

## EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I'm excited to start the New Year as your new mayor. Serving as a city council member for the past two years has provided me with great opportunities to meet many of you and I look forward to getting to know more of you while serving as mayor.

I'd like to reiterate what my goals are for my two-year term. I have received a lot of feedback from residents on what they would like to see happening in our city. The following areas will be my focus at this time:



Mayor Jackson receives a plaque from Mayor Don Richardson in appreciation of her service as a city council member.

#### **Complete Parks and Improve Open Space**

- Implement a plan to complete the City portion of parks in ALL parts of the city.
- Propose that park fees be dedicated to the neighborhood the fees came from.

#### **Better Transportation Options**

- Continue working with UDOT and other state and regional authorities to gain multiple access points to the Cedar Valley.
- Develop public-private partnerships to include other options besides Mountain View Corridor, and 1000 South.

#### **Economic Development**

- We need to broaden our tax base by encouraging businesses to locate in our city.
- We want to shop, work and recreate where we live while maintaining our peaceful lifestyle.

#### **Public Safety**

- As our city grows, so does our need for officers.
- We need to expand our fire department facilities and vehicles to handle fire control.

#### **Hours of Operation**

• I am looking at the feasibility of having a staggered schedule that allows a 4 day work week, with 5 day availability.

I have lived in Eagle Mountain for nine years and have seen it evolve into a great community. I appreciate the job that Mayor Richardson did for the city over the past year and plan to continue working to move the city forward in a positive direction.

As mayor, please know that my door is open to meet with you and address any questions or concerns you may have. I plan to establish a regularly scheduled evening, bi-weekly, where residents can come and meet with me.

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#### Mayor's Desk, continued from pg. 1

I will have more information on this in the February newsletter. My office number is 789-6603 and my email address is mayor@emcity.org.

On a personal note, my husband Allen and I and our two sons recently welcomed a new member to our family. Joseph Bryan Jackson was born on December 16. We are all thrilled with our new addition!

Mayor Heather Jackson

#### EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting times are: Work Sessions 4:00 p.m. Policy Sessions 7:00 p.m.

Sessions will be held at the Eagle Mountain City Council Chambers, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, Utah.

The 2008 City Council regular meeting schedule is as follows:

January 8, 22 February 5, 19 March 4, 18 April 1, 15 May 6, 20 June 3, 17 July 15 August 5, 19 September 2, 16 October 7, 21 November 18 December 2

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

If you need a special accommodation to participate in a City Council meeting, please call the City Recorder's Office at least three working days prior to the meeting at 789-6611.

## Are you prepared?

## **Emergency Trivia Contest**

What five topics are covered in the Babysitter's Handbook, available through the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org)?







Donna Burnham

**Ryan Ireland** 

Eric Cieslak

## NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS PREPARE TO TAKE OFFICE

Our incoming city council members were sworn-in on Monday, January 7 at noon in the council chambers, making things official before the first council meeting of the year on January 8.

Donna Burnham, Eric Cieslak, and Ryan Ireland will fill the seats of former council members David Blackburn, Vincent Liddiard, and Linn Strouse.

A fourth city council seat, vacated by Mayor Heather Jackson will be filled soon by an appointment.

Following are the new council members' reaction to the start of their service on the city council:

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a council member and I am optimistic about the future of our city."

Donna Burnham

"I am excited to begin serving on the city council and am honored to represent our great community." Eric Cieslak

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my service on the planning commission, and I look forward to continuing to serve on the city council."

Ryan Ireland

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 January 15 and before 5:00 PM on January 16 to news@emcity.org. The first correct entry received wins!

Congratulations to last month's winner
 Charlinda Kyle. The answer was: To be eligible
 to donate blood you must be healthy, at least
 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and
 have not donated blood in the last 8 weeks.

Contest winners and family not eligible for one year.

#### **OUTGOING CITY OFFICIALS SAY GOODBYE**









Photos courtesy of Donna Milakovic

At the final City Council meeting of the year on December 4, 2007, our four departing council members were presented with plaques of appreciation for their service by Mayor Don Richardson. Mayor Richardson then received a plaque from Mayor-Elect Heather Jackson recognizing his service over the last year.

Linn Strouse served as a council member from 2002-2008. David Blackburn and Vincent Liddiard served from 2004-2008. Heather Jackson served from 2006-2008.

(Pictured with Mayor Richardson L-R, top to bottom are: David Blackburn, Linn Strouse, Vincent Liddiard, and Heather Jackson)

## Cíty Employee Spotlight



Lifelong Seattle area resident Helen Watson really appreciates seeing sunshine

on a regular basis now that she's living and working in Eagle Mountain.

