



EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Residents,

The ringing in of a new year presents us with new opportunities for renewed growth as a city and as citizens. Eagle Mountain City was incorporated in 1996, at which time we had approximately 250 people. Ten years later, we have more than 16,000 people and an established community. Last year Eagle Mountain issued more than 1,000 building permits – one of the highest in the state of Utah.

Because of our unusually high growth rate (something we welcome), our city faces unique challenges in meeting ever increasing utility needs. To keep up with our tremendous growth rate, this year the city government will put considerable effort into improving our infrastructure to meet increasing demands on our power and sewer systems.

We would also like to focus on further developing our sense of community in Eagle Mountain. Speaking with citizens, I've found that generally most citizens of Eagle Mountain feel a strong sense of community. They enjoy their neighbors and their neighborhoods. Not only are there good people here but a lot of talent, leadership capability, and genuine service (in many visible and less visible ways). I applaud you for all that you are doing in your neighborhoods to make them a better place to live. As we invest our various talents and time into the community, we will be amply rewarded as the lives of our families, friends, and ourselves are enriched with an even greater feeling of community spirit.

As part of this community vision, we are establishing a Senior Citizens Board. This board will not only plan social events for its members, it will provide opportunities for them to contribute needed service to our community.

We are actively seeking talented and committed individuals for an Arts Council. The Arts Council will be set up so that as they seek grants, moneys, and donations to develop the arts in Eagle Mountain, contributions to the council may be used as tax deductions. This will provide greater incentive for businesses, organizations, and individuals to contribute to the arts in Eagle Mountain.

The Community Council's purpose is to provide and promote activities within our community (for citizens of all ages) that increase community involvement, friendships, and unity; and generally make our community a more enjoyable place to live.

The Youth Council is a great opportunity for youth to get involved in city government, personal mentoring, and service – and is a good addition to a list of personal achievements for an employment application or educational scholarship application.



Mayor Richardson introduces Santa Claus at the city's tree lighting event December 1.

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City Employee Spotlights



Assistant City Engineer Augusto Robles joined our staff three years ago. Augusto relocated from Lima, Peru, where he was born and raised, to Utah in 2000.

While living in Peru, Augusto worked for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building chapels in different areas of South America. He completed his degree in engineering at The University of Utah, where he also played soccer.

Today, Augusto likes the contributions his job enables him to make to the city. "We are building this city," he says. "Someday we will see the results – having a city that is still nice, but big."

He also appreciates the challenges of working for a newer city where budgets are tighter and you have to learn how to do more with less.

Augusto lives in West Jordan with his wife Rocio, and their children Claudia, 11, Daniel, 9, and David, 4. For fun he likes to salsa dance, cook, and as a child of the 80s, he still prefers to listen to 80s music.

Nature lover Jenalee Cheever has lived and worked in Eagle Mountain for three years. Having grown up in Woodland Hills, Utah, Jenalee describes herself as a "big outdoors person" who likes to camp, hike, fish, and go four-wheeling. One of her favorite spots for these activities is Payson Lake.



As the planning department coordinator, she says the aspect of her job she likes the most is being able to see all the new projects and developments coming in. She is also responsible for processing business licenses.

Her hope for the future of the city is to see more commercial growth, which "would give residents more options and things to do."

Jenalee is single and loves to paint and draw. A painting she did of the archaic petroglyphs located in the city is prominently displayed at City Hall.

News Notes

TRADING SPACES AIR-DATE — The "Trading Spaces" episode that was filmed in Eagle Mountain in August will premiere on The Learning Channel (TLC) Saturday, January 27 at 8:00 p.m. and will rerun on the 27th at 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m.

The episode, entitled "Boring Boudoirs" will feature master bedroom makeovers with an unprecedented budget for the show of \$4,000 per bedroom.

Designers Doug Wilson and Frank Bielec helped Eagle Mountain residents Lance and Brenda Heal and Doug and Christie Gardiner redo each other's rooms.

WELCOME BACK — Deputy John Mulder is back to full duty after recovering from donating a kidney to his wife Carla. Both Mulders are doing well!

WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS — Nominations are now being accepted for the city's "Woman of the Year" award to be presented at the Miss Eagle Mountain pageant in February.

The "Woman of the Year" recipient should be a woman who makes outstanding contributions to our community through efforts with her family, community service, or career achievements.

If you know a quality individual who is deserving of the "Woman of the Year" award, please send a letter of nomination of 200 words or less to Angie Ferre, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, UT 84005 or angief@emcity.org by Thursday, January 18.

MISS EAGLE MOUNTAIN 2007

APPLICATIONS — Young women between the ages of 17-24 who are interested in participating in the 2007 Miss Eagle Mountain pageant still have time to submit an application. Applications are available at City Hall until the January 12 deadline.

Please contact Angie Ferre at 789-6603 if you'd like additional information.

GAS SAFETY TIPS

What to do if you damage a gas line or come across a leaking line

The best way to avoid hitting a gas line is to call Blue Stakes before you dig. However, if you damage a gas line or discover natural gas escaping from a broken or leaking line, follow these steps:

* Turn off all machinery and vehicles and eliminate other ignition sources

Such as open flames, electrical switches, telephones, and cell phones.

* Evacuate everyone from the endangered area.

* Do not attempt to make repairs or operate any pipeline valves.

* Do not attempt to extinguish any fire.

* From a safe place, call 911 or other local emergency responders including Eagle

Mountain City at 789-5959.

Follow these steps if a line is pulled or jarred or its coating is damaged:

* Stop all work and check for the sound and other signs of escaping gas in the area.

* Do not make repairs or backfill until EM City (789-5959) has repaired any damage. This may cause a failure in the future.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN TEEN GETS FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP Set to Play Volleyball for Snow College

Lehi High School senior Kehau Ha'o, an Eagle Mountain resident for almost seven years, has accepted a full-ride scholarship to play volleyball for Snow College next year.

Ha'o started playing volleyball for Lehi High in her sophomore year after being recruited by coaches who noticed her height and jumping abilities on the school's basketball and track teams.

"Despite having a late start, she's progressed nicely and was a huge part of our success this year," said Lehi's volleyball coach Jamie Ingersoll.

The team placed third in the state tournament, making this year the school's most successful season since 1979, according to Ingersoll.

This effort also helped bring Ha'o to the attention of Les Calles, head coach for Snow College, who was looking for someone to replace a star right side player who is graduating.

"I looked at kids throughout the state for someone who could maintain the level of competition we're used to and help keep us on top of the conference," Calles said.

A former assistant coach at Brigham Young University, this is the tenth season at Snow College for Calles, who says his teams always reach at least the regional championships.

After seeing 30-40 players for the position, Calles decided that Ha'o was the "best choice" and offered her the scholarship.

In addition to playing for Calles at Snow College in



Kehau Ha'o signs a contract to play volleyball at Snow College surrounded by friends and family as new coach Les Calles watches.

the fall, Ha'o will be joining his club volleyball team which has members from around Utah who compete with teams in other western states from January through August. The club team allows players to gain more experience by playing year round, as well as exposing them to coaches from universities they may want to play for after graduating from Snow, a two-year college.

Excited for both opportunities, Ha'o says her goals at Snow are to win the regionals and go to nationals. She plans to study accounting and business off the court.

"We are extremely proud of her," Ha'o's mom Kimberly said. "We think Snow will be an excellent place for her to get a start in college."



Santa visits neighborhoods December 16 to give candy to children with help from our fire department. Thanks Santa!

Library Corner

Fine Forgiveness Month – January is fine forgiveness month at the library. This applies only to items currently checked out that are overdue. Fines will be waived on those items once they are turned in. Any fines on the account from items already turned in will remain.

Grant Received – The Library Services and Technology Association has awarded \$4,655 in response to a grant that was written to receive four more computers and two workstations to put them on. It is estimated the library will receive them by February.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



There was great attendance at the city's tree lighting event December 1 as proud parents and neighbors watched the elementary children sing.

