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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION, I FEEL LIKE THAT IS ALL I SEE ON EVERY ROAD I DRIVE ON. I KNOW IT GETS REALLY FRUSTRATING THESE DAYS TO GET ANYWHERE. SO, I WANT TO UPDATE YOU ABOUT THE ROAD PROJECTS IN OUR AREA.

But first, I need to make a request. Please plan ahead and take a little more time to get where you are going. Lately, I have observed traffic moving so fast that some are forgetting, not seeing or just not stopping at our intersections. Please take the time to stop and also to look for pedestrians before you continue through an intersection. This really can save a life. Remember that October is Halloween, so very soon we will have many little "monsters, fairies, dragons, etc." running around our city. Please watch out for them.

Now, onto the projects... Phase 1 of the Mountain View Corridor project is complete. That is what we are calling 2100 North (from Redwood Rd. to I-15). The first phase of this project is the frontage road system. It has a lower speed limit, as this section will be used for travel within Lehi. Over time the center section will be filled in as an expressway, which will have a higher speed limit and will more closely resemble Pioneer Crossing.

The widening of S.R. 73 is a project that we fought for and waited an extra year to get. Unfortunately, we have had a lot of moisture this spring that really slowed down this project. When I spoke with UDOT recently, they thought the road portion of the project should be complete by October 15. We will also see snow fencing going in. We are getting more snow fencing out of the project than we had before and hope that it will work well in cutting down on the dangerous blowing snow that we so often have in winter. I thank you for your patience. When this road is complete we will all be very happy.



The 2100 North connector road to I-15, part of UDOT's Mountain View Corridor project, opened on September 24 following a community event featuring a 5K and 1K Run/Walk that benefitted local charities.

Lastly, the new road project in the City Center is a project that SITLA (State Institutional Trust Lands Administration) is doing. They are the land owner of most of the property that separates City Center and The Ranches along Pony Express Parkway. They are putting in a sewer line that extends from Bobby Wren Blvd. to Mid Valley Road. Mid Valley Road is the other piece of the project that SITLA is working on. It is the large swath of land being graded to the west of Pony Express Parkway. SITLA is working on these projects to prepare the site for a potential middle school. Alpine School District is purchasing the site north of Mid Valley Road for the future middle School. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in November. Please understand that the school will only be built if the Alpine School District Bond passes in November.

Again, I understand that construction can be frustrating. I am confident that we will be happy with the end products.

Have a safe and happy Halloween, and don't forget to vote on November 8.

Mayor Heather Jackson



The Miss Eagle Mountain Royalty hosted last month's Exceptional Kids Club Activity, a visit from Scales & Tails featuring a showing of reptiles.

# **Exceptional Kids Club Activity**

Pumpkin Decorating with the Seniors

Tuesday, October 25 4:00 p.m.

**City Council Chambers** Admission is Free

Open to children of all ages with special needs, and their families.





### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- Remember, to combat theft and vandalism, keep your car doors locked and make sure valuables are not left in your vehicle, especially overnight. Also, keep your garage door shut whenever possible.
- We are seeing many crimes that might be prevented if citizens are more aware — vehicle burglaries, gas siphoning, theft from garages or other property, and vandalism, including power being shut off to homes, are some of the problems. If you see suspicious behavior or juveniles out past curfew, please call dispatch at 801-851-4100. Curfew for those under the age of 16 in Utah County is 11 p.m.-5 a.m. and for ages 16-18 is 11 p.m.-5 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 1 a.m.-5 a.m. Friday-Sunday.

#### **Pedestrian Safety Tips**

Submitted by Allen Klinefelter of the **EM City Emergency Communications Team** 

The early morning weather is great for walking, jogging, and bicycling, however, the residential areas are very dark before daybreak and that little patch of reflective material on your shoes does not make you visible to drivers. Drivers can be distracted as well. Following are some things you can do to be safer while enjoying your exercise:

- Wear reflective clothing—assume the driver can't see you
- Put lights on the front and rear of your bicycle
- Wear a bike helmet
- When driving in neighborhoods, be on the lookout for pedestrians everywhere, not just at intersections



## **EM CITY NEWS** Trivia CONTEST

What is the minimum charge for a basement building permit?

