

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

DURING TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, THE QUESTION OFTEN ARISES, "IF THE CITY'S BUDGET IS TIGHT, WHY ARE THEY SPENDING MONEY ON THAT?" IT IS A FAIR QUESTION.

At times, it may appear as though the City is spending money on things that should be lower on the priority list, rather than spending money on more worthwhile projects. However, to clearly understand the logic behind this spending behavior, we must first understand the structure of government finance and how cities account for their money.

**Fund accounting:** Cities follow an accounting system called Fund Accounting. Simply stated, all of the money is divided up into separate "funds." Most people in their own personal finances have what could be considered a "General Fund," or one single pot out of which all of their bills are paid. Governments, by law, are not allowed to operate this way. Fund accounting requires that governments divide their funds into multiple smaller pots out of which they must operate. Eagle Mountain City has a General Fund for operating costs, but it also has a Capital Improvement Fund for streets, parks, and other infrastructure improvements, a Fleet Fund for the purchase and maintenance of City vehicles, and a Debt Service Fund to pay for the City's debt payments. In many cases, once money is placed into a fund, it is difficult, if not impossible, to move it into another fund. This puts a check on government officials from spending money on things that those funds were not intended for.

For example, if the City Council puts money aside in the Capital Projects Fund for a new park, and there is a



Mayor Jackson and 17 other volunteers from Eagle Mountain participated in radKIDS instructor training. radKIDS is a children's safety education program taught to second and fifth graders in our elementary schools, under the direction of the Utah County Sheriff's Department.

shortfall in the General Fund, the City officials cannot simply take money and move it back to the General Fund to cover the shortfall. Once the money has been set aside for park improvements, it must be used for park improvements.

Another example, the City receives money from the State each year for road maintenance. If road maintenance costs for that particular year are less than what the State gives the City, the City cannot take that money and pay for something else, like employee salaries. The funds are restricted, or they must be spent on the intended purpose.

A third example has to do with grant money. Many times, the City pursues grant money from various organizations ranging from private donors to the Federal Government. Grants are monies given to the City to be spent on a very specific project.

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Many times the City is awarded these grants providing that the money be spent within a specific time period. It becomes "use it or lose it" money. It may seem odd to see a new park going in when budgets are so tight; however, there may be grant monies tied to the project which require the project to be completed in a specific time period.

So, as we understand that governments have very specific, stringent restrictions on the way they must account for their money, we can begin to see that there may be a very good reason for the City's spending patterns. In most cases, the City simply is required to spend the money the way it is being spent. The bottom line is that these rules are put in place to ensure funds are spent properly.

For the past four years, Eagle Mountain City has maintained a practice of underestimating our revenues and overestimating our expenditures during budget preparations. We have also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association during the same time period.

We are currently working through the budgeting process for fiscal year 2011-2012 and are preparing to present a budget to the City Council. Special budget sessions of City Council meetings will be held in April. Meeting dates will be published on the city website as they are set.

Enjoy the spring weather!

*Mayor Heather Jackson*



## EM CITY NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST

Where can you buy pre-sale tickets to the Pony Express Days PRCA Rodeo?



## Miss Pony Express Days 2011 Pageant

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

NOON

PONY EXPRESS RODEO ARENA  
4447 MAJOR STREET

Now accepting applications for contestants (through April 15). See the city website, Pony Express Days PRCA Rodeo section, for information.

If you can correctly answer this city news trivia question, you may win a certificate for **\$50** off your utility bill.

E-mail an answer with your name, address, and phone **after 8:00 AM on April 12 and before 5:00 PM on April 13** to [news@emcity.org](mailto:news@emcity.org). All correct entries will be included in a drawing for the certificate.

Congratulations to last month's winner, Leslie Bess!

*Winners and family not eligible again for one year.*

*City employees and immediate family not eligible.*



The Jr. Jazz Basketball program recently ended another successful season. Thanks to all who participated.

## Express Your Opinion on City Issues

Eagle Mountain City has partnered with Utah-based [icount.com](http://icount.com) to invite more communication between city government and our citizens in an easily-accessible forum. Register at [icount.com](http://icount.com) and you will be part of our efforts to improve government transparency and receive valuable feedback from our residents. This is a free service.

