



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Mayor Richardson congratulates Tom Maher for being appointed to the planning commission for a second term.

Dear Residents,

Much has transpired within the city in the last month. We are staying abreast of our water and utility needs. We are currently drilling two monitoring wells. The monitoring wells are an assessment tool required by the state as a prerequisite before we drill any more culinary wells in the city.

We have reviewed our power system capacity and are beginning the initial steps to upgrade the power system for the city center. The new system should be completed in 2008 and will have capacity to supply power for double the amount of homes currently in the city center. Our sewer system is also in the being processes of being upgraded for greater capacity.

On January 20, 2007, the city held an Emergency Preparation Meeting. This meeting was an important stepping stone in the process of organizing the city resources in a way that our city will be prepared for a possible disaster.

We have narrowed it down to two candidates for the position of City Administrator. A special City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 PM to allow council members to publicly interview the final candidates. These candidates are both very well qualified and either of them would be an asset to the city.

As it is the beginning of an election year for our city, I would like to encourage all citizens to be involved throughout the year. In November, elections will be held for mayor, as well as city council positions. Whether your involvement includes running for these offices, participation in one of our community councils, or being an informed voter and citizen, the more we are involved in our city government, the better our city will be. A favorite quote of mine states, *"What lies behind us is nothing compared to what lies within us and ahead of us."* (Anonymous)

The key to good government is the involvement of you! For all of you that are currently serving, my sincere thanks. Each of us has much to contribute, and with your help there is so much more that lies ahead of us in Eagle Mountain.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Don D. Richardson

**Q&A:** If you have a question for Mayor Richardson to answer in this section of the Update, please send it to [news@emcity.org](mailto:news@emcity.org).





Photo Courtesy of Donna Milakovic

Michele Bradley pins a badge on her husband Dave after he was sworn-in as the city's newest full-time firefighter/paramedic.

City Employee  
Spotlights



Transplanted New Yorker Melanie Lahman became the deputy city recorder last August, having previously worked for the city as a utilities clerk.

Her duties include keeping all documents such as contracts, ordinances and resolutions, and subdivision plats in order. She also takes notes for all City Council meetings.

A person who likes to organize things, Melanie enjoys that aspect of her job most. She says she likes Eagle Mountain because "it's rural and pretty relaxed and friendly."

Melanie lives in Spanish Fork, but is planning to move to Eagle Mountain soon with her husband of 10 years, Allen. They have six children, ages 18-23, and one grandchild.

In her off-work time she is learning Spanish and loves all kinds of crafts.

Eagle Mountain is located where Ryan Busch used to come to ride motorcycles as a kid growing up in Orem. So, he says it "feels like home" to work here.



Employed as a utilities locator for the city since last September, Ryan first worked for the city in 1997, just when things were getting started.

His job is to paint outlines of where utilities are located when someone is excavating to prevent damage. He says he likes his line of work because he gets to be outdoors all day.

Married for 10 years, he and his wife Cari live in Pleasant Grove. He has three children, ages 18, 9, and 5.

His after work activities also find him outdoors, either playing golf, camping, or four-wheeling.

## News Notes

**NEW FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER —** David Bradley was sworn-in at the January 23 City Council meeting as the city's newest full-time firefighter. Bradley, one of the original paramedics in the city, was hired to fill a vacancy left by Chad Gottfredson who accepted a job with the Unified Fire Authority. Gottfredson will continue to work for Eagle Mountain part-time.

"I love the area and people of Eagle Mountain," Bradley said. About his job he added, "There is no greater reward than going to someone's home to help in time of crisis."

Bradley lives in Orem with his wife Michele. They have five children.

**CPR and CERT CLASSES OFFERED —** The fire department is prepared to start CPR and CERT classes for the citizens of Eagle Mountain. A charge of \$20 per person will be collected on the first night of class. If you are interested in either class, please call 789-5010 for more information and/or dates and times.

**FREE HOME BUYER CLASSES IN SPANISH —**

Community Action Services will offer a free home buyer education class in Spanish during February, in addition to regularly scheduled classes.

Homebuyer education classes help people become qualified home buyers. This includes help with budgeting, money management skills, understanding your credit, how to save money on a loan, how to avoid predatory lending, special tips on shopping for a home, and working with real estate professionals. You will also learn about down-payments, closing-cost assistance and loan programs.

Educate yourself before starting your home buying process. For more information or to register call 373-8200 ext. 235 or visit [www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org).

## Kindergartener Donates Locks For Love

When Macie Ferre heard the story of fellow Eagle Mountain resident Shelbie Fox's battle with a cancerous brain tumor, she told her mom she wanted to do something to help.

Familiar with her mom's experience of donating her hair to an organization called "Locks of Love," Ferre announced that she wanted to cut the hair she'd

spent two years growing to give to Fox or other children like her. Locks of Love is a national charity that makes hairpieces for children under the age of 18 who suffer long-term hair loss from any diagnosis.

