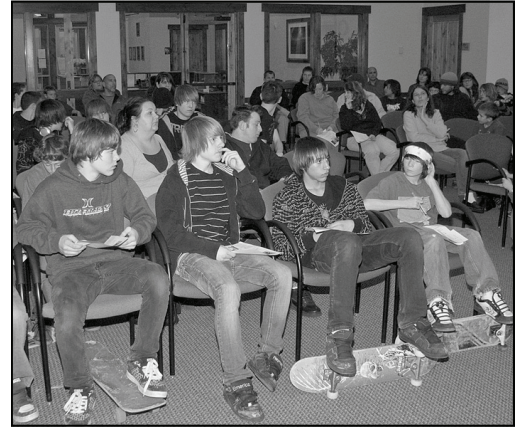




EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



The council chambers were filled at the skate park town hall meeting on February 21.

Volunteerism is alive and well in the City of Eagle Mountain. I want to personally thank all of you for what you do for each other. This past month we have had citizens taking in neighbors, teachers, and friends, people feeding each other and helping with sandbagging. What a great city we live in.

I know that many of you were affected by the huge storm we experienced on February 13, either trying to get home yourselves, or worried about loved ones getting home safely. This event has put an exclamation point on our efforts to get the State to make the transportation projects in our region a high priority – and we need your help.

Our first area of focus, with the 10th South arterial project to I-15 already funded and slated to begin construction next year, is to get funding for the construction of Pony Express Parkway west to Redwood Road. This will provide an alternate route to I-15 for southbound travelers, other than Lehi Main Street.

We feel an even more powerful voice than our elected officials and city staff is the voice of our citizens. We ask that you take the time to contact UDOT to express your concerns about our transportation needs and ask that these area projects be expedited in whatever way possible (see box below for contact information).

Along with petitioning our State officials for help with our transportation needs, I will be traveling to Washington D.C. this month to meet with Congressman Cannon, Senator Bennett, and Senator Hatch. Mayor Parker of Saratoga Springs is going with me to lobby for our roads as a region. We have also received support from Lehi City, whose mayor will be in D.C. at the same time. We are also asking for funding for a distribution line for the upcoming CUP water project to bring more shares in the city, as well as a distribution line for the future water reuse program that we will embark on with the new sewer treatment plant. Finally, we are looking to expand our library in the next couple of years and are asking for funding to purchase computers and other items for the collection.

Locally, we are asking for volunteers to sign-up to be involved with the Neighborhood Watch program (see item on page 2). We need citizens from each subdivision in the city to volunteer, so that the Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the city, can organize a functioning Neighborhood Watch. With this program in place, we can better help one another in the event of an emergency and/or provide essential information to our residents. If you feel that you are not able to volunteer in this capacity, please speak to your neighbors and help find someone who is able to do it.

UDOT CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address:

Utah Department of Transportation
4501 South 2700 West
Mail Stop 141200
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1200

Telephone: 801-965-4000

E-mail: srwebmail@utah.gov

In spite of the storm, we had about 30 people arrive at City Hall for the planned skate park town hall meeting. We held a shortened question and

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BABYSITTING EMERGENCIES CLASS A SUCCESS

Twenty youth, between the ages of 11 and 17, participated in a babysitting emergencies class sponsored by the Eagle Mountain Fire Department on February 20.

Captain Jeff Francom (pictured above left) and John Middleton conducted the class, which was full at 20 students. They taught infant and child CPR, as well as how to handle choking, drowning, and seizures. They also discussed how to identify fire escape routes in the home and securing emergency contact information.

Francom said the youth were very receptive and the fire department plans to continue to expand the community programs they offer, such as adult CPR, CERT, and babysitting classes. Announcements about future classes will be made through this newsletter and the city’s website at www.eaglemountaincity.com.

News Notes

New City Website Debuts — Our redesigned city website (www.eaglemountaincity.com or www.emcity.org) is scheduled to be online by Tuesday, March 18.

One of the city’s goals for the website is for it to be a primary source of communication with our citizens, especially in the event of an emergency. While we understand that everyone does not have internet access, it will allow us to disseminate information to a large number of people in a timely manner.

We also hope for it to eventually be as comprehensive a resource for information as if you had visited the city offices personally.

Please check it out and send any feedback you may have about the website to news@emcity.org.

Youth Council Members Wanted — Eagle Mountain City is looking for youth in grades 9-12 who want to get involved with city government, make a difference in their community, and have fun!

