

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

WELCOME 2012! WITH A NEW YEAR BEGINNING, I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CITY'S NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2011.

Following is a summary by department:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- Issued 110 residential building permits.
- Averaged over 6 basement permits per month, totaling 76.
- Issued 73 miscellaneous/accessory type building permits.
- Issued 7 commercial permits.
 - One new LDS Church (Mt. Airey Chapel)
 - One addition to the Eagle Mt. Blvd. Chapel, making it a Stake Center
 - New restaurant, Los 2 Amigos (major remodel of an existing building)
 - Remodel of Wasatch Deli (minor remodel)
 - Completion of the two story building now occupied by Direct Communications & City incubator businesses
 - Remodel for Simply Ice Cream
 - Remodel for Faith Community Church

The total number of building permits issued: 256

- We have performed 1,637 field inspections.
- Plans have been reviewed & permit fees completed for Dr. Bart Gardiner's reception center.
- Plans have been reviewed & permit fees completed for an addition to The Ranches Academy.
- Code Enforcement responsibilities were transferred to the Building Department.



ENERGY

Eagle Mountain City's Energy Department has been working very hard this year on some major infrastructure improvements. One of the major accomplishments by the Energy Department was traveling to San Francisco and getting a bond rating for a bond the City issued this year for \$11 million dollars. We are excited to say in this current economic environment, we received a rating in the A category. With this rating we were able to go to the bond market at a time of historically low interest rates, which gave the City an outstanding interest rate for the life of the bond. With this bond the Energy Department has started construction on the south substation located on Lake Mountain Road and has been able to stay under budget on the project. The Energy Department also has purchased land to construct a new energy building this spring. The Energy Department is still working on constructing a redundant 138kVA power line for future needs of the city. Along with all the electrical projects, some necessary upgrades to the gas system were made that will better serve the community.

FINANCE

In 2011, Eagle Mountain City's Finance Department received

the City's first-ever Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting (CAFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association. The Finance Department also was able to see that the external audit of the City's finances was completed on time for the fifth year in a row. In addition, the department assisted with preparing all documents related to the 2011 gas and electric bonds and the electric rate study. The Finance Department will shortly be submitting for its second consecutive CAFR award at the end of December.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eagle Mountain Fire responded on 665 calls: Fires – 34, Medical – 395. We are a full service fire department with Firefighter/Paramedics, as well as qualified paid-call firefighters responding to assist where needed. We also completed our required testing of all of the fire hydrants in the city. Eagle Mountain Fire has inspected our licensed businesses within the city and participates with all of the other City departments as a team member. Some of the community activities that the Fire Department is integral in assisting with include: soldier welcome home processions, Pony Express Days, rodeo, and fireworks after the concert, Easter egg hunt, Christmas tree lighting, and Santa on the Fire Truck.

The following details our community education efforts:

Classes

- CPR – 197 students
- Babysitter – 124 students



- BSA Merit Badge – 142 students earning 426 merit badges
- CERT – 25 students

Station Tours – 2,095 visitors

- Scout groups – 427
- Preschools – 685

Elementary School visits – 10

LIBRARY

The Library is completing implementation of our radio frequency identification (RFID) project which will allow us to inventory and keep track of all library items. We added a cart that allows us to go into our collection and tag items and inventory using a computer. We also added over 10,000 items to our collection and added more databases that are accessible



from home to our residents. We hired a bilingual staff member to help us better serve our Spanish-speaking community. We participated in Pony Express Days with a book sale which earned us over \$1,000. We also had a fine forgiveness month in which we raised money for our local animal sanctuary in the amount of \$1,002. We have completed our grant purchasing and will be doing our final report in May.

PLANNING

Even with the continuing slowdown in building and economic recovery, the Planning Department stayed very busy this year, reviewing a variety of development applications, making presentations to various commissions



and committees, staying involved with regional partnerships, enforcing City ordinances/codes, and issuing/renewing nearly 320 business licenses. Development approvals included four amendments to the City's General Plan, three master development plans, seven amendments to the City Development Code, three site plan approvals, three subdivision plats, three rezones, two conditional use permits, and several development agreements. The City's Geographic Information System (GIS) was substantially improved as well, and we are on our way to having our mapping and utility information much more useable for City employees and property owners/residents. Planning staff have been involved with the Camp Williams Joint Land Use Study, the Mountainland Association of Governments Technical Advisory Committee, the Camp Williams Restoration Advisory Board, the Utah County Trails Committee, and others. Code Enforcement and Business Licensing were moved to different departments within the City recently, and are no longer within the Planning Department. We are looking forward to a slow but steady economic upturn this coming year.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

