

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I HAVE HEARD FROM SO MANY OF YOU RECENTLY AND APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU ARE TAKING TO BE INVOLVED AND TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR CITY.

City staff and elected officials have spent a large amount of time over the past month presenting information and responding to questions stemming from a document created by a resident that was published online and distributed to the media. This document is a mixture of facts, opinion, and inaccurate information. The City held a town hall meeting on February 13 to address the claims in this document, as well as answer questions about winter utility bills (please refer to the mailer re: the bills sent by our utility billing department and posted on the News section of the City website). We ask that if a copy of this document is shared with you that you please look at the City's response and ask any questions you may have of us before forming an opinion. There are several items in the News section of the City website related to this, as well as on the City Facebook page.

We have a fantastic community. The current elected officials and City staff work very hard doing everything we can to make our city better. Many of the City employees live here. They have invested in this community personally and professionally. We want to hear from you directly if you have questions or concerns about what we are doing. We may not always be able to come to an agreement, but we certainly appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

There are several ways to get your questions answered. For elected officials, you may email me at mayor@emcity.org and City Council Members at council@emcity.org. We are also happy to speak on the phone or meet with you. Please call my assistant, Angela Valenzuela, to schedule an appointment. Her number is 801-789-6603. She also schedules appointments for Ifo Pili, our city administrator, and Jason Walker our assistant city administrator/human resources director. Other staff member's contact information can be found on our website under City Departments.

We offer many options also for receiving information from the City.



Mayor Jackson (with her son Sam, left, on a job shadow assignment from school) delivered lunch to Meals on Wheels recipient Charles Stephenson as part of the Mayors for Meals Day initiated by Meals on Wheels Association of America.

You may sign up for email notifications on the main page of the City website, follow us on Twitter, "like" our Facebook page, check the City website, or download our free mobile app, which includes our Twitter feed. We are aware some of you have been frustrated with the functionality of our website and are looking at possibly budgeting for a website upgrade in the new fiscal year to make it more current and user-friendly.

I'm also planning to launch a mayor's blog within the next month. I will post on a weekly basis about what is going on in the City. My goal is for you to have updates on projects - to know what days we are doing asphalt repairs or fixing broken street lights and where and when you can volunteer. These are just a few examples of things that might be included in the blog. I'll provide an update in the next issue of The Eagle's View.

MAYOR HEATHER JACKSON



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS*

FEBRUARY.....

Adopted a resolution accepting the Camp W. G. Williams Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Final Report and endorsing and supporting the strategies therein as recommended by the Camp Williams JLUS Policy Committee.

Approved a "Settlement Agreement." (vote was 2:2, Council Member Painter was absent, Council Members Burnham and Ireland voted no, Mayor Jackson broke the tie with an "aye" vote)

Approved Jacob's Well Plat D, Final Plat.

Adopted a resolution approving the exchange of property.

Moved to not adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$3,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2013; and related matters. (Vote was 3:2 with Council Members Ochsenhirt and Steinkopf voting no)

Tabled an ordinance enacting Title 4 of the Municipal Code, Administrative Code Enforcement Hearing Program. (Vote was

4:1 with Council Member Painter voting no.)

A Town Hall Meeting was held on February 13. Video/audio recordings of the meeting and minutes are available on the City website.

*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 Meetings:

March 19, April 2 & 16

NOTICE OF 2013 MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY

The following notice of Municipal Offices to be voted on in the Eagle Mountain City Municipal Election is given:

Eagle Mountain City has one (1) mayoral and two (2) Council positions to be voted on. They are all four-year terms.



Declaration of Candidacy Forms must be filed in person with the City Recorder.

The filing period begins on June 3, 2013, and ends promptly at 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2013.

Stay Connected to EM City

Main Number: 801-789-6600

City Services Hotline: 801-789-5959

Utility Billing: 801-789-6609

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

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



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

Closure Update

The City offices will not be closed for training on March 27 as previously published in The Eagle's View.



CITY NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST

How many plow driver hours were spent for snow removal in the City in January and February?

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 March 26** 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 Aimee Wilson. Winners and family not eligible again for one year. City employees and immediate family not eligible.



Courtesy photo - Ranches Academy

Ranches Academy placed in the top ten for the third year in a row in the state-wide Jazz reading contest. The school earned a visit from Utah Jazz power forward Derrick Favors, who read with students.

