#### EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



I would like to sincerely thank the residents of Eagle Mountain for their water conservation efforts during the repair of our well. In the face of a challenging situation, our residents pulled together and made the situation a lot better. Your conscientious efforts make an important statement regarding the families and individuals that reside in our community.

The mechanical failure of Well #2 was due to a shaft breaking. Repairs to the well were performed by Kyle Widdison (41 years experience), of Widdison Turbine Services, who indicated to us that-- unfortunately, this type of mechanical failure cannot be prevented with regular well maintenance-- but is something that naturally occurs over the process of time. The timing of this type of failure can not be predicted either, but it is a relatively common type of failure in the pumping system that had been originally installed in Well #2. As a result (to give us more longevity and reliability in this well), we have redesigned the pumping system and replaced it with a more reliable one. These changes should increase the life of and reliability of the pumping system of this well.

We are in the process of improving our city's website. We hope to use this website not only to disseminate information to residents, but also as an economic development tool and a professional representation of Eagle Mountain— as the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest growing city in Utah. We would appreciate your suggestions as residents regarding what information and features you would like included on the website and any format or style suggestions you might have. Please email your suggestions to news@emcity.org.

In conclusion, we will soon be holding our primary election for 3 city council positions and the mayoral position. Please be involved in the voting process and exercise your right to vote for the candidates that you feel will best serve and represent our city. Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "The only sure bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well enough informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government." Eagle Mountain is comprised of families and individuals with a strong sense of values. This reflects in the way our community has pulled together for many charitable causes, volunteer work in our schools, and just being good neighbors. Let's continue this legacy.

Mayor Don D. Richardson

**Q&A:** If you have questions for Mayor Richardson to address in this section of the Update, please send an email to news@emcity.org.

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#### CITY TO NOT RAISE PROPERTY TAXES THIS YEAR **Growth Expected to Cover Costs**

Although many Utah and Salt Lake County cities are facing property tax increases this year, Eagle Mountain residents will not pay higher property tax - in large part due to the city's growth.

"Why raise taxes if you don't have to?", said City Administrator John Hendrickson.

After the city received our certified tax number from the county, it was determined that revenues from current growth rates would cover budgeted costs.

The tax rate is actually two-thirds less than it was last year, but due to increases in property values, the gain will be about the same.

In addition to the property tax revenue, the city is in the process of appealing recently released census numbers that put the population of Eagle Mountain around 12,000. Hendrickson says the more accurate number is around 20,000.

If the population numbers are adjusted by the U.S. Census Bureau, the city would receive more money in sales-tax dollars from the state.

## **GARBAGE ETIQUETTE 101**

As a courtesy to our neighbors and community, please remember to bag trash before placing it in your trash can for pick up.

Because it frequently gets windy in our city, trash that is placed loosely in the can often ends up getting blown into surrounding yards or public areas when cans are turned over during pick up by trash trucks.

BFI has received complaints about loose trash and has asked for our help and cooperation to remedy this problem and keep our community looking clean and litter free.

Thanks to all for your compliance with this!

# Are you prepared? **Emergency Trivia Contest**

According to the American
<b>Red Cross, what three</b>
steps should you take at the
onset of an earthquake?



About 40 children attended the end of summer reading party at the library on August 17. A drawing for prizes was held and everyone got to eat pizza and take home a goodie bag.

## **Library Nook**

The library will offer a "grossology" class for children ages 5 and up on Saturday, October 13 at 10 AM.

Activities will be "gross" in nature, including making slime, and anything and everything that is icky and sticky.

Please contact the library to pre-register for this class by Monday, October 8. There will be a size limit on the group, so register soon. Admission is free.

Computer classes for residents age 55 and over will continue this Fall. Instruction is offered free of charge each Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM. Topics covered include email, internet use, and other computer essentials.

If you can correctly answer this emergency  $\Box$  $_{\Box}$  preparedness question, you may win a certifi-  $_{\Box}$ cate for \$20 off your utility bill. E-mail an answer with your name, address, and phone after 8:00 AM on September 10 □ and before 5:00 PM on September 11 to □ news@emcity.org. The first correct entry re-П ceived wins! Congratulations to last month's winner • Avalie Muhlestein. The answer was: The • American Red Cross recommends one gallon need three gallons per person for a three day supply. Previous winners and family not eligible again for one  $\Box$ year.

## MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT ELECTION 2007



Friday, September 7 @ 6:30 PM The Ranches Academy 7789 North Tawny Owl Circle

This is an opportunity for residents to meet and ask questions of those running for mayor and city council before the primary election on September 11.

