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EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I can hardly believe it has been a year since I took the oath of office. This past year, as a city government, we have taken charge of our destiny and are starting to see the image of Eagle Mountain turn around. I say "starting" because changing the image is like changing the course of an aircraft carrier. To change our public perception will take considerable time and effort. However, I believe that we have moved forward into a more positive phase in our city's history. We have a city council that works diligently for the betterment of our community and we have a staff that works tirelessly in their effort to keep our city on course. I hope that as citizens you are seeing the changes that I am seeing. I always hear good things about our progress when I attend meetings with other elected officials from our state. I'd like to use this space as we begin a new year to share with you some of the highlights of the city's accomplishments for 2008.



Matthew McInelly (pictured center, with L-R: Librarian Michele Graves and Mayor Jackson), collected donations to buy the city library two copies each of 120 new merit badge books for his Eagle Scout project.

This past year we passed and implemented the largest capital improvement budget in our city since the initial infrastructure was put in. We have been fiscally conservative and have kept our property taxes the same (In fact, we have the second lowest city property taxes in the county). We completed a new 138kv power line and we are currently under construction on the following projects: our new sewer treatment plant in the South Service Area, Well #1 expansion, Fire Station #2, and Well #5. We have completed our first skate park. We finished phase 1 of Mid-Valley Regional Park so there will be more playing fields for our children in the summer and more space for our youth sports. The North and South areas of the city are connected, not only by a road, but now also by our new trail. We have two brand new schools -- Hidden Hollow Elementary and Rockwell High School. We finished the path on both sides of Pony Express Parkway to get children to and from Hidden Hollow. We also added sidewalk that was necessary to complete the gap along Smith Ranch Road for Pony Express Elementary. We are in a partnership with WAFTA to complete the bike park, which should be finished in the spring. Finally, we are completing the North Ranch gas line and connections to the city gas utility.

We have also moved forward in the area of economic development in our city. New commercial business sites were added in 2008. These include the Maverik gas station, Dr. Hart's medical/dental office, Wasatch Deli, Jaguar Sport Karate and the Prairie Gate office building that is just finishing construction. I personally attended the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas to promote our city for retail businesses. The city's Economic Development Board is reinstated and better than ever before. The city created the first Community Development Area (CDA), which will be home to our first large-scale grocery store. Groundbreaking should be sometime this spring. We also received a grant for the implementation of economic development marketing tools and packets which we are putting to use.

In the utility department, we implemented a new equal bill pay program. Look for that program to expand this year. We also installed glass in our utilities office which makes the area much more secure. We felt it important for you to know that we take our fiduciary duty very seriously and want to protect your privacy and your finances to the best of our ability.

We have thoroughly investigated a recycling program to implement with garbage collection. Unfortunately, we did not receive good feedback from the local carriers in the bid process. We will not be able to implement this program until we

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renew our garbage collection service contract early in 2010. Please know that the city council and I are disappointed that we are unable to do something sooner, however, we did not want to tie the city into a long term contract when we did not receive any competitive bids.

Our library continues to grow and be a shining star in our city. Everywhere I go outside of the Eagle Mountain boundaries people talk about how amazing it is that we have a library. We held several library programs this year that were well attended and successful. We are continuing to increase our collection, as well as our registered users. We also helped to start the North County Library Cooperative together with Lehi, Pleasant Grove, and American Fork.

Public Safety as always is a priority for our city. Our Ranches fire station expansion will be complete sometime in February. After receiving a grant, we increased our fire staffing and purchased a new 4X4 heavy brush fire truck. We also refurbished one of our ambulances so it is like brand new. We would also like to thank the Utah County Sheriff's Department for continuing to provide us with fantastic service. We have 15 sworn officers and one full-time and one part time office employee.

This year we have had some staff members move on to other places. Some have moved to be with their families who have been working out of state. Some left to continue their education. Some found greener pastures elsewhere. We wish them all well in their future endeavors. We have tried to be very careful in the process of filling these positions. We realize the economy we are facing and where possible we have tried to keep our staffing levels low. This will help us weather the potential storm of our nation's economic future.