Liz McDermid, Fox's mom, was touched when told about Ferre's act of kindness. "It brings tears to my eyes," she said. "We're really blessed, even with what we're dealing with, and we've realized how something like this brings out such positive things in other people. This is just amazing because she is so young."

A week later, Macie had no regrets about cutting her hair. Asked how her friends at school reacted to her new look she said, "They liked it. They thought it was cute."

For more information on "Locks of Love" you may visit their website at [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org).



## Eagle Scout Project Benefits Fire Department and Emergency Response Team

Jon Stockton says he has learned a lot of good things through his years of involvement with the Boy Scouts. As he prepared to start working on his Eagle Scout project, he wanted it to be something that put those skills to good use and had a positive impact on the community.



Jon Stockton poses with the product of his Eagle Scout project (backboards for the city's emergency response team) and fire department personnel.

(From left), Clark Clifford, Craig Erickson, Jon Stockton, and Fire Chief Rand Andrus)

Forty-five hours of work later, the Eagle Mountain Fire Department has eight new backboards to use in emergency response team training. The backboards were suggested by Fire Chief Rand Andrus after Stockton came to him asking about needs for the city.

"These backboards will be a great help to our CERT team," Andrus said. "My goal for the future is to get enough equipment that we can store in different areas of the city in case of an emergency."

The process for making the backboards included searching for the appropriate type of plywood, getting paint donated from a paint store, sanding the wood, and using a router to make handles.

Along the way he received help and support from his parents, Suzette and Mark, the young men's organization in his church, and his fellow scouts.

His hard work paid off as he received word that the project was accepted by the Boy Scouts and he will receive his Eagle award February 18.

"I thought it was cool," Stockton said regarding getting notice of the award. "I saw that I put effort into it and I got it."

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



Team members on The Defenders race for a rebound in a game versus The Jazz on January 27. Junior Jazz games continue through March 3.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**STREET LIGHTS OUT NUMBER CORRECTION** — Please call **789-6681** to report any street light outages that you observe.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** — City Council meetings for the month of February will be held on the 6th and 20th, with work sessions starting at either 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. and public sessions starting at 7:00 p.m.

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED** — City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day.

**DUMPSTER ETIQUETTE, PART 2** – Dear residents, please remember that dumpsters located on the city property are *not* for private use. Thanks!

**FOUND BICYCLES** – The sheriff's office has found several abandoned bicycles around the city. If you have lost a bicycle, you may call 789-6701 to arrange a time to come in to the office and see if there is one matching your description.

**GAS REPAIRS PROCEDURES** — We have received a number of calls from residents asking for city gas department personnel to handle indoor repairs at their homes. For insurance reasons, it is the city's policy for employees to assist in checking for outdoor leaks only. Any indoor repairs should be handled by a heating and air conditioning contractor. If you suspect an indoor gas leak, remember to evacuate your residence and call 911 from a safe location.

## Volunteers Still Needed

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.

**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.

**Skate Park Committee** — Adult and youth members ages 12 and older wanted for committee to assist with plans for a proposed skate park

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.

## School Events

### Eagle Valley

6-9: Book Fair (Buy 1, Get 1 Free)

6 and 7: SEPs

9: Eagle's Nest

12: End of Jazz Reading Contest

21: PTA Board Meeting @ 3:45 PM

24: Make A Difference Day

### Pony Express

6-9: Book Fair

7&8: Parent Conferences

13: Jr. Engineering Day

16: 5th Grade Maturation Program

26: Family Disco Night

### Ranches Academy

13: Science Fair @ 6:00 PM

## CONSTRUCTION ALERTS

Residents of the Lone Tree and Hidden Valley subdivisions should be aware that construction on two water monitoring wells will be ongoing for approximately three weeks. The contractor will be on a 24 hour schedule in an effort to finish these necessary wells faster and clear the area road. They will be using lights driven by generators in the evening.

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Rocky Mountain Power and their contractor Wasatch Electric will be using implosive connectors at two different locations near The Ranches during the week of February 19 (weather permitting).

The first location is off of Lochdoon Lane in the Point Lookout subdivision. There will be a series of 3-4 shots at this location. Prior to each shot there will be a siren warning one minute before the shot is to take place. The noise with each shot lasts for only a fraction of a second but is fairly substantial.

The second series of implosive connections should take place on the same day near Plumcreek Circle in the Plumcreek Townhome subdivision. There will be 3 shots at this location with the same warning siren procedure. This method of connecting conductor is safe and will not harm anyone or anything.

## Library Corner

**Loan Periods:** Books, audio books, and videos/DVDs are currently 21-day loans. There is a late fee of \$.05 per day, per item on all books and audio books. There is a late of \$.25 per day, per item on all videos/DVDs.

### Other Services:

Copies: \$.10 per copy (black & white available only) at the computers or the public use copy machine.

Fax sending/receiving: \$1.00 per fax Interlibrary loans: \$2.00 per item.

### Our Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

We are located in Eagle Mountain City Hall Building at 1650 E. Stagecoach Run.

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