In 2011, the City continued to improve communication with our residents and the community at large. A City Facebook page was established to provide another method for distributing timely information, adding to the existing Twitter (including receiving Tweets as texts) and email notifications. A City

mobile application was developed and is scheduled for launch in both the iPhone and Android markets sometime this month. Other projects included the Community Hero Award, which brought a special needs accessible playground to the new Smith Ranch Park. Over a dozen military servicemembers were welcomed home from deployment with a City procession, and fourteen care packages were mailed to local servicemembers who are still serving in Afghanistan. A film permit ordinance was established to assist in actively promoting the city as a filming location for economic development and to showcase the positive attributes of Eagle Mountain City.



PUBLIC WORKS

Parks:

- Completed Smith Ranch Park, located next to Pony Express Elementary School.
- Phase 1 of the Mid Valley baseball complex has been completed.

Wastewater:

The City oversaw the installation of nearly two miles of offsite sewer line for the future Mid-Valley middle school.

Recreation:

- Jr. Jazz Basketball registration has increased from 533 in 2010 to 633 in 2011 to 763 in 2012.
- Youth Soccer increased from 855 in 2010 to 945 in 2011.
- The Ranches golf Youth Registrations increased from 10 to 15

Roads:

- Performed a microsurfacing of Pony Express Parkway.
- Performed a pulverize and overlay on Porter's Crossing and reconstructed the intersection of Ranches Parkway and Pony Express Parkway.



the City Center.

- The City purchased property for a pump station, to deliver up to 15,000 acre-feet of water from the Central Utah Water Project to Eagle Mountain.
- Extended water service to the north side of SR-73 across from Mt. Airey for future commercial growth.

RECORDER'S OFFICE

The Recorder's Office conducted the Municipal Primary and General Elections this year. We hired and trained 16 poll workers and supervised three polling locations. During the Primary Election we counted 733 ballots out of 8,910 registered voters. During the General Election we counted 1,486 ballots out of 9,030 registered voters. We recently took on business licensing, updating the procedures and converting much of the process to the Springbrook. The Recorder's Office fulfilled a total of 29 GRAMA requests this year, processed 43 agreements, 10 insurance claims and provided 149 notarizations. The office also processed 2 annexations and 4 land disposals. We continue to work on the multi-lot Pioneer 2 land disposal. We recorded 5 subdivisions. We've spent extensive amounts of time and effort on the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). We continue to work with the various boards within the City to maintain their minutes and make sure that their agendas are posted as required by State statute.

Storm Drain:

- Built a cutoff ditch south of Kiowa Valley to help reduce hillside runoff into the subdivision area.
- Installed an overflow pipe in Cherokee St. to provide additional relief of storm drain flows in lower Kiowa Valley.

Water:

- Installed two new pressure reducing valves to better regulate the water pressure in

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Department was very successful this year in pulling off 37 events for Pony Express Days.



We received an award from the PRCA for Best Small Rodeo of the Year for the Wilderness Circuit, in spite of challenging weather. We held our 2nd annual Rodeo Pageant and our 7th annual Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant and had several top notch contestants from our area. This program has grown by leaps and bounds. We offered several smaller events at little or no cost for residents to enjoy and introduced a new event, the Trick-or-Treat Village. We also started the Exceptional Kids Club in July, which has generated a lot of interest for special needs children and their families.

UTAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – EAGLE MOUNTAIN DIVISION

We are fortunate to have highly qualified and devoted Deputies assigned to Eagle Mountain City, who represent the Utah County Sheriff's Office very well. The Deputies assigned to Eagle Mountain are not only tasked with conducting proactive patrol work

and responding to calls for service, but work closely with members of the community through programs such as, bike fairs, safety presentations, Neighborhood Watch, radKids, P.T.A. and

Scouts. Through these programs, we have developed invaluable relationships and trust throughout the community. This was exhibited many times this past year, but two instances in particular stand above the rest. In both incidents, members of the community had witnessed a high volume of suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. The combination of the community members being diligent to protect their neighborhoods and good police work, resulted in attaining probable cause for search warrants at both locations. Once these warrants were served, each of these cases yielded numerous arrests,



confiscated contraband and most importantly the recovery of two stolen firearms. This is just an example of how law enforcement and residents of Eagle Mountain worked together in keeping the community safe this past year.