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 a.m. on October 10 and before 5:00 p.m. on October 11 to news@emcity.org. All correct entries will be included in a drawing for the certificate.

Congratulations to last month's winner, Brice Bitter!

Winners and family not eligible again for one year. City employees and immediate family not eligible.



#### Los 2 Amigos Restaurant Opening

With 20 years in the restaurant business, Jesus Munoz and his family are expanding, opening their second location of Los 2 Amigos restaurant here in Eagle Mountain after 7 years of success at their Price location.

Serving traditional Mexican fare, Los 2 Amigos offers a full menu, including favorites such as tacos, enchiladas, burritos, combo plates, salads, and even breakfast items served all day. They have options for kids under 12 and lunch specials. Meal prices start at \$1.65 (regular taco) and go up to \$13.95 (mixed fajitas), with most choices falling in the \$4 to \$10 range. There is also a banquet room which holds up to 40 people that can be reserved for parties.

Jesus Munoz says he was drawn to Eagle Mountain because it was a good opportunity to add variety to the existing restaurants in the city. In fact he liked Eagle Mountain so much, he and his family moved here earlier this year.

"It's a really pretty city," Munoz said. "It seems like a good, safe community to live in."

The Munoz family hope to have Los 2 Amigos open by the week of October 10. It is located at 3563 E. Ranches Parkway, next to Village Pizza. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday. Although family members will work at the restaurant, they are hiring additional staff.

"I hope everyone enjoys our food," Munoz said. "We will do everything we can to make it a good dining experience."

### NEWS BRIEFS

**Youth Council Elections & Information** — If you are a teenager between the ages of 14-18 and would like to get more involved in the community, we invite you to join Youth Council. Elections will be held on November 15. Meetings are held twice a month at the city hall. We expect our Youth Council members to be great examples to the community. For more information, e-mail Alicia Hill at ahill@emcity.org.

**Clean Out The Cabinet** — The Utah County Health Department has organized another Clean Out The Cabinet event for safe disposal of prescription medications. There will be a drop-off location at the Trick or Treat Village at Nolan Park (see pg. 8) on Saturday, October 29 from Noon-4 p.m. For info on the Clean Out The Cabinet campaign, visit www.cleanouthecabinet.org.

**Splash Pad Closing Date** — The splash pad at Nolan Park will officially close for the cold weather season on October 15. This date corresponds with the routine winterization of our parks irrigation systems.

**Turkey Trot 2011** — When you start making your Thanksgiving Day plans, don't forget about the City's annual Turkey Trot Run/Walk event Thanksgiving morning. This event is free, and there are always refreshments and prizes. More details coming soon.

**2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget Online** — The City's 2011-2012 fiscal year budget is available online. It can be found under the City Budget tab on the main page or on the Finance and Administration department pages.

**Get a Pumpkin, Donate to Charity** — An extended family in Eagle Mountain has opened their pumpkin patch to the community during the month of October, located at 2847 East Saddle Rock Rd. People are welcome to pick pumpkins out of the field. Last year over 2,000 pumpkins were taken. The owners of the patch only ask that a contribution be left for the pumpkins that are taken. Every penny donated goes anonymously into the LDS church's Perpetual Education Fund. A little money from the fund goes a long way toward helping those in need gain additional education, thus helping them earn their way out of poverty. No money is kept to offset costs of operating the fields.





Dr. Richard Houghton, OD, of the American Fork Walmart Vision Center examines a participant at the Seniors Health & Education Fair last month.



#### **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 p.m.; more info, contact Lee at 789-6326

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

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

**Bunco** — second Thursday at 1 p.m. (bring \$5 prize)

**Bingo** — third Monday at 5 p.m.

**Book Club** — third Tuesday at 5 p.m.; 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.

Check the city website for updates.



#### LIBRARY NOOK

**Story Time** — Story time will begin on Wednesday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m. and continues each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., through November 16. There will also be a Thursday session



beginning October 13 at 11:00 a.m. and continuing each Thursday at 11:00 a.m., through November 17. Both days will feature the same stories/activities and are free.

