



EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

We made it to another year. I want to thank you for your vote. I am glad to be able to serve you for four more years. I would also like to thank David Lifferth for his service over the last four years as a member of our city council. We really appreciate his service and wish him well in his future endeavors. Welcome to John Painter and returning council member Nathan Ochsenhirt as our newly sworn in elected officials for the next four years.

Following is an abbreviated accounting of the accomplishments of the city this past year.

State of the City Report

Budget

At this time in our budget, our overall revenues are above what we anticipated when putting this budget together. It is wonderful to be in this position during a recession. We have administered our plans well.

Regional Transportation & City Streets

Pioneer Crossing is scheduled to be completed this fall, SR 68 & SR 73 projects are complete and we received one more lane than was planned for. We also got the restriping on SR 73 for the westbound lanes, as well as the snow fencing. Funding of \$3.5 million was allocated for the Pony Express Parkway extension to SR 68, and the project should be completed by August. Funding was also allocated in the amount \$8.8 million for the widening of SR 73 from Ranches Parkway to 800 West. This project is scheduled to begin in the spring. Internally we completed the Porter's Crossing Extension, phase one of Bobby Wren Blvd., and fixed several ailing roads.

Parks

We made improvements to the following parks: Eagle Point Plat B, Nolan Park, Pony Express Park, Walden Park, Mt. Airey Park (with all of the labor donated by the neighborhood), and Kiowa Park. The new skate park also received improvements and the bike park was completed. This year we are focusing on new baseball diamonds in Mid-Valley Park, as well as installing two splash pads.

Sports

We had participation in the sports programs increase again, with approximately 1,000 soccer players, 650 baseball



Mayor Jackson was sworn-in on January 4 for a new four year term, along with City Council Members Nathan Ochsenhirt (left) and John Painter.

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players and 530 basketball players. We also sponsored the Westlake Youth Football program by providing several practice fields. We look forward to building up those programs and possibly implementing more in the future.

Water and Wastewater

I am pleased to report no water rationing was necessary this past year. We completed well projects for wells #1, 4 and 5, along with adding tank #4 to our system. We now have long-term water under contract for our city. The city has contracted for a total of 15,000 acre feet of water from the Central Water Project. Construction has been underway for Tank #5 and will be complete this year, and we will be putting in two additional water lines. Our sewer treatment plant is almost complete and we look forward to being completely online in February.

Public Safety

We completed Fire Station #2 and are now under contract to be the first responders to the unincorporated areas in our valley. We held our annual public safety fair. We now have approximately 70% of Eagle Mountain participating in Neighborhood Watch. We have two car seat checkpoints, and the RAD Kids program in all elementary schools in our city. We received a grant for a Speed Trailer which you will see in our city shortly. As we have always done, we respond to each call for service in a timely fashion.

Library

Our library expansion project is almost complete. We anticipate the grand opening in February. Our library continues to expand in both the number of patrons and the size of our collection. We have received a grant from the Federal Library Services this year and may also receive one for this next allocation. Thank you, Senator Bennett for sponsoring those grants.

Building

The building department has done a fantastic job with the library expansion. It looks great, was completed in a timely fashion, and came in under budget. For the calendar year of 2009 we issued 212 residential building permits, as well as 7 commercial building permits and 137 permits for carports, basements, etc. We still continue to grow during these tenuous times.

Energy

Our energy department has also been busy this year. We completed a new power circuit and brought power to the new wells and sewer treatment plant, as well as the new school, churches, and businesses. We are looking to create a redundant power line so that we do not have outages over this next year. This is also one of the needs associated with bringing economic development to our community. Our gas department completed the North Ranch gas expansion project, as well as a gas loop through a portion of Cedar Pass Ranch. We also created a loop in the city center by tying the two regulator stations together to have more reliable gas delivery. Over the next year we will also work on a streetlight retrofit.

Planning

The planning department has been busy on several projects, most notably the recent annexation of the Pole Canyon area. This process is not yet complete, as we are waiting on the county to help finalize a couple of

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agreements. In the very near future we will add several new residents to the City of Eagle Mountain. They are currently the residents of White Hills. We welcome them with open arms and hope they will enjoy being residents of Eagle Mountain. Planning has also been preparing the implementation plan for parks, trails and open spaces in the City Center. We will be holding another open house regarding that plan on February 3rd at 6:00 PM at City Hall. This meeting will be to discuss the trails and routes for getting to and from the new elementary school. Alpine School District will make their decision for the school boundary on January 26th. We look forward to seeing those affected by the new school at the open house.

