



Eagle Mountain  
Utah's Next Frontier

# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE



City Council Members met October 24 where the deadlines for appointing an interim mayor were decided. (L-R: David Lifferth, Heather Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem Linn Strouse, David Blackburn. Vincent Liddiard absent due to work related travel.)

## CITY COUNCIL UNITED

Members Working Together to Ease  
Transition in Wake of  
Mayor Olsen's Resignation

Following Mayor Brian Olsen's resignation on Friday, October 20, Linn Strouse, senior member of the City Council, was chosen in a special meeting October 21 to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Strouse will serve until an interim mayor is appointed by the council at a special meeting on November 14.

The City Council will accept letters of interest for the position of mayor through November 9. It is required by state law that applicants must be registered voters who have lived in Eagle Mountain City at least 365 days.

At this time the position of mayor is full-time according to a city ordinance. It was discussed by some council members that there would be a possibility of amending the ordinance for the interim mayor to be part-time, if it was determined to be necessary to get the right person for the job. The interim mayor would serve until the November 2007 election, where the elected mayor would finish the last two years of Olsen's term.

"It is an unfortunate truth that Eagle Mountain City has dealt with controversy within the city administration in the past," Strouse said. "However, it is a testament to the current City Council and the staff, that the city continues to thrive in spite of these challenges. It is our desire that anything that can be done to prevent these negative issues from occurring in the future, will be done."

### Q & A

**Q:** I think a bus system for the Eagle Mountain City and Saratoga Springs linking up with the Lehi busses would be a great help to our city. Will we have busses in the near future? It would seem to me a great help to businesses and families here.

Beverley Romer

**A:** At this time EM and SS have not joined the UTA district. To do so would require both cities to put an item on a ballot and voters would have to agree to a quarter cent sales tax to be paid into the UTA system. Until that happens, UTA is not authorized to run bus service out here. According to UTA spokesman Justin Jones, there is an "Opinion Question" for Utah County on the November 7 ballot which, if passed, would begin the process of bringing a commuter rail system to Main Street in Lehi. Jones estimates service would begin using the Union Pacific track in 2009, with service to Salt Lake and Provo on a high speed train with minimal stops. He says commuters could arrive at either location in 35-40 minutes.

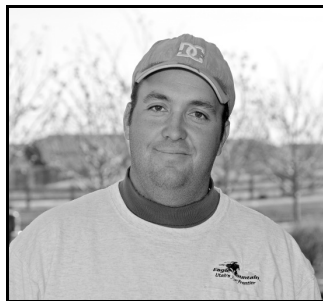
*If you have a question for this Q&A section of the Update, please e-mail it to [news@emcity.org](mailto:news@emcity.org).*





City Hall now features a reception area at the public entrance on the south side of the building staffed by our welcoming Executive Receptionist, Angela Cox.

City Employee  
Spotlights



Lehi native Brad Hickman joined the public works department 18 months ago and is now the parks foreman. His responsibilities include taking care of the grass and irrigation on all city maintained property, as well as managing temporary workers in the spring. He is also required to be on-call once a month.

Brad likes his job because it allows him to be outdoors. He hopes to see more parks and commercial development continuing in the city over the next few years. A challenge of his job is having enough time to do all that needs to be done.

In his free time, Brad likes to play sports and hunt waterfowl.

He is single and shares his home with his hunting dog Taz, a yellow Labrador retriever.

Juanita Steinbrenner has worked for the city since May of 1999. She began in the utilities department. After 18 months she became the executive assistant to Kent Partridge, the city's building supervisor.



Managing the financial records related to the building department are Juanita's primary responsibilities. This includes processing impact fees, building permits, and preparing monthly reports for the state and the City Council. She also provides customer service for residents who need permits or scheduling of inspectors. A favorite part of her job is working with the contractors. She

says the most challenging aspect is keeping up with the fast growth. The city is currently looking to hire a full-time assistant for her.

