



EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Fall is here and the leaves are changing. Pumpkins are everywhere and fires are in our fireplaces. Warm apple cider and hot chocolate sound fantastic, and I just want to curl up with a great book and a blanket. However, I enjoy spending time with my family more than anything else, which makes me glad for the holidays and the end of the year coming on so fast. We can take time to evaluate the year and see how we have done.

When I look at the goals of our city I am happy to say that we are in great shape. We are accomplishing so many things and look forward to the projects that will come with the new year. One our goals for this year was to complete the skate park. I am pleased to announce that we will have a ribbon cutting and opening for the skate park on Wednesday, November 5, 2008. See page 2 for more details. Another soon to be completed project is the Sweetwater Trail. We will have a grand opening Turkey Walk/Trot along the trail on Thanksgiving morning. See page 3 for more details on that celebration. Phase one of the mid-valley regional park will also be complete soon. However, we will not hold the grand opening for that park until next year. We will need to let the grass take root so that we can use the park for soccer and football next year.

I would like to take a minute to thank the city council members. We could not have accomplished all that we have this year without such a hardworking council. I have gotten to know them over the last two years or more now through campaigning with them and working closely together for the good of the city. I would like you to know how much they care about this city and put your wants and needs into action through the decisions they make. They are thoroughly informed about what is going on in every aspect of the city and take the time to learn more about the inner workings of our city government all of the time. It is a privilege and honor to associate with these people. I hope that you will take the time to thank them for their service when you should see them.

Now we all have some important decisions to make regarding our future. These decisions I am referring to are related to election day on November 4, 2008. Please make sure that you vote. There are so many things on the ballot this year - a new president, a congressman, a state senator, a state representative, a county commissioner, and of specific importance to Eagle Mountain is the UTA proposition (see page 5 for details). Please get informed and get out and vote.

Lastly, please enjoy your families and friends during this holiday season. Be careful, be smart, and we hope you will participate in our city holiday events - the Turkey Walk/Trot, our tree lighting ceremony, and watch for Santa on the fire truck.

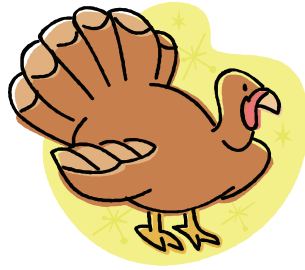
Have a safe and happy new year.

Mayor Heather Jackson



Mayor Jackson participated in the Walk to School event for Hidden Hollow Elementary on October 8 in honor of National Walk to School Day and Pedestrian Safety Month.

1st Annual Family Fun Turkey Walk/ Trot



Thanksgiving Day, November 27
9 AM to 11 AM

Help us celebrate the opening of the
Pony Express/Sweetwater Trail -
Connecting The Ranches & City Center

*Start is at the LDS Stake Center building at
2977 Saddle Rock Road (off of Pony Express
Parkway) and finish is at City Hall.

A FREE turkey goes to the first family group to finish.
Yummy pies will be given to the next four to finish.

*Wagon rides will be given back to the start, along with
donuts and hot chocolate.

For more information, please call 789-6603.

City Employee Spotlight



Two years ago Sophia Onate and her family decided they needed a lifestyle change and bravely made the move from her native southern California to Utah, where they had no family, friends, or jobs.

Landing in Eagle Mountain, Sophia is grateful they made the change. She has been employed by the city as a utilities clerk for almost one year and likes meeting new people and working close to home. Her responsibilities include processing all utility payments and customer service.

She describes Eagle Mountain as “quiet, homey, and different than California”. She also feels it has provided a safer environment for her three sons, ages 8, 14, and 19.

Married for 17 years to Jose, the family enjoys spending time outdoors and often loads up their trailer to go camping and ride ATVs.

News Notes

City Code Now Available Online — Eagle Mountain City’s general ordinances have been codified and the Eagle Mountain City Municipal Code was approved by the city council on October 7.

“We are very happy that our city code is complete and that our residents will have easy access to it,” Mayor Heather Jackson said.

The complete code is available online at www.eaglemountaincity.com under the “City Code” menu. It includes a search feature so that users may more easily locate the information they need.

