

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

MARCH IS THE MONTH WHEN WE ALL START WANTING TO GET OUT OF OUR HOUSES AND FEEL THE FRESH AIR. THERE ARE SOME NEW PROGRAMS IN THE CITY THAT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET OUT AND PARTICIPATE WITH THE COMMUNITY.

First of all, I need to thank Dixie Downing. Dixie is a resident of Eagle Mountain who grew up in Orem. She knew of a program that is offered in Orem called P.E.R.C. (Parent Education Resource Center). This is a type of library program where parents can borrow free educational toys, games, videos, etc. Dixie enjoyed using this program and wondered if there would be a way to bring it to Eagle Mountain. She visited with me and with Margy Chestnut of P.E.R.C.

Dixie was able to get P.E.R.C. to donate extra materials they had, and we helped her find a location. We are pleased to partner with Alpine School District and more specifically Mountain Trails Elementary School. Dixie has now opened the Caregiver Education Resource Center (C.E.R.C.) at Mountain Trails. The C.E.R.C. is open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Dixie would love to be able to expand the hours but she needs volunteers



Mayor Jackson visited the Caregiver Education Resource Center (CERC) at Mountain Trails Elementary and was given a tour by coordinator Dixie Downing of the materials available for residents to check-out.

to do that. She is especially looking for people who are available in the afternoon.

The C.E.R.C. is also in need of the following items: rubber bands, disinfectant spray, 3x5 index cards, paper towels, and extra-large Ziploc bags (large enough to put puzzles in). If you are willing to donate the items or volunteer your time please contact Dixie Downing at dixiedowning@gmail.com or 801-368-8867.

Also, we are expecting to roll out the City's new volunteer program later this month or in April. We will be looking for volunteers to help with Pony Express Days, as well as other projects throughout the year. Please watch for more information.

MAYOR HEATHER JACKSON

Country music star Chris Cagle to headline Pony Express Days Concert & Fireworks

Country music artist Chris Cagle will headline the 14th annual Pony Express Days closing concert and fireworks. The concert will be held on Saturday, June 2 at SilverLake Amphitheater. Tickets for this event are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.eaglemountaincity.com/ped or at Eagle Mountain City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale and \$10 at the door. Children ages 2 and under are free.

After signing with Virgin Records in 2000, Chris Cagle made his debut with the song "My Love Goes On and On." He has since had two gold albums and 13 hit singles. His song "I Breathe In, I Breathe Out" went to number one on the country charts. For more information, please visit www.chriscagle.com.

Charley Jenkins, a Utahn who appeared on the television talent search program "Nashville Star" will be the opening act (www.charleyjenkins.com).

Pony Express Days will be held May 25 to June 2. The theme for 2012 is "Fostering the Community with Love," in support of foster care.



SHERIFF'S DISPATCH

- Please keep children seat-belted, and in car seats if needed, at all times. Short distances are no excuse when it comes to the safety of our children. Most accidents happen close to home. Also remember, children should not ride in the front seat if you have front passenger side air-bags.
- 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.
- If you are interested in taking part in keeping your neighborhood safe, now is the time to get involved. The Sheriff's Office is working hard to get our entire city actively participating in our Community Safety Program. If you'd like more information about it, or if you'd like to volunteer, call the Public Safety Office at 789-6701.
- Pay special attention to crosswalks during school hours. Reduce your speed substantially and watch for children and crossing guards. Paying extra attention can prevent an accident or injury.
- For a life threatening emergency, call 911. To reach non-emergency dispatch, call 801-851-4100.



CITY NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST

What is the registration deadline for the library lock-in fundraiser?

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 March 16 and before 5:00 p.m. on March 17** to news@emcity.org. All correct entries will be included in a drawing for the certificate.

Congratulations to last month's winner Janette Bimenyimana! Winners and family not eligible again for one year. City employees and immediate family not eligible.



Paul Millsap of the Utah Jazz high fives a throng of students at The Ranches Academy.