Sponsored by the PTAs of Eagle Valley Elementary, Harvest Elementary, and Pony Express Elementary, The Ranches Academy PTO, and the Lehi Area Chamber of Commerce.

Cíty Employee Spotlíght



Penny Thompson has a job that should make most people she deals with pretty happy — she issues a lot of checks.

Employed in the city's finance depart-

ment for three years, Penny is our accounts payable representative. It is a job that carries with it a lot of responsibility to get payments processed and out on time. She likes the organizational aspects of the job, but she says what keeps her going strong are the great people she works with in the finance department.

Penny grew up in Pleasant Grove and has been married to her high school sweetheart, Jeff, for 13 years. They live in Goshen and have two children, ages 8 and 6.

Though not a resident of Eagle Mountain, Penny thinks "it's a beautiful place." She says, "It's nice to see people outside running, walking dogs, and enjoying the safe feeling of the community as I drive in to work."

In her off time, Penny loves to travel. Favorite vacations include visits to St. Maarten and a surprise anniversary trip to New York. All of her travels make good backdrops for her other favorite hobby —photography. She should find many beautiful sunsets to snap when she and her family take a cruise to Baja, Mexico next month.

# **News** Notes

**Primary Election** — A primary election will be held on Tuesday, September 11 to vote on candidates for mayor and city council. There are three city council seats open.

After the primary election, the current field of three mayoral candidates will be narrowed down to two and the field of 11 city council candidates will be narrowed down to six.

Early voting at our city recorder's office (1650 E. Stagecoach Run—City Hall) is available as follows:

#### EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Tues, August 28 - Thurs, August 30 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM

Friday, August 31 7:30 AM until 12:00 PM (noon)

Tues, September 4 -Thurs, September 6 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM

Friday, September 7 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM

On primary election day, Tuesday, September 11, polls open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM. Residents who live in The Ranches vote at Pony Express Elementary (3885 E. Smith Ranch Road), and residents who live in City Center vote at City Hall (1650 E. Stagecoach Run).

**UDOT Open House** — A public open house will be held by UDOT on Thursday, September 6 at Snow Springs Elementary in Lehi (850 S. 1700 W.) for area residents to voice their opinions on a proposed east-west connector road (at 10th South) from Redwood Road to I-15.

The project is already funded and is not part of the Mountain View Corridor project. The goals for this project, as stated by UDOT representatives, are to reduce congestion on SR73 and improve eastwest regional mobility.

**Community Emergency Response Training** — The Fire Department will be offering CERT training on two Saturdays in October, dates TBA. The cost is \$20 per person. Call 789-6701 for additional information.

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Brick Robinson, with his mom Krista, meets kidney donor Aaron Coltrin for the first time - as documented by KSL News.

#### TODDLER DOING WELL AFTER TRANSPLANT FROM "GOOD SAMARITAN"

Three months after receiving a kidney transplant, two-year-old Brick Robinson is making great strides, according to his mom. "He's walking now!", Krista Robinson says.

Born with only one kidney that was defective, Brick has been on a feeding tube since shortly after birth and has received occupational therapy for developmental delays caused by the kidney disease.

After waiting since January of this year on the transplant list, Krista Robinson and her husband Matt got word that a donor match had been found and the transplant was scheduled for May 25.

Who was the donor? A living 28 year old man named Aaron Coltrin from Logan.

Coltrin signed up to be a kidney donor for a complete stranger through the Good Samaritan Living Kidney Donor Program, which matches living donors with patients waiting for a kidney transplant. The program is managed by the "Yes" Utah Donor Registry.

A married father of three children, Coltrin told the Robinsons he decided to become a donor after reading a news article about the Good Samaritan program. He was surprised to find out the recipient of his kidney was only two years old and told KSL News, "Seeing a little kid, having kids of your own, it's really cool."

"It is absolutely incredible, for someone out of the blue to give up one of their organs," a grateful Krista Robinson said.

Robinson can already see a big difference in Brick since the transplant. "He's happier, his skin color is healthier, and he's much more active," she said.

Brick's current routine includes taking seven different medications twice a day and visiting the kidney clinic at the University of Utah for doctors appointments and blood draws once a week. He has just passed the critical three month mark, when most rejections occur.

According to Krista Robinson, Coltrin has also recovered well. She says the two families will always share a special bond.

For more information on the Good Samaritan Living Kidney Donor Program, visit www.yesutah.org or call 866-YES-UTAH. For information on The Brick House Foundation to benefit kidney research, call 789-8889.

