



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



I appreciate the numerous emails I have received from Eagle Mountain citizens. In response to these emails, I would like to address four specific topics this month: snow removal, transportation, schools, and commercial/economic development.

Citizens have expressed concern over the road conditions of SR73 and Redwood Road after heavy snowfalls. After contacting UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation), they have committed to adding another snow plow truck to their route, as well as salting the roads more heavily. This should improve the conditions on these two roads.

Regarding transportation, I met with Darrell Cook of MAG (Mountainland Association of Governments) and talked with Senator Mark Madsen. The 1000 South Project has been approved for the environmental impact study and the study has been initiated. Although the 18-month study must be completed before the state will allow the new road construction to begin, we are relieved the process has begun.

In reference to schools, I met with Rob Smith of the Alpine School District. He indicated that Alpine School District is looking for property to purchase in The Ranches for a new elementary school. They plan to break ground for the school in June 2007. We stressed the need as well for additional facilities in Eagle Mountain City Center. Rob indicated that Eagle Valley Elementary is slated for an addition of eight new classrooms in 2008.

Finally, many citizens have asked about commercial/economic development. Since the beginning of 2007, we have had a significant increase in the number of commercial groups interested in Eagle Mountain. The city is currently negotiating with a grocery store chain, a fast food chain, a gas station, and a retail manufacturer. Additionally, a new cable company, PrimeVision, LLC, has just been approved by the City Council to come to Eagle Mountain as well.

I am excited about the progress we are making and the growth that is taking place. Our efforts together as citizens and families, elected officials, and city employees are continuing to improve the city in which we live.

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).



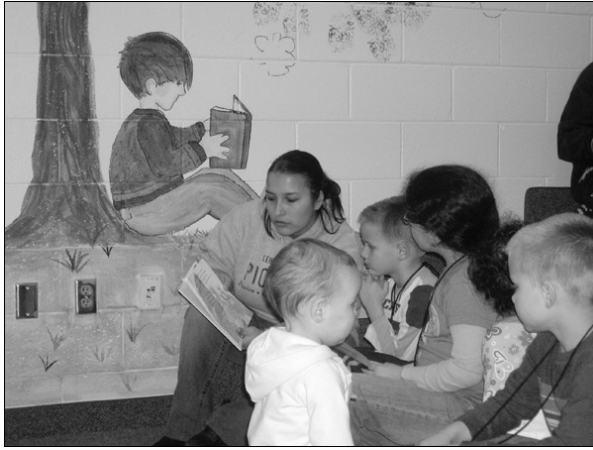


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Kindergartners at Eagle Valley Elementary listen to stories during family reading night last month.

## City Employee Spotlights



Salt Lake City native DeAnna Whitney is happy to be living in Utah again, after stints in Colorado and Nevada. DeAnna has lived in Eagle Mountain for over 6 years and is the city's human resources coordinator. She originally started with the city in 2001 as the deputy city recorder and transitioned to the human resources position when it was created in 2004.

DeAnna has been married for 26 years and is the mother of 10 children and grandmother to 25 children. Most of her family lives in Utah and she enjoys being close to them.

Being able to work directly with the city employees is a big part of what she likes about her job. She attends regular training meetings and keeps up to date on current laws related to personnel.

Known as a bookworm around home, she loves to read and spend time with her family.

Future master gardener Patty Creighton joined the city's utility front desk team last October. She has lived in Eagle Mountain since last April, having relocated from Denver after spending 20 years there.

It has been an adjustment for her to work inside, since she previously managed a greenhouse. However, she says the best part of her job is being able to meet so many people.

In addition to pursuing a master gardener certificate, Patty enjoys writing and spending time with her family. She also likes to travel to Scotland to visit her mother's family.

Closer to home, she is fond of the mountains surrounding Eagle Mountain and likes the look of the valley. She has been married almost 27 years and has four children, ages 25,24,21, and 16.

## News Notes

**Spring Clean-Up** — The city will be providing dumpsters for residents' use as part of Spring Clean-Up from April 16-30. The dumpsters will be located inside the gates of the Public Works Building, 2545 N. Sweetwater Rd., and will be available Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Saturday from 8:00 AM to Noon.

The city will have six dumpsters available during the clean-up period. Once those six dumpsters are full, we will not be able to accept any more garbage. We are also not able to accept appliances or other large items that do not fit in the dumpster. Please be sure you can lift your items into the dumpster before bringing them down to the Public Works Building. If you have questions, you may call Zac Hilton at 789-6677.

