



EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE



Eagle Mountain's new mayor, Don Richardson, is sworn-in by City Recorder Gina Peterson November 14 as his wife Liz looks on.

New Mayor Appointed

Veteran Finance Manager
Unanimously Chosen
From Field of 15 Applicants

Dear Citizens of Eagle Mountain,

December is a wonderful time to remember family and friends. It is also an ideal time to begin to contemplate the goals we want to set in the upcoming year. Currently as a city, we are working to define and establish both short term and long term goals that will secure our future growth.

Our one to five year goals will help us establish within our city government a vision of what our city can be. I have spent many hours: (a) discussing with council members their vision and goals for the future; (b) interviewing city department heads (c) interviewing city employees and (d) and talking with you as individuals. Collectively, we can put into action goals that will allow us as a city government to better serve the community. I have also been in contact with our Washington D.C. lobbyist, Michael Kennedy. He is diligently pursuing funding for transportation, parks, grants and infrastructure for Eagle Mountain.

We have a wonderful city, with a great deal to offer. In the very short time period in which I have been in office, I have been impressed with many dedicated individuals who are actively giving to the community and others. We have Miss Eagle Mountain, who is collecting needed items for foster children, new Eagle Scouts doing Eagle projects to benefit the community, city employees helping those in need, excellent schools, good neighbors and citizens.

Working as a commercial banker, I have dealt with the assets of many different companies and entities. I feel that our greatest asset and resource in Eagle Mountain is the people here in our community. As we approach this upcoming year, we as a city, look forward to an exciting future full of growth and accomplishment.

This Christmas season I encourage you to share the warmth and the happiness of the season with those around you!

Mayor Don D. Richardson

If you have a question for Mayor Richardson, please e-mail it to news@emcity.org. One question will be published each month in this section of the Update.



A blanket of fresh snow covers Pioneer Park, one of two City Center parks currently under construction.

City Employee
Spotlights



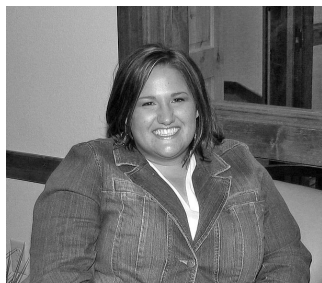
Kurry Lewis has worked as a utility electrician for the past year. He recently moved in to a new home in the city with his wife Alissa and their four children.

Having grown up in the small town of Benjamin, Utah, he likes the similar feeling here in Eagle Mountain, although he notes the city is growing fast.

Kurry's responsibilities revolve around any power issues in the city, including maintaining street lights, repairs, and installing new equipment.

He says the best part of his job is that he likes the people that he works with and appreciates their department's management skills.

Salt Lake City native Angela Cox began working for the city in September of 2002. She started as the planning department coordinator, later becoming the planning office manager and code enforcement officer. Following that experience, she spent two years as deputy city recorder prior to becoming the city's executive receptionist in August of this year.



She enjoys meeting a lot of people in her current position. Her goal is to help everyone feel that they've been taken care of and their concerns have been addressed when visiting the city offices.

Residing in Eagle Mountain since 2004, Angela enjoys the quiet nights here, watching the stars, and listening to the wildlife among the scenery around her home. She has been married for seven years to Travis and they have two sons, ages five and 18 months. Angela likes to spend time with her family and likes to go shopping.

News Notes

City Center Parks Construction Underway-

Construction has begun on two City Center parks – Walden Park and Pioneer Park. Eagle Mountain Properties has graded the soccer field, installed the irrigation system, and will soon be putting sod in at Walden Park. They have also put in the trails and irrigation system at Pioneer Park. Trees and shrubs will be delivered for both parks within the next week.

The city has also signed contracts with J. Lynn Roberts and Sons to complete the city's portion of construction on the parks, and they have begun grading and paving.

ACE Landscaping has been contracted by the city to grade and pave the Pony Express Trail. That project is now underway.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN-

That jolly old elf Kris Kringle, A.K.A. Santa Claus, is scheduled to visit Eagle Mountain on Saturday, December 16th between 8:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

Santa will be borrowing a fire truck instead of using his traditional sleigh to travel through *all* the neighborhoods in the city and pass out candy to the children.

