

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS! THIS TIME OF YEAR TYPICALLY SLOWS DOWN A BIT IN THE CITY, BUT NOT THIS YEAR.*

We have doubled our number of building permits from last year to this year. Last year we averaged 10 permits per month and this year we are averaging 20 per month, and the last couple of months have been increasing still. This is unusual but we are grateful for the growth and happy that it is manageable. We are also seeing new subdivisions coming into the city again. We have not seen new subdivisions for a few years, and are very excited about the change in activity.

As I was determining what to focus on this month, a neighbor asked me a question: "Why is joining the fire district a good idea for us? Tell me what I don't know." As always, I am grateful for your concerns and questions. Eagle Mountain City fought wildfires this year. The cost from this year alone is \$255,000, plus we have a previous wildfire bill of \$25,000, and we have equipment that needs to be replaced -- two fire trucks at \$250,000 a piece, and \$100,000 for other equipment, for a total of \$600,000. We also need to increase our staffing to have two full crews on duty at all times, equaling \$100,000. The overall cost of these items is approximately \$980,000.

The result of keeping our own fire department would be to raise our taxes approximately \$1,000,000 to cover the costs. Now, you may say those are one-time expenses, so why would we need to raise our taxes to continue to pay for these items over time? The reason is, we would need to set up a fleet fund to put funds in on an annual basis to pay for our equipment as we need to replace it. (We will need to replace our ambulances in the next few years as well.) Also, it would be helpful to have a reserve fund set aside to pay for wildfires, as we know they could often be a part of summers in Eagle Mountain. Staffing costs are ongoing as well, so we will always need those funds available.

The fire district will amount to a tax increase of \$250,000 instead of \$1,000,000 and will include the coverage of the wildfires, the



Mayor Jackson presents a pie to Turkey Trot costume winners Emily and Matt Smith.

equipment, the staffing, building new stations and maintenance on our current stations. We felt that it was prudent to save our citizens \$750,000 annually. Our firefighters will become firefighters with UFA, and are excited about the opportunities for growth in their careers.

What does that mean to you and me as residents? Our property tax will go up, roughly \$45 for a home valued at \$200,000. This UFA tax will be included on our annual tax notice. The City will be reducing our budgeted expenditures by the cost of firefighting, roughly \$1,200,000, and will consequently offset this with a reduction in revenue. You will see the City's tax amount go down and our utility rates will also be reduced. The effects of these adjustments will be realized July 1, 2013.

If the district votes to accept the annexation petition we will be a

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## CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS\*

### NOVEMBER.....

Appointed Kevin Graves to the Economic Development Board and Bonnie ElHalta to the Planning Commission.

Approved an ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Facilities Plan.

Approved the adoption of an ordinance approving the impact fee analysis.

Approved an amendment to the FY 2012-2013 budget for the purchase of a dump truck and pump truck for public works.

Adopted an ordinance rezoning the Pony Express Townhome project from agricultural to residential. (Vote was 4-1 with John Painter voting no)

Approved a final plat for Pony Express Townhomes. (Vote was 4-1 with John Painter voting no)

Approved a site plan for Pony Express Townhomes. (Vote was 4-1 with John Painter voting no)

Adopted an ordinance amending the

Municipal Code Chapter 3.20, purchasing policy.

Approved a purchase agreement through the State contract for furnishings for the Energy Department building. (Vote was 4-1 with John Painter voting no)

Awarded a bid to Bleachers International for bleachers for the Pony Express Days PRCA Rodeo. (Vote was 4-1 with Ryan Ireland voting no)

\*Please note, for a more detailed explanation of the above items, all approved minutes for City Council meetings are available on the Agendas and Minutes section of the City website. Audio and video recordings of the City Council meetings are also available.

#### Upcoming City Council Meetings:

January 15

Work session begins at 4 p.m. Policy session begin at 7 p.m. A public comment period of three minutes per person is offered during the policy session. If you are part of a group speaking on the same topic, please select a spokesperson to comment for the group to conserve meeting time.