We have added some new volunteer boards and brought back some old ones. The youth council is flourishing. Our senior council is doing well. We added a parks & recreation board. We had a special skate park committee. Our economic development board is back. The cemetery board will have its first meeting in January and we are looking to fill spots on our new and improved public works board. We value input from our citizens and are using these boards as tools for working together and getting information from the public.

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City Government Trivia Contest

What are the responsibilities of the Mayor Pro Tempore?

PARKS & TRAILS OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, January 21 6:00-8:00 PM City Hall 1650 E. Stagecoach Run

Come anytime and get information and give feedback on the city's future parks & trails plans.

CENSUS BUREAU INCREASES CITY'S POPULATION AFTER CHALLENGE

Eagle Mountain City has successfully challenged census estimates for the second consecutive year and will gain an additional 11.5% increase in sales tax revenue from the state.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated Eagle Mountain City's population for 2007 to be 17,832 people. After the city challenged that figure and submitted additional housing data, the Census Bureau has now adjusted the population estimate to be 19,890.

Last year's challenge of the 2006 census figures resulted in a 30% increase in sales tax revenue for the city when the population estimate was adjusted from 12,232 to 17,391.

State sales tax revenue goes into the city's general fund. Money from the general fund may be used for park improvements, infrastructure, and other city needs. The census adjustment may also provide more funding for roads.

"We are again excited to successfully challenge the Census Bureau findings," Mayor Heather Jackson said. "It is critical to the development and financial health of our city to have accurate census numbers."

If you can correctly answer this city govern- number ment trivia question, you may win a certificate number for \$20 off your utility bill.

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

Congratulations to last month's trivia winners John & Jessica Cox.

Contest winners and family not eligible again for one year.

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Pony Express Days was bigger and better than ever. We had over 100 entries in our parade. We enjoyed the new events including the basketball and softball tournaments. We added a free family fun night on Monday night and brought back the pancake breakfast. Our safety fair was great, as well as the concert at SilverLake Amphitheater and the activities in Nolan Park. We hope you enjoyed these events, because we sure did. Look for this year to be even better. We are already working on it.

We also added a benefit for the military families in our area. We instituted a parade for each soldier that comes home from the war on terror. Please let us know when your family members might be coming home. Please watch for the flags and yellow ribbons around town. When they are out on a day that is not a holiday they are probably there to welcome a soldier home. Check for information on the city's website and please come out and wave to our soldiers as they return home.

This year we hope to provide more amenities in our wonderful city. One that is coming soon is the completion of Porter's Crossing to Pony Express Parkway. This road should be complete by June 1. We plan to start working on what we call Tickville Park (the area between Pony Express Elementary and the LDS Church on Smith Ranch Road). It will not be completed this year, but we will start phasing in areas of the park. We also plan on working on phase II of Mid-Valley Regional Park. We hope to continue to see great things in the area of economic development for this New Year.

One last thing I'd like to share -- the Jackson household is expecting a new member this year, around the end of April. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and have a great year!

Sincerely, Mayor Jackson



EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY RECREATION CENTER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Eagle Mountain City invites all residents to attend one of the following public meetings to give input on what you would like to see

in a city-wide recreation center:

Saturday, January 10, 12:30 PM @ City Hall 1650 E. Stagecoach Run

Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 PM @ Pony Express Elementary 3985 E. Smith Ranch Rd.

Thursday, January 15, 7:00 PM @ Rockwell High School 3435 E. Stonebridge Lane

Members of the City's Parks and Recreation Board and consulting architects will be in attendance.

News Notes

City Snow Removal — Eagle Mountain City would like our residents to be aware of the following priorities for snow removal in the city.

PRIORITY 1 – Arterial roads (Eagle Mountain Blvd, Ranches Parkway, Pony Express Parkway, and Sweetwater Road)

PRIORITY 2 – Collector roads, school zones, hills and curves

PRIORITY 3 – Residential, alleyways, cul-de-sacs

PRIORITY 4 – Unimproved roads

The city owns five plows with salt or sand spreaders. Due to the high cost of snow and ice removal, dry pavement should not be expected on all streets in all storms. So far this winter, 483 hours have been spent plowing, with 6,953 miles plowed and 693 tons of salt used.