Helen moved here in the summer of 2006 to join her husband Donald when he relocated due to work. Donald chose Eagle Mountain as home after falling in love with the mountains that surround our valley. The couple has four grown children, ages 24, 22, 21, and 20.

Shortly after moving here, Helen came to work for the city as a utility billing clerk. She has over 20 years experience in customer service and although dealing with billing can sometimes be challenging, she says, "Our department genuinely cares about the people in this city and will do all that we can to help them."

An avid reader, one of her favorite authors is Anita Stansfield. She also loves to watch classic movies on channels such as TCM and AMC.

### **News Notes**

Christmas Tree Pick-up — The city will provide free Christmas tree disposal starting Monday, January 14 at 7:30 AM through Thursday, January 17 at noon. Please place your clean Christmas tree (all decorations removed) on your curb— not in the gutter or street, and our public works department will pick it up.

Winter Parking — Please remember that by city ordinance, parking on city streets during snow periods is prohibited between 4 AM and 4 PM until March 15, 2008. This ordinance is in place to allow efficient road clearance by snow plows and prevent hazards.

Winter Water Reminder — Our water department reminds us in the event of a severe cold snap like we experienced last January, it is important to leave a trickle of water running to keep water meters from freezing. Also, remember to shut off your stop and waste valve

remember to shut off your stop and waste valve on your sprinkler system.

**CPR Class** — A CPR class will be held on Wednesday, January 9 at 6 PM at City Hall. A sign-up sheet is located at the library for those who are interested. Cost is \$20, or \$30 if you want a book. For information on future CPR class opportunities or CERT classes, please contact the fire department at 789-6701.

#### Woman of Achievement Nominations —

Eagle Mountain City is accepting nominations for the Woman of Achievement Award to be presented at the 2008 Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant.

The Woman of Achievement recipient should be a woman who makes outstanding contributions to our community through community service and family or career achievements.

If you know a quality individual who is deserving of the Woman of Achievement award, please send a nomination letter of 200 words or less to Lynn Story, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, UT 84005, or via email at lstory@emcity.org, by Thursday, January 31.

#### EM RESIDENT SEEKS TO HELP OTHERS IN THE DEAF/BLIND COMMUNITY

Diagnosed with Usher Syndrome at the age of six, Darran Zenger has not allowed physical impairments to keep him from accomplishing his goals, or aspiring to help others with similar challenges —although he has had to make adjustments along the way.

Usher Syndrome is a genetic condition in which hearing loss and a degenerative eye disease known as retinitis pigmentosa (RP) are present. Zenger began losing his hearing at age five and is now profoundly deaf. He is not totally blind, however, his vision has been deteriorating more progressively over the last 10 years.

Zenger has adapted his original dream of becoming a doctor to pursue a career as a psychologist—specifically one who provides counseling to those who are deaf/blind like himself, and their families. He made the change after a friend told him there was a great need in the deaf community to remove communication barriers and misunderstandings that often happen in counseling sessions with an interpreter present.

This specialty will be fairly unique, as Zenger says there are a few psychologists in Utah who are deaf and counsel deaf patients, and some hearing counselors who use American Sign Language (ASL), but the only place that provides counseling for deaf/blind patients is the Helen Keller National Center in Long Island, New York.

"It doesn't just affect the individual, but the whole family," Zenger says. "I've met several families [with this need] and it was a great experience to meet them and know I can help in some way."

The Zenger family provides a lot of support for Darran as he works to accomplish his goals. Their primary language at home is ASL. His kids understand he needs help with certain things, like letting him know when the doorbell or telephone rings. If they see he is having trouble navigating around something, they help him.

In spite of the support he receives from his family, Zenger does all he can to be self-sufficient. He uses a white cane when he is out of the home and is in the process of applying for a guide dog. He is also taking online courses in Braille through the Hadley School for the Blind in Illinois which recently recognized him with the Richard Kinney Challenge of Living Award for deaf/blind student achievement.

To help him with his studies and communication, Zenger uses assistive technology such as CCTVs (TVs that magnify text) and computer software that magnifies and adjusts contrast colors so he can see.

His Eagle Mountain friends and neighbors are another source of support. A resident here since 2002, Zenger says,



Darran Zenger holds the Richard Kinney Challenge of Living Award he received from the Hadley School for the Blind in his home office.

"The people here are very friendly. So many of my neighbors want to help each other. The greatest asset a community has is a caring neighbor. A great community starts with the people who live in it."

Mike Smullin, a friend of Zenger, sees him as one of those assets. He says, "Darran is a great guy, an excellent family man, wellversed in human psychology, a political patriot, and a good neighbor."

When asked what advice he would give others in similar circumstances to encourage them to keep pursuing their goals, Zenger replied, "There is more than one way to skin a cat. Sometimes we are at Point A and need to get to Point B. While most people go directly from Point A to Point B, we may need to go to Point C before getting to Point B. Since there is no single one way to do something, being different only makes it interesting and fun. Life would be so boring if everyone did it the same way."

