



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

November is here and the holidays are yet again upon us. From all of us at the city, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Soon, the city will be launching a new marketing campaign. Over the last two years Eagle Mountain City has worked diligently to promote a climate for attracting businesses to locate to Eagle Mountain. Our next step in this process is to implement a marketing campaign. This campaign consists of first, improving our image here in Utah. You will see a new logo and rebranding of the city. We are currently in production on television commercials and billboard ads. The second phase of the plan is a corporate video and economic development materials specifically designed to show businesses what we have to offer and inviting them to locate here. We will also be updating the design of our website to reflect our new brand. We are very excited about this new marketing plan.

I also need to update you all on our transportation situation. By now I am sure that you have seen or heard about the new westbound lane of S.R.73. I would personally like to thank Dave Nazarre of UDOT for implementing and completing this restriping of the road. By the time you receive this, I hope that MAG (Mountainland Association of Governments), our regional planning organization, will have approved \$9.3 million to be spent on the complete widening of S.R. 73. I will bring you details regarding the timeframe for construction and completion of the project. The Pony Express Parkway extension is currently underway. It is in the land acquisition and engineering stage. We will keep you updated as to the progress of this project. Pioneer Crossing is scheduled to have some pavement completed by November 6. The east-west connection to I-15 portion of this project is still on track for completion in the spring.

I hope that you will participate in one or all of our upcoming holiday events, the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, Deck the Halls Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Santa on the fire truck. Please be careful over the holidays. Just recently, an accident occurred in Saratoga Springs involving a drunk driver and a citizen's vehicle. We would like to wish the Schroeders a speedy recovery. We appreciate the great work of our sheriff's department and fire department, as well as the police and fire department of Saratoga Springs. I wish everyone a safe holiday season.

Mayor Heather Jackson



Mayor Jackson participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the SR-68 Expansion Project on October 15, along with Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet of the Utah National Guard, State Senator Mark Madsen, Mayor Timothy Parker of Saratoga Springs, Mayor Kim Fuller of Bluffdale, and UDOT representatives.





A welcome home procession was held for Eagle Mountain resident, Sgt. Tyler Butler (pictured, center, with his family and friends at City Hall after the procession), who returned from his service in Iraq in September

## 2nd Annual Family Fun Turkey Walk/ Trot



Thanksgiving Day, November 26  
9 AM to 11 AM  
Registration is FREE

\*Start is at the LDS Stake Center building at  
2977 Saddle Rock Road.

The route will be along the  
Pony Express/Sweetwater Trail and finish is near  
City Hall.

Prizes for early finishers and special categories!

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

For updates, please visit [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com).  
Questions? Call 789-6603

## News Notes

**City Email Notices** — You may now sign up on the city website to receive information from the city via email. Go to the Email Notifications section and select what type of information you'd like to receive. Choices include the Eagle Mountain Update, press releases, public notices (road closures, utilities outages, other timely information), special events, and job openings. You may also follow Eagle Mountain City on Twitter.

**Miss Eagle Mountain 2010 Applications** — A preliminary meeting for those who want to participate in the Miss Eagle Mountain 2010 scholarship pageant will be held on December 10 at 7 PM in the city council chambers. Applications are due at this meeting. Parent attendance is mandatory. The pageant is open to young women ages 17-24 and that have resided in Eagle Mountain for at least six months. Please call Melissa Smith at 801-769-9484 or Angie Ferre 801-789-6603 for more information.

**Yellow Ribbon Committee Formed** — The city council approved the creation of a Yellow Ribbon Committee in October. The committee, suggested by Mayor Jackson, will help coordinate the placement of yellow ribbon for the welcome home processions the city holds for returning soldiers and their families. Co-chairs of the committee are Kindra Jones, Aimee Ballif, and Michelle LeBaron.

**Men's Basketball Registration Open Now** — Eagle Mountain City is now offering two men's basketball leagues for ages 18 and up. Games will be played at Westlake High School on Tuesday nights, with some Wednesday and Thursday nights, beginning in early January. Registration is available online only at [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com), and will be open through December 21.

## City Center Open Space Completion Plan Open House

Thursday, November 19  
6:00-8:00 PM  
City Hall

The city has a plan to improve trails, street-scapes, parks, corridors, and consider a community garden in City Center. Come anytime from 6-8 PM to share your input.