Recreation Center Survey — The city mailed out a survey regarding a city-wide recreation center with the October utility bills. We encourage all residents to complete the survey and return it in the enclosed blue envelope.

A drop box is available at the front desk of City Hall, or you may deposit them in the utility payment drop boxes at the north end of city hall, the Prairie Gate office building in The Ranches, or at the Smith’s store in Saratoga Springs. The deadline for returning the survey is November 7.

Woman of Achievement nominations — Eagle Mountain City is accepting nominations for the Woman of Achievement Award to be presented at the 2009 Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant.

The Woman of Achievement recipient should be a resident of Eagle Mountain 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 Angie Ferre, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, UT 84005, or via email at angief@emcity.org by Thursday, January 29.

Compressed Natural Gas Station Survey — A survey to gauge public interest in a compressed natural gas station in Eagle Mountain is currently on the city’s website. Please take a moment to complete this short survey.



Elected officers of the 2008-2009 Youth Council were sworn-in at a recent city council meeting. (Pictured L-R: Council Members Tyler Wahnschaffe, Zachary Brazwell, Nina Allen, Kamber Hopkins, and Youth Mayor John Burnham—not pictured, Jessica Bare)



Miss Eagle Mountain 2009 Scholarship Pageant Orientation Meeting

Thursday, December 18
7:00 PM
Eagle Mountain City Hall

Young women ages 17-24 are invited to attend and get information about our 5th annual pageant. This is a great opportunity to develop your talents and confidence, while potentially earning money for college.

For more information, contact Angie Ferre at 789-6603 or Helen Watson at 789-6600.

FAMILY SEES DAD'S DREAM COME TRUE WITH HELP OF RED SOX FANS



The James Taylor family had big plans for James' 37th birthday in August. They would fulfill a dream of their husband and father, to take his family to see the Boston Red Sox play in Fenway Park.

James Taylor was such a passionate Red Sox fan that when his oldest son Mason was drafted by a little league team called the Yankees, he vowed to coach a team called the Red Sox next year.

However, fate intervened and James was not able to see either of those plans come to fruition. A St. Marks Hospital emergency nurse who also worked part time on the Arizona helicopter medical staff, James was aboard a medical helicopter on June 29 transporting a man who had been injured in the Grand Canyon when the helicopter he was in collided with another medical chopper.

The lone survivor of the crash, James had extensive internal injuries but did not pass away until July 4, a fitting date for an American hero who not only served at home, but abroad - treating the injured from Desert Storm as a first lieutenant in the US Army Reserves.

Following James' passing, the Taylor's extended family wanted to do what they could to help his wife Traci, and his sons, Mason, 10, Weston, 9, and Jackson, 4—who is autistic, through their grief. They knew the family's medical and funeral expenses would prevent them from pursuing James' dream of taking the family to Boston.

After James' sister Laurie Brady posted the family's story on a Red Sox fan message board, the magic started to happen. Tom Nardozi, a Red Sox fan from New Hampshire championed their cause. He bought the family eight box seats just above the on-deck circle. A longtime Red Sox blogger, Cyn Donnelly, collected more than \$2,000 in donations from fans as far away as New Zealand. JetBlue donated eight round trip tickets from Salt Lake to Boston.

On August 29, the family arrived at Fenway Park with the boys knowing only that they were going to see a Red Sox game. Instead, they got the VIP treatment, with a tour that included being allowed in the dugout and onto the field pre-game. Mason and Weston were even named honorary bat boys. Once word spread of their visit, the team's big name players including Dustin Pedroia, Jonathan Papelbon, and Jacoby Ellsbury took time to meet the boys, give them autographs, and pose for photos.

After All-Star pitcher Curt Schilling presented the

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Photo courtesy Boston Globe
Traci Taylor and her sons at Fenway Park.



The city's newest fire captain, Kirk Mittelman, was sworn-in by Fire Chief Rand Andrus at a recent city council meeting.

RECYCLING DUMPSTER RELOCATED

The recycling dumpster located at the Public Works Building at 2545 Sweetwater Road (City Center) has been moved to the front of the sewer treatment plant (just off the road, outside the gates) while the new sewer treatment facility is being constructed.

