation unveiled “Proud” an 18’ bronze sculpture of a Veteran created by Dan Snarr in the Tooele City Veterans Memorial Park. This monument is the first sculpture in the United States to address Veteran Suicide. It provides local Veterans with resources, and raises awareness of this growing problem.



“Seek On”, a beautiful Vietnam Veteran Memorial Statue, was dedicated in Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day May 31, 2021. This is the first time a Tracker handler and Labrador Retriever tracker dog have been portrayed together. The statue was inspired by the book "Seek On!" and is the work of local artist sculptor Marvin Hitesman.

Current City Hall 90 North Main Street

The current City Hall building, located at 90 North Main Street, was constructed in 2000, replacing a building that had been constructed in 1941 under the Federal Government Works Project Administration (WPA) program to help put people back to work following the Great Depression. The “United We Stand” banner is displayed during the summer months to promote unity and pride in our community.



Original City Hall 47 East Vine Street

The original Tooele City Hall was built in 1867. Its purpose was to serve as a general amusement hall and also to house the county and City records. The building was used as the Tooele City Hall until 1941 when a new City Hall was built. The building is the most outstanding landmark of pioneer days still remaining in the City and is currently operated by the Tooele County Company of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers as a museum and tribute to pioneer history.



Carnegie Library 47 East Vine Street

The Tooele Carnegie Library, located at 47 East Vine Street in Tooele, Utah, was built in 1911. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and was funded by a \$5,000 Carnegie grant. In the year 2000, when the City Library moved from the Carnegie Library located on east Vine Street into its new building on west Vine Street, people lined up forming a human assembly line from the old Library to the new Library and passed all of the books from person-to-person, one book at a time, until all of the books were moved from the old library to the new. The building now houses the Tooele Pioneer Museum, which displays pioneer artifacts including a replica covered wagon and handcart, and some Native American artifacts. The museum is operated by the Sons of Utah Pioneers.



Tooele High School - “Home of the Buffaloes” 301 West Vine Street

Tooele High School, Home of the White Buffaloes, first opened for the 1913 school year with the first graduating class of 1914 having 15 students. The building has transformed and been reconstructed two additional times. Today the high school serves over 1,800 students.



Fridays on Vine Concerts
55 North 200 West

Fridays on Vine is our free, fun for the whole family summer concert series. Since Summer 2006, many artists have traveled to Tooele City to perform and entertain every Friday night from June through August. This is a favorite tradition in Tooele City that is offered through our Parks, Arts, and Recreation (PAR) program and the Tooele City Arts Council.



Oquirrh Hills Golf Course
1255 East Vine Street

In 1947, the Bonelli family donated 57 acres of land to develop into the City's first municipal golf course. Members of the Lions Club and Tooele Volunteer Fire Department built the first nine holes at the facility, which opened in 1949 as the Tooele Golf Course. It is now known as Oquirrh Hills Golf Course. On June 18, 2007, Tooele City announced a new era of golf at the Oquirrh Hills golf course. A grand opening ceremony ushered in the new, long awaited, back nine holes, which made Oquirrh Hills an 18-hole championship facility.



Little Mountain Christmas Tree
Top of Little Mountain

The Little Mountain Christmas Tree has been hovering above Tooele City for 42 holiday seasons. The tradition started in 1979 when Maxine Grimm and Paul Bevan strung lights on a flagpole on top of the mountain. Volunteers from Tooele County Search and Rescue have maintained the Christmas tradition for years. In 2021 a new 65-foot flag pole was installed to replace the 30-foot pole, and around 32 new strands of LED Christmas lights were added to give the tree a brighter glow at night.



Tooele Army Depot
1729 South Main Street

The Tooele Army Depot originally opened in 1942 during the early phase of U.S. involvement in World War II. Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) is a United States Army Joint Munitions Command post that serves as a storage site for war reserve and training ammunition. The depot stores, issues, receives, renovates, modifies, maintains, and demilitarizes conventional munitions.