**Library Closure** — The library will be closed on Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day and Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day.

**Book Signing** — A local author, Mary Muller, has written the book "The Guardians of Innocence: a parent's guide to protecting children from pornography." She will be in the library on Monday, October 24 from 4-6 p.m. for a book signing. A Sheriff's deputy will also be there handing out child safety materials and fingerprinting kits.

# Clean Out Old Electronics Recycle Responsibly Electronics Recycling Collection Event

Saturday, October 15, 2011 Smith Ranch Park (next to Pony Express Elementary) 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eagle Mountain Public Works Parking Lot (2545 N.

Pony Express) 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Responsible electronic recycling services provided by Metech Recycling. Metech Recycling is an e-Stewards recycler. Over 95% of all materials will be fully recycled for remanufacture. No recycled materials will be incinerated, land-filled, or shipped abroad to be dumped. Visit our website www.metechrecycling.com or www.ban.org for more detailed information.

The City of Eagle Mountain is offering a \$20 credit per household (must be an Eagle Mountain Utilities customer). Please bring your receipt from Metech to the city utilities office during business hours to receive the \$20 credit.

Recycling Fees (cash or checks only):
Computer Monitors\$8
Small appliances/electronic items \$3
TV's up to 32"\$15
TV's larger than 32" (measured diagonally) \$1 per inch
Keyboards/mice/toner cartridges/cell phones No charge
CPUs

For a complete list of items accepted, visit the city website.



#### **EM Teen is IronKid**

When Kobee Scott entered her first triathlon in March of this year, she had no idea she would be competing on a national level six months later.

Scott, an Eagle Mountain resident and student at Vista Heights Middle School, took her experience at the Icebreaker Triathlon in American Fork and went on to compete in the IronKids triathlon in Avon, Colorado over Labor Day weekend. It is the kid version of the world famous IronMan competition. She placed high enough there to qualify for the IronKids U.S. Championship, held September 17 in West Des Moines, Iowa. Of the 49 girls in her age group, she placed 15th.

In the process she has collected at least 10 medals. Her success has made her passionate about competing.

"I like pushing myself hard," Scott says.

A member of her school's track team, the running portion of the triathlon is her favorite. She says the biking is the most challenging.

None of Scott's skills come without effort. She keeps a training schedule, performing two of the three triathlon activities for an hour every day.

"If you want to be better at biking or running, you have to do it every day, be consistent," she says.

Inspired by her dad Kelly, a triathlete himself, the two travel around to competitions together. Kelly Scott says he is proud of Kobee's effort and what she has achieved. He's prepared to support her all the way to her dream of winning the IronMan competition someday, as long as she enjoys it.



#### 2011 ELECTION **INFORMATION**

The General Election will be held on November 8. Polls

will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Following are the candidates who are vying for three open city council seats, each with four-year terms.

Donna Burnham (incumbent) Jon Celaya (incumbent) Bryan Free Ryan Ireland (incumbent) Michael Monsen Richard Steinkopf

Precincts 1 & 3 vote at Ranches Academy; Precincts 2 & 4 at City Hall; Precincts 5 & 6 at Pony Express Elementary School. The newly-annexed White Hills and White Hills Country Estates will vote in Precinct 2 at City Hall.

The voter registration deadline for the General Election is October 24 (in person).

Check the City website for precinct boundary maps and more details.



**Candidates Debate** Wednesday, November 2 City Hall, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lehi Area Chamber of Commerce



The City welcomed home SSG Brian Davey of the Army last month (with his wife Mandy, their daughters, and Council Member Nathan Ochsenhirt) from his deployment to Afghanistan.



Hidden Hollow Elementary celebrated Patriotic Week beginning with a flag retirement ceremony on September 11. Members of the Utah Disabled American Veterans Honor Guard removed the old flag and presented it to Eagle Mountain resident Casey Jones, a Korean War veteran. The ceremony has become a tradition at Hidden Hollow.



