



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### **CITY HALL SECURES 10,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER Enough Water for Approximately 13,000 More Homes Now Available**

The Central Utah Water Board has approved a preliminary allocation of 10,000 acre feet of water for Eagle Mountain City. This water allocation comes after months of effort by Mayor Brian Olsen and City Hall staffers to communicate the need for securing future water in the rapidly growing city. The 10,000 acre feet would provide water for approximately 13,000 homes.

"Our city has overcome a critical issue," said Mayor Olsen. "This is a huge achievement to provide a permanent supply of water to this valley."

The Board also approved the engineering design of the first phase of a western pipeline alignment that would come out of Orem to a water reservoir located between Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain.

This contract also allows the city to request additional water from the Central Utah Water Board and to be one of the cities given priority for additional water from an established reserve pool.

Although Eagle Mountain currently has enough water for the next few years, this allocation ensures a water supply for many years in the future.

The city had previously received approval from the state engineer to put 3,000 acre feet of the 10,000 total into existing wells as a reserve until the pipeline is available.

"Securing the next 25-30 years of water for our city is a major milestone," Mayor Olsen said.



A bus carrying members of the Central Utah Water Board tours the city on September 26.

### Q & A WITH MAYOR OLSEN

**Q:** As you are aware, the traffic light at the Ranches Parkway is up and functioning. Will this traffic light be a "smart light" with the capability of "knowing" when a car is at its crossway? I've noticed that there will be numerous cars lined up to turn into the Ranches waiting at a red light, with no other cars in sight from either of the other 3 directions.

Thank you,  
Tim Gilson

**A:** Tim, thank you for your question. According to Geoff Dupaix, Public Information Officer for UDOT, there was a problem with the signal's detection equipment shortly after it was installed. UDOT has since repaired the equipment and we should be seeing improvement in traffic flow.

Other residents have asked about the left turn arrow being the only option for westbound traffic to enter The Ranches. Dupaix's response is that with the high speed of the highway, UDOT felt it was safer to have a dedicated left turn signal, rather than a yield option.

UDOT is asking any residents who notice problems with traffic flow or signal function to call 227-8000 to report it.

*If you have a question for Mayor Olsen for this Q&A section of the Update, please e-mail it to [news@emcity.org](mailto:news@emcity.org).*





Fire Chief Rand Andrus swears-in the city's first full-time firefighter/paramedics . (From the left: Clark Clifford, Bryan Miner, and Chad Gottfredson)

City Employee  
Spotlights



A four year veteran of the city's public works department, Naythan Sorenson is a natural gas technician. His responsibilities include replacing broken gas lines, installing gas meters on houses, and replacing or fixing broken meters.

Naythan's position requires him to be on-call every other week for gas emergencies and to attend fusing school each year to learn about gas line maintenance.

A resident of Lehi, Naythan shares his home with wife Shawne, their two year old son and six month old daughter. In his free time he likes to ride ATVs.

He enjoys working with the residents of Eagle Mountain and his co-workers.

Johna Rose has worked for the city's utility billing department for five of the six years she has resided in Eagle Mountain.

She and her husband Wes have been married seven years. They met in an archery club, a hobby they both share.

In addition to practicing archery, their family likes to go camping and just spend time together. They have two children.

She says it's exciting to see all of the changes happening with our city, although

it can be challenging at times to keep up with the rapid growth.

Johna enjoys being a part of the Eagle Mountain City staff.

## News Notes

### Alpine School District Bond Plan Includes New High School and Elementary School

A \$230 million bond and leeway proposal that would cover the costs of adding five elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school to the Alpine School District will be on the November 7 election ballot.

One of the elementary schools in the proposal would be located in Eagle Mountain and the high school site is in Saratoga Springs.

The bond would cover construction costs for the schools and the leeway funds are for operational costs of schools such as heating and lighting. Leeway funds also pay for essential personnel and professional development for teachers.

"Our overcrowding problem is only going to get worse," says Jennifer Webb, an Eagle Mountain resident and Alpine School District Community Council Representative. "This bond is the only way to get new construction."

According to a presentation given to Eagle Mountain City by Alpine School District Superintendent Dr. Vernon Henshaw and Financial Director Rob Smith, the cost to homeowners after a four-year implementation of the leeway and bond would be less than \$5 per month.