We plan to post new questions at least once per month. Our first question is:

Which of the following amenities or services is most important to you for Eagle Mountain City to focus on at this time? (Please select your top two choices)

- Additional Public Safety Resources
- Attracting Companies Who Provide Job Growth
- Acquisition of Renewable Energy Resources
- Additional Sports Programs
- Transportation/Roads
- Commercial/Retail Shopping Centers

To vote:

1. Go to [www.icount.com](http://www.icount.com) and click on Register
2. Verify you are an Eagle Mountain resident by entering your name, address, and email address
3. Vote on the poll

Stay connected with your elected officials. Register today.

# NEWS BRIEFS

**Opt-out Recycling Period Ending** — The City's annual opt-out period for the curbside recycling program ends April 15, 2011. If you choose to opt-out, you may submit the form online on the Utilities page of the city website. If you are currently not enrolled in the recycling program, you do not need to submit an opt-out form.

**Change in Utilities Bill Pay System** — Effective May 9, 2011 the utilities online bill pay system will be upgraded. Please watch for instructions in your utility bill regarding new procedures for the bill pay system. The upgrade should make the system more user-friendly and efficient.

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Comment** — The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the urbanized Utah County area is updated every four years to adjust for changes in development, demographic data, environmental inventories, and incorporates data from transportation studies. The adoption of the 2040 MTP is planned for June 2011. Go to <http://mountainland.org/mtp> to review the Draft Plan and leave a comment. There is also an Interactive Project Map where you can leave comments about individual projects. Public comment will be accepted until April 13, 2011.

**CWP Saratoga Springs Pipeline Public Information Meeting** — To keep citizens informed of the pipeline's progress and how it will affect them, a public information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Springs Fire Station located at 955 West 1200 North. Officials will be on hand to explain the project and answer any questions. Additional information is available by calling 801-360-6528 or online at [saratogapipeline.com](http://saratogapipeline.com). You can sign up for email updates at: [info@saratogapipeline.com](mailto:info@saratogapipeline.com).

**American Cancer Society Fundraiser** — EM resident Heidi Carpenter is running the Wasatch Back Relay (188 miles—from Logan to Park City) this summer for the American Cancer Society. Her goal is to raise \$400 for cancer research. To donate, go to: [www.determination.acsevents.org](http://www.determination.acsevents.org), go to Donate, click on Find an Athlete to Donate, and enter Heidi Carpenter. 100% of proceeds go to the ACS.





We welcomed home members of the 144th Area Support Medical Company from their deployment to Afghanistan last month (L-R: SGT Steven Cope, SSG Deena Hart, SPC Casey Tripp, and SSG Jeff Leavitt)



# EM FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Reminder:** Hopefully, everyone remembered to change the batteries on your smoke detectors when you changed your clocks for Daylight Savings. This is a practice we should do twice a year to make sure that the detectors are working while we sleep. If you have battery back up carbon monoxide detectors, these should also have the batteries replaced.

**Classes:** The Fire Department held a Boy Scout merit badge class for two Saturdays, and it was very successful with approximately 50 scouts and advisers attending. Watch for more merit badge classes for those that were not able to attend in March. Also we are planning on a Babysitter Class in April as well.

**Open Burning is in April:** The county open burning is scheduled for the month of April through the Utah County Fire Marshal. Remember to contact the fire department for any potential burning, as we will need inspect the items to be burned prior to issuing a burning permit. Those starting the fire are responsible for any fires that they are permitted to start. The cost for burning permits are \$10 and \$25 for an agricultural permit based on your acreage. All fires should be out by 5 p.m., and please make sure that the air quality is a green burn day. Not every day is a green burn day. The City will be burning some of the brush in the Tickville Gulch with our Public Works department members.

## SENIORS' CORNER

**Group Activity To Be Announced  
Monday, April 25 at 5 PM  
City Council Chambers**

### Monthly Activities:

**Game Night** — first Monday at 5 p.m.; more info, contact Myron and Sandy Ring at 801-766-0547

**Dominoes** — first Wednesday at 1:30 PM; more info, contact Lee at 789-6326

**Lunch Bunch** — first Thursday; meet at Chevron in The Ranches at 11:00 AM to carpool to a restaurant; more info, contact Pat at 801-623-2214.