# **PRINCESS TEA**

All little princesses (ages 10 and under) are invited to attend a princess tea with Miss Eagle Mountain 2007 Michelle Vanderhoef on Saturday, September 22 at 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM in the City Council Chambers.

Attendees are invited to dress up in their favorite princess outfits and come listen to stories read by Miss Eagle Mountain and Little Miss Eagle Mountain.

Refreshments will be served and party favors will be given out. Cost is \$2 per child.

Please contact the library (789-6623) by Monday, September 17 to register for this event.



Attendees of last year's Princess Tea pose with Miss Eagle Mountain 2006 Celeste Lojik.



Brick Robinson, age 2.

# COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD



Jericho Road and Genesis Children's Choir perform at SilverLake Amphitheater August 25 in a concert benefiting Reach the Children.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Fun Run/Walk** — Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in American Fork Hospital's annual 5K fun run and walk— "Mike's Mad Dash", Saturday, September 29 at 9 AM. The event will kick off the hospital's recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month held in October. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month helps raise awareness about prevention and treatment, celebrates breast cancer survivorship, and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Advance registration is \$10 and includes a t-shirt, refreshments, and entry into the prize drawing. Same day registration is \$15 and will begin at 8 AM in the lobby of Huntsman-Intermountain Cancer Center at 1152 East 200 North in American Fork. All runners who cross the finish line before the hospital's administrator win a free pair of movie tickets! For more information, **call 855-3279**.

**Community Action Week** — Do you have adequate food storage? Have you planned for your retirement? Now is the time to act! To celebrate its 40th anniversary, Community Action Services and Food Bank will hold Community Action Week: *Celebrating Self-Reliance*, from October 1-5, 2007. Community Action Week will feature a variety of activities to build self-reliance, sponsored by local partners. Throughout the week, orange ribbons will be worn and displayed in the community to promote self-reliance.

If you want to learn more about this one-of-a-kind celebration or would like to get involved, please visit <u>www.CommunityActionUC.org</u> or **call 801-373-8200**.

#### **City Contact Numbers**

Utility Emergency Hotline	789-5959
Utility Billing	789-6668
Fire (Non-Emergency) Emergency	789-6715 911
Sheriff (Non-Emergency) Emergency	851-4100 911
Mayor	789-6603
City Administrator	789-6603
Library	789-6623
Human Resources	789-6604
Building	789-6614
Planning	789-6617
Recorder	789-6611
Special Events	789-6603
Youth Sports	789-6694
Street Light Repairs	789-6681
Main Number	789-6600
Telephone Service - (Direct Communications)	789-2800

#### Mayor & City Council E-Mail Addresses

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The Eagle Mountain Senior Citizens Council hosted their first BINGO social on August 15.

# What I Did During My Summer Vacation...

Who says all kids do when they're not in school is watch television, play video games, or listen to their iPods? Here are a few examples of young people who showed off other talents this summer.

Lexi and Haylee Schoonover have ridden horses since they were big enough to sit in a saddle. Their love and dedication to horses helped them to both earn distinguished honors at the 2007 World Championship Paint Horse Show this summer. The competition was held June 24 through July 7 in Fort Worth, Texas and the Schoonovers spent a month in Texas including their pre-competition training.

Lexi achieved a life-long dream by taking the top award in her age group, "World Champion in Horsemanship—13 and under." Now 14 years old, the Willowcreek Middle School 9th grader has advanced into the next age range for competitions.



Lexi, during trail practice.

Her sister Haylee, a fifth grader at Pony Express Elementary, won "Reserve World Champion-Class Horsemanship" - equivalent to runner-up.

Both girls practice daily after school and have been taught by their parents to take responsibility for their horses.

"I require them to clean the stalls and groom their horses," their mom Camie Schoonover says. "They are good about doing it because they know it's part of what they need to do in order to participate in competitions."



Haylee (left) and Lexi Schoonover pose with their partners Modern Design and Louies Soleman.

ago. They travel as needed for competitions.

Grateful that her years of hard work helped her accomplish her goal, Lexi says the sport has helped shape her into the person she is today. "I love animals and I know how to work hard," Lexi said. "It's also kept me out of trouble," she says with a laugh.

When one thinks of things a 12 year old boy might choose to do in their free time, practicing piano for six hours a day may not immediately come to mind.

This is one of the exceptional traits of Joshua Mortensen, who was awarded third prize in the elementary division of the Utah State Fair Piano Competition last month. He received a cash prize and the opportunity to audition for Keith Lockhart of the Utah Symphony for the annual Salute to Youth concert. From that audition he received an honorable mention.