Following is a list of acceptable recycling products that may go in the dumpster:

- ◆ Plastic - #1-#7 (milk jugs, soft drink bottles, etc.)
- ◆ Aluminum cans
- ◆ Paper (junk mail, envelopes, magazines, etc.)
- ◆ Newspaper (including phone books)
- ◆ Corrugated Cardboard (broken down moving & shipping boxes, etc.)
- ◆ Paper Board (broken down cereal boxes & other food boxes)

NO glass or Styrofoam is allowed in the dumpster.

The dumpster fills up quickly. Please break down items as much as possible for best use of dumpster space. Also, please DO NOT leave items outside the dumpster. Improper use may cause the City to limit public access to the recycling dumpster.



UTA ANNEXATION for EAGLE MOUNTAIN and SARATOGA SPRINGS Quick Facts

- If the majority of voters in Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs vote "Yes" on Proposition 1, both cities will be annexed into the UTA district.
- Voting "Yes" on Proposition 1 will increase the sales tax in both cities from 6.20% to 6.45%, a 0.25% increase.
- This increase amounts to an average yearly tax of \$0.50 per person, per year.
- The 6.45% sales tax rate is already in effect in area cities such as Lehi and American Fork.
- If this proposition passes, the UTA has said it is very likely that Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs will get an express bus route to Salt Lake City, potentially as soon as April of 2009.
- This express bus route will be funded for the first three years by grant money offered by the Mountainland Association of Governments. After that time, the UTA has said there is a possibility of providing connector service from Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs to the new rail station at Thanksgiving Point.



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boys with autographed Red Sox jerseys, Traci asked him to sign a photo of James that she had brought along with them. Instead, Schilling asked if he could keep the photo as a reminder of what a real hero is.

Looking back on the experience of their trip, the family, who has lived in Eagle Mountain since 2006, are still surprised by and appreciative of those who made the journey possible for them.

"The boys knew how badly their dad wanted them to go there," Traci said. "They were so sad after losing their dad it was good for them to have some time away from home and have fun."

For more details on the Taylor family's trip, you may read the articles by Brad Rock at www.deseretnews.com or by Stan Grossfeld at www.boston.com.

COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD



Firefighter Dave Bradley demonstrates apparatuses on the fire truck to a group of children at the library's "Read with a Firefighter" day.

Library Nook

Fine Forgiveness Month — December will be fine forgiveness month. The library is asking anyone with overdue items to return them and the fines will be waived. This applies only to current items out with fines, not fines already incurred.

Overhead Projector — The library now has an overhead projector available to borrow from the library. There is a \$75 refundable deposit required and a fee of \$5 per day with a maximum use of three days.

Interlibrary Loan Fee — Effective October 13, the fee for an interlibrary loan was increased to \$3 per item in order to better cover the cost of postage.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Christmas Coat Drive — The City will be holding a Christmas Coat Drive from December 1 through 30. We are asking for donations of new or gently used coats which will be given to a local homeless shelter.

Donation boxes will be available at City Hall, The Ranches fire station, Eagle Valley, Hidden Hollow, and Pony Express Elementary schools, The Ranches Academy, and Rockwell Charter High School.

Direct Communications Moves Office — Direct Communications will be located in a new office at the Ranches Professional Building, 3688 E. Campus Dr., Suite 150, effective November 3. The entrance will be on the south side of the building. Hours will be Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The main phone number will remain 789-2800. Drop boxes will be located in front of their new location and in front of the public safety building in City Center. The first 50 customers starting November 3 will receive a free t-shirt. They will be serving cake every day the week of their opening.

Sprinkler Shut-Off Time — With temperatures dropping, it's time to shut off sprinkler systems for winter. It is recommended you turn off your stop and waste valve now to prevent pipes from freezing and damaging your system and potentially flooding your home.

New Street Light Repair Number — The new phone number to call when reporting a street light out is 789-6684.

Mail Box & Utilities Drop Box — The U.S. Mail box previously located by Fire Station #1 in City Center has been moved to the north side of the City Hall building. The utilities drop box is located adjacent to the mail box.