**Craft Class** — second Monday at 1 PM; basement training room at City Hall; more info, contact Joye at 789-7544

**Bunco** — second Thursday at 1 PM (bring \$5 prize)

**Bingo** — third Monday at 5 PM

**Book Club** — third Tuesday at 5 PM; city council chambers; contact Diane at 789-8663

**Mahjongg** — third Thursday at Noon; bring a sack lunch and drink

**Canasta** — fourth Thursday at Noon; bring a sack lunch and drink; for more info, contact Pat at 801-623-2214.

Activities are held in the city council chambers unless specified. Check the city website for updates or call Carroll at 801-318-1595.

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

Once again, the City will offer residents the use of dumpsters for Spring Clean-up through April 30, 2011.



We cannot accept items such as: appliances, tires, electronics, batteries, chemicals, and paint. **Please do not leave trash on ground around the dumpsters.** If the dumpsters are full they will be emptied as soon as possible.

Dumpsters will be located by the Public Works Building: 2545 North Sweetwater Road (about 1 mile south of the City Hall building), in front of the wastewater treatment facility.



Some of the EM firefighters who participated in the Make-a-Wish fundraiser show off their freshly shorn heads (L-R: Kelly Scott, Kirk Platt, Cpt. Kevin McCarthy, Derek Anderson, Jeremiah Jensen, Bob Hill, Kent Rawlings, and Kurry Lewis)

## Firefighters Lose Their Locks for Make-a-Wish

Eagle Mountain firefighters teamed up with Saratoga Springs Fire Department to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through the Bic 4 Good program ([bic4good.com](http://bic4good.com)). Bic 4 Good donated \$400 per person to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for anyone who was willing to shave their head and document it on camera. The Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs event raised almost \$16,000. Bic has donated \$125,000 from this promotion to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.



Spring is upon us and The Ranches is excited to be open and offer some fun ways to shake the rust off those clubs!

-Temperature Special Rates through the end of April: Half of yesterday's high temp is today's green fee w/cart

-The Ranches Golf Saver Card is now available to purchase for the 2011 season

-Icebreaker Tournament: 4 man scramble. \$65/person. Everyone gets a jacket this year! Sign up today.

Give us a call 801.789.8100 or visit us at [www.theranchesgolfclub.com](http://www.theranchesgolfclub.com) for details.

## LIBRARY NOOK



**Free Computer Classes** — The library will be offering free computer classes to adults. There is a sign-up sheet in the library.

**Summer Reading World Fair Kick-off Event** — On Monday May 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m., bring your families for a night of culture and fun in the City Council Chambers. Register your children for our 12th Annual Summer Reading Program - One World Many Stories, starting in June. The cost is just \$2 per child for the entire summer. The event will be held in the City Council Chambers. If you would like to help out at this event by presenting a country at a booth, please call the Library at 789-6623 and leave a message for Lori.

**Library Board** — The library board positions are now full. Thanks to all for your interest.

**Squeaky Clean Reads** — Our library has been named as one of the recipients of the Squeaky Clean Reads Library Giveaway 2011. We will be receiving a prize package of new books soon. Thanks to all who voted for our library!

## Library Offers Free Online Classes

Eagle Mountain City Library is pleased to offer Universal Class for Libraries.

\*Over 500 online continuing education courses

Available subjects include:

- Computer training
- Personal finance
- GED training
- Business
- Pet and Animal Care
- Professional development
- Health services training
- Music and painting
- and MUCH more!



Program features:

- \* Remote, 24/7 access via the Internet
- \* Real instructors
- \* Connect with other students
- \* Continuing Education Units on selected courses

This is for any patron of Eagle Mountain Library to utilize. Contact the library for more information.