Home owners are responsible for snow and ice removal on sidewalks. No snow or ice should be removed from private property and placed onto roadways. Also, please remember not to park on city streets during winter, as it impedes snow plows.

We thank you for your patience following larger snow storms and appreciate the assistance our residents give to their neighbors and neighborhoods.

Fire Department Offers CERT and CPR Classes

— The Eagle Mountain Fire Department will again be offering C.E.R.T and CPR classes in 2009.

Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T) are trained to help communities mitigate disasters during the first 72 hours following a disaster when damaged roads, disrupted communications, high call volume, etc., may overwhelm local emergency response resources. Classes are held at City Hall in the council chambers. The first class will run for seven weeks on Thursday nights starting on Jan 22 from 7-9:30 PM. The second class will be on Saturdays starting on Feb 21 at 8 AM and will run for three weeks. Both classes will conclude with a Disaster Simulation Exercise on March 7. Cost is \$20 for the classes. A CERT Refresher and Coordination Meeting will be held January 8 from 7-9:30pm at City Hall council chambers. This class is for those that have taken CERT before and would like to be a part of the Eagle Mountain Team.

CPR Classes — CPR classes for the community will be held Jan. 8 and Feb. 5 from 6-10 PM. CPR certification for health care providers will be held Jan. 22 and Feb. 19 from 6-10 PM. Cost is \$30 and includes a manual for both classes. A FREE babysitter safety and CPR class will be held Feb. 7 from 9 AM to 12 PM. This class is for pre-teen to teenagers (recommended 11-15) who will be caring for toddlers and infants on their own.

Sign up for all classes at the library or by contacting Steve Conger at 420-2897 or sconger@emcity.org.

COUNTRY STARS DARRYL WORLEY AND JOSH GRACIN TO PERFORM "A TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS" CONCERT DURING PONY EXPRESS DAYS

Eagle Mountain City and K-Bull 93 FM will co-sponsor a "Low Dough" Country Concert entitled "A Tribute to Our Troops" that will be the culminating event of the city's Pony Express Days celebration on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the SilverLake Amphitheatre (7920 N. SilverLake Parkway). The Eagle Mountain city council has approved a contract for popular country-western artists Josh Gracin and Darryl Worley to perform.



Darryl Worley

"With our close proximity Camp Williams, Eagle Mountain is proud to be home to numermilitary ous members and their families," Mayor Heather Jackson said. "We support them throughout the year by providing parades for every soldier returning home

from war deployment, and by sending care packages to those soldiers who are currently deployed. We believe that these artists will provide meaningful family entertainment and understand the great patriotism that resonates with the citizens of Eagle Mountain."

Songwriter and country music star Darryl Worley has had sixteen singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, including three number ones: "I Miss My Friend," "Awful, Beautiful Life", and "Have You Forgotten?", which was inspired by the events of September 11, 2001 and was nominated for a Country Music Association Award for Single of the Year.

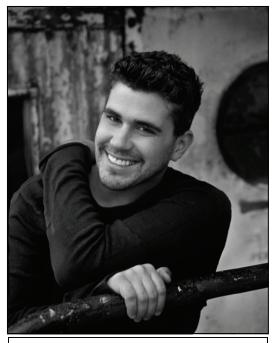
Worley frequently performs for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. He played a key role in the organization of the American Freedom Festival, an annual concert that benefits U.S. veterans. He is currently working on his seventh album, "Sounds Like Life", scheduled for release in 2009.

Josh Gracin first received national attention as a contestant on season two of "American Idol". Gracin finished fourth in a season that featured other future recording artists Ruben Studdard, Clay Aiken, Kimberly Locke, and Utah's own Carmen Rasmusen.

An active-duty U.S. Marine while on "American Idol", Gracin has since released his self-titled debut album, which was certified Gold and spawned three top 5 singles: "I Want to Live", "Stay With Me (Brass Bed)", and the number one "Nothin' To Lose". Gracin's current single "We Weren't Crazy" is off his soon-to-be-released sophomore album of the same name.