It is evident that a positive attitude such as Zenger possesses is a key part of his success. Another indicator of that is the following quote that he includes as part of his email signature:

"So much has been given to me; I have no time to ponder that which has been denied."

--Helen Keller

## Eagle Mountain City Spring/Summer Baseball 2008



Baseball registration will be from Saturday, February 2 to Saturday February 23.

Registration is available in the foyer of the Ranches Professional Building on Saturdays; Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 1 PM to 3 PM.

You may also register at City Hall or the Public Works Building during working hours.

Registration Forms (please print clearly) are available:

Online: www.eaglemountaincity.com

City Hall: 1650 East Stagecoach Run (7:30 AM to

5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday).

**Public Works Bldg.:** 2545 North Sweetwater Road (8:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday thru Thursday). (2 miles south of City Hall, next to the Sewer Treatment Plant)

Age Groups:

4 years old: T-ball (must turn 4 before April

30, 2007)

5 & 6 years old: Coach Pitch
7 & 8 years old: Machine Pitch
9 & 11 years old: Player Pitch
12 & 14 years old: Player Pitch

#### Fees:

- Registration for ages 4 thru 8 years old: \$45.00 (This includes hat and jersey)
- Registration for ages 9 thru 14 years old: \$50.00 (This includes hat and socks)
- Check or exact cash accepted only.
   (\$5.00 discount if three or more register)

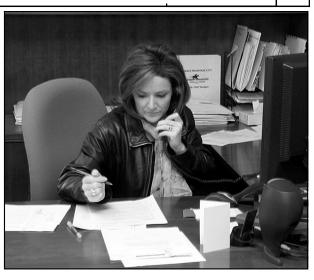
Make checks payable to "Eagle Mountain City Youth Sports".

Please put name of sport on the form <u>and</u> on the memo-line of your check.

#### Games:

- Season runs April 19 to June 14.
- Coaches will set-up practice schedules when teams are created.
- Tryouts/Coach Draft for 9-14 year olds will be Saturday, March 22 from 2 PM to 4 PM at Nolan Park. All the kids will be placed on a team.
- If a game is rained-out, it will be rescheduled at the end of the season.

<u>All</u> coaches, assistant coaches and team moms must have a background check yearly. For more information, please call the sports hotline @ 789-6694



#### **NEW CITY RECORDER HIRED**

Fionnuala Kofoed began working as the city recorder on December 12. Although new to this position, Kofoed is a familiar face at City Hall, having previously worked for the city from 1999-2004 as deputy city recorder and in the planning department.

Most recently Kofoed worked for the City of Saratoga Springs as a city planner for three years. She is enthusiastic about returning to work for Eagle Mountain City, where she has lived since 1999.

#### FESTIVAL OF HOPE

**Community Fundraiser** 



Saturday, February 2 4-8 PM Eagle Valley Elementary 4475 N.Heritage Dr.

- Live and Silent Auction items include a pool table, hot air balloon ride for 2 and many others!
- Carnival Games
- Food Booths, Candy, Crafts, & Bake Sale
- Live Entertainment

This event will benefit Paula Olsen, an Eagle Mountain resident who has thyroid cancer. Organizers are looking for corporate sponsors or anyone who would like to donate goods, services, or money. A bank account has also been set up at Washington Mutual in Paula Olsen's name.

For more information, contact Jeanette Allen, 789-3989, or Becky Jones, 789-2972.

### COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD

#### **Library Nook**

**Senior Computer Classes** — Free computer classes for seniors (55 and over) will be available again starting Friday, January 18 at 10 AM. If interested, contact the library in person or at 789-6623 and leave your name, phone number, and an email address for updates.

**Summer Reading Volunteers Needed** — The library is looking for help with our 9<sup>th</sup> annual summer reading program. If interested, contact the library at 789-6623 and leave a message for Susie. We need help with fundraising, planning, reading, crafts, prizes, etc.

**Library Hours** — The library is open Monday thru Thursday from 10 AM to 6:30 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Copying, faxing, computer use, and interlibrary loans are available.

#### 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.



Sue Hillicker and Eutona Dixon were sworn-in as members of the Senior Citizens Council November 20.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### DOG LICENSING AVAILABLE AT CITY

**HALL**— Dog licenses are available for purchase at the utilities desk at City Hall (1650 E. Stagecoach Run). Owners must provide proof of rabies shots. The cost is \$10 for fixed dogs and \$30 for dogs that are not fixed. Payment must be by cash or check only—no credit cards accepted. The license lasts for one year.