## Stay Connected to EM City

Main Number: 801-789-6600

City Services Hotline: 801-789-5959

Utility Billing: 801-789-6627

NEW Sheriff/Fire Dispatch: 801-794-3970

NEW Street Lights Out: 801-789-6681 or email [streetlights@emcity.org](mailto:streetlights@emcity.org) (if a light has been hit or wires exposed, call hotline)

Code Enforcement: 801-789-6636

Library: 801-789-6623

Building Department: 801-789-6642

Eagle Mountain City free mobile app (Apple or Android markets)

Notifications by email - sign up on City website



Don't miss out on timely news and emergency notifications!

## Scout helps raise storm drain awareness

Residents of Eagle Mountain,

Hello, my name is Zachary Lyon. My family and I currently live in City Center. I am organizing an Eagle Scout project involving the City Center storm drains. My goal is to raise awareness of the consequences of putting harmful substances (antifreeze, oil, etc.) into our storm drains. One such consequence of putting something, such as antifreeze, into a storm drain is a potential fine of up to \$10,000 from the EPA. Please remember to keep all harmful substances out of the storm drains.

Thank you very much.



## CITY NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST

### What is the change in the City Library hours starting in January?

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 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 14** to [news@emcity.org](mailto:news@emcity.org). All correct entries will be included in a drawing for the certificate. Winners will be notified by the end of the month.

*Congratulations to last month's winner Stephen Giles. Winners and family not eligible again for one year. City employees and immediate family not eligible.*



Participants line up for the start of the Turkey Trot event on Thanksgiving morning.

## Hundreds celebrate Thanksgiving with Turkey Trot

Over 700 people started their Thanksgiving morning on the Pony Express Trail for the City's fifth annual Turkey Trot run/walk. The free event has grown in popularity each year.

"I enjoy seeing how families are making this event a Thanksgiving tradition," Mayor Heather Jackson said. "I've noticed that it's expanded beyond those who live in Eagle Mountain to their extended families as well."

Thanksgiving food prizes, including turkeys, pies, and cake were awarded in several categories. Following is a list of winners:

1st place Men- Austin Brower  
 2nd place Men- Chad Durham  
 3rd place Men- Trevor Gibby

1st place Women- Sheena Ballard  
 2nd place Women- Jessica Bennet  
 3rd place Women- Aubrey Landvatter

1st place Youth Girl- Elizabeth Richins  
 2nd place Youth Girl- Melyia Sellars  
 3rd place Youth Girl- Annabelle Baker

1st place Youth Boy- Mason Bangeter  
 2nd place Youth Boy- Grant Pollack  
 3rd place Youth Boy- Sorry, didn't get his name

Best Costume- Matt & Emily Smith

Biggest Family Group- Stephen and Jennifer Williams Family

The route for the Turkey Trot is from Hidden Hollow Elementary on Pony Express Parkway, south on Pony Express to Eagle Park Entry (across from City Hall). It is approximately four miles.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Vote for Elementary to Receive Grant

Cedar Valley Elementary, attended by Eagle Mountain residents living in the White Hills subdivision, is participating in a grant program sponsored by Clorox. Cedar Valley is seeking a playground and is asking for community members to vote for the school to receive the grant. There are two ways to vote:

Texting - Type in the code "1327pbf" to the number 95248. (Text and messaging rates apply)

### Online

- [powerabrightfuture.clorox.com](http://powerabrightfuture.clorox.com)
- Register (make a user name and password)
- Log in to the site
- Search for Cedar Valley Elementary
- Vote
- Confirm your vote

Everyone 13 and older can vote two times each day - once with a text vote and once online.

### Emergency Preparedness Survey

Does your child understand emergency preparedness? The Utah County Health Department (UCHD) is conducting a survey to learn how well children understand what emergencies are, and how to react. Go to [www.tinyurl.com/uchdsurvey](http://www.tinyurl.com/uchdsurvey) to participate thru Dec. 15.

### Mountain Trails Elementary Get on the Box Top Bus Contest

Congratulations to our Box Top Bus Contest class winner for October. Mrs. Whitehead's PM class turned in the highest percentage of box tops. Keep turning in your box tops!

### City Offices December Closures

The City offices and library will be closed from 11:30-4:30 on Wednesday, December 12 for staff training.

The City offices and library will also be closed for the holidays December 24-26, 31, and January 1.

Enjoy the holidays!