A sixth grader at Saratoga Shores Elementary, Mortensen sees how his commitment to piano since the age of four translates to other areas of his life.

"It's helped me to focus on one thing and get it done," Mortensen said. "I know how to stick with things, even when it's hard, and not give up."



Joshua Mortensen practices Mendelssohn's 2nd Concerto in D Minor at his home.

This focus also helps him in school, where he participates in an accelerated learning program, and playing sports including soccer and basketball.

Mortensen's parents Jill and Ron moved the family to Eagle Mountain in July of 2001. Joshua has been a student of local piano teacher Janae Codner Williams for the past two and a half years.

Jill says as parents they do all they can to provide emotional support as Joshua prepares for competitions.

"I listen to him and encourage him," Jill Mortensen says. "His dad always reminds him to give it all he's got and to do the best he can."

Because of his placement in the Utah State Fair Piano Competition, Mortensen will perform in the winner's recital at the Utah State Fair on Thursday, September 6.

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The inaugural weekend of National Youth Football League games in Eagle Mountain was August 10-11. Local teams faced off against teams from the NYFL's headquarters in Las Vegas.

Former NFL quarterback Randall Cunningham (below) was here to cheer on his son who plays on one of the Las Vegas teams.

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Volunteers are needed for patriotic week at Pony Express Elementary, September 10-14. Help with decorating the school is requested in the afternoon on September 7th. There are other projects that can be done from home. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Melanie Nielsen at 789-2327.

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## SCHOOL CALENDARS

## Eagle Valley —

- 5 PTA Programs
- 6 Last day to buy Happenings books
- 12 1st Graders Family Night 6-7 PM
- 20 Picture Day

#### Harvest —

- 6 Back to School Night 5-7 PM
- 11 Patriotic Assembly
- 25 Vision Screenings
- 28 Picture Day
- 29 Harvest Safety Fair 9 AM

### Pony Express -

- 5 Back to School Night 6 PM
- 10-14 Patriotic Week
- 19 Picture Day

### Ranches Academy —

- 6 School Council Meeting 7-8 PM
- 17 Constitution/School Spirit Day (red/white/blue shirt with jeans)
- 17 FSO Meeting 1:30 PM
- 25 Picture Day (uniforms required)
- 28 School Spirit Day (red/white/blue shirt with jeans)
- 28 Staff Development Day (early out)

### Willowcreek Middle School -

- 6&7 School Pictures (During English)
- 7-21 Magazine Drive Fundraiser
- 17-21 Spirit Week

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27 Parent/Teacher Conference 2:30—9 PM

## Lehi High School —

- 7 Hello Dance (stag)
- 10-15 Homecoming Week (dance on 15th)
- 17 Picture Make-up Day
- 26 Parent/Teacher Conference

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#### SOUTHEAST ASIAN CUISINE

The Eagle Mountain Update's business section profiles local businesses. This section is not intended to be interpreted as an endorsement or advertisement for these businesses by the city. It is to inform residents about businesses located in our city and the services they provide. We will begin with freestanding businesses and then feature home-based businesses.

This month marks the one year anniversary of Southeast Asian Cuisine serving a mixed menu of Chinese and Japanese fare in Eagle Mountain.

Owner and Manager Vay Chiu first came to check out the possibility of opening a restaurant here six years ago, when The Ranches area was just beginning to sprout. After selling his share of a restaurant in American Fork to his business partner, Chiu decided to strike out on his own last year.

Originally from China, Chiu came to the United States in 1992. He met his wife Miao here in Utah and they have been together 10 years. The couple has a three year old son and is expecting a baby in late December.

Chiu says the most popular menu choices are the Mongolian, sweet & sour, and broccoli sauces. Patrons may choose either chicken, beef, shrimp, or veggie options to go with the sauces and rice. Other sauces available include kung pao, General Tso's, orange tonic, cashew, mixed veggie, teriyaki, and dreamy creamy.

The menu also features combos, bowls, family dinners, kid's meals, and side orders of pot stickers, salad, rice, lo mein, and soups. A daily lunch buffet is offered from 11 AM to 2:30 PM. Prices range from \$4.95 for a one item combo or rice bowl to \$27.95 for a family dinner that feeds four to five people. They also do catering.

Southeast Asian Cuisine is located at 3535 E. Ranches Parkway, Suite F at The Ranches Crossroads Plaza (801-404-0883). Their hours are Monday through Friday from 11 AM to 9 PM and Saturday from 4 PM to 9 PM.