"Pony Express Elementary has one of the highest populations in the Alpine School District," says PTA President Bea Twede. "So for us it's not just important to pass it - it's imperative."

When the previous bond was on the ballot, 96% of Eagle Mountain voters voted to pass it, which Smith called "unprecedented." Smith hopes to find the same support from residents on November 7.

### Election Information:

#### Early Voting:

On October 24, 2006, early voting will begin in Utah County at the Utah County Administration Building, room LL900. The polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. everyday, except Saturday and Sunday, thru November 3, 2006. All persons registered and qualified to vote in their respective precinct will be eligible to vote.

#### Satellite Registration:

October 20, 2006 and October 23, 2006  
Saratoga Springs City Offices  
8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

#### Election Date:

November 7, 2006

## Eagle Mountain Neighbors To Appear On Trading Spaces in November

Christie Gardiner and Brenda Heal are next-door neighbors, friends, and will soon be co-stars of the popular television show "Trading Spaces" on cable's The Learning Channel (TLC).

The "Trading Spaces" crew was in Eagle Mountain August 22-24 to tape an episode featuring Gardiner and Heal (with their respective husbands Doug and Lance) redoing each other's master bedroom. Gardiner applied to be on the show without telling the Heals or her husband, until they were selected for the final interviews.

For those who haven't seen the program during its six-year run on TLC, the premise is that two couples swap houses for 48 hours and redecorate a room. The show culminates with a surprise reveal to each team of neighbors and the hope that each party will be pleased with their new room and friendships will stay intact.

Typically the budget for the show is \$1,000, but the Gardiners and Heals are featured on a special episode where the budget was increased for the first time to \$4,000. They also worked with two veteran designers - Frank Bielec, who is known as the "king of country" and Doug Wilson, whose opinions don't always jibe with home owners. Resident hunky carpenter Carter Oosterhouse worked with the two teams.

Although the designers had worked in Utah before, both were impressed with Eagle Mountain.

"They've done a nice job here in terms of development," Wilson, a New Yorker, said. "There is a sense of community, and it's nice that the houses aren't all the same."

Bielec, who lives in Katy, Texas, said "I love the vibe here. "It's very clean and beautiful."

Both designers also enjoyed the experience with their



Christie Gardiner and Trading Spaces carpenter Carter Oosterhouse work on a piece for the Heal's master bedroom.

Eagle Mountain co-workers.

"The Gardiners are great," Wilson said. "They have energy and spunk. I wish all the homeowners were like them."

"Brenda and Lance are great to work with," Bielec agreed. "They are very energetic and fun."

Gardiner and Heal are equally complimentary about their experience with the designers and crew.

"They are even more fun in person than on the show," said long-time fan Gardiner.

For Heal, the hardest part of the whole experience was when the crew packed up and the trucks pulled away.

"It was so much fun," Heal said. "It was hard to come back down to reality."

Part of that new reality is a professionally designed master bedroom. The families are not allowed by contract to publicly speak about their reaction to the redone room until the show airs. One result is clear - they're still friends.

## SPRINKLER SHUT-OFF REMINDER

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE NEED TO START THINKING ABOUT SHUTTING OFF OUR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR WINTER. THE CITY WATER DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS SHUTTING OFF YOUR STOP AND WASTE VALVE BY MID-OCTOBER.**

**ALTHOUGH THE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER PROBLEMS OR BREAKS, YOU MAY CALL THE WATER DEPARTMENT AT 789-6670 WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.**

## Cemetery Board Members Appointed

Three members of the city's cemetery board have been appointed by Mayor Olsen. Kevin Rocque, Richard Glad, and David Anderson are beginning work on plans for the city's first cemetery. The board members will work with the city's planning commission and planning department to create a proposal for the city's first cemetery. There are three appointments still to come.