Economic Development

Our economic development director has worked with the planning department as they implement programs through the business licensing. We currently have a total business license count of 290 home-based businesses and 35 commercial businesses. This year we held our first home business street fair. It was a great event and we plan to do more this year. We received a donation of The Ranches Golf Course and negotiated a long-term management contract for that asset. We feel this will enhance the marketability of our city. We engaged students in the BYU MPA Program to create an Economic Development strategic plan for city. We have embarked on a marketing campaign that includes revamping our website, logo, business development packet and creating commercials, billboards and a corporate video. Look for its launch in the near future. We are on the map with industrial recruitment and have submitted over 20 RFI packets to potential companies and have actually shown the city to at least 6 of these companies.

Recorder’s Office

Our recorder’s office has been diligently keeping the records of the city both organized and up to date. We appreciate their efforts in doing this. A special thank you is also warranted for the professional manner in which the municipal elections were handled.

Finance/Utilities

We have implemented a Red Flag Identity Theft Policy and the Equal Pay Billing has completed its first year. We submitted our audit on time for the third year. We also received our third budget award. This year we decided to take it a step further and create what is called a CAFR. This means that we meet even higher budget standards and are working to obtain awards from that organization in the future.

Public Information

We have improved the timeliness of our communication by providing notifications of city news and events through Twitter and email. We have also added content to the city website. It is an outstanding resource for our citizens. This year, the Eagle Mountain Update will be a monthly publication again in an effort to have more frequent communication with our residents. Watch for a new design next month featuring our new city logo and brand elements.

Special Events

Pony Express Days: A Tribute to our Troops was fabulous. We look forward to celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express during this year’s Pony Express Days. Our second annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot had a great turnout. We’re glad Santa could visit us again on the fire truck, and the Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Tree Lighting were great events. We appreciate those who support all of our city events.

Have a great year!

Mayor Heather Jackson

Mayor Jackson’s Response to Emails Regarding the Proposed Pony Express Statue

I have received many emails regarding whether the City should acquire a statue of a Pony Express rider. I would like to address those questions here and provide some information that you may not be aware of.

June 2010 is the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express. This event will be commemorated with the annual Pony Express Ride, with stops along the trail where celebrations will occur. Our city was asked to host one of these stops. I felt a statue would be a great way to mark the actual trail as well as remind us of the history of our area. My goal was to raise donations and grants without using city funds to accomplish such a task.

During the course of our planning, a gentlemen came forward that had a completed sculpture and offered to sell it to us, so we started negotiations, and started working on fundraising. We found funds that were available to us from the restaurant sales tax. The funds come to us through the county and could be used for that purpose. We had not identified to use those funds for another purpose. The amount of this funding was \$36,000. Secondly, we applied for a grant and were told that we should be able to receive \$25,000 from that application. The grant was specifically for the cultural arts.

Grants are restricted to specific categories i.e. cultural arts, parks, recreation, trails, roads, water projects, fire departments, etc. and are administered by several sources- county, state, federal, and private companies and/or foundations. They may only be used for the purpose intended. So, we apply for many grants for different purposes. We also contacted a professional fundraiser who was willing to help us raise the remaining amount that was necessary for purchasing a monument.

There were two statues considered by the Council for purchase; one for an approximately \$200,000, or with a lease plan of \$5,000 a year for five years. The second was \$111,000. The second statue would be something completely unique to Eagle Mountain and could involve the students at our local elementary schools. The artist proposed a plan where she would sculpt the piece while our children watched, thus having them gain a knowledge and appreciation of the artwork. She would also use the face of one of our citizens as the face of the rider. I loved the feeling and flavor this would bring to our city. This unique time frame of commemorating the 150th anniversary would have



Eagle Mountain Fire Department

Community Classes in 2010

As the new year is upon us, please check the fire department page of the city website for a complete schedule of classes for CPR, CERT and Babysitter CPR & Safety.

Emergency Preparation

The fire department encourages our citizens to be prepared for any emergency in the home or the car.