**Utah State University – Tooele Regional Campus
1021 W Vine Street**

Between 1984 - 1992, Utah State University began their first electronic distance classrooms, one of which was in Tooele. By the mid to late 1990s, the Tooele education center at 1021 West Vine Street was built and designated a regional campus. They gained national attention for their delivery of quality programs, degrees, and courses. In 2016 Utah State University – Tooele expanded and added a newly constructed Science and Technology Building.



**Fire Station #1 & Engine #2
90 North Main Street**

The Tooele City Volunteer Fire Department has been organized for over 100 years. Station #1 was built in 1955 and is still used today for training, meetings, and storing trucks and equipment needed to provide fire protection services to the City.



**Tooele City Police Department
50 North Garden Street**

The new building was constructed at 50 North Garden Street and completed in March 2020. The department was housed in a temporary location that was an old auto parts store for 30 years prior to the construction of the new building.



Mayor Debbie Winn

Mayor Debbie Winn is a lifelong and third generation resident of Tooele City. In 2017, she was elected as the first female Mayor of Tooele City.



Council Member Ed Hansen

Council Member Ed Hansen has served on the Tooele City Council since 2020. He was born and raised in Tooele City. He worked with his father in the auto repair business and eventually took over the operations of Clar's Auto.



Council Member Dave McCall

Council Member Dave McCall is currently serving a fourth term on the City Council. He is a veteran of the US Marine Corp. He organizes the annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day events to honor our veterans. He was instrumental in organizing the fundraising and implementation of the Veterans Memorial Park. He is the first African American to serve on the Tooele City Council.



Council Member Maresa Manzione

Council Member Maresa Manzione is a lifelong resident of Tooele City. She has served on the Tooele City Council since 2022. Prior to being elected a council member, she served as a member of the Tooele County School District Board of Education for several years.



Council Member Justin Brady

Council Member Justin Brady grew up in Tooele City. He has been a member of the Tooele City Council since 2020 and is currently the Council Chairman. He is a registered nurse at Mountain West Medical Center.



Council Member Tony Graf

Tony Graf has been serving on Tooele City Council since 2020. He works as a special victims prosecutor and is the first City Council member of Latino heritage. Tony loves to study history, especially history related to the founding of our country.



Miss Tooele City Royalty

The Miss Tooele City Program was established in 2012 as part of Tooele City's 4th of July celebration.

The Miss Tooele City Royalty is selected during a community production that celebrates American values, patriotism, service, and the spirit of Tooele City. The Miss Tooele City Royalty serves as ambassadors for our City and dedicate many hours of service to our community.



Tooele Valley Baptist Church
286 North 7th Street

The church building was originally located at the Town of Deseret where workers for the Deseret Chemical Warfare Depot (currently south area of TEAD) lived in the 1940s. Dugway did not have their own community church at the time, so many Dugway residents would come down the canyon to attend services. The church was moved to its current location on 7th Street in Tooele City as an Episcopalian Church sometime in the 1970s.



Clegg Home – Historical Home
Corner of Vine Street & 100 East

The Peter Clegg House, at 8 South 100 East in Tooele, Utah, was built in 1903. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2019. The home is still occupied today by Marilyn Clegg Lowry and her husband Glen.



Ritz Theatre
111 North Main Street

The original Ritz Theater was built in 1899. The current building opened on January 7, 1938 and has entertained residents of this growing City for over 80 years. The unique building is a landmark on Tooele’s Main Street and Downtown area.



Kirk Hotel
57 West Vine Street

Construction of the Kirk Hotel was completed in 1928. The hotel is locally significant because it was a key influence of the local economy and provided lodging related to the mining and smelting industries. The building remains one of Tooele’s most important historic buildings in the Downtown district today. The Kirk Hotel is also significant because it has been used continuously as either a hotel or tenement from its construction to present day.