Tickets for the concert will be \$15, with a special price for active duty members of the military of \$12, (limit 6 tickets per military member). Tickets are expected to go on sale around January 15 and will be available through SmithsTix and at Eagle Mountain City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run. Gates will open at 5 PM, with the concert starting at 7 PM. Seating is general admission.

For more information about these performers, you may visit their individual websites at www.darrylworley.musiccitynetworks.com and www.joshgracin.com.



Josh Gracin

2008—A Year of Progress



The city held groundbreaking ceremonies for several significant construction projects, including the new wastewater treatment facility (pictured above), the Ranches fire station expansion, and Pony Express Skate Park.



Many city boards and commissions were formed or revived, including the youth council (pictured above), economic development board, parks and recreation board, and the cemetery board. The senior citizens council continued to see their numbers grow.



Sports programs continued to be popular with the youth. The city added an adult men's basketball program and a girls fast-pitch softball league in 2008.



The number of new businesses in the city continued to grow. As of December 2008 there were 260 active registered businesses in Eagle Mountain.





Substantial additions to our parks and recreation facilities were made in 2008 with the construction and opening of Pony Express Skate Park (pictured left), and the Pony Express/Sweetwater Trail. The 4.2 mile trail (one-way) provided a venue for a new city event, the Turkey Trot/Walk on Thanksgiving Day (pictured right). Also completed was the first phase of Mid-Valley Regional Park, which will provide additional playing fields for the soccer and football seasons this year.

COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD



Children eagerly awaited the arrival of Santa on the fire truck as he visited Eagle Mountain neighborhoods on December 13.

Library Nook

Volunteers Needed — We are currently looking for volunteers, preferably 16 and older, who would like to help with evening hours (5-6:30 PM) or Saturday hours (10 AM -12 PM or 12 PM -2 PM). Interested parties should come into the library for an application.

Used Book Sale — We are holding a USED book sale on Friday, January 23 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM and Saturday, Jan. 24 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Holiday Closures — The library, along with the rest of the city offices, will be closed on Monday, January 19 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and Monday, February 16 for the President's Day holiday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast Fundraiser — The Lehi-Rippy Literacy Center is hosting a green eggs and ham breakfast on Monday, January 19 at the Lehi Legacy Center, 200 N. Center St.

Breakfast (which also includes pancakes, hash browns, and a drink) will be served from 8 AM to 11 AM. Entertainment and activities including balloon animals and hats, a book walk, and face painting will be available from 8:30 AM to 10 AM. At 10 AM a puppeteer will perform.

Prices are \$25 for a family of 6, \$5 for an individual, or \$1 per year for children under 4.

For information, or to make a donation or volunteer, call 407-1025 or stop by the Literacy Center at 120 N. Center, Lehi.

Women's Cancer Screening Clinic — The Women's Cancer Screening Clinic offers education and screening for women ages 40-64 years old regarding their cancer risk and to encourage prevention through regular examinations. Bilingual nurses and Spanish materials are also available for your convenience. For more information and eligibility guidelines stop by 151 S. University Ave., Provo or call 801-851-7031. Or visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org and click on "Family Health Services (Nursing)" and then "Women's Cancer Program."

Census Workers Needed For 2010 Census — Temporary part and full time jobs; Paid training; Authorized mileage reimbursement; Work locally; Flexible hours; Competitive pay; Assignments last 5 to 10 weeks. Call our toll free number: 1-866-861-2010. Help your community have a successful 2010 Census.

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The seniors gathered and shared their favorite pies and Thanksgiving memories at their monthly activity in November.

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.

Pizza and a Movie Monday, January 26 at 5 PM City Council Chambers

Activity TBA
Monday, February 22 at 5 PM
Check the city website, or call Carroll for information.

CITY MANAGEMENT ANALYST NAMED HEAD FOOTBALL COACH FOR NEW WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Walker, city management analyst for Eagle Mountain, has been hired as the head football coach for the new West-lake High School in Saratoga Springs. Walker comes to the position following a very successful tenure as defensive coordinator with Timpview High School in Provo, a school that has won the 4A State Football Title for four out of the last five years.