Residents Wanted For Various Councils

Mayor Richardson would like to invite citizens to get involved in the social and economic development of our community by applying for the following positions:

Arts Council – Members will promote exposure to music, dance, drama, and fine arts.

Community Council – Members will provide activities that promote community and strengthen home and family.

Economic Development Board – Members will work with city staff to promote economic development in our city.

Youth Council – Members needed for established youth council for those ages 12-18 who would like to learn more about, and be involved with city government.

Senior Citizens Board – Members needed for a recently established senior citizens advisory board .

Anyone interested in any of the above positions may get an application at City Hall. Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled with the mayor.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL — The city's public works department is offering help for residents who would like an easy way to dispose of Christmas trees. Simply put your tree on the curb in front of your home from January 8 through January 11 and public works employees will pick up the trees for you.

STREET LIGHTS OUT — Please call 789-6670 to report any street light outages that you observe.

KNOW THE SMELL OF NATURAL GAS — Natural gas is odorless. To help ensure our residents' safety, we add a harmless chemical to natural gas so that the slightest leak can be detected. Everyone should be able to recognize it and associate it with natural gas. It is said the chemical odor smells like "rotten eggs."

If you should ever smell what you think is a natural gas leak, follow the safety tips on page three of this Update.

If you don't know the smell, call 789-6600 and ask for one of our scratch-and-sniff brochures.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS — City Council meetings for the month of January will be held on the 9th and 23rd, with work sessions starting at 5:00 p.m. and public sessions starting at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED — City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

BIG FIX COMING TO EAGLE MOUNTAIN

The Big Fix Discount Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic will be visiting Eagle Mountain at The Ranches Parkway professional building on Jan. 25. Intake begins at 8 a.m. and patients are taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Female dogs cost \$55 to spade, male dogs are \$45. Female cats are \$30 and male cats are \$20. The cat family plan is \$100 and all kittens must be from one litter and between two to five months old. Cats must be brought in labeled carriers and dogs need to be on leashes.

Dogs weighing more than 60 pounds cost \$10 extra. Pets having surgery should not eat after 9 p.m. the day before the operation unless under four months old in which case 6 a.m. the same day of the surgery is the latest they can eat.

Drinking water is OK for all animals. More information on the nonprofit service is available at www.utahpets.org or (866) 738-7349.

SNOW REMOVAL PARKING REMINDER

The city's public works department appreciates your cooperation with an ordinance that prohibits parking on city streets following a snow storm. To insure prompt and thorough snow removal, please follow the parameters of this ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-2005

Section 1. It is unlawful to park vehicles, trailers, or other property constituting obstructions to traffic on the streets of Eagle Mountain City between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day from November 1st to March 15th of the succeeding year whenever two (2) or more inches of snow accumulate on streets in the City.

Section 2. Vehicles and other obstructions on streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City parked in violation of this Ordinance are subject to towing and removal by the City to facilitate maneuvering snowplows and snow removal operations.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful to place, plow, or dump snow in the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City.

Section 4. It is the policy of Eagle Mountain City that this Ordinance will be enforced during periods requiring snowplowing or snow removal from the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City.

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The Economic Development Board is a wonderful way for citizens to be directly involved with government in promoting the successful economic development of our city.

For all of these councils, we need committed individuals willing to donate their time and talent to the development and success of our community. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please see the information on page 5 of this newsletter.

As a post script, I have sincerely appreciated feedback from many citizens regarding not only things that they are pleased to see happening in the city government and changes that have been taking place, but things they would like to see improved upon. Improvement is an important component of growth. At this time, I would specifically like to welcome feedback from individuals regarding their vision for the community and specific things they are pleased with and/or would like to see improved. Please send these comments to angief@emcity.org by January 31, 2007. Handwritten comments may be mailed or taken directly to City Hall. We appreciate your time and efforts in helping to form the foundation for Eagle Mountain during the last ten years. We look forward to the city's next ten years, as years of growth and vitality.

Mayor Don Richardson