The seniors have now established a regular date for Bingo—the third Monday of every month at 5 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Prizes and refreshments are always on hand so come join the fun!

SENIORS' CORNER

All residents ages 55 and over are invited and encouraged to support our senior council and attend their monthly activities. All activities are free of charge. For more information, contact Carroll Johnson at 318-1595.

THANKSGIVING PIE FEST

Monday, November 24 at 5 PM, City Council Chambers
Bring your favorite pie and memories to share!

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 22 at 5 PM, City Council Chambers

Community Fundraiser

★ Yard Sale/ Bake Sale! ★



for
LUC ORTON
www.lucorton.com

Luc is currently undergoing aggressive Chemotherapy treatments for a rare tumor that is threatening his lungs, airway, and spine. 100% of proceeds will go to help his family with medical and travel expenses.

Saturday November 15 from 8 am-Noon
The Ranches Academy
7789 Tawny Owl Circle, Eagle Mtn.

We are in need of people to donate items for the sale; please bring them to the school

★ **Friday the 14th between 3 and 8 pm.** ★

Cash donations can be made at any Zion's Bank in Lucas Orton's name

Questions? email Janet @ jbirmingham@emcity.net ★

SCHOOL CALENDARS

All schools will have Thanksgiving Break November 26-28 and Christmas Break December 22-Jan. 2.

Eagle Valley —

Nov. 4 Picture Make-up Day
24-Dec. 5 Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Dec. 10-11 Christmas Musical, 7 PM
(tickets on sale Dec. 1)
17-18 Christmas Programs
19 Class Parties

Hidden Hollow —

Nov. 3 Reflections Entries Due
10 Reflections Awards
24 Dads & Donuts

Pony Express —

Nov. 10-14 Patriotic Week
19 Executive Board Mtg., 10 AM
PTA Board Mtg., 11 AM
Dec. 2 Reflections Awards, 6:30 PM
3 PTA Board Brunch, 10:30 AM
5 Trading Post

Ranches Academy —

Please visit www.theranchesacademy.com for info.

Willowcreek Middle School —

Nov. 10-18 Student Council food drive
13 Choir Fall Festival
Dec. 2-4 Talent Show Sign-ups
8-12 Gingerbread House Contest
9-11 Talent Show Auditions
19 Spirit Day—Red & Green
Christmas Dance, 3-4:30 PM

Lehi High School —

Nov. 15 Sadie Hawkins Dance
19-25 Beauty & the Beast Musical
9 Orchestra Holiday Concert
12 Stag Dance
15 Choir & Dance Concert
16 Choir Holiday Concert

Rockwell Charter High School —

Nov. 14 Picture Make-ups/Retakes
Sadie Hawkins Dance
25 Voice Recital, 6:30-7:30 PM
Dec. 5 Jon Peter Lewis Concert
10-12, & 15 Midsummer Night's Dream
13 Winter Formal Dance



PONY EXPRESS ELEMENTARY PATRIOTIC WEEK November 10-14

The Pony Express PTA would like to invite all military personnel, active duty or retired, to participate in the following activities:

Monday, Nov. 10—Flag Ceremony @ 9:30 AM

Tuesday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day Assembly @ 9:35 AM

Those who plan to attend the assembly are requested to wear uniforms if possible and please R.S.V.P., as there will be gift bags and cake served.

Friday, Nov. 14 — Shake a Soldier's Hand Day from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

We'd like to have as many soldiers in uniform as possible.

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. for any of the above activities, please contact Melanie Nielsen at 789-2327 or 372-3928.

Come one, come all to the...
4th Annual Eagle Mountain City



*“Deck the Halls” Lighting
Ceremony*

Friday, December 5, 2008 at 6:30 PM
Eagle Mountain City Council Chambers

Santa Claus will be visiting!

Parents are welcome to take pictures



Here Comes Santa Claus...



December 13
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Santa will be driving through your neighborhood on an Eagle Mountain Fire Truck passing out candy to the children.

Listen for the siren to let you know that Santa has arrived in your area.

Parents - please make sure that the kids stay on the sidewalk.