

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY HAS SEEN MANY CHANGES OVER THE PAST YEAR. HERE IS A LOOK BACK AT 2012.

I hope you enjoy seeing all that we have accomplished, and where we are headed. Our long time City Attorney Gerald Kinghorn lost his battle with cancer. Gordon Burt, our Finance Director left us, and John Hendrickson our City Administrator retired. We were sad to see them go. We were happy to be able to hire from within; Ifo Pili, City Administrator, Paul Jerome, Finance Director, Jason Walker, Assistant City Administrator. Jeremy Cook is our new City Attorney. We also have expanded services in Recreation and Events. We shuffled some people around and created an events department without increasing our fiscal budget. I said goodbye to my longtime assistant Angie Ferre as she took on her new role as the Events Department Director. We welcomed Jessica Alvarez as our new assistant and she has grown into a Human Resources Coordinator. In January, the Administration Department looks forward to having a new Administration Office Manager who will assist us in accomplishing great things in 2013.

We broke ground on the first Middle School in Eagle Mountain and also on the expansion of The Ranches Academy Charter School. In 2013 Alpine School District will break ground on a new elementary school as well. We are so excited to watch our children learn and grow. We hope to be able to continue to find ways to expand their opportunities here in Eagle Mountain.

MAYOR HEATHER JACKSON

Following are highlights of the year's accomplishments from our City departments:

Building Department

- The Building Department has had a better than expected year for new residential building permits. To date we have issued



Mayor Jackson participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at The Ranches Academy for an expansion project planned for the school that will add about 3,800 square feet, including a cafeteria, multi-purpose room with a stage, conference room, kitchen, and restrooms.

207 new residential permits; (and 10 more new home permits are ready for pick up).

- Issued 150 miscellaneous permits (basements, sheds, barns, etc.).
- Issued two commercial permits (Gardiner's Reception Center and the Granite's Asphalt Plant).
- Performed an estimated 3,000+ inspections.
- All permit files have been scanned and can be electronically accessed.
- Took over the responsibilities of Code Enforcement.

Economic Development

- Created the UVU business resource center and business resource counselor position.
- Announcement of USU

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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS*

DECEMBER.....

Appointed the following individuals to serve on City boards:

- Library Board – Debora Bond, 2-year term
- Parks & Recreation Board – a’Donna Geddes and David Benight, 3-year terms
- Public Works Board – Robert Clegg and Branden Reall, 4-year terms
- Youth Council Advisory Board – Robert and Alicia Hill, 1-year terms
- Senior Council Advisory Board – Joyce Hauber, 4-year term
- Yellow Ribbon Committee – Marie Frandsen, 1-year term

Adopted a resolution authorizing the



The City’s first season of the adult co-ed volleyball program was a success, with 14 teams participating. team “Manu Feai” took first place in the Competitive Division (pictured above), with team “Us vs. Them” taking second, and team “Aces” placing third.

amendment of the Second Supplemental Indenture of Trust to change the description of the 2011 project; authorizing the execution by the City of other documents required in connection therewith; ratifying the publication of a notice of public hearing on the amendment to the project description; and related matters; and verifying and updating the total bond amount in the resolution from \$12.8M to the actual amount of \$11.5M.

Adopted a resolution amending the Consolidated Fee Schedule to reflect changes to the library fees as follows:

1. Change to CFS # 1.2.3.1: Books increase to .10 per day/per item

2. Change to CFS # 1.2.3.2: DVD’s increase to .50 per day/per item
3. Add to CFS – Audio books .50 per day/per item
4. Change to CFS # 1.2.4.5 Processing fee increase to \$5.00 per item + cost

*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.

Next City Council Meeting:
January 15



CITY NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST

What is the phone number for the new Business Resource Center?

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 January 14** to 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 Jessica Lavulo. Winners and family not eligible again for one year. City employees and immediate family not eligible.

NEWS BRIEFS

New Maps

The City's planning department has created several new GIS maps, including an interactive city map. You may access these maps on the City website, via the Maps/GIS tab.

Kindergarten Registration

The Alpine School District elementary schools will begin Kindergarten registration the week of February 6-12. Following are the dates/times for each school:

Eagle Valley- Feb. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Mountain Trails- Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pony Express- TBA
Hidden Hollow- TBA

Ranches Academy Top Charter School

The Utah Comprehensive Accountability System rankings for 2012 have been released and EM's own Ranches Academy was ranked fifth overall (out of 1,032 schools) and was the top ranked charter school. The UCAS is a State performance assessment based on achievement and growth.