In the following neighborhoods, large candy cane signs will be placed at the location children should wait for Santa (due to the distance between lots). Parents should look for the candy canes the day before his visit to know where he will be. Following are approximate times that Santa will appear in these subdivisions:

- 8:30 am Sage Valley
- 8:50 am Meadow Ranch
- 9:10 am Cedar Pass Ranch
- 9:30 North Ranch

Public Safety Holiday Reminders – The Fire Department is always concerned for our citizen's safety.

Here are several reminders for the Christmas season:

Never use candles around Christmas trees (real or artificial).

Once the holiday is over remove the real trees as they become tinder dry and will burn like gasoline.

Always use a tree stand that allows water to be added to prevent premature drying of the tree.

Children will be out of school for the holidays and roads will be slick, so drive carefully.

The Sheriff's Department asks us to remember to celebrate responsibly and don't drink and drive.

WE REMEMBER WHEN...

Reflections On a City Ten Years in the Making

Six years ago the city still handled any issues related to natural gas for residents. One day we got a call from a woman who was hysterical. She was eight months pregnant and had four or five other children at home. She said a piece had gotten ripped out from her stove and gas was blowing everywhere. She was feeling very sick. We told her to get everyone out of the house and we dropped everything and rushed over there. When we arrived we discovered she had an electric stove.

Zach Hilton – Parks & Street Supervisor (Public Works Employee since 1999)

When I first started with the city I worked in the utilities billing department. Within three months on the job it was discovered that in certain sections of the city the water meters had never been read. Some people got bills over \$1,000. Also during that time the rate increased from \$3.50 to \$11.91 and we started implementing shut-offs. There were a lot of very unhappy people. Back then residents could have their utilities turned back on as soon as they paid their bill, even in the middle of the night. There were times when I had to take my two babies, one who was on an oxygen tank at the time, down to the city office trailer at 2:00 A.M. to turn on someone's power. Angie Ferre – Executive Assistant to the Mayor (Employee since 2000)

I remember doing inspections when there were only a handful of homes scattered throughout the valley. I have served with every mayor the city has had. The first mayor, Mayor Hooge, held meetings in the basement of the Lehi Armory. Now eight mayors later, over 4,376 new home permits issued, and the population pushing 16,000? Wow, this is truly amazing!

Kent Partridge – Building Official since 1996

Early on Jordan Harris and I were asked to clean the sewer pond, which was having moss problems. We had to spray the moss with chlorine – a tricky thing, due to the slippery black plastic lining around the pond. Just as I was saying the chlorine treatment wasn't going to work, I slipped and fell in.

I was covered in moss and all I could think of was I didn't want my head to go under. After screaming to Jordan to help me, he threw me a rope and pulled me out. I went home and undressed in the garage, threw my clothes in the trash and took a long shower.

I got a chance to pay Jordan back later when he got hit in the face with a sewer lid and was knocked out cold. It cut his lip open and I took him to the hospital for stitches.

Adam Ferre – Energy Department Supervisor (Public Works Employee since 1999)

Jordan Harris – Water & Wastewater Supervisor (Public Works Employee since 2000)

In December of 2003, we had a patron come into the library (in the trailer) with his very petite daughter who was probably about 1 1/2 years old.

She wandered over to an area where we had chairs and promptly got her head caught in one of them! She had done this in the past when her mother was with her and we had gotten her out without incident. However, dad was with her this time and it did not go smoothly.

She began to scream and struggle to get free from the chair, with no luck. Dad then proceeded over and shook the chair with her still in it hoping to break her free. Our staff ended up calling the fire department. They responded and freed the little girl by unscrewing the back of the chair.

Michele Graves – Librarian since 2000

I'll never forget the day we moved from the old city offices into the current City Hall building. The old offices were in the trailer that is now the public safety building by the fire station, along with an additional trailer.

It was exactly one week before I was scheduled to have my baby and therefore the physical work involved with the move was challenging for me.

That night I thought I was in labor and had to have my little brother take me to the hospital because my husband was working. The doctors said I overdid that day and if I was to keep going at that rate I may have induced labor.

Angela Cox – Executive Receptionist (Employee since 2002)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Miss Eagle Mountain, Celeste Lojik has donation boxes at City Hall, the fire station, Pony Express and Eagle Valley Elementary schools for new or used coats and new toys.