Keep a supply of items in your car that will help you survive, if stranded for any amount of time due to the weather. Some items to consider include an extra blanket to keep warm, bottles of water, some nutritional bars or food, and a small shovel to assist if stuck. Also check to make sure that your spare tire is full.

In the home, test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure that they are in working order by pressing the test button.

Eagle Mountain Fire & Rescue wishes our citizens a safe and happy new year!

given us more opportunity for fundraising and publicity for being part of this national event.

I was recently told that the Town of Fairfield, population approximately 120, is considering a statue. This is not something unusual. I want you to know that the city council voted not to have the statue. I did not vote on the final proposal. I only vote when a tie breaking vote is necessary. Finally, I want you to know that this statue was not to be a substitute for any of our planned parks improvements this year. Those are moving forward.

I hope this explanation will address any questions you had or clear up any misinformation that you may have heard about the project.

Mayor Heather Jackson



EM City News Trivia Contest

When does the city anticipate the curbside recycling program option to be implemented?

- If you can correctly answer this city government trivia 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 18 and before 5:00 PM on January 19 to news@emcity.org.
- The first correct entry received wins!
- Congratulations to last month’s winners, Kevin and Jamie Robinson!
- Contest winners and family not eligible again for one year.



Eagle Valley Elementary staged a production of "The Christmas Carol" in December. It was directed by Gina Morgan, Abby Camberlango, and DJ Conger.

News Notes

Men's Basketball Registration Extended — 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 January. Registration is available online only at www.eaglemountaincity.com, and will be now be open through January 17.

UDOT Number to Report Drifting Snow — A satellite maintenance shed has been established by UDOT near the crossroads in Saratoga Springs. Snow plows and personnel are stationed there during the winter to increase response time for snow removal on SR-73 and SR-68.

If you see drifting snow on SR-73 or SR-68 that needs to be plowed, please call 801-766-3210 and leave a message, including the best description you can give about the location of the problem, and UDOT will respond as quickly as they can. This number should only be used to report snow accumulation problems and not other road issues.

Woman of Achievement Nominations — Eagle Mountain City is accepting nominations for the Woman of Achievement Award to be presented at the 2010 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 Angie Ferre, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, UT 84005, or via email at angief@emcity.org, by Monday, February 15.

Water Recommendations for Winter — With temperatures dipping below zero at times during the winter season, there is a possibility of water pipes freezing, leading to cracked or burst pipes.

Eagle Mountain City recommends that residents run a slow, continuous flow of water from one of your water taps until outside temperatures rise above at least ten degrees Fahrenheit.

If you are unable to get any water from your taps, you will need to wait until temperatures rise to try to get water to flow.

As a standard procedure for winter, we recommend that you shut off the stop and waste valve on your sprinkler system.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING OPTION COMING SOON



Eagle Mountain City is currently soliciting bids for a new garbage service contract, which would begin in April of 2010.

As part of the new contract, the city plans to include an opt-out curbside recycling program. In this type of program, residents would automatically be signed up for recycling service, but would have the opportunity to opt-out of the program if they choose not to participate.

The city anticipates the recycling program will be implemented by early summer of 2010. All residents will be notified through their utility bills, the city newsletter, and city website about the opt-out period and the procedures for those who choose to opt-out of the program.

Since we do not yet have a contract in place, we do not know what the exact monthly cost of the recycling service will be, but we expect it to be under \$7 per month. We also anticipate the pick-up to be every other week.

Please do not contact the city to opt-out at this time. Residents need to wait until the contract is in place and you have received information about the opt-out procedure and follow those procedures.

Please watch for more information in the coming months via this newsletter, the utility bills, and our city website.



Utah Co. Sheriff's Items

- ◆ Remember that by city ordinance, to assist with snow removal, you cannot park vehicles or trailers on city streets between the hours of 4:00 AM and 4:00 PM, whenever it snows two or more inches. Also, please do not plow snow from sidewalks and driveways into the street. City plows need to be able to maneuver to clear the roads for your safety.
- ◆ With winter weather here, make sure you're prepared. Give yourself extra time as you travel and allow plenty of room between yourself and the vehicle in front of you. Have emergency plans in place. Many of us have experienced being cut off from our families and not being able to return home because of bad weather. Make sure you have food and water in your vehicles. Also, have alternate plans in place to care for all family members in the event you are unable to return home when expected.
- ◆ Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) are not allowed to be driven within city limits. Please remember to trailer them until outside the city before riding.
- ◆ Remember, to combat theft and vandalism, keep your car doors locked and make sure valuables are not left in your vehicle, especially overnight. There were several vehicle burglaries recently on one street involving unlocked cars.
- ◆ 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 city actively participating in Neighborhood Watch. For more information about Neighborhood Watch, or if you'd like to volunteer, call the Public Safety Office at 789-6701.