# PONY EXPRESS DAYS 2011 CALENDAR

*Pony Express Days will be held May 21-June 4. Following is a calendar outline of events. There are great tax-deductible advertising opportunities available for local businesses—contact Angie at [angief@emcity.org](mailto:angief@emcity.org) for sponsorship information. Most event registrations and tickets are available online at: [www.eaglemountaincity.com/ped](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com/ped)*

## **PED 2011cf235 Tentative Schedule (subject to change)**

**May 21-June 4**  
Co-ed Softball Tournament

**May 26-28**  
Veterans Cemetery Service Project  
Mutton Busting Preliminaries  
Charity Quilt Show & Silent Auction  
(The Cure Starts Now)



**May 27**  
Youth Council Dance

**May 27 – 28**  
Men's 3-on-3 Basketball  
Tournament

**May 27, 28, & 30**  
PRCA Rodeo



**May 28**  
3rd Annual Tour of EM and  
Family Bike Ride  
Pancake Breakfast  
Motorcycle Charity Ride  
Skate Tournament  
Scavenger Hunt begins (ages 4-17)

**May 30**  
Special Needs Games at Eagle Mountain  
Family Fun Night

**May 31**  
Health & Wellness Fair  
Baby Contest  
Community Hero Award Reveal



**June 1**  
Geocache Treasure Hunt  
The Ranches Golf Club Kids Golf Clinic  
Golf Date Night at The Ranches Golf Club  
Demolition Derby  
Arts in the Park

**June 1 – 4**  
Carnival

**June 2 – 4**  
Vendor Booths  
Helicopter Rides



**June 2**  
Karaoke Talent Night at the  
Park

**June 3**  
Golf Tournament  
The Music Stop Talent  
Showcase  
Bike Tournament  
Movie in the Park

**June 4**  
2nd Annual Pony Express  
Century Ride  
5K and Family Fun 1K Race  
Dutch Oven Cook-Off  
Parade  
Talent Showcase



**Clint Black Concert & Fireworks**  
June 4  
SilverLake Amphitheater  
Gates open at 6 p.m.  
Tickets: \$15 Pre-sale  
([eaglemountaincity.com](http://eaglemountaincity.com) or City Hall)  
\$20 at the door

# EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COMMUNITY HERO SPIRIT NIGHT



Chick-fil-A in American Fork is donating 20% of their total receipts on Thursday, April 21 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to EM City's Community Hero Award fund. Bring in the voucher below to make your purchase count. (vouchers also available at the restaurant)



At American Fork  
and

## Eagle Mountain Community Hero Spirit Night

\$		
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Subtotal

Thursday, April 21, 2011  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



# SPRING STREET FAIR

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 16

12 PM TO 4 PM

PEREGRINE ROAD  
(CHEVRON TO NOLAN PARK)

Buy delicious Texas Roadhouse rolls for \$5 per dozen, on sale in front of Chevron, and support the Community Hero Award fund.



## Summer Sport Camps

Bring your cleats or sneakers and get ready for a summer of fun in the sun. Playmakerz Sport Camps offer 8 different sports camps for boys and girls ages 4-14.

Camps include football, soccer, baseball, basketball, tennis, track, cheerleading, and our popular multi-sport camp where kids ages 4-10 sample a variety of sports.

Each camper will receive training from highly trained coaches.



For more information and to register, visit Sports Programs in the Parks & Rec. section of the city website.



# PONY EXPRESS DAYS PRCA RODEO

MAY 27, 28, & 30

RODEO GROUNDS  
PONY EXPRESS PARK, 4447 MAJOR ST.  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$10 or \$5 (ages 12 & under)  
Small children in laps are free

\*Monday, May 30—Tickets are \$11 or \$6 (12 & under)  
\*Admission on May 30 includes a slice of Little Ceasars Pizza

All tickets *at the door* are \$10 (all ages) or \$11 on May 30

Premium Seats (\$15) and VIP Experience (\$25) also available

**Tickets: [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) or City Hall**



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY'S EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 23  
NOLAN PARK  
10:30 AM SHARP START

\*Age groups: 3-4, 5-8, & 9-12  
Lots of eggs, candy, & prizes!  
Bring your own basket.

To donate or volunteer, please contact  
Leesa Holland at 789-3337.

\*Parents & strollers not permitted in the egg hunt area.  
We welcome children of all abilities. Please let us know if your child needs help.

Buy Texas Roadhouse rolls for Easter and support our Community Hero Award Fund—only \$5 per dozen!

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