CERT Conference

The Saratoga Springs Fire and Rescue CERT team is sponsoring a CERT conference on February 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Talon's Cove Golf Course. All Block Captains and current CERT members that would like to learn more about CERT in our community are invited. Keynote speakers from the State and County will be attending. One topic that will be covered is wildfires. Cost is \$15 (lunch provided). RSVP or questions email Rick Scott at ssfrcert@gmail.com.

Miss EM Orientation Meeting

An orientation meeting for those interested in participating in the 2013 Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant will be held on Jan. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. Contestants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 and live in EM. For more information, contact Melissa Smith at (801) 769-9484 or mnmsmith2001@yahoo.com.



Co-ed volleyball team "Hackers" (pictured above) took first place in the Recreational Division, with team "Trend Setters" taking second place, and team "Willow Springs" placing third. Thanks to all who participated in this first season.

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- Announcement of Ridley's Market
- First business networking lunch group
- Sale of the golf course to Vanguard

Energy Department

- Held a groundbreaking for our new Energy Building. The building will be located next to the Public Works building.
- Purchased five megawatts of clean wind energy, brought into our system as early as this fall from UAMPS. This new purchase is located in Idaho Falls, Idaho.
- Purchased Rocky Mountain Power facilities in Eagle Mountain. We have yet to take over White Hills facilities, but will be looking at that in the future.
- Started and completed many projects such as; the South Substation, the expansion of the North Substation, and several circuit upgrades for electric and natural gas. These projects were all funded through 2011 natural gas and electrical bond.
- Installed gas and electric meters on over 350 homes in Eagle Mountain City.

Events Department

- Full-time Events department created.
- Put on Pony Express Days with very little coming out of City budget.
- Increased number of City events.
- Started community leisure activities.

Finance Department

- Transparency information from the city is online and up-to-date through Fiscal Year 2012.
- Awarded the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting (CAFR) for the second consecutive year.
- Audit is nearly complete for fiscal year 2012 and will be submitted to the state by the year-end deadline of December 31.
- Our budget process produced another balanced budget for fiscal year 2013.

Fire Department

Joined UFA, by doing so we have:

- Improved fleet equipment
- Improved staffing
- Improved response times
- Reduced ISO ratings

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Christmas Tree Disposal

The City's Public Works Department is once again offering free Christmas tree disposal to residents. Simply place your tree, stripped of all decorations, on the park strip next to your curb (not in gutters) from January 7-31 and it will be picked up as soon as possible. If the tree is not fully stripped of all decorations, we will not be able to pick it up. Thanks!



Winners of the Christmas essay contest pose at the City's Tree Lighting with Council Member Nathan Ochsenhirt who hosted the event as Mayor Pro Tem due to Mayor Jackson being out-of-town. [L-R, Middle: Jesse Lessard (3rd place boy), Raymond Furguson (1st place boy), Kylee Mortensen (2nd place girl), Hailey Wood (1st place girl) Front: Lucy Conger (3rd place girl) Not pictured: Jaxton Crockett (2nd place boy)

The students were given the essay topic of "The elves were finishing up their Christmas toys, when they heard a cry of 'Ho, Ho, HELP!'"

SENIORS' CORNER

Wedding Reception
(Carroll Johnson)
Sat., January 26
Details TBA

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. (no craft class in January)

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

Bingo — third Mon. at 5 p.m.

Game Day — third Tues. at noon

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.



New Business Resource Center offers help to entrepreneurs

Eagle Mountain City in partnership with Utah Valley University is pleased to announce the launch of the new Eagle Mountain Business Resource Center (BRC). The BRC is dedicated to helping entrepreneurs get started in business and help existing small businesses grow through all stages of development.

Services include one-on-one counseling with a business resource professional at no cost to you. The counselor can assist you with all aspects of business ownership including: business plans, startup strategies, management, finance, capital, marketing, and sales. You might have an idea for a business and want to explore your concept and startup costs, or you might have an existing business that you'd like to see grow and need help overcoming the growing pains—either way, they're here to help you. Please contact us today to make an appointment. Call (801) 789-4300. Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Library

- Obtained new shelving for all of the new items we are getting with room to grow and a new circulation desk that is better suited to the library needs.
- Received grants for two conferences and two new printers in the amount of \$5,400. These were part of the Library Services and Technology Act grant provided by the Utah State Library.
- We're now an official Family Search Affiliate Library which will begin in the new year. We have received a microfilm reader, courtesy of the Family History Library in SLC. We will be able to request microfilm, for a nominal fee, and patrons will be able to use our library to do their genealogy work.
- Applied for and received FULL inclusion into the North County Library Cooperative which will begin in February of 2013. This means that our patrons, in good standing at our library, will have access to Lehi, American Fork, Pleasant Grove, and Highland libraries. There will be NO non-resident fee charged but each library requires us to adhere to their policies when checking out materials from them.
- Started our Geek the Library campaign that is spearheaded by Karen, the assistant librarian, and the American Library Association. Come in and ask what it's all about.