## Utah Co. Sheriff's Items

- ◆ Please pay special attention at crosswalks and in school zones. We've had too many incidents of cars speeding through school zones and crosswalks. Let's not learn the hard way by hitting someone.
- ◆ As winter quickly approaches, make sure you're prepared. Give yourself extra time as you travel and allow plenty of stopping room. Also, have emergency plans in place. Many of us have experienced being cut off from family and not able to return home because of bad weather. Make sure you have food and water in vehicles and make sure family members will be okay if you can't get home when expected.
- ◆ If you are interested in taking part in keeping your neighborhood safe, now is the time to get involved. The Sheriff's Dept. is working hard to get all of our areas actively participating in Neighborhood Watch. If you'd like more information about it, or if you'd like to volunteer, call Public Safety at 789-6701.
- ◆ The city is now set up to participate in City Watch. A program to send a recording to all registered participants quickly and efficiently. If you have a listed city phone number, you are already registered. If you'd like to register a cell or other phone number you can do so online at: <http://notify.utahcountyonline.org/CityWatchWeb/communitysignup.asp>
- ◆ Report crimes as soon as they are committed. If you wait, it decreases the chance of it being resolved.



Attendees at the Public Safety Fair listen to a presentation about K-9 training.



Miss Eagle Mountain Jessica Bare hosted a Princess Tea Party in the city council chambers in September.

## Elementary Teacher Moonlights With the MOTAB

At Eagle Valley Elementary, veteran teacher Beth Elmer is known for her dedication, as well as for pulling pranks on her fourth grade students. Her pupils know if they cross her, they could become victims of what is affectionately referred to as “Elmer’s Revenge” (one smiling boy claimed to have been placed in the trashcan by Mrs. Elmer).

After hours, Elmer plays another role. As a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for the past 16 years, she performs 75 times per year, records three times per year, and participates in major tours every two years. She has been to every state in the U.S., except a few in the southeast and to many countries around the world, learning songs in 12 different languages along the way.



Beth Elmer (middle, right) singing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Encouraged to try out for the choir by a friend who was a member, Elmer finally did, was accepted, and has greatly enjoyed her time with the choir ever since. Her many memorable experiences include performing at the 2002 winter Olympics with Sting and John Williams, performing for visiting dignitaries, including former President George H.W. Bush, and most recently, recording a song with famed tenor Andrea Bocelli and legendary music producer David Foster.



Mrs. Elmer with her students at Eagle Valley.

Elmer says singing brings her joy and personal satisfaction. As an example, she recalls a trip to Israel, where the choir performed for Arab, Jewish, and Palestinian leaders. Afterward, one of the leaders told her that listening to them sing was the first time he had ever felt peace.

Going on tour is a major undertaking for the choir. According to Elmer, if they travel by bus it requires 10 buses, four semi-trucks, and three luggage trucks. By plane, they need three planes to transport everyone and their accessory equipment. Her teaching schedule works perfectly for the tours, which mainly occur during the summer months.

Eligible to stay in the choir until 2013, her twentieth anniversary, Elmer has no plans to quit her day job of 21 years.

“I enjoy the interaction with the kids and seeing when that light turns on, and they understand something for the first time,” she says.

## Eagle Mountain City Christmas Tree Lighting



**Friday, December 4  
6:00-8:00 PM  
City Hall**

Performance by the Westlake High  
A Cappella and Madrigal Singers

Special appearance by...Santa!

## Pony Express Elementary Patriotic Week November 9-13

**Monday, Nov. 9—Flag Ceremony @ 9:30 AM**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 10 — Class posters for Veterans**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day Assembly  
@ 9:35 AM**  
**Thursday, Nov. 12 — Service Day**  
**Friday, Nov. 13 — Shake a Soldier’s Hand Day**

**The PTA is in need of active duty  
military personnel and veterans  
to participate.**

Please contact Melanie Nielsen at  
(801) 789-2327, (801) 372-3928 or  
email: sarnai\_mel@yahoo.com.



# COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD

## Library Nook



**Library Expansion Project** — Great progress has been made with the library expansion. The additional space is expected to be open by spring.

**Happy Anniversary!** The library will be celebrating our 10 year anniversary in November. The week of the November 16-20 we will be doing various things throughout the week.

**Library Wish List** — Wondering how you can help the library? We have added books the library would like to our Amazon.com wish list. Once you decide which item(s) you'd like to give to the library, follow the instructions online at Amazon and the item will be shipped directly to the library, with your name as the donor. Every donation made helps! A link to the wish list is on the library section of the city website.

**Polar Express Night** — Monday, December 14 at 7 PM, the library will be hosting a "Polar Express" night. It will cost \$5 per family and we will have sign-ups in the library the week AFTER thanksgiving. Photos with Santa will also be available for \$5, with \$1 from each photo donated to the library.