I'd like to thank the City staff and the City Council for making 2011 another positive and productive year for Eagle Mountain City. I'm looking forward to many more great things happening for the City this year.

You will notice The Eagle's View is now in full-color. I want you to know there is no increase in cost for this, in fact, we have been able to make this change while decreasing the cost of printing the newsletter by 15%.

Thanks to all the great citizens of Eagle Mountain for making our city a wonderful place to live. Best wishes to you all in the new year!

MAYOR HEATHER JACKSON

For Your Information

Utility Bill Change

As a cost-saving measure, Eagle Mountain City has decided not to renew our contract with Enerlyte, the company that has been providing the energy-efficiency information on your bill. We will be returning to the previous format, which provides a comparison of your usage from the prior year. Energy conservation tips are also available on the City website, Energy Department page.

Recreation Survey

The City would appreciate your feedback on a recreation programs survey. The purpose of the survey is to find out what sports or activities should be added to better cater to the growing population of Eagle Mountain. The survey is located on the main page of the City website under the Utilities tab and in News. It will be available from January 9 - February 29.

Mayhem in Eagle Mountain

(Photos courtesy Pashaa & Dreamlinephotos.com)

Jousting is back. And it's serious business for Eagle Mountain resident Charlie Andrews.

After spending the past ten years making it his life's mission to resurrect full-contact jousting as a modern extreme sport, Andrews is now receiving international attention for his quest, starring in the reality TV show "Knights of Mayhem" on the National Geographic Channel.

The series, which recently ended its first season run, focuses on Andrews and a group of professional jousts he's formed known as The Knights of Mayhem, as they travel the country and compete in tournaments, ultimately fighting for the title of World Ultimate Jousting Champion. Spoiler alert: Andrews retained the title this year, as documented on the show.

When speaking with Andrews, who has lived in Eagle Mountain for nine years, his passion and commitment to the sport is obvious. Asked why people should come check out a full-contact jousting tournament, he says, "Guys want to be a knight. Women want a knight in shining armor. There are great horses, a lot of action, it's hard hitting and fun to watch - all your sports rolled into one. It's the original extreme sport."

It's been a long road, from a decade ago



when some clients who hired Andrews as a professional horse trainer invited him to join them in jousting performances at Renaissance Fairs, to the TV cameras today. Andrews is encouraged to see his audience expanding.

"Ratings are phenomenal," he says. "Everybody loves the show. I'm really proud to see all the hard work come to fruition. It's fun to see it happen when everybody said I couldn't."

The National Geographic Channel is available in 143 countries, seen in more than 160 million homes in 25 different languages. Andrews is currently in negotiations for season two. The largest live audience he has had so far is 20,000, in California. Typically the tournaments bring in 5,000-6,000 people.

Tournaments are definitely not an easy day at the office. The knights wear 130 pounds of steel armor, ride 2,000 pound horses, and charge at each other with 11 foot solid wood lances at speeds up to 30 MPH. Many injuries result, but the thrill of the competition, along with determination to bring the classic sport back to prominence, makes it worth the sacrifice for Andrews and his fellow knights.

Andrews can be seen in airings of "Knights of Mayhem" season one on National Geographic Channel or in action at the Utah Renaissance Festival & Fantasy Faire in May.



NEWS BRIEFS

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Communities That Care

The cities of Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs are working together to support healthy youth development by implementing the Communities That Care system. The aim of Communities That Care is to promote positive development of youth and prevent problem behaviors. We will be holding an orientation on January 12, in the EM City Council Chambers from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a luncheon, for any community members interested in participating and learning more. For more information, or if you would like to attend the orientation meeting, please contact Caryn Nielsen at 801-888-9147 or cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com.

Board Appointments

Several board appointments were approved at the December 6 City Council meeting. They are as follows:

Economic Development Board
Jon Celaya - 3 year term

Library Board
Nathan Osborn - 3 year term

Planning Commission
Preston Dean - 3 year term
John Linton - 3 year term
Scott Langford - 3 year term

Parks & Rec Board
Michael Clouse - 3 year term
Oliver Brown - 3 year term

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2011



The Vista Heights Middle School Choir performs.



Santa greets his adoring fans after arriving on the fire truck.



Council Member Jon Celaya introduces Aubrey Nearman, 8, from Mountain Trails Elementary. Nearman won the children's essay contest. Liz Mackay won the individual gingerbread house contest, with Nord Orthodontics taking the prize for the business category.



And...lights!

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