Planning Department

- General Plan Visioning workshops; Joint CC/PC meeting – General Plan Update (roads);
- Code Amendments: ladder signs and home business signs; water rights;
- Ladder Signs Concession Agreement w/ Chamber of Commerce; ladder signs improved with City directional signs.
- Helped create and implement the OHV Ordinance and Trail System.
- GIS System improvements – two interactive maps available on City website (Zoning & Setback Map mostly for RE appraisers and agents, Interactive City Map for residents, visitors, property

owners, etc.)

- Spring Run Master Development Plan and Annexation – review and presentation to Council; Clearview Estates MDP & Annexation – review and presentation to Council; SilverLake MDP Amendment (currently being reviewed and will be presented to Council in January).

Public Information

- Began video recording of City Council and some other public meetings.
- Communicated emergency/evacuation information during the summer wildfires using social media and other means.
- Started a City Pinterest page
- Increased number of Likes on City Facebook page from about 500 to over 2,800 and Twitter followers from about 700 to over 1,500.
- Coordinated several welcome home processions for military personnel returning from deployment.

Public Works

- Opening the Mid-Valley Baseball Complex - Phase 1 of this project is now complete and we were able to host our city youth baseball and adult co-ed softball leagues this year.
- Completion of the library Trail.
- Playground at Pioneer Park -The City worked in conjunction with the HOA to remove an unused sand volleyball court and build a new playground.
- Street Maintenance -Had a chip seal placed on Eagle Mountain Boulevard, a pavement preservation seal coat placed on several streets throughout the Nolan Park and Smith Ranch area, and several patching projects in Mt. Airey and Saddleback. The City has been able to start making a transition from complete rebuilding to a more routine maintenance approach to street maintenance, saving the City money.
- Parks Maintenance Contract- By contracting with a landscape maintenance company, the City has been able provide better service to residents for the maintenance of

City parks, trailways and city owned property.

Recorder's Office

- Assisted Utah County with the election process, storing voting machines, arranging for setup of polling locations and assisting in opening and closing the polling locations.
- Processed 125 new business license applications and 261 business license renewals.
- Fulfilled a total of 25 GRAMA requests this year, processed 43 agreements, 13 insurance claims and provided over 150 notarizations. The office also processed two annexations and completed the multi-lot Pioneer 2 land disposal. We recorded four subdivisions.
- Spent extensive amounts of time and effort on the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) with Camp Williams, which is scheduled to be implemented in January.
- 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.
- Became part of the City's Safety Committee, attending meetings, preparing agendas and minutes, and gathering the application materials for the annual risk management grant.

Utah County Sheriff's Office/Eagle Mountain Division

- Worked closely with members of the community through various safety programs
- Implemented our Volunteers In Police Service or V.I.P.S. program, amounting to countless volunteer hours on an array of incidents ranging from extra patrols to assisting in evacuating neighborhoods during the two fires we experienced this past summer.
- Increased participation in our Community Safety Program.
- Proactively patrolled the city and responded to calls for service.
- Safely evacuated residents affected by summer wildfires. Thanks to residents involved for your cooperation.



SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

Eagle Mountain City handles snow removal on city streets. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) handles snow removal on SR-73 and SR-68 (Redwood Road).

The City strives to maintain safe traction for vehicles. Due to the high cost in snow and ice removal, dry pavement should not be expected on all streets in all storms. Eagle Mountain City has five snow plow trucks with salt spreaders. Streets are plowed in order of priority.

PRIORITY 1 – Arterials roads (Eagle Mountain Blvd, Ranches Parkway, and Pony Express Parkway)

PRIORITY 2 – Collector roads, school zones, hills and curves

PRIORITY 3 – Residential, alleyways, cul-de-sacs

PRIORITY 4 – Unimproved roads

Home owners are responsible for snow and ice removal on sidewalks and driveways. No snow or ice should be removed from private property onto roadways. The street plowing process may create a build-up of snow in front of driveways. It would be neither cost nor time effective for city snow plow drivers to stop and assist in clearing this build-up in front of driveways. We ask for the understanding and cooperation of home owners with this. Also, please remember per City ordinance, there is no parking on City streets allowed between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. when there is two or more inches of snow.

If you have a question about snow removal on City streets, please call the Streets Department at 789-6677. If you have a question about snow removal on SR-73 or Redwood Road, please call UDOT's Region 3 office at (801) 227-8000, or visit their website at www.udot.utah.gov.

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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 (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

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