## FrontRunner South Opens December 10, 2012



UTA has re-designed its local bus service to create a fully integrated bus/rail transit system for our customers.

Beginning December 10, 2012, UTA bus route #809 from Eagle Mountain to the American Fork FrontRunner Station will begin service and will be available for all Eagle Mountain residents.

For detailed route and schedule information please go to [www.rideuta.com](http://www.rideuta.com). Thank you for riding UTA. You may also contact us at 1-888-RIDE-UTA (1-888-743-3882).



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part of UFA in January. The city currently has an ISO rating of 6, UFA's rating is 4. UFA will get a letter put together outlining the change, and you can petition your homeowners insurance to lower your rate. I am aware that one of our firefighters discussed the potential change with his insurance company and found that the \$45 increase to taxes would be offset by the reduction to his insurance rate.

I know this is the third time I have written about the change to a fire district, but I want to be sure that any concerns you may have are addressed. We are still within the protest period until December 13. This is a very important decision and resulting change for the city. I will also remind you next year as we see the changes take place with your taxes and utility bills.

I hope you all enjoy this holiday season and look forward to a great new year!

*MAYOR HEATHER JACKSON*



## SHERIFF'S DISPATCH

- 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 house doors locked and garage door shut whenever possible. Be careful about posting personal information on internet sites, such as your address, periods of time that you will be away from home, and other specific details that could give thieves an opportunity.
- We need more participation in our Community Safety Program. If you'd like more information, or want to volunteer, call the Public Safety Office at 789-6701. We'd like to get a few representatives for each neighborhood in the city.

## SENIORS' CORNER

Christmas Dinner Party  
Monday, December 17  
5 p.m.

### Monthly Activities:

**Game Night** — first Mon. at 5 p.m

**Dominoes** — first Wed. at 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch Bunch** — first Thurs. at a restaurant (check website for info)

**Craft Class** — second Mon. at 1 p.m.

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

**Bingo** — third Mon. at 5 p.m.

**Game Day** — third Tues. at noon

**Book Club** — third Tues. at 5 p.m.  
contact Diane Shukla at 801-623-2214

**Mahjongg** — third Thurs.

**Canasta** — fourth Thurs. at Noon

Activities held in City Council chambers unless specified. Questions? Contact Carroll at 801-318-1595 or check the website.



Courtesy Photo - Marion Cline

About 70 volunteers participated in the community build of a new playground for Pioneer Park in City Center. The Pioneer Addition HOA spearheaded the effort and contributed funds to the playground project. Under the supervision of the City's public works department, the community build was completed in one day.



Stephen and Jennifer Williams of Eagle Mountain (center, rear) won the prize (a supersized cake) for largest family group participating in the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.



## EM FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Eagle Mountain for the support of Eagle Mountain Fire and Rescue being annexed into Unified Fire Authority. I am grateful to continue to have the opportunity to be involved with this community. Having evolved from a volunteer to a combination fire department has allowed us to better serve you on various types of calls.

We look forward to serving you well into the future. Once the annexation is final, we will be getting new phone numbers for the various fire department needs and will publish them.

Stay safe during this holiday season and thank you again for your support.

Chief Rand Andrus



## LIBRARY NOOK

Beginning January 3, 2013, the library will be open until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We hope that this helps those who are unable to get to the library earlier.

Also, beginning January 2, the library will make some changes to our circulation policy and our fines as follows:

- DVD's will be on a 1 (ONE) week checkout with fines accruing at \$.50 per day/per item late fee
- Audio books will still be on a three week checkout but fines will accrue at \$.50 per day/per item late fee in order for the library to repair damaged items and help pay for replacement CD's.
- Fines on other materials will accrue at \$.10 per day/per item late fee.
- The library will also increase the processing fee to \$5 per item. This will recover costs to re-order/replace RFID tag/replace bar code, labels, and any book cover needed.
- Story time and Lap time will be on hiatus until mid-to-late January. Please check our Facebook page for

information on upcoming events.

- The library will be closed December 22-26 for the Christmas holiday and December 31-January 1 for the New Year. No fines will accrue during these closures so please feel free to keep your items with you until we reopen in January.