The Ranches Academy earns Jazz player visit for second year

The Ranches Academy received a visit from Utah Jazz power forward Paul Millsap on March 1. The charter school of about 350 students read 647,000 minutes for the statewide Jazz Reading Contest. This is the second consecutive year the school has placed in the top ten.

Many teachers opened their classrooms after school to allow/encourage students to earn minutes reading. The school was also opened 30 minutes early each morning for students to earn minutes. A parent volunteer supervised reading each morning. The school hosted a 'Daddy Donut Day' one Friday where all children and their dads (or grandfathers, uncles, neighbors) could come read together for an hour before school started and enjoy donuts.

"This has been a huge effort by parents, teachers, and students," said Kammi Pyles, a parent and volunteer for the school.

Millsap read a story to the enthusiastic crowd and came bearing gifts -- an autographed photo and container of ice cream for each student, and two autographed books and an autographed Jazz backpack to donate to the school.

Along with the visit from Millsap, students also earned the opportunity to watch some of the school's teachers face off in a sumo wrestling competition. Students were also given a Free Dress day where they could choose to wear something other than the required uniform.

NEWS BRIEFS

Scouting for Food Drive

Saturday, March 24 is the annual Scouting for Food Drive. In an effort to go green, residents are being asked to fill their own plastic or paper bags with donations and leave them outside their front doors for collection. Please fill bags with donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items to benefit families in your neighborhood. Please avoid items in glass containers. To make a monetary donation or to find out more about the drive, visit www.CommunityActionUC.org.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, and unused medications will be offered to dispose of these items safely at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection will take place in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Center Mall. For details, including a list of what will or will not be collected, please visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org/HHW or call 801-225-8538 (north) or 801-489-3027 (south).

Yard/Garage Sale Reminders

Residents may place yard sale signs along City streets on the day of the sale, *if* the sale is registered with the City. To register, go to the City website under the Living in Eagle Mountain tab. Register by noon on the Wednesday before your sale. If your sale is not registered, your signs may be removed. No signs are allowed on power poles, lamp posts, fences, trees, grass / decorative rock strip medians between traffic lanes or between the curb and sidewalks.



LIBRARY NOOK

Library Lock-In Fundraiser Friday, March 30

Parents, enjoy a night out, while the kids enjoy a night in!

Help support the Teen Advisory Board and join us for a night of fun! Kids ages 8-11 are invited to come spend an evening after-hours at the library. We'll have lots of fun games and activities to do and dinner and snacks available for purchase (please no outside food or drinks).

Kids can check-in for the event from 5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. on Friday night. The doors will be locked after 6:15 p.m. and will re-open at 9:00 p.m. for pick-up.

The cost of this event is \$5 per child plus the option of \$2 for dinner (2 slices of pizza & drink). Registration is required and forms are available on the library page of the City website or at the library. Forms must be returned to the library (along with payment) by Saturday, March 17 to reserve your spot.

Teen Advisor & Librarian, Stacie Farmer, and volunteers will be staffing the event. For any other questions or concerns, please email sfarmer@emcity.org or call 801-789-6623 for more information. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Exceptional Kids Club

Carnival Games with Miss EM Royalty Tuesday, March 27

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
City Hall - Council Chambers

Admission is Free

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



Celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouts

The City Council approved a proclamation read by Mayor Jackson at the March 6 council meeting declaring March 12 as Girl Scout Day in Eagle Mountain. The proclamation is in honor of the Girl Scouts celebrating their 100th anniversary this year.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia for the first Girl Scout meeting. Since that time, Girl Scouts of the USA has become a recognized leader in innovative development programs for girls and young women. There are 91 girls and 37 adults currently involved in Eagle Mountain.

Parent Information Meetings will be held at the Girl Scout office in American Fork (215 N. Center Street) on March 20 from 7-8 PM and March 31 from 11-12 Noon for families interested in joining the Girl Scouts. Questions? Call (801)224-9852.

