



Eagle Mountain  
Utah's New Frontier

# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



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

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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](mailto: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.

**Mayor Don Richardson**



**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](mailto:ewconnector@utah.gov), by calling 801-753-7344, or by visiting the study Web site at [www.udot.utah.gov/ewconnector](http://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.**



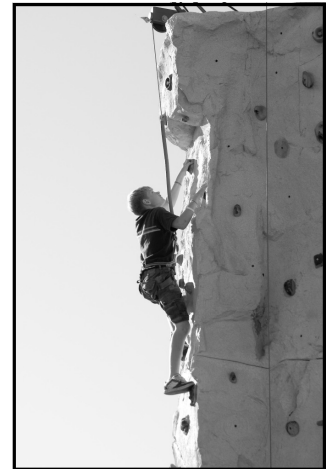
**Registrations for youth sports, including Jr. Jazz, increased this year.**



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



**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.



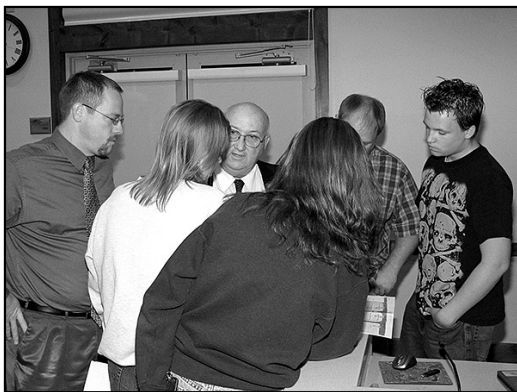
A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Rockwell Charter High School was held in September.



The city drilled two new wells this year.



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



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



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](mailto:news@emcity.org) with any suggestions or comments you have.

## 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](http://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 information.

**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.



Photo courtesy Donna Milakovic

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





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](http://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 —

- 7 Birthday Celebration for Dec.
- 13 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
- 20 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.**