## Ladder Sign Ads for Local Businesses

The Lehi Area Chamber of Commerce is offering advertising for EM licensed businesses on ladder signs throughout the city.

Rates range from \$420 to \$900 per sign annually. Within that range, lower rates are offered for Chamber members, and premium placement is an additional charge of \$120.

Location is assigned on a first come, first served basis. After one year, the contract party will have 30 days to renew the sign agreement and will have "First Right of Refusal" for each subsequent year of sign space and usage.

For more information or to purchase ad space, please contact Josh Walker with the Chamber at 801-472-7467.

### Fire-Safe Cooking

Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Cooking equipment, most often a range or stovetop, is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries.

It's a recipe for serious injury or even death to wear loose clothing (especially hanging sleeves), walk away from a cooking pot on the stove, or leave items that can catch fire, such as potholders or paper towels, around the stove. Whether you are cooking the family holiday dinner or a snack for the children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

For more fire-safe cooking tips, please visit: [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home\\_fire\\_prev/cooking.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/cooking.shtm)



PONY EXPRESS DAYS

# Discount Tickets

Only \$5 Each!

PRCA Rodeo

Demolition Derby

Chris Cagle Concert & Fireworks

\*Tickets only available on the city website  
\*Limited quantities available

Perfect Stocking Stuffers for the Family!



**Eagle Mountain CERC**  
Caregiver Education Resource Center  
Mountain Trails Elementary • Room 144  
801-602-4937 • 801-368-8867  
EagleMountainCERC@gmail.com

**HOURS:**  
Tuesdays: 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Wednesdays: 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Thursdays: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

**FREE TOY & GAME LIBRARY!**

**What is the CERC?**  
It is a FREE lending library full of educational games, books, and supplies. Its purpose is to improve parent or caregiver involvement in the education process and to help parents and children create and enjoy fun learning experiences.

**Is the CERC just for little kids?**  
NO! We have materials for all ages. We have games that even high school students and adults would enjoy. We're specifically in the process of trying to build up our inventory for high school and middle school patrons.

**How many items may I check-out?**  
Up to 6 items per family per time may be checked-out

**How long can I keep the items?**  
The check-out period is for 1 week. 1 renewal, for an additional week, is allowed.

**Starting This Month at the CERC  
FREE PARENTING CLASSES!\***  
3rd Thursday of each month @ 7pm (excluding December)

**CERC PARENTING CLASS CALENDAR\*\***

DATE	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR
October 18th	Five Love Languages for Children	Wendi Christensen, LCSW
November 15th	Multiple Intelligences: Learning to Teach Your Child THEIR Way	Dr. Ryan Anderson, Ph.D, LMFT
NO DECEMBER CLASS!		
January 17th	Healthy Discipline in the Home	Wendi Christensen, LCSW
February 21st	Family Finances	Matt Downing, CPA
March 21st	ADHD: Symptoms & Solutions	Dr. Ryan Anderson, Ph.D, LMFT
April 18th	Developmental Milestones in Early Childhood Education	Dayna Kach
	Teaching Through Play: Everyday Early Childhood Education	Lisa Clawson
May 16th	Teaching Children About Sexual Intimacy	Dr. Ryan Anderson, Ph.D, LMFT

\*The CERC will be open, with supervision, for preschool & elementary school aged children while parents attend classes.  
\*\*Calendar tentative. Additional information will be sent out before each class.

The CERC is NOT part of the Alpine School District.  
Opinions and views shared do not necessarily reflect the opinions or views of the district.

# BASKETBALL

**ADULT MENS**

**GAMES:** Start January 5th - March 30th  
Saturday Games: 1pm - 8pm

**FEE:** Early \$525 (on or before Dec 3rd)  
Registration Fee \$550 (after Dec 3rd)

**WHERE:** Rockwell High Gymnasium

**LEAGUES:** Two leagues offered: Competitive & Recreational  
Space is limited! Only 8 spots open in each league.

**REGISTER:** www.emcity.org or City Hall

**HIGHLIGHTS:** 12 games, a double-elimination tourney,  
Certified officials, Awards for 1st and 2nd place,

QUESTIONS: CONTACT IKANI @ (801)789-6621 OR IKANI@EMCITY.ORG

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