Our youth council will be involved with city events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Pony Express Days, and a Halloween Festival, among others. They will also have the opportunity to attend a training camp and learn how to hold legislative meetings.

Applications for youth council will be accepted starting March 1. You may pick up applications from the reception desk at City Hall. The first meeting of the youth council will take place on March 26.

Utah County Fair Comes to Spanish Fork — The Utah County Fair will be held from August 13-16 at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds (450 S. Main St., Spanish Fork).

Planned events at the traditional country fair include open class and 4H exhibits, equine events, stock judging, a back-hoe rodeo, demolition derby, carnival, children’s interactive exhibit, antique machinery, food booths, ranch rodeo, and an entertainment tent.

More information will be announced closer to the date. For questions, contact jfharmer@gmail.com.

City Employee Spotlight



Public Works Department Office Manager Laura Armintrout has been with the city for almost five years. She worked for one year in the city’s telecom division before being offered her current position.

Laura manages the office for our engineering, parks, streets, water, wastewater, and youth sports departments. She likes the detail-oriented and varied nature of her job.

A self-described “homebody”, Laura has a soft spot in her heart for animals and is an active volunteer for animal rescue organizations. One of her pet cats was actually adopted by her after she found it abandoned near the public works building.

Mostly raised in the Silicon Valley area of California, Laura has lived in Provo since 1989.

She is single and enjoys gardening and being out in nature. She often takes walks in the open space around the public works building during her breaks and once witnessed a gosling being born.

WORLD CHAMPION SKELETON RACER MAKES EAGLE MOUNTAIN HOME

Noelle Pikus-Pace, a world champion skeleton athlete, resides in Eagle Mountain with her husband Janson and their baby daughter. The Eagle Mountain Update caught up with the new mom recently to find out about her achievements and future goals.

Q: Why and when did you decide to become a skeleton athlete?

A: When I was in high school, I had a track coach that was involved with the Olympic Park in Park City. He told me that they were looking for track athletes to try bobsledding. I had seen the movie Cool Runnings, but that was the extent of my knowledge about the sport. So, my junior year I learned how to bobsled and was really excited to continue it the following year. However, when I showed up to the Olympic Park the following fall, my bobsled coach told me we would be doing something a little different that year. He then introduced us to skeleton and explained that they wanted us to learn skeleton so that we could become better bobsled drivers (since our chin is just an inch off the ice at 80 miles an hour)... obviously, I stuck with it and never went back.

Q: What kind of training do you do?

A: From the time our season ends, which is between March and April, until competition begins in October, we do a variety of quick sprints and are lifting weights quite a bit. Our workouts are very similar to collegiate track and field workouts which typically take 2-3 hours each day, 6 days a week. Because skeleton is a winter sport which requires ice outside, the track is only frozen from October through March or April so there really isn't much time for training. I usually get about three weeks of practice each season before my first race. This is where mental training plays a major role. I have gone down the track a thousand times in my mind during the summer so that when the moment comes to put my sled on the ice, I am ready to compete.

Q: What do you think is the biggest misconception about your sport?

A: That we just lay on a sled and hope to be the fastest. We steer the whole way down the track, torquing our sled with our shoulders and knees. Timing of the steers is so critical. If I am off by a fraction of a second on a steer, I'll most likely end up on my back watching my sled go down the track by itself.

Q: Where were you born and raised? What information would you like to share about your family?

A: I grew up in Orem, Utah the youngest of four kids. My mom always wanted a little ballerina in a tutu, but every time I put on my leotard and had to do ballet, I was not a happy camper. I didn't even know that sports existed outside of what was on T.V., until I was 11. From that moment on, gone were the days of the tutu and bun and in came the days of cleats and ponytails. After that I began to compete in track, softball, basketball and soccer. I love all sports.

Q: What do you consider the greatest accomplishment in your career?

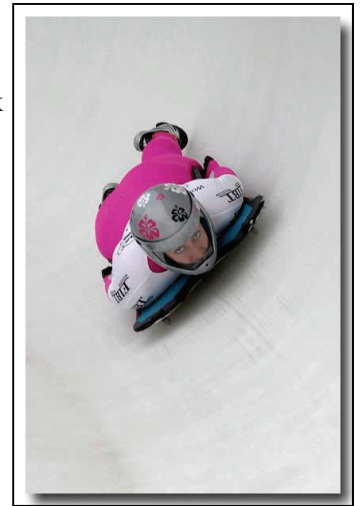


A: There are two accomplishments that stand out equally to me. The first is the day I won my first world cup gold medal. That was the day it really all began for me. It gave me the confidence that I needed and helped me to know that I could compete with the best in the world. The second was winning the World Championships last year in Switzerland. I was injured for the Olympics the year before so coming back and beating the Olympic Gold Medalist on her home track made me smile.