Currently single, Juanita is the proud mother of three grown children and "granny" to six grandchildren. She shares her home in Eagle Mountain with her toy poodle Maddie.

## News Notes

### REMEMBER TO VOTE

**Election Date:**  
November 7, 2006

**Election Contacts:**  
Utah County Elections Office  
Sandy Hoffmann, Elections Coordinator  
(801) 851-8127

Eagle Mountain City Recorder  
Gina Peterson  
(801) 789-6610

### Polling Locations (Hours 7 AM – 8 PM):

**EM01:**  
Prairie Gate Office Building  
789-8000

**EM02 & EM04**  
Eagle Mountain City LIBRARY (was City Council chambers last year – the Library this year)  
789-6610

**EM03 & EM05:**  
Pony Express Elementary School  
789-2603

### Choking Hazards

A friendly reminder from the Fire Department at this time of year - be sure to chew your food and avoid any choking hazards. Call 911 in case of an emergency! Those interested in CPR training contact Michele at the library (789-6623) or contact the fire station (789-6715).

### Miss Eagle Mountain 2007 Applicants Wanted

Melissa Smith, pageant director for the Miss Eagle Mountain pageant would like to invite young women ages 17-24 to participate in next year's pageant. Smith will be visiting Lehi High School and mailing out invitations to potential participants, but encourages anyone interested to contact her at 789-2671 or contact Angie Ferre, executive assistant to the mayor, at 789-6603 for more information. Orientation for participants will begin in early December.

### Correction

Last month's newsletter incorrectly reported that the state engineer had approved a 3,000 acre feet interim transfer of water out of the 10,000 acre feet water allocation to Eagle Mountain from the Central Utah Water Conservancy District for use out of wells. The Central Utah Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees approved the allocation and authorized the staff to work with Eagle Mountain City, but no application has been filed with the Utah State Engineer for the 3,000 acre feet transfer and no water transfer has been considered or approved for Eagle Mountain from the water allocated by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District.

## EAGLE MOUNTAIN TEEN IS STATE BMX CHAMPION

Dominic Weber, 13, of Eagle Mountain has only been involved in BMX racing for about a year, but he earned the title of State BMX Champion in September at the RAD Canyon BMX State Championship Finals held in West Jordan.

Weber, whose ability level is designated as intermediate, scored the best overall points to beat out even the expert racers in his age bracket for the title.

"I've always liked to ride bikes and jump them," Weber says. "About a year ago my dad's friend told me about BMX racing and I went to a practice round and just fell in love with it."

For the championship he received a number one number plate for his bike, a three foot tall trophy, a plaque, and a jacket.

In addition to the state championship title, Weber has been competing in national competitions such as the Great Salt Lake Nationals, and events in Las Vegas and Reno where he has consistently placed in the top five. Most recently he was in a national competition in New Mexico the weekend of October 27.

Supported in his BMX efforts by his family, who often spend weekends accompanying him to competitions, Weber's dad Jeff says he doesn't have any concerns about Dominic's involvement in racing beyond the occasional injury he sustains.

"One time he jumped and overshot the handlebars," Jeff Weber said. "He hurt his hands and scraped up his face. That's the worst injury he's had."

Along with mending the bumps and bruises that go with the sport, Jeff Weber has been teaching his son how to handle the disappointments of competitive racing, as well as the victories.



Dominic Weber (number 40) catches air during a race.



## Miss Teen EM Competes in State Pageant

On Saturday, October 22, Miss Outstanding Teen Eagle Mountain Amanda Lifferth competed in Utah's Outstanding Teen pageant in Lehi. The scholarship pageant is part of the Miss America organization.

Lifferth performed a modern ballet routine for her talent, had a personal interview and on-stage interview, and participated in evening gown and lifestyle and fitness segments of the pageant.

"Usually I'm shy, and the pageant helped me to gain more confidence in myself," Lifferth said.