City Snow Removal Procedures

By city ordinance, snow plowing is prioritized as follows:

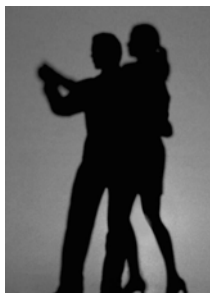
- # 1. All main arterial roads (also schools, fire stations, and sheriff's department) receive first priority and must be kept open. Snow will be removed within 24 hours of the end of snowfall where median snow accumulations exceed four or more inches.
- # 2. All other collector roads (also residential roads with steep hills and/or sharp curves) receive second priority after the major roadways. Snow will be removed within 24 hours of the end of snowfall where median snow accumulations exceed four or more inches.
- # 3. All remaining residential roads not included in second priority; Snow will be removed within 24 hours of the end of snowfall when median snow levels exceed six or more inches.
- # 4. All remaining areas such as unpaved roads, cul-de-sacs, courts, and alleys. Snow will be removed within 24 hours of the end of snowfall when median snow levels exceed six or more inches.



NOTE: Plow operators are expected to exceed this level of service whenever possible.

All streets will be kept open for traffic flow. When this is not possible, then priority 3 and 4 will be dropped, and if necessary priority 2 will not be plowed. The priority 1 streets will be kept open at all times. This includes school zones and emergency access roads. When it is snowing continuously, the operator will stay on the main roads until the crew leader decides the roads are safe. The operator will then continue on their route while the crew leader monitors the priority routes until snow has stopped falling.

Although it is difficult to salt and plow lower priority residential streets during a storm, operators will make every attempt to clear steep access roads. Operators will strive to plow and salt dangerous intersections, curves, and steep hills as early as possible. Depending on the amount of snow, all streets should be passable within 24 hours after an average storm has ended. Although this may not always be possible, operators will strive to be compliant with this expectation. This is the optimum level for safety and mobility.



Westlake High School's 1st Annual Dancing Up A Storm

(our version of Dancing With the Stars)

January 29-30

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Watch the mayors of Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs, along with firemen, policemen, teachers, & students face off in a ballroom dance competition.

Vote for your favorites!

**Ticket prices: One night—\$5 per person/\$25 family
Both nights — \$8 per person/\$40 family**

Request Tickets at dancingupastormwhs@gmail.com or purchase tickets from members of WHS Ballroom Dance Team.

More details at www.eaglemountaincity.com.

COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD

Library Nook



Assistant Librarian Lori Carter leads the Polar Express Jammies Night event in December.

Library Closure — The library expansion is expected to be completed and open sometime in February. The library will be closed for a period of time in January to move and stock materials in the new portion of the building. Exact dates of the closure are not known at this time. Please check the city website for information.

Volunteers Needed — If you would like to volunteer at the library, please come in for an application. We are in need of volunteers to help with the new expansion. Ages 14 and older may apply.

Story Time — Storytime will resume in February. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday sessions will be from 11:15 to 11:45 AM. Thursday sessions will be from 1:00 to 1:30 PM. No registration is required. The sessions will run through April 15.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Eagle Mountain City will again offer curbside Christmas tree pick-up on Mondays through Thursdays from January 4-28.



Trees should be placed on the curb (not in the gutter), and should be stripped of all decorations, not bagged or covered. Trees will be picked up as soon as possible after they are placed on the curb.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Support Group for Soldiers — A Soldier's Promise is an anonymous support group for our service men and women with PTSD, and for those who think they may have PTSD. The group is free of charge and is run by volunteers who are knowledgeable in dealing with PTSD and other issues including drug and alcohol abuse, equine therapy, touch therapy, and personal and family counseling. Support group meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month, excluding holidays, at 3785 Pony Express Parkway in The Ranches Fire Department Training Room. A list of schedules and events for these support groups can be found on our website: www.soldierspromise.com or you can email soldierspromise@yahoo.com.