**Story Time** — Story time ends on November 19. We will begin again in February of 2010.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Local Effort to Aid Tsunami Victims in Samoa** — Children's Education Relief Foundation (CERF), a non-profit organization founded by Eagle Mountain resident Au Pauga and his wife Karen to aid children in his native Samoa, is currently collecting donations to provide health and school supplies to victims of the earthquake and ensuing tsunami in Samoa at the end of September. Donations can be made through their website at [www.cerff.org](http://www.cerff.org), or send a check payable to CERF to their mailing address at P.O. Box 357, Lehi, Utah 84043. If you have any questions, contact Au Pauga at 801-755-2368 or via email at [apauga@cerff.org](mailto:apauga@cerff.org) or [paugaau@yahoo.com](mailto:paugaau@yahoo.com). Donations will be sent directly to the schools, not handled by the government.

**Westlake High Community Social Dance** — Westlake High School's ballroom dance team is hosting a Mistletoe Me-Holly Folly community dance on December 17 from 7:00-9:00 PM. Admission to the dance includes a 30 minute ballroom dance class starting at 6:30 PM.

**MS Support Group** — A support group for those with Multiple Sclerosis, and/or their family members is being held the third Thursday of each month at Fire Station #2 in The Ranches at 6:30 PM. For more info, contact Michele at 801-471-7557.

## SENIORS' CORNER

**Harvest Snack Fantasy—Monday, November 23  
5 PM in the City Council Chambers**

**Lunch Bunch** — first Thursday of each month; meet at Chevron in The Ranches at 11:00 AM to carpool to a restaurant; contact Pat at 789-4204

**Seniors Aerobics** — Every Tuesday & Thursday (except on Lunch Bunch day) at 10 AM at the LDS Chapel, 7746 Sparrowhawk Wy; contact Verlene for more info at 789-4126

**Bunco & Bingo** — Bunco is held every second Thursday at 1 PM and Bingo is every third Monday at 5 PM.

Information about seniors' events for December will be posted in the events section of the city website. For general questions, please contact Carroll at 801-318-1595.





The Ranches Academy held their annual fall carnival fundraiser October 10. It included games, face painting, a bounce house, silent auctions, and food sales. Over \$6,000 was raised at the event, a school record.

## SCHOOL WEBSITES



**Eagle Valley Elementary**  
[www.eaglevalley.alpinedistrict.org](http://www.eaglevalley.alpinedistrict.org)

**Hidden Hollow Elementary**  
 No website at this time

**Pony Express Elementary**  
[www.ponyexpresselementary.com](http://www.ponyexpresselementary.com)

**The Ranches Academy**  
[www.theranchesacademy.com](http://www.theranchesacademy.com)

**Lakeview Academy**  
[www.lakeview-academy.com](http://www.lakeview-academy.com)

**Willowcreek Middle School**  
[www.willowcreek.alpinedistrict.org](http://www.willowcreek.alpinedistrict.org)

**Rockwell Charter High School**  
[www.rockwellhigh.net](http://www.rockwellhigh.net)

**Westlake High School (access via the ASD site)** [www.alpine.k12.ut.us](http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us)

## Westlake Thunder Winter Wrestling Club



Guy Burdett, the Westlake High School wrestling coach, will be running a winter wrestling club for age's K-9th. The season runs from November 9 through mid-February. This club is for any person interested in developing wrestling skills. No experience is needed. An option to attend weekend tournaments is available, but not required. Practices will be held Monday-Thursday from 5:00-6:30 PM. For more information, please visit [www.wrestlingthunder.com](http://www.wrestlingthunder.com).

**Club Registration Fee- \$90** - This is the basic registration fee for the club. This includes a club t-shirt and free admittance to the Westlake Wrestling Duals.

**USA Wrestling Utah League Card- \$10** - This is required at tournaments throughout the winter season. The card provides insurance protection at events. You will need a card (National or League) for each boy competing. You will receive your card before the first tournament.



(L-R) Mayor Heather Jackson with Local Heroes Kerynn Lofgren, Bri Weber, Jahde Clark, Katie Webb, Jessica Vanderhoef, and Austin Gleed at the Lehi vs. Westlake Football game on October 23, 2009. The 2009-2010 Local Heroes and scholarship donors were announced during the game.

*Photo courtesy Kim Schultz*

### Local Heroes Program to Offer Scholarship This Year

Local Heroes, a program that pairs local high school students as mentors to Eagle Valley Elementary School students, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one of this year's Local Heroes in spring of 2010. Mayor Heather Jackson, Ifo Pili, economic development director for Eagle Mountain City, and Jason Walker, city management analyst and Westlake High head football coach, each donated \$250 toward the scholarship. If you are interested in donating, or would like more information about the local heroes program, visit [www.localheroesprogram.com](http://www.localheroesprogram.com).