Fifteen young women from around the state participated in the pageant. The winner, Lindsey Brinton of Salt Lake Valley won a \$2,000 scholarship and will represent our state at the national pageant in Orlando, Florida in August of 2007.

Of her experience Lifferth said, "It was fun. The girls were really nice."

## Gas "Green Sticker" Program

Eagle Mountain City has received many questions about participation in the "Green Sticker" program for natural gas furnaces and/or water heating appliances. Eagle Mountain City owns and operates its own natural gas utility and is not required to participate in this program. The City's natural gas is provided through Kern River which delivers a different composition of gas from Questar.

The Green Sticker program was approved in 1998 by the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) to accommodate the changing composition of natural gas delivered to Questar Gas's system. It does not affect the gas utility in Eagle Mountain City.

Eagle Mountain City maintains it is always a good idea for customers to have their appliances checked and, if necessary, adjusted to ensure continued proper, safe and efficient operation. If residents have concerns about the operation of their appliances, please contact a heating and air conditioning contractor for an independent inspection.

If you have additional questions, you may contact Dave Crawley, Natural Gas Supervisor, at 789-6674.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



Eleven Lehi High School Athletes and One Willowcreek Middle School athlete participated in Eagle Valley Elementary's "Local Heroes" Reading Night on October 18. The students read to the elementary children.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Home Based Business Opportunity

Do you like working with children? Would you enjoy working out of your home? Would you like to learn more about child development, behavior guidance, school readiness, how children learn, how to run a small business, and network with other early childhood professionals?

Join the rewarding child care profession and become a licensed child care provider. Classes taught through Child Care Resource and Referral Mountainland located at Utah Valley State College would assist you in your business and professional development.

Call Mary at (801) 863-7453 for more information.

### Mountain View Corridor Panel Discussion

On Thursday, November 9 from 8 AM to 12 PM, a panel discussion about the Mountain View Corridor will be held at the Miller Campus of Salt Lake Community College at 9750 S. 300 West in Sandy, Utah.

The discussion will open with a welcome by Lt. Gov. Gary Herbert and John Njord, executive director of UDOT. Panelists include federal, state and local government officials; Mountain View Corridor tolling analysis project team members; private industry representatives, and local media.

### Community Holiday Food Drive

Community Action Food Bank would like to thank those who generously donate cash and food throughout the year. Our large community food drive will be on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. As your regional food bank, we ask for your continued support through this Holiday Season. We serve 1,500 local families each month. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be dropped off Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 4:30 PM at 815 S. Freedom Blvd., Provo. Call Jim Thomas, Food Bank Director, at (801) 373-8200 ext. 216 for more information.

## Schools Calendars

### Eagle Valley Elementary:

- 14 Family Skate Night @Classic  
Skate in Sandy (Free!)
- 20 Family Week - Table Talk Night
- 21 Free Movie @School (Time TBA)

### Pony Express Elementary:

- 9 Family Activity -Blankets, Books, and  
Donuts: 6:00 PM
- 14 PTA Board Meeting - 10:30 AM
- 30 Reflections Awards - 7:00 PM

### Ranches Academy:

- 9 Variety Show - 7 PM
- 20 FSO Meeting - 1:30 PM in library
- 21 Half Day
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 28-30 Book Fair  
Tues., 8 AM - 3:30 PM  
Wed., 8 AM - 8 PM  
Thurs., 8 AM - 3 PM
- 29 Orchestra Concert - 6:30 PM to 8 PM