**Pet Fixes** — The Big Fix Discount Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic will be visiting Eagle Mountain at The Ranches Parkway professional building on Wednesday, March 21. Intake begins at 8 a.m. and patients are taken on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information on the nonprofit service, and to find out if online reservations are available, visit [www.utahpets.org](http://www.utahpets.org) or call (866) 738-7349.

**Daylight Saving Time** — Daylight Saving Time will begin earlier this year than in previous years. Clocks need to be moved one hour forward by 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 11.

**Spring Fire Department Reminders** — It is a good practice to replace the batteries in your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors when you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time.

Also, as you begin your spring yard care, make sure that the area within three feet in all directions from any fire hydrant is cleared of natural growth or plants, so they can easily be seen by the fire department if needed.

**Scouting for Food Drive** — Saturday, March 24 is the annual Scouting for Food drive. Boy Scouts will deliver plastic bags to homes the week before the food drive. Please fill the bags with donations (non-perishable food and hygiene items) for Community Action Services and Food Bank. Leave the bags on your porch Saturday morning for pick up. If you have any questions about donations, call Jim Thomas, at 373-8200 ext. 216.



### MISS EAGLE MOUNTAIN PREPARES TO SAY GOODBYE 2007 Pageant to Be Held Next Month

It has been a busy year for Celeste Lojik, Miss Eagle Mountain 2006, as she has honorably served as our city's queen while working toward earning two bachelor's degrees at Utah Valley State College. Lojik will relinquish her crown on April 7 to a new Miss Eagle Mountain. She encourages more young women in our city to get involved with the pageant.

"Pageants have gotten a bad rap this year with controversy from some national pageants," Lojik said. "This pageant is not centered on looks. It's about being a well-rounded person with talents to share. Even if you didn't win, being part of the pageant and the organization is a great experience that is worth your time."

The Miss Eagle Mountain pageant is affiliated with the Miss America organization and Lojik will represent the city in the Miss Utah pageant this June. Following her Miss Utah experience, Lojik will graduate next year with a double major in political science and behavioral science. She plans to go to law school after graduation.

The experience of greatest value to her during her reign as queen has been her work with three charitable groups – The Adoption Exchange, which assists in adoptions of foster children, Project Reach Out which helps orphans internationally, and Rise, Inc., a non-profit that assists adults with disabilities find employment and housing.

"I'd like to thank everyone in Eagle Mountain for all of their support, especially with the various charitable projects I've been involved in," Lojik said. "I hope people's hearts will be touched to continue helping these charities."

#### Lojik's Memorable Moments

**Most Exciting:** Co-Emceeing "A Country Christmas Concert with J. Marc Bailey" to raise funds for The Adoption Exchange

**Most Adorable:** A 7 year old boy kept purposely breaking his candy canes at the city's tree lighting event so he could go back and talk to her under the auspices of getting another.

**Most Touching:** The quantity of donations received for her Coats for Christmas drive and realizing how many people would benefit from it.

#### Miss Eagle Mountain 2007 Pageant

**When:** Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 PM

**Where:** Eagle Valley Elementary School Auditorium

**Cost:** \$7 (children small enough to sit on a lap are free)

Tickets will be available at the door, or you may purchase them from one of the following contestants the week prior to the pageant for the same price: Lacie Ault, Jamie Williams, Michelle Vanderhoef, Sanna Hennefer, Katalyn Griffith, Mylea Hutchings, and Violet Bundy.

For more information, contact Melissa Smith at 789-2671.

### EAGLE MOUNTAIN RESIDENT TAKES ON PARASAILING AT AGE 81 Says Staying Active is Important to Her

Vi Rindel has always wanted to try skydiving. Last year after friends encouraged her to go with them on a cruise to Mexico, she came pretty close - by going parasailing. A sport that could be nerve racking at any age was a breeze for 81 year old Rindel.

"I really enjoyed it," Rindel said. "I wasn't afraid at all. The only thing bad about it was they didn't leave me up there long enough."

That type of spunk seems to be typical of Rindel, who attributes her good health today to an active lifestyle that includes a passion for gardening and landscaping.

Having grown up on farms in Nebraska and Idaho, Rindel loves the outdoors and says she was drawn to Eagle Mountain (her home of two years) because of the mountains, open spaces, and nearby Utah Lake.

Vi has been single for 31 years and lives with her son. She also has two daughters and seven grandchildren.

In addition to her gardening, she is known locally for her crème pies – Vi's Pies, her friends call them, and her service in the LDS church ward she attends.

