

EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Reflecting on this past year, we have seen significant progress in many areas. Working together as a city government, elected city officials, and citizens has contributed to the many successes we've had and the progress we have made.

Recently, on November 15th, we held a Town Hall Meeting centered around an open-discussion format. I appreciate the resident involvement in the meeting and feel that it was a highly successful open-communication platform.



Mayor Richardson introduces an "old" friend at the city's Christmas tree lighting ceremony on November 30.

In the last city council session, funding for a new city website was passed. In the next few months, Eagle Mountain will have a new website that will be more functional and represent the city well.

The Senior Council has been very active in our community. Carroll Johnson and her staff have seen much success in their activities. If you are a senior and haven't enjoyed this great group – I encourage you to participate in their next activity.

We have had many residents volunteer for community service on a city level. We have now worked out the guidelines and insurance issues that have stood in the way of previous community service, and those that would like to plan or participate in a service project in the city may contact the city administrator, John Hendrickson, for more information.

We have made important strides in the area of transportation. Because transportation has such a vital impact on our city, it is important that our citizens voice their preferences for the Mountain View Corridor. Eagle Mountain supports a 2100 North Corridor as being the most viable option for its citizens. Please email mountain-view@utah.gov or phone 1-800-596-2556 to voice your preference.

I extend my congratulations to Mayor-Elect Jackson, and our three new council members - Donna Burnham, Eric Cieslak, and Ryan Ireland.

I will miss serving the city in the capacity of mayor. I thank the many talented members of the city government with whom I have served and whom I consider my friends. As I have stated so many times, I thank all of the families and individuals of Eagle Mountain for all that they contribute to our community. It has certainly been an honor to be in your service. I wish you the best for this holiday season and pray that you will find happiness and fulfillment with family and friends.

CITY RECEIVES BUDGET AWARD

Eagle Mountain City has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The award was given to the city's budget committee for fiscal year 2008, and according to the GFOA, "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting."

To receive the award, government entities need to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

"This is just another way in which the city is striving for excellence," Mayor Don Richardson said. "We have raised the bar. I appreciate the staff for their excellent work."

Overseeing the budget process for the city was City Management Analyst Ifo Pili. The initial work on the budget was handled by the city's former assistant city administrator Shawn Warnke. Pili also received assistance from two School of Management interns from BYU—Marilyn Lau and Jason Walker. The final budget was reviewed by City Administrator John Hendrickson and Mayor Richardson.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association that serves 16,800 government finance professionals in North America. Since 2005, 1,069 entities have received the award.

CITY WEBSITE CONTRACT AWARDED

A contract with GovOffice Inc. to redesign the city's website was awarded by the city council on November 20. GovOffice Inc. specializes in municipal government

websites and services over 1,000 local governments in 43 states and Canada. Locally, they designed the website for Draper City.

This redesign is aimed to make the city's website easier to update, more user-friendly, and a better resource for our residents.

The redesign process is underway now and is expected to be finished within three months.

Are you prepared?

Emergency Trivia Contest

What are the three requirements for being eligible to donate blood, according to the American Red Cross?



New fire captain Kevin McCarthy gets pinned by his wife Melinda as Mayor Richardson and Chief Andrus look on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS THREE FULL-TIME CAPTAINS

The city's new full-time fire captains—Steve Conger, Jeff Francom, and Kevin McCarthy, took the oath of office at the October 2 council meeting.

All three captains were promoted from within the Eagle Mountain Fire Department where they had filled part-time positions. Each of them live in Eagle Mountain and have many years of experience.

Requirements for the position included at least seven years of experience and an associates degree in fire science.

"I am really happy to have supervision around the clock," Chief Rand Andrus said. "It has helped me out as chief by allowing me to do what I need to administratively and not have to serve as a captain as well."

If you can correctly answer this emergency preparedness question, you may win a certificate for \$20 off your utility bill.

E-mail an answer with your name, address, and phone after 8:00 AM on December 12 and before 5:00 PM on December 13 to news@emcity.org. The first correct entry received wins!

Congratulations to last month's winner Janet Call. The answer was: The most common disaster threat in the U.S. is home fires.