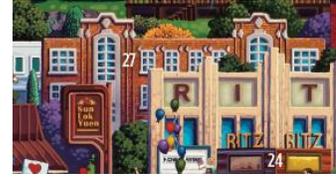
Hometown Bakery
99 North Broadway

Tooele Home Town Bakery was built in 1920 and was operated for years by George Mantas. His daughter Dorothy Manusakis still owns and runs the store. The store is located in the “New Town” or Broadway district. They are famous for their homemade sandwiches and hot links!



Central School
64 North 100 West

Central School opened its doors for school children in 1929. It served roughly 43,000 students during its 65 years of service to the community. It closed to students and teachers in 1994.



Tooele City's First Church

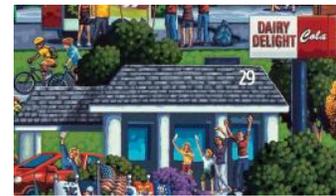
Old Tooele Ward Church was the first Tooele church erected in Tooele City in 1869 by the early pioneers who settled in Tooele. Up until its demolition in 1968, every prophet of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from Brigham Young to Joseph Fielding Smith had spoken from its pulpit.



Dairy Delight
46 West 100 South

Gilbert and LaRae Lopez opened this "family-owned-and-operated" establishment in the early 1970s at the site of an old Dairy Queen.

Dairy Delight's signature burger, the Old Fashioned, is a half-pound of meat on a toasted bun that is approximately eight inches wide, with all the trimmings. Everything is cooked to order, and the tartar sauce, fry sauce, and salsa are homemade.



Pratt Aquatic Center
55 North 200 West

Construction of the Pratt Aquatic Center began in May of 2002 and was completed one year later. It replaced the Tooele Memorial Pool that served our residents for over half a century from 1950-2001. The \$4 million Leigh Pratt Aquatic Center became the "home" pool for Tooele High School and our community, continuing the tradition of championship swimming teams in Tooele. The facility is named in honor of Leigh Pratt, Tooele's first pool manager and swimming coach who compiled a record of nine state championships while coaching at Tooele High School. In January 2023, the competition lap pool was named in honor of Mel Roberts, a nationally recognized swim coach for THS for 49 years and who worked at the pool for over 50 years.



Bit ‘N Spur
240 West 500 North

The Tooele Bit N’ Spur Club (TBS) was formed in 1945 and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of equestrian activities, care, safety, and competitions for families and individuals, regardless of whether they own horses or not. The Bit & Spur Club has produced the 4th of July Rodeo, the highlight of Tooele County’s Independence Day Celebration, for 70 consecutive years.



Dow James Park and Ball Field
438 West 400 North

The Dow James Memorial Park (438 West 400 North, Tooele, UT) was named after two men who lost their lives in 1975 fighting a fire near Stockton, five miles south of Tooele City. Lauren Dow, a member of the Tooele City Volunteer Fire Department and off-duty deputy sheriff, and Dan James, a Tooele City Animal Control Officer, made the supreme sacrifice for the citizens of Tooele County. A new granite monument will be placed at the park in 2023 for members of our community to learn the story and remember the sacrifice made on their behalf and to honor our volunteers who continue to serve us today. The Dow James Baseball Field was a premier baseball field in the state for American Legion Baseball. It was formerly known as the American Legion Baseball Field and the Tooele Old Timers Baseball Field. It is now home to the Tooele High School Baseball Team.



Deseret Peak Temple
400 West 2400 North

On April 7, 2019, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced they would be building a temple in the Tooele Valley – the first in our County. Official renderings were released in April 2020. On January 19, 2021, the new name and the location were announced. The Deseret Peak Temple will be located at 2400 North 400 West. Construction is estimated to be completed in early to mid-2024.



Tooele Valley Hospital
Corner of 200 South and 100 East

The Tooele Valley Hospital opened in 1953 and served the surrounding community of Tooele, Utah until 2002 when the doors were closed in favor of a more modern facility.