## ONLINE BILL PAY NOW AVAILABLE

Residents who would like to pay their utility bills online may now sign-up at the city's web site. Go to [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) and click the online bill pay link on the main page. Then click on the sign-up link and have your account number ready.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## JR JAZZ BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS (1st –8th Grade)

**When:** October 7, 2006 to November 4, 2006

**Where:** City Hall: Monday-Thursday 7:30-5:30  
Ranches: Prairie Gate Office  
1:00-3:00 PM Saturdays  
October 7-November 4

**Cost:** \$20 Registration Fee  
\$10 Shirt Fee (can use prior year's jersey)  
Family Plan ( 3 or more children registering)  
\$20 first child  
\$15 all other children

\*\*\***NO DISCOUNT ON SHIRT/JERSEY FEE**\*\*\*

**Season:** January – March 2007  
**Sports Hotline: 789-6694**

## Schools Calendars

### Eagle Valley Elementary:

October  
12-16 UEA Break  
31 Halloween Carnival - games, haunted house, and dinner;  
Pre-sale tickets available at the office, 5 for \$1

### Pony Express Elementary:

October  
3-4 SEP Conferences  
3-5 Book Fair  
6 Trading Post  
12-13 UEA Break  
16 No School - Teacher Prep  
23-27 Red Ribbon Week  
23 Family Activity - Classic Skating

November  
3 Reflections Due

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy, a free, public charter high school (grades 9-12, 400 students total enrollment) with a rigorous academic focus, will open fall of 2007 in the Pleasant Grove/Lindon area. Open enrollment has begun and will end on October 23, 2006 at 5:00 PM. Informational meetings will be held on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 10. See [www.maeserprep.org](http://www.maeserprep.org), call Kristin Baker at 443-4960, or email [info@maeserprep.org](mailto:info@maeserprep.org) for more information.

Come join the West Desert Symphony and Community Choir for its annual Christmas Concert in the Ranches. Rehearsals for symphony will begin Thursday nights, Oct. 5th 7-8:30 PM. Choir rehearsals will begin Sundays, Oct. 15th 7-8:30 PM. Both rehearsals are at the LDS Chapel located on the corner of Smith Ranch Road and Pony Express Pkwy. just West of Pony Express Elementary. No auditions required. All members of the community are welcome. Concert will be in early December at the Eagle Mountain East stake center. Exact date to be announced. For more information call Liza Gatica at 789-4384.

**Transportation and Community Planning Open House  
Wednesday, October 25, 2006 - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
Orem Senior Friendship Center, 93 North 400 East, Orem**

You are invited to come and learn about air quality, road improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development.

## Spay and Neuter Your Pets

The Big Fix van will be at The Ranches professional building on Friday, October 13 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

The service is first come, first served. Pets must weigh at least two pounds to be spayed or neutered.

For more information, contact Beth Elmer at 789-3092.

## Fire Station Tours and Open House

Fire Prevention Week is the week of **October 8 through the 14** and the firefighters at Station 1 would love to give tours of the equipment and station until 7:30 PM anytime during the week, or arrangements can be made to see Station 2 at 789-6715.

An open house will be held at the Public Safety Building behind the Fire Station on **Wednesday, October 18**, from 5 PM – 9 PM. There will be demonstrations by the Sheriff's and Fire Departments, including the fire safety house, fire apparatus, ambulance, and equipment used by SWAT and Search and Rescue. Refreshments will be served.



**ARCHAIC PETROGLYPHS LOCATED IN  
EAGLE MOUNTAIN  
Mayor and Developers Working Together to  
Preserve Ancient Art**

Petroglyphs which experts say date back to archaic people who lived anywhere from 2,000 to 6,000 years ago are located in Eagle Mountain.

The rock art is on privately owned land that is soon to be developed into a residential subdivision. Mayor Brian Olsen is working with the developers, Eagle Mountain Ranch, LLC to ensure the preservation of these historic petroglyphs.

"I will do everything we can to protect these amazing sites," said Olsen. "We are certainly blessed to have such a rich history available to us."

The developers have already incorporated the petroglyphs into their plans for the Oquirrh Heights subdivision, a 182 acre development that includes 477 single family home lots and 64 acres of open space, including parks and trails. The plans have an open space parcel around the site of the petroglyphs, with a trail going by it.

Also being considered in the plans is signage that would describe the rock art and its historical importance.

"It is some of the oldest rock art in Utah," said Nina Bowen of the Utah Rock Art Society (URAS). "Its style is very unique."

Eagle Mountain City consulted URAS about the best ways to preserve the petroglyphs. The next step the city is considering is establishing an ordinance that would assess steep fines for vandalism of the historic rock.

Olsen has requested URAS to submit a proposal for a survey to see if there are more petroglyphs in the area.