Previous winners and family not eligible for one year.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO GROW



The city's public safety department currently has 20 employees. (Back row, L-R: Roberta Catmull- office assistant, Dep. Bryan Ricks, Dep. Aaron Tischner, Jill Bailey- office assistant, Dep. David Sorenson, Dep. Joseph Hokanson. Front Row, L-R: Sgt. Cory Wride, Dep. Jared Nelson, Sgt. Eric McDowell, Capt. Jerry Monson, Det. Micah Rutsch, Det. Shawn Chipman, Dep. Jason Phillippi.)

Not pictured: Dep. Corey King, Dep. John Mulder, Dep. Brent Butters, Dep. Chris Bagley, Dep. Terry Litster, Det. John Luke, Jackie Nunez-victim's advocate.

City Employee Spotlight



Dave Norman is a recent addition to the city staff, having been hired in August as an engineer. Although new as a city employee, he has lived in Eagle Mountain for eight years.

Currently overseeing water and sewer projects for the city, including the drilling of the two new wells and the temporary upgrades to the sewer treatment plant, Dave chose his profession because he likes to start projects and follow them through to completion.

Prior to joining Eagle Mountain City, Dave spent seven years working for the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and one year working for Snyderville Basin in Park City.

Drawn to the quiet, rural nature of Eagle Mountain, Dave enjoys mountain biking, jogging, and hiking in his free time. He has been married to his wife Kate for 15 years and they have an eleven year old son, Kalin.

News Notes

Public Comment Wanted For New East-West Connector UDOT Study — UDOT is accepting public comment now on options for a new east-west connector road from Redwood Road to I-15.

UDOT would like to hear from area residents about where you feel an east-west connector road would be most effective and any other suggestions or concerns you have.

Comments are welcome at ewconnector@utah.gov, by calling 801-753-7344, or by visiting the study Web site at www.udot.utah.gov/ewconnector.

The east-west connector project is currently in the "environmental" phase until Fall of 2008. Construction is planned for Spring of 2009, with completion in Fall of 2010.

UDOT considers this a "high priority project that will bring much needed relief from the current traffic congestion." The project is fully funded.

Miss Eagle Mountain Applications — The Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant will be held in Spring 2008. An orientation will be held Wednesday, December 12 at 7 PM in the council chambers at City Hall for anyone interested in participating. The pageant is open to to Eagle Mountain, Cedar Fort and Fairfield residents ages 17-24.

The pageant is a franchise of the Miss America organization and provides scholarship assistance for young women. The areas of competition are: Private Interview, On-Stage question, Talent Presentation, Evening Wear, and Lifestyle & Fitness, along with presenting a platform. For more information contact Melissa Smith at 789-2671.

Winter Parking — Please remember that by city ordinance parking on city streets during snow periods is prohibited until March 15, 2008. This ordinance is in place to allow efficient road clearance by snow plows.

Dec. Late Fees Waived — The City Council voted on November 20 to waive the \$25 late fee on utility bills for the month of December.

Litter — We ask for everyone's help to keep our community looking nice by not littering in parks and other public areas. Please help by picking up trash that you come across and disposing of it in a trash can. Thank you!

2007: THE YEAR IN PICTURES...



Mayor Richardson met with Senator Orrin Hatch during a trip to Washington D.C. in March.



Our new City Administrator, John Hendrickson, participated in his first City Council meeting March 20.



Registrations for youth sports, including Jr. Jazz, increased this year.



Celeste Lojik relinquished her crown to Miss Eagle Mountain 2007, Michelle Vanderhoef.



Pony Express Days reached new heights this year.



The city's first senior citizens' council met in April.



The Pony Express monument ceremony was held during Pony Express Days in June.

HAPPY 11TH ANNIVERSARY EAGLE MOUNTAIN!



Some little princesses pose with Miss Eagle Mountain Michelle Vanderhoef at the Princess Tea party.



The city drilled two new wells this year.



City Administrator John Hendrickson and City Engineer Chris Trusty answer questions for residents at the Town Hall Meeting in November.



A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Rockwell Charter High School was held in September.



EM residents Gordon & Terra Ewell were awarded the Home for a Hero.



Our community grows better each year due to residents like Preston Dean, the newest member of the Planning Commission, who get involved and share their talents.

COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD

Library Nook

Senior Computer Classes — Free computer classes for seniors (55 and over) will be available again starting in January. If interested, contact the library in person or at 789-6623 and leave your name, phone number, and an email address for updates.

Storytime — Storytime for toddlers and preschoolers will be on hiatus until mid-February. Thanks to all those who participated this Fall.