Following is some information about the benefits of dog licensing from the North Utah Valley Animal Shelter:

- Identifies your dog and allows you to be quickly reunited with them in case they ever get lost
- Helps veterinarians contact pet owners should your pet become injured and be in need of life saving medical treatment
- Ensures that dogs are vaccinated against rabies, a fatal disease
- Saves the owner money on impound fees
- Assures compliance with Utah State law and therefore forbids a citation for not having a license
- Helps anyone who finds your pet know that your pet has an owner and is not an abandoned animal in need of a new home
- Allows animal control and animal shelters the ability to attempt to reach the owners
- Is a key to emergency planning helping owners and pets reunite in the event of a separation during an emergency

#### SENIOR CORNER

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

January's activity will be a BINGO social at the city hall building. Date and time are TBA. Please check the city's website at www.eaglemountaincity.com for an update.

If you would like to "regift" something you got for Christmas or just have items you would like to donate to the seniors for BINGO prizes, please contact Carroll Johnson at 787-7239.

You may also contact Carroll with any questions you have about senior activities.

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#### EAGLE VALLEY TAKES ON FIRST MUSICAL

"A Christmas Carol" was performed on December 18 and 19 at Eagle Valley Elementary. The play, adapted from Charles Dickens' classic short novel, was the first musical production in the school's history. Now the school's music director, Gina Morgan says they'd like to make a play an annual tradition.

"We are so pleased with the effort by the students and parents in our first try," Morgan said.

Helping Morgan assemble the resources for the production were 5th grade teacher Abby Camberlango, who put a Gifted and Talented grant to use in acquiring the rights and scripts for the play, and parent volunteer DJ Conger.

The musical incorporated 42 students, featuring Brennan Newkirk as Scrooge, Mesake Finau as Bob Cratchit, Jennifer Trotter as Mrs. Cratchit, Tui Pauga as Fred, and Colton Backus as Tiny Tim.

#### ROCKWELL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Following are some upcoming events 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.

- Student Winter Party, 7 PM at The Ranches Academy, for enrolled students and their guests. There will be food, music, games, and prizes!
- Feb 1 Enrollment/Informational Open House, 7:30 PM, Saratoga Springs Firehouse, 995 W 1200 N.
- 5 Enrollment/Informational Open House, 7:30 PM, Lehi Arts Council, 685 N Center Street in Lehi.

#### SCHOOL CALENDARS

All schools are closed on Jan. 21 for the Martin Luther King holiday.

#### Eagle Valley -

8&9	5th Graders @ Clear Creek
14	Community Council, 4 PM
15&22	CERT Classes, 4:30 PM

16 Local Heroes (5th & 6th Grade)

6-7 PM

Feb 25 Kindergarten Registration

#### Harvest -

4	Birthday Celebration for Jan.
17	2nd Grade Reading Date
Feb 1	Professional Development—No
	School

#### Pony Express —

4	Trading Post
14	Classic Skate Night, 5:30 PM
25	Jazz Reading Starts

#### Ranches Academy -

7	ocience workshops
14	FSO Meeting, 1:30 PM
18	Winter Wow Day (wear bright
	colored shirts with jeans)
25	School Spirit Day (red/white/
	blue shirts with jeans)
25	Staff Development – early out
28-30	Science Fair

Science Workshops

#### Willowcreek Middle School -

th Grade Elections
Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
Talent Show
Spirit Day (Disney Day)

#### Lehi High School -

9	Class Change Online Closes
11	End of 2nd Quarter
17-19	Allstate Band & Orchestra
18	Stag Dance

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#### **EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE**

## **BUSINESS**

#### **GREAT CLIPS**

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.



The Great Clips hair salon chain has had a location in Eagle Mountain for five years. Specializing in offering hair services for men, women, and children with no appointment necessary, the Great Clips chain celebrated its 25th anniversary last year and is the largest single-brand salon in North America.

Great Clips offers haircuts, styling, trims, perms, and conditioning treatments. Prices are as follows:

Haircuts: \$12 (ages 11 and older) \$9 (ages 10 and under & seniors 65+)

Styling: \$12 (regular) \$25 (long hair) \$35 (formal)

Trims (bangs, neck, or beard): \$5

Perms (includes shampoo, haircut, and style): \$31 (partial) \$39 (regular) \$65 (long) —Perms do require an appointment at least 24 hours in advance

Conditioning Treatment: \$8 Shampoo Only: \$2

The Eagle Mountain Great Clips is owned by the Anderson Group, with Kestin Powell as manager and Kate Berrett as assistant manager. They have 11 stylists on staff and one receptionist.

Located at 3535 Ranches Parkway; Hours are M-F, 9 AM to 9 PM; Saturdays, 8 AM to 6 PM, closed Sundays. Phone: 789-5000