Steadmans
916 North Main Street

Steadman’s has been offering the best service and value in Utah for over 70 years. What began as a tire sales and service station eventually grew into one of the largest OHV and motorcycle dealers in the west. “People in Salt Lake think it’s 300 miles to drive out here, but you have to understand it’s only 30 miles back!”



Sun Lok Yuen
615 North Main Street

Eddie Leo, aka “Fast Eddy”, and his wife Fong Leo closed their doors in 2019 after serving the community for the last 48 years. Leo and his father opened the Chinese and American food restaurant known as Sun Lok Yuen a few years after immigrating to the U.S. from Hong Kong. They located in the Downtown area and later moving to a new building located on north Main Street. Sun Lok Yuen means New Happy Garden and was inspired by Leo’s desire for the restaurant to become a relaxing place for community members to come visit together.



Transcript Bulletin
58 North Main Street

The Tooele Transcript-Bulletin is a weekly newspaper that has been serving Tooele County for 125 years. The paper, originally called the Tooele Transcript, was purchased by James Dunn, a Scottish farmer and poet, in 1898 for \$20. It has remained in the hands of the Dunn family for several generations since. In 1923, the paper acquired its rival The Tooele Bulletin, and began publishing under the Transcript-Bulletin name.



Settlement Canyon Reservoir

Settlement Canyon Reservoir was completed in 1966 by the construction of an earth-fill dam. The reservoir is owned by the Settlement Canyon Irrigation Company. Use of the reservoir water by shareholders is primarily for irrigation in addition to the recreational values it provides.



#TakePrideTooele Clean Up Trailer

In 2018, Tooele City Mayor Debra Winn initiated a concept to organize the first annual #TakePrideTooele campaign. We encourage residents to keep our City a place where we all love to live, work, and play! The Clean Up Trailer was added to our #TakePrideTooele program in August 2021 and is stocked with tools to help residents clean up their neighborhoods. The trailer is available for residents to use at no cost.



City Logo

On September 4, 1849, three Mormon pioneer families settled on a small stream south of present Tooele City. A few years later, Tooele City was incorporated on January 21, 1853, and later named county seat on January 18, 1861. 2023 marks the 170th anniversary of Tooele City's incorporation

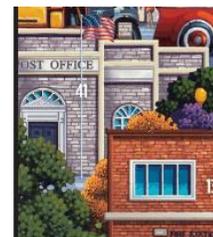


Tooele's population increased to 5,000 by 1930. The transformation was boosted by the construction of railroads and the opening of the International Smelting and Refining Company, east of Tooele. "New Town" (which is now the Broadway area) was built for many of the 1,000 smelter workers who came from Balkans, Italy, Greece, and Asia Minor. These immigrants lived in "New Town" and formed their own community. New Town included its own school, church, culture, and numerous languages.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, a 25,000-acre tract southwest of Tooele was selected as a site where the Tooele Ordnance Depot was built in 1942. Tooele's heritage was further enriched in the 1950s and 1960s when many Hispanic families moved to the area to support the expanding mission of the depot. Tooele City has a rich and diverse heritage which we are proud of.

US Post Office - Tooele 65 North Main Street

On October 19, 1852, the first post office was established in Tooele. The historic Tooele Post Office was constructed with Treasury Department funds sometime around 1933-1934. The building is still in service today. It is a beautiful, character-defining landmark in our Downtown area.



St. Marguerites Catholic Church
Corner of 7th Street and Vine Street

The Catholic Church has been functioning in Tooele County since the 1860s. In 1910, St. Marguerite's Parish Church was built on Utah Avenue. The church bell that was hung in the church had been in the church of St. Mary Magdalene in Salt Lake City, the first Catholic Church in Utah Territory, for 40 years. In 1973, construction began on a new building and upon completion, the bell from the first St. Marguerite's church building was moved to the new building. St. Marguerites has had strong influence in the Catholic community of the county. In 1981, the church opened a pre-school. It now has a school that includes kindergarten through 8th grade.