Community Representative Needed — The Utah National Guard (UTNG) is launching an effort to investigate if old munitions may be present on lands that were once used for training at Camp Williams. In conjunction with this effort, a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is being established, and we are seeking applicants for the Eagle Mountain Community Representative position. The RAB is a voluntary position that will consist of government and community members. An Investigation is being conducted at six locations outside the Camp Williams installation boundary, including one site near Eagle Mountain. To apply, please contact Melissa Porter, the community relations contractor at 801-825-3570.

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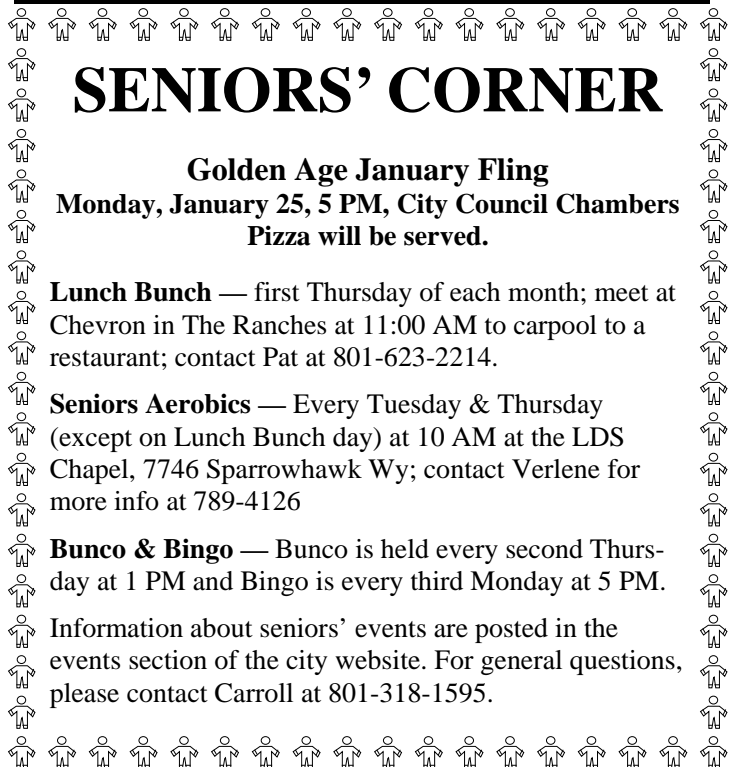
Golden Age January Fling
Monday, January 25, 5 PM, City Council Chambers
 Pizza will be served.

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 801-623-2214.

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 are posted in the events section of the city website. For general questions, please contact Carroll at 801-318-1595.



BUSINESS**Dragons & Fairytales**

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 new businesses located in our city and the services they provide.



Books, games, and a fun place to hang out can be found at the newest business in Eagle Mountain, Dragons & Fairytales.

Jaelyn and Steve Weist opened for business in November at the Ranches Parkway retail center (formerly Maranatha's). The store offers a variety of books and educational games for all ages.

Beyond selling merchandise, the Weist's will offer many special events at the store, including book signings, a book club, game nights, and children's story time.

"We wanted to have a great place where people could gather and enjoy books," Jaelyn Weist says.

Dragons & Fairytales has many special offers, including a birthday club, frequent shopper card, and a PTA Night, where members of local PTA's receive 15% off their purchase, with 5% given back to their school.

Weist is excited that Brandon Sanderson, author of the Mistborn series and Elantris, among others, will have a book signing at Dragons & Fairytales on January 16. Sanderson was chosen to complete the Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan and his current release is his first contribution to that series, The Gathering Storm.

Dragons & Fairytales is open Monday-Saturday. Monday hours are 10 AM to 6 PM, and Tuesday-Saturday hours are 10 AM to 7 PM. Game nights are every other Saturday from 7-10 PM for ages 16+.

Dragons & Fairytales January Events

5th	Book Club "The Lovely Bones", 7 PM
16th	BRANDON SANDERSON Book Signing, 5-7 PM
2nd, 16th, 30th	Game Nights, 7-10 PM (ages 16+)