With her Mexican adventure behind her she's now looking forward to spring and seeing the 400 bulbs she planted last fall in full bloom.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Baseball registration will continue from Saturday, March 3 to Wednesday, March 21, 2007. Saturday registrations are held in the foyer of the Ranches Professional Building from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

You may also register at City Hall (Mon.-Thurs. from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM) or the Public Works Building (Mon.-Thurs. from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM, 2545 N. Sweetwater Rd.). Registration forms are also available online at [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com).

### Age Groups:

4, 5 & 6 years old:	T-ball ( <i>must be 4 by April 30</i> )
7 & 8 years old:	Coach Pitch
9 & 10 years old:	Player Pitch
11 & 12 years old:	Player Pitch
13 & 14 years old:	Player Pitch

Fees: Registration for ages 4-8: \$40.00 (includes hat and jersey). Registration for ages 9-14: \$45.00 (includes hat and socks). (**Checks or exact cash only**)

Make checks payable to "Eagle Mountain City Youth Sports". Please put name of sport on the form and on the memo-line of your check.

Season is May 5 to June 30. For additional questions, call 789-6694.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** — City Council meetings for the month of March 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.

**Mountain View Corridor Meeting** — There will be a public meeting addressing Utah County alternatives for the Mountain View Corridor on Thursday, March 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Sego Lily Elementary School, 550 East 900 North, Lehi.

### SEASONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE

**LABORERS WANTED** – Eagle Mountain City is accepting applications for Parks and Recreation Maintenance Laborers. These are seasonal positions beginning April 15, 2007, and ending October 13, 2007; starting wage \$10.00 per hour. Applicants who are hired and complete the full season will receive a \$1000 bonus. Position does not require any special training or schooling.

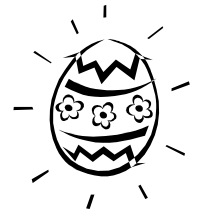
Duties include, but are not limited to, mowing and fertilizing lawns, maintaining irrigation in all parks, weeding, and maintenance of sprinkling system. Applicants must be able to lift 50 pounds.

Applications are available online at [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) or may be picked up from 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, at the Eagle Mountain City Office, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run. Positions open until filled. Applications may be submitted online or may be mailed or delivered to:

Jeff Weber, Asst. Public Works Director  
Eagle Mountain City  
1650 E. Stagecoach Run  
Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

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## Easter Egg Hunt



The city's annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7, at Nolan Park in The Ranches starting at 10:30 AM **sharp** (If you are late, your child will probably miss out on getting an egg).

There will be four age groups: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. We will have 10,000 eggs.

If there is a number inside your egg, you win a prize. There are many fun prizes this year, including bikes and scooters.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer or donate prizes, contact Leesa Holland at 789-3337. Leesa would like to thank all those who have already donated their time or prizes.

## School Events

### Eagle Valley

- 5 No School
- 9 Eagle's Nest
- 14 PTA Mtg., 6:00 PM (All members)
- 21 PTA Board Meeting
- 23 No School
- 30 Family Activity - '50s Night

### Pony Express

- 5 No School
- 8 Talent Show
- 22 Spring Pictures
- 23 No School

### Ranches Academy

- 2 Cat in the Hat Day
- 5 No School
- 7-9 Storytelling Festival
- 19 FSO Meeting at 1:30 PM



## **SAWYER BROWN TO PERFORM AT EAGLE MOUNTAIN'S PONY EXPRESS DAYS**

### **Tickets On Sale Now**

Popular country music group Sawyer Brown will be in concert at Eagle Mountain's Silver Lake Amphitheater on Saturday, June 2 - the final night of the city's tenth anniversary Pony Express Days celebration.

Tickets are on sale now at [SmithsTix.com](http://SmithsTix.com) or any SmithsTix outlets. A limited number of tickets are also available for purchase at City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, 789-6603. The price for tickets is \$9 - children two and younger are free.

According to a SmithsTix representative, people began calling to ask for tickets to see the popular band in Eagle Mountain soon after their contract was approved by the City Council on February 6.

Sawyer Brown came to prominence after winning first place on the television show "Star Search" (the "American Idol" of the

1980s). Now after 23 years they've performed over 3,500 shows and earned gold and platinum albums featuring hits such as "The Walk", "Some Girls Do", and "The Dirt Road." The five man band consists of frontman Mark Miller, bassist Jim Scholten, drummer Joe Smyth, keyboardist Greg Hubbard, and guitarist Shayne Hill.

The group has a devoted fan base that Miller recognizes in the band's biography. "It's almost like Jimmy Buffett's fans who come not because of the new record or the new song, but because they know they're gonna have fun," he says. "We've got kids who grew up listening to their parents' records coming now - and they're totally into it."