Q: What do you consider your greatest personal accomplishment?



A: Besides marrying my husband, Janson, and having our beautiful baby girl in January.... I would have to say coming back to compete after being hit by a bobsled during our 2006 Olympic Trials. I was first in the world the previous season, but because of the accident, I sustained a compound fracture to my right leg. Many people (including doctors) said it



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD REVIVED

The city's Economic Development Board, which had been dormant for several years, has now been renewed. The first three members of the board were sworn in at the February 19 city council meeting.

Anthony "Tony" Knight, Royce Van Tassell, and Adam Edwards (pictured L-R at right with City Recorder Fionnuala Kofoed) will be working with the city's economic development director Ifo Pili to attract more businesses to our community.

"We want the board to bring in what our citizens want to have here," Pili said. "The people selected for the board have diverse backgrounds and expertise and I think they will all do a great job."

Van Tassell will serve a three-year term, Edwards a two-year term, and Knight a one-year term. The terms are staggered to allow for new appointments each year. Board members are able to seek reappointment at the end of their terms.

"Eagle Mountain has tremendous assets that we need to show to businesses and employers," Van Tassell said. "We need to highlight the lifestyle that Eagle Mountain has and that it's a great place for people to work and raise their families."

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would be impossible to try and compete that season. Luckily I had an amazing support group and was back on my sled four weeks later and competing in Europe two weeks after that. Because of the races I had missed from being injured I couldn't make up the points and as a result was named as the alternate to the team. But honestly, my victory was in the journey.

Q: What do you like about our community?

A: My husband and I love our neighbors and the neighborhood that we live in.

Q: Any strange or funny experiences in your travels and competitions?

A: Let's see... besides our car being stolen three times in Latvia, taping yummy swiss chocolate to the inside of my sled so that it would be the right weight, or sailing across the Baltic Sea as our very rickety "barge" broke through the ice and the words from the song "White Flag" repeat "I will go down with this ship" echoed in our ears.... ummm, nope. No stories.

Q: What are your future goals?

A: Some future goals for myself are to lower my 40 meter sprint time, make the world cup team this coming fall, win, and continue the trend through the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Canada.



UTAH GRIZZLIES TICKETS OFFER Some Proceeds to Benefit Home For A Hero

The Utah Grizzlies hockey team has invited the community of Eagle Mountain out to the E-Center on Saturday, April 5 at 7:05 PM for a night of fun with friends and family.

Specially discounted tickets are on sale now at City Hall (cash or check only), 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, or can be purchased at the E-Center box office if you bring this newsletter.

Debit or credit card orders can be taken through the Utah Grizzlies at 988-8033. Groups of 10 or more must go through the Utah Grizzlies. To receive the special price and an exclusive section for your group, contact Aaron Bouyea (801-988-8033), with the Utah Grizzlies.

(Offer valid only through the E-Center box office or City Hall. Limit six tickets per customer.)

Discounted prices are as follows:

Center Ice: \$18.00, Reg: \$23.00
Corner Ice: \$10.00, Reg: \$15.00

Three dollars from each center ice ticket sold and two dollars from each corner ice ticket sold will be donated to the Home for a Hero project being built in Eagle Mountain for the family of SFC Gordon Ewell, who is permanently disabled from his service in Iraq.



COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD

Library Nook

Pre-School Story Time — Story time for preschoolers ages 3 years and up will be held on Wednesdays at 1 PM through March 26. Admission is free. Dates for the next session will be announced soon.

Summer Reading Volunteers Needed — The library is looking for help with the 9th annual summer reading program. Help is needed with fundraising, planning, reading, and crafts. Also needed are any individuals or businesses interested in donating cash or prizes for the program. If interested, contact the library at 789-6623 and leave a message for Susie.

Senior Computer Classes — Computer training for seniors, ages 55 and older, will be offered Fridays, March 14 and 28 from 10 AM to Noon. Classes are free. Please contact the library at 789-6623 for more information.

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Scouting for Food: The annual Scouting for Food drive will be held March 29. Boy Scouts will deliver bags to homes the week before the drive. Please fill these bags with nutritious, non-perishable food and hygiene items. Leave the filled bags outside your door Saturday morning before 9 AM for scouts to pick up. Items especially needed include canned meat and vegetables, laundry soap, toilet paper and diapers. All donations will be given to Community Action Food Bank, which serves Utah, Wasatch and Summit counties. Please help us feed the 2,000 families who come to our food pantries each month.