City Offices Closure

Thursday, March 22 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The City Hall, Library, and Public Works buildings will be closed due to a mandatory City employee training. Personnel will respond to any emergencies as usual.

Blood Battle 2012

Help EM City win the Horrocks Engineers and American Red Cross blood battle among cities in Utah County. A blood drive will be held Tuesday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the City Council chambers. EM City earned second place last year. Let's show what a generous community we are. Give the gift of life and plan to donate.

9th Annual
Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant



When: Saturday,
April 7 at 7 P.M.
Where: Vista
Heights Middle
School
Cost: \$5; Tickets
available at the
door or on the city
website.



Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the EM
Firefighters Association

Where: Nolan Park

Date: April 7

**Time: 10:30 a.m.
Sharp!**

Over 15,000 eggs!

**Age Groups: 3-4,
5-8, & 9-12**

**Bring your own
basket!**



Street Fair



Saturday, April 14

Noon- 4:00 p.m.

**On Peregrine Road
behind Chevron**

**All active EM City business
license holders may
participate as vendors free
of charge (registration
required).**

**Contact Lianne: 801-789-6635 or
lpengra@emcity.org to register.**

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SENIORS ACTIVITY



**BYU Ballroom Dance
Performance
Monday, March 26
5 p.m.**

**Eagle Valley Elementary School
Admission is free (ages 55+)**

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The canned food drive was a great success! We collected 700 lbs of food for the Provo food pantry. Thank you to all those who were able to participate! A special thanks to all of the schools where the food was collected. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Miss Eagle Mountain Anna Barnum

Conservation Trees and Shrubs Available

The combined conservation districts of Alpine and Timp-Nebo are conducting a seedling tree sale. Orders can be placed anytime from now until April 6, 2012. Their affiliate is the Utah Association of Conservation Districts.

Seedling trees and shrubs adapted to our area are on sale for \$1.50-\$2.60 per seedling, sold in bundles of 5 or 10 depending on species. There are many to choose from. They must be pre-ordered and pre-paid and are available on a first come first served basis. Order forms can be accessed on the web at UACD.org. Be sure to click on the icon that says "Timp-Nebo/Alpine Seedling Tree Sale" or you can call 801-377-5580 ext. 121.

The seedlings will be available on April 13 and 14, 2012. There will be two pick-up points in Utah County.

This sale is sponsored by the Timp-Nebo/Alpine Conservation Districts, non-profit organizations for the conservation of our natural resources.



EM FIRE DEPARTMENT



Eagle Mountain: Get Ready to ShakeOut!

At 10:15 a.m. on April 17, 2012, hundreds of thousands of Utahns will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" in The Great Utah ShakeOut, our largest earthquake drill ever! All schools are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise) and to inform the public about the drill.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you work, live, or travel in Utah. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill important? As with anything, to act quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you. Millions of people across the country have participated in ShakeOut drills since 2008. Utahns will join the activity in 2012 as part of a statewide earthquake response exercise.

Everyone can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

If you'd like more information on the ShakeOut, check out www.shakeout.org/utah/. If you'd like more city-specific information, contact Alicia at ahill@emcity.org.

Change in Burn Permit Procedures

Eagle Mountain City will be changing our open burn policy in 2012 to meet the State Department of Environment and Air Quality (DEAQ) requirements. Eagle Mountain Fire previously allowed open burning with a \$10 permit issued to home owners after reviewing the area to be burned. Now the only burning allowed beyond April will be agricultural burning on a day deemed a green burn day by the DEAQ. Those residents on one (1) or more acres can apply for an agricultural permit annually. The cost is \$25 for an agricultural permit. We will still be issuing the \$10 residential (non-agricultural) permit for the full month of April. Burning taking place without a permit will be extinguished upon arrival of the Fire Department. Call Fire Station #2 at 789-5012 or Fire Station #1 at 789-6715 with the location of the burn. The Fire Department shall view the area and what is to be burned and verify that it is a green burn day prior to issuing an agricultural or burn permit.