



The Face of Fillmore

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This week the Face of Fillmore celebrates among all of the other gifts of the Christmas season, the *Gift of Volunteering*. While reading a recent edition of the Deseret News, I came upon that phrase in a headline for an article. It struck home and lends itself to the great spirit of giving in our community.

People are busy with home, work, family, recreational pursuits and church responsibilities, but many in our little town find themselves volunteering to help out our community. That is not to say they run right into Mayor Christensen's office on a regular basis and plead with him to find something for them to do for Fillmore. It happens much more subtly than that. Someone is asked to serve on a committee and they ask some of their acquaintances to help out, knowing the areas they are good at and enjoy. Soon a great committee of "volunteers" has been formed, projects are taken on, and the goals of that committee are realized.

This past week we have seen just such a goal come to fulfillment with the lighting of a block of new streetlights on Main Street in Fillmore between Center Street and First South. More blocks will continue to be completed in the coming months, as well as the old poles removed, with the vision of these lantern-type light fixtures all along the length of Main Street from one end to the other. These new lights are particularly attractive with a double lantern, black pole and a picture of the territorial capitol in gold near the base.

The volunteer members of the First Capital Main Street Beautification Committee have been working for 15 months to see this happen. Under the leadership of committee chairwoman Deaun Bean, the committee has met regularly and consulted with experts to work toward the new lights, as well as other beautification to be done on Main Street. Active committee members include: Lori Roper, Desiree Rhoades, Don Frampton, Marlene Whicker, Irene Carter, Sara Ellen Stevens, Mary Day Fuller, Duane Melville, and Sherry Shepard.

Thanks to this committee and others like them, the gift of volunteering is alive and well in Fillmore.