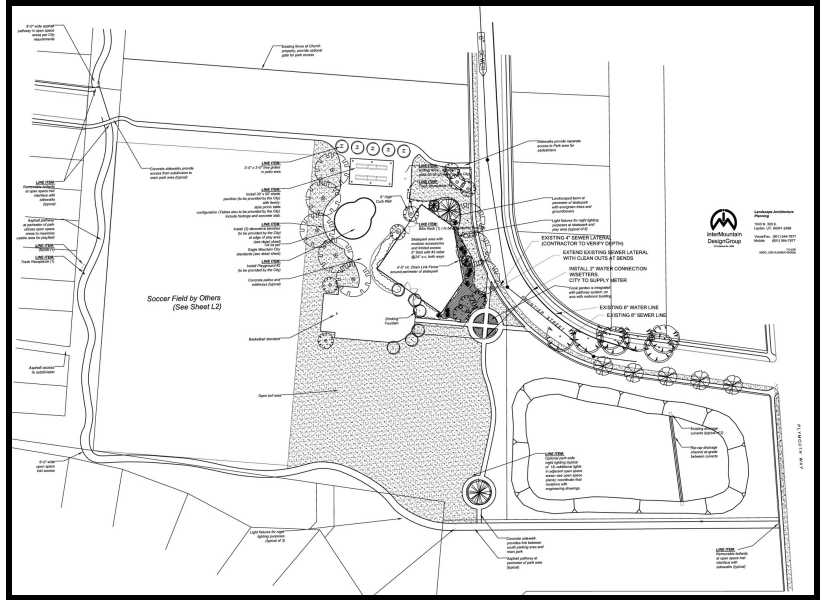
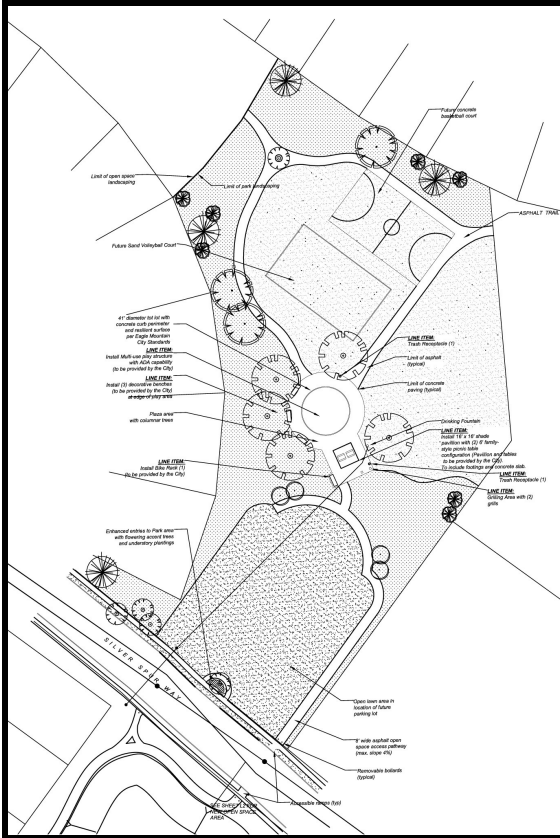
## City Historians Needed

Mayor Linn Strouse is looking for a few people who are interested in being part of a city historians committee that would work together to document the history of our city thus far. For more information, contact the mayor's office at 789-6603.

## Christmas Concert

Timpanogos Chorale presents their annual Christmas concert entitled "Christmas Around the World," directed by world renowned Dr. Donald H. Ripplinger, retired associate conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. This seasonal celebration will include beautiful carols from various parts of the world, including a lovely familiar arrangement of Noel. The choir will also perform carols from Russia, the Austrian Alps, the South, and many other regions of the world.

Performances will be Thursday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square, and also on Friday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the American Fork Jr. High School Auditorium. Donations of \$3/person or \$10/immediate family are requested to help fund this choir, sponsored by the American Fork Arts Council.



Plans for Pioneer Park (on left) and Walden Park (right) in City Center are progressing after the City Council approved the bid with some changes last month. The \$88,000 skate park shown in the drawing was removed from the Walden Park plan and a volleyball court and basketball court were added to the Pioneer Park plan. Look for a story on the development of both parks in next month's Update.