To Benefit Rome Miller in His Fight Against Cancer

10.22.2011 ● Walk/Run/Eat/Fun ● Register @ 5kcakewalk.com

6:30 Day of Race Registration at Eagle Valley Elementary 8:00 5K Walk/Run Begins 8:00 5K Run/Eat/Run Begins (The first 40 registrations will be accepted) 9:00 Kids Race Begins



# Jr. Jazz **Basketball** Registration



Registration for Jr. Jazz Basketball for grades K-10 will be open October 3 - November 7, with a late registration period from November 8-14.

Registration information and online registration will be available on the Sports Programs page of the Parks and Recreation section of the city website.

Registration fee: \$45

\*\$5 discount per player, if three or more reaister

\*\$10 discount, if player uses last year's jersey

\*To receive discounts you must register in person at City Hall during office hours.

Season is January-March 2012. Games will be played on Saturdays at Eagle Mountain City elementary schools.

Kindergarteners are eligible to play if they are 6 years old by December 31, 2011.



Hidden Hollow **Elementary Carnival** 

Friday, October 14 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 7447 Hidden Valley

- Individual Tickets—4 for \$1
- Hot Dog meal, including a drink and chips—\$2
- Carnival treats available, including popcorn and cotton candy

Sponsored by Hidden Hollow PTA. All proceeds go to PTA.

#### **Ouestions about Licenses or Permits?**

#### **BUSINESS LICENSES**

- Every business (even an internet business) needs a municipal business license (minimum of one in the state of Utah). Business licenses are issued by Eagle Mountain City only if the "home office" or the actual business location is in Eagle Mountain.
- Businesses with a name other than the exact given name of the owner, MUST register with the Department of Commerce and receive a "business entity number." Entity numbers must be renewed every year or two as directed by the Department of Commerce. This number is required on the Eagle Mountain business license application.
- All business licenses expire June 30 and must be renewed annually. In spring and fall, the City has a business street fair event where only Eagle Mountain license holders are allowed to participate.

#### **BASEMENT PERMITS**

- Basements not finished with the original house permit ALWAYS require a building permit to "finish" – no matter how much is to be "finished."
- Every structure requires a permit if the structure:
  - —is to be attached to an existing structure
  - —is built to include electricity or plumbing (any size)
  - —the finished size is over 200 ft.
  - —there is any deck (attached to the house or not)
  - —is an existing permitted structure and is altered in *any* way structurally
- All homeowner's insurances have a clause stating they do not cover "unpermitted builds". If a problem or damage occurs requiring filing an insurance claim, the insurance adjuster can decline coverage, either at a percentage or completely to any area/structure which was not permitted or damaged by a problem that can be traced to work done in an "unpermitted build". A basement "finished" without a permit is considered an "unpermitted build".
- Square footage added or finished (unpermitted) cannot be counted on the living space when listing a house for sale, (i.e. areas finished without a permit to be a bedroom cannot be called a bedroom, etc.).
- When refinancing or financing, underwriters and appraisers for the funding institutions call our office to verify all of the space listed was "permitted". This is the same as asking if the areas are "to code" and because they were not finished with a permit and inspected, the areas are not "to code" therefore can be rejected for funding.
- Basement permits are very inexpensive with a minimum charge of \$98.22 (approximately pays for 600 square ft. w/a bathroom finish) and range up to \$250, (approximately 1700 square ft. w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> kitchen & a bathroom, depending on how much square footage is on the permit for finishing and how many plumbing and mechanical fixtures will be added.

More information can be found on the building & planning department pages of the city website. Questions are always welcomed: 801-789-6642 or bbowman@emcity.org.

# MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, October 29 Location TBA (check the city website) Starts at Dusk Admission is FREE **Concessions Available** 



# EM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week — Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15. Your fire department will be offering open houses during this week at both fire stations. This year's theme is, "Protect Your Family from Fire." Create your emergency evacuation plan with all of your family involved in case of fire. Stay safe and we will see you at the Station!

Fill the Boot — A big thanks to those who donated during the Fill the Boot campaign. We raised \$4710.94 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, almost doubling last year's total.

# HALLOWEEN FUN **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29** NOLAN PARK—NOON TO 4 P.M.



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