Additional donations will be accepted at Community Action Services and Food Bank, 815 S. Freedom Blvd. in Provo. Call Jim Thomas at 801-592-7832 for more information.

Centro Hispano Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic: Do you have an unresolved IRS tax problem? The Centro Hispano LITC may be able to help. For a consultation and more information about our free service, please call 801-655-0657 or 801-655-0258 to schedule your appointment today. We are located at 819 S. Freedom Blvd., Provo, UT 84601 and are open Mon.-Thurs. 1 PM-6 PM and Friday 1 PM-5 PM.



The seniors held a dinner and movie night on February 25. There was a Valentine's themed dinner and a showing of "Grumpy Old Men."

SENIOR'S CORNER

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

"KISS THE BLARNEY STONE"

March 24 at 5 PM

Wear something green and bring a green snack. Come and have fun!

Senior activities will be held the last Monday of each month at 5 PM in the City Council Chambers, unless otherwise announced. All activities are free of charge.

Contact Carroll Johnson at 318-1595 with any questions you may have.



FUNDRAISER NETS ALMOST \$10K FOR MOTHER FIGHTING CANCER

The “Festival of Hope” fundraiser that was held at Eagle Valley Elementary School on February 2 raised almost \$10,000 for a local family whose mother has thyroid cancer.

“The response was overwhelming,” said Becky Jones, who co-organized the event with Jeanette Allen. “We had so many people who were willing to donate and volunteer their time.”

Paula Jones, a PTA volunteer for Eagle Valley and mother of five children, was the recipient of the money raised. Jones is in the middle of her third bout with thyroid cancer and will be undergoing surgery on March 13.

While her prognosis is good pending the surgery, the recurring nature of the cancer has labeled Olsen “uninsurable” and as her husband is self-employed, the financial burden has been tough on the family.

Olsen says the money they received from the fundraiser has paid all her medical expenses so far and she is very grateful for the effort of her friends and the extended community for offering this help to her and her family.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Parents of children who will turn five years old on or before September 1,2008 may contact the elementary schools to register their child for kindergarten.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

Eagle Valley —

- 17-21 White Ribbon Week
- 25-26 Report Cards Out

Harvest —

- 20 AM Kindergarten Reading Date, 3PM
- April 4 Birthday Celebration

Pony Express —

- 11 Talent Show Rehearsal, 6 PM
- 12 Talent Show, 6:30 PM
- 14 5th Grade Maturation Program
- 27 PTA Gen. Membership Mtg., 10 AM

Ranches Academy —

- 17 FSO Meeting, 1:30 PM
- 21 Snow Make-Up Day, No School
- 28 Spring Fling Day (tropical shirts, jeans)
- April 3 School Council Mtg., 7-8 PM

Willowcreek Middle School —

- 13 Jazz Band Festival
- 17 Spirit Day—Wear Green
- 20 Band Concert, 6-9 PM
- 21 9th Grade Dance, 7-9 PM
- 26 Intermediate Band Festival
- 28,29,31 Play, 6-10 PM
- April 4,5,7 Play, 6-10 PM

Lehi High School —

- 10-14 Final Student Election Campaigning
- 17 Class Officer Application Deadline
- 18-21 Class Officer Campaigning
- 24 Appointed Officers Applications Due
- 25 PTA Fashion Show (Lunch Commons)

Rockwell Charter High School* —

- 13 Board of Trustees Mtg., 7 PM
- 27 Open House, 7-8 PM
- 28 Board of Trustees Mtg., 8 PM
- April 2 Enrollment Committee Mtg., 8 PM

*All events held at The Ranches Academy

*Miss Eagle
Mountain
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Scholarship
Pageant*



**Saturday, March 15
7 PM**

Eagle Valley Elementary School
4475 N. Heritage Drive

Admission: \$5

(Tickets are on sale now at City Hall, or
available at the door.)

*Come support these talented young women at
a fun event for the whole family.*

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, March 22

Nolan Park

10:30 AM—SHARP*

*(Everyone is strongly encouraged to arrive early as the field is typically cleared in a couple of minutes.)

Four age categories: 1-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12

(The smaller age group will be subdivided)

No parents or strollers are allowed in egg hunt areas.

Kids, bring your baskets and help us collect
over 15,000 eggs filled with treats and prizes!

Sponsored by the EM Fire Department Association