Coats and toys will be given to The Adoption Exchange, an organization for foster children waiting to be adopted, and local homeless shelters.

Boxes at the elementary schools will be collected by Dec. 9, the others will be picked up Dec. 20.

MISS EAGLE MOUNTAIN TEAMS WITH COUNTRY ARTIST FOR CONCERT FUNDRAISER

Proceeds to Benefit Local Foster Kids and Families

Country music artist J. Marc Bailey, a resident of Saratoga Springs and a well-known performer, is partnering with Miss Eagle Mountain, Celeste Lojik to help raise money and collect toys and clothing for children in need.

Bailey is headlining "An Old Fashioned Country Christmas with J. Marc Bailey and Friends" concert at Thanksgiving Point's show barn on Monday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be co-emceed by Lojik and John Moyer, writer/director of the film "Mobsters and Mormons" and writer on "The Singles Ward", "The RM", and "The Home Teachers."

A portion of all the ticket and merchandise sales will go to The Adoption Exchange. Lojik and Bailey hope to raise at least \$2,500, which is what it costs for a foster child to be adopted through the organization. There will also be information booths and donation boxes for new toys and clothing to be given to local foster children for Christmas.

Bailey will be backed by an "all-star" band, including musicians who have recently toured with Keith Urban, Gretchen Wilson, JoDee Messina, and Alan Jackson. Other performers joining him are Ken Goodman, Jason Mecham, Coreen Bliss, and Michelle Bailey. There may even be a surprise appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Having grown up watching Bob Hope's Christmas specials, Bailey likens his show to that style. "It's a perfect show for the whole family to enjoy," he says. "I like to see kids in the audience and dancing in the aisles."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. They are available at the Thanksgiving Point Box Office, Monday through Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, or at any Ticketmaster outlet, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling 801.325.SEAT.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Nutcracker Performance

Eagle Mountain's own Southwest Ballet Company presents a full-length production of "The Nutcracker." Performances will be on December 9, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Willowcreek Middle School in Lehi.

Tickets are available at Southwest Ballet Academy, 3535 E. Ranches Parkway Suite E, or by phone at 789-2605, Mon. - Fri. from 4-7 p.m. or Sat. from 9-11 a.m. Pre-sale ticket prices are \$8.50 for ages 13 and up and \$4.50 for children and seniors. Tickets at the door are \$10.00 for ages 13 and up, and \$6.00 for children and seniors.

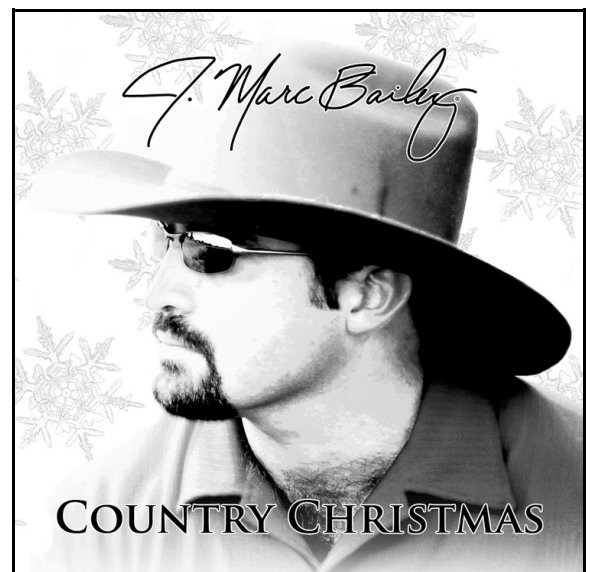
Trash Pick-Up Notice

Allied Waste will be sending their entire fleet of trucks to Eagle Mountain first thing in the morning starting December 1 in an effort to provide quality service and keep their trucks off the roads during peak commute times.

Because of this, they are asking residents to be sure to have their trash cans at the curb by 7:00 a.m. The trash pick-up day will continue to be Friday (or Saturday if it is a holiday).

Dumpster Etiquette Reminder

Please remember that it is illegal for residents to dump trash into commercial dumpsters. This has been a problem with the dumpsters by The Ranches office building. Please contact the sheriff's office if you witness any illegal dumping.





Eagle Mountain's wide open spaces have changed during the past 10 years, but the beauty remains.