First employed by Eagle Mountain City in 2007 as a management intern in the masters of public administration program at Brigham Young University, Walker was hired as a full-time management analyst this year. He will continue to work for the city while serving as head football coach for Westlake High - an opportunity he is excited about.

"I like the camaraderie of being part of a team and the interaction with the

kids," Walker said.

Walker, who is in the process of putting a staff together, says his goal for his first year as head coach is to be competitive in every game. "I only know how to prepare one way, and that is to win state championships," he said.

Eagle Mountain City Mayor Heather Jackson thinks Walker's unique knowledge of the region will be an asset in his role as head football coach. "Jason Walker has been an excellent addition to our city staff. I believe he will bring a lot of good insight and experience to his role at Westlake High School."

Westlake High School is scheduled to open in fall of 2009 with 1,100 students. The school will service Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs, Cedar Fort, and Fairfield. The school's mascot will be known as "The Thunder" and the school colors will be light blue, navy blue and old gold.

Walker lives in Saratoga Springs with his wife Mika. They are expecting their first child in the spring.

LOCAL HEROES NIGHT with BYU Football Players



Wednesday, January 14 @ 6 PM Eagle Valley Elementary Library

Also speaking is Westlake High's Head Football Coach Jason Walker. All 5th & 6th grade students, their parents, and any future Westlake High football players and their parents are invited to attend.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

All ASD schools will have Monday, January 19 off for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Monday, February 2 off for professional development, and Monday, February 16 off for Presidents' Day.

Eagle Valley -

29	4th & 5th Grade Wax Museum
Feb. 2-6	Book Fair
4&5	SEPs (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
9	Classic Skating Night
13	Valentine's Day Activities;
	6th Grade Mardi Gras Ball, 4-5 PM
18	Local Heroes (Preschool & Kinder)
23&24	Kindergarten Registration
26&27	Preschool Reg. (District Office)

Hidden Hollow -

Jan. 26	Orem Classic Skate Night, 5:30-8:30
Feb. 3-6	Book Fair
4-5	Parent/Teacher Conferences

Pony Express —

Jan. 12	PTA Skate Night
14	PTA Board Meeting
24	Musical Rehearsal

Ranches Academy —

Jan. 22

22	Jazz Reading Kick-Off
Feb. 5	Science Fair
6	Daddy Donut Reading, 7:15 AM
23	Jazz Reading Ends
	Regional Inspirations Contest

Inspirations Award Night

Willowcreek Middle School -

Jan. 16	Talent Show
30	Term 2 Honor Roll Activity
Feb. 11	9th Grade Transition Assembly

Lehi High School -

Jan. 10	Winter Ball, 8 PM
22-23	Science Fair
22-27	Play (Much Ado About Nothing)
28	Band Concerto Concert, 7 PM
29-31	Drama UTA Festival (Ogden)
Feb. 3-5	UBSCT Testing

Rockwell Charter High School —

Please visit www.rockwellhigh.net for information.

Sweetheart Dance, 8 PM



Eagle Mountain City Spring/Summer Baseball 2009

Baseball registration is January 10 - January 31, 2009. Registration will be held in the foyer of the Ranches Professional Building on Saturdays; Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. You may also register at City Hall during working hours. Late registration will be February 2 - February 27, 2009 on weekdays only at City Hall.

Registration Forms will be available online at www.eaglemountaincity.com, or at City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run (Hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday - Friday).

Age Groups:

3 & 4 years old: T-ball (must turn 4

before April 30, 2009)

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

Fees:

Ages 4 - 8 years old: \$50.00 (hat and jersey)

Ages 9 - 14 years old: \$55.00 (uniform)

Check or exact cash accepted only. \$5.00 Discount if three or more register; \$10.00 Discount if you use last year's jersey (4 - 8 year olds)

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 will start April 19, 2009 and go through June 14, 2009 (tentative).

For more info, visit www.eaglemountaincity.com.



Míss Eagle Mountain 2009 Scholarshíp Pageant

Saturday, February 21
Eagle Valley Elementary
4475 Heritage Drive
7:00 PM

Tickets: \$5

Tickets are available in advance at City Hall, or from the contestants. They will also be sold at the door.

Come support our local young women and enjoy a great night of family-friendly entertainment.