Used Book Sale — Following our book sale last month we donated all remaining items to the Worldwide Book Drive for distribution to underserved and impoverished areas of the world. Thanks to all who participated.

2007 Review — The library's collection has increased to over 25,000 items and the patron count is over 4,500. We thank everyone for their support of the library!

SUGGESTION BOX

Are there features or information you would like to see in the Eagle Mountain Update?

Do you know someone who lives in Eagle Mountain whose accomplishments should be shared with the community?

Please email news@emcity.org with any suggestions or comments you have.



Photo courtesy Donna Milakovic

Verlene Tanner selects a gift bag during the seniors' Thanksgiving dinner activity on November 28.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Holiday Food Drive — Community Action Services and Food Bank expresses thanks to those who generously donate their food, money and hours of volunteer support. On December 8, church groups and other organizations will unite for the largest annual state-wide food drive. Please remember to leave your donation of food on your doorstep the morning of the drive. With your help, we are able to continue our mission of fighting poverty in the community. We ask for your continued support during the holidays by donating \$5 to our I Care fund raiser (for more information, visit our website at www.CommunityActionUC.org). Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be brought to Community Action Services and Food Bank, Monday-Friday 8-4:30 p.m. at 815 S. Freedom Blvd., Provo. Call Food Bank Director, Jim Thomas at (801) 373-8200 ext. 216 for more informa-

FREE Home Energy saving service! — Utility bills sky high? The Weatherization Program can help! Weatherization helps low income, seniors, and people with disabilities. Call now for your application before the list grows longer! (801) 344-5184 Ext. 300

AF Symphony Youth Auditions — Applications for youth soloist auditions with the American Fork Symphony are due January 5. The auditions will be held January 12. For more information, please contact Maxine Steele at 756-2330.

SENIOR CORNER

All residents ages 55 and over are invited and encouraged to support our senior council and attend their monthly activities.

December 14 — Trim a Tree for a homebound senior in our community, 5 PM in the city council chambers.

Please bring a small gift or food item for a basket to be given to a homebound person and an ornament for a small tree.

For more information on senior activities, please contact Carroll Johnson at 787-7239.



Jericho Road performed at the Home For a Hero: A Night of Thanksgiving concert at Willowcreek Middle School on November 14.

SANTA'S COMING TO EM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Santa has asked to borrow the city's fire truck for his traditional visit to the children of Eagle Mountain.

Look for Santa on the fire truck coming through your neighborhood to pass out treats!



ROCKWELL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Following are some events in December for Rockwell Charter High School, which is scheduled to open in Eagle Mountain in Fall of 2008 for grades 9-12. For more information please visit www.rockwellhigh.net.

- 13 Informational Open House, 7:30 PM, Bluffdale Public Works Building, 14175 S. Redwood Rd.
- 13 Board Meeting, 7 PM, Ranches Academy
- 28 Board Meeting, 8 PM, Ranches Academy

SCHOOL CALENDARS

All schools have a Christmas Break from Dec. 21—Jan. 2 (except Ranches Academy's break ends Jan. 1)

Eagle Valley —

Dec Quarters for Christmas Contest

14-20 Canned Food Drive

18-19 School Musical—A Christmas

Carol, 7 PM

Harvest -

Birthday Celebration for Dec.
 3rd Grade Reading Date
 Jan 4 Birthday Celebration for Jan.

Pony Express -

5-7 Secret Santa Workshop

7 Trading Post
8 Musical Auditions
11 Second Grade Program
13 Choir Concert, 6:30 PM

Jan. 4 Trading Post

Ranches Academy —

6 School Council Meeting, 7-8 PM

14 Geography Bee

17 FSO Meeting, 1:30 PM

Christmas kick-off (wear holiday themed attire w/blue jeans or

khakis)

Willowcreek Middle School -

12-14	Talent Show auditions
12	Orchestra Concert, 6-9 PM
13	Band Concert, 6-9 PM
20	Spirit Day—Hat Day
20	Christmas Dance 2:30-4 PM

Lehi High School -

12	Band Christmas Concert
15	Jazz Bear Shopping Day
15	Winter Ball (date dance)
18	Orchestra & Choir Concert

THIS YEAR AT SILVERLAKE AMPHITHEATER...



The Sawyer Brown concert brought the biggest crowd in the venue's history.





Sawyer Brown's Mark Miller



B5 thrilled the crowd in the city's first partnership with Radio Disney.



Jericho Road held their second annual benefit concert.