EM Library now full member of No. County co-op

The Eagle Mountain City Library has come a long way from its origins thirteen years ago as a 12x12 room in the fire station. After passing the 50,000 items requirement, the library is now a full member of the North Utah County Library Cooperative.

Eagle Mountain Library patrons in good standing now have access to Lehi, American Fork, Pleasant Grove and Highland libraries without a non-resident fee charged. Each library requires every participant to adhere to its policies when checking out materials from them. Patrons should bring their EM library card and ID when visiting the other libraries. Links to the card catalogues of each participating library may be found on the EM Library Facebook page or the City website.

Eagle Mountain librarian Michele Graves worked with the Lehi, Pleasant Grove, and American Fork librarians to establish the cooperative in July 2008. Our City has been participating as an affiliate member, with a reduced non-resident fee offered to patrons, until now.

Graves has been an integral part of the library's growth over the years, transitioning from that 12x12 room, to a 650 sq. ft. trailer, to a 4,500 sq. ft. space in the City Hall

building.

"The library did have some growing pains along the way but overall the City has been extremely supportive of it," Graves says.

Along with establishing the co-op, the library has expanded its programs, offering more story time and lap time sessions for younger children, and a teen advisory board that helps plan activities for teenagers. The library page on the City website has links to online learning, audio books and e-books. There is an expanded bank of computers for patrons' use with internet access and also public access to Wi-Fi.

The library stretches its budget with part-time staff, volunteers, and receiving grants.

"I think the library is a vital part of any city," Mayor Heather Jackson said. "It enhances the quality of life and the education of its citizens. Eagle Mountain is blessed to have excellent library staff."

The library's hours are Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fri. and Sat.: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and closed on Sunday. Please visit the library page on the City website for a calendar of library events. It is located on the west side of the City Hall building.

NEWS BRIEFS

Woman of the Year Nominations Wanted

Do you know a woman in the community is really something special? Someone who constantly is there for others and makes a difference in her family, school, or community or is just an every day hero to those around her? If so, nominate her for the 2013 Woman of the Year Award

Please submit your nomination via the link on the Events page of the City website. The award is presented at the Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant on April 13.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 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 on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection will take place in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre 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).

Join Communities That Care in Strengthening Youth

Communities That Care is a group of community members from Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs working together to strengthen the youth of our community in order to prevent their involvement in unhealthy behaviors such as substance abuse. Please join us at our next Community Board meeting on Tuesday, March 19 from 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the Saratoga Springs City Council Chambers (1307 N Commerce Drive, Suite 200). For more information, please contact Caryn Nielsen at 801-888-9147 or cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com.

Eagle Mountain City Youth Council

We are a city youth group from ages 14-18 for any kids that want to take part in their community while meeting new friends and having fun. We have elections coming up soon, so now is a great time to start coming to meetings. Our meetings are typically held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the week at 4:30 in the city council chambers. Please check the city website for information each time. We help with Pony Express Days, Santa and the Fire Truck, and we hold leadership and teambuilding trainings and help with many other service projects during the year. We also have a yearly retreat as a thank you to the youth for their hard work throughout the year. For more information, please email Alicia Hill at ahill@emcity.org.

Kindergarten Registration/Preschool

Our Elementary Schools are still accepting kindergarten registration for the 2013-2014 school year. Contact the office of your neighborhood school. Also, Eagle Valley Elementary's preschool has openings. Call 801-789-8300 for information.



Seedling trees and shrubs available

Seedling trees and shrubs adapted to our area are now on sale for \$1.50-3.50 per seedling, sold in bundles of five or 10 depending on species. We have 21 species to choose from. They must be pre-ordered and pre-paid and are available on a first come first serve 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 call 801-377-5580 ext. 121. The seedlings will be available on April 19-20 and can be picked up at two distribution 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.



SFC Marc Ricks (with his wife Heather, and their children) returned home last month from deployment to Afghanistan with the UTNG's 19th Special Forces Airborne.

SENIORS' CORNER

Monthly Group Activity TBA
Monday, March 25
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 — first and third Tues. at Noon

Mahjongg — third Thurs. at Noon

Canasta — fourth Thurs. at Noon

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

EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY

Get ready for... PONY EXPRESS DAYS FESTIVAL AND FAIR

Registration open and tickets available now!

<p>May 20 Farm Field Days at Eagle Mountain City 4H Exhibits start Subdivision Softball Tournament Starts Scavenger Hunt Posted Online</p> <p>May 22 Exceptional Kids Club Olympics</p> <p>May 23 Eagle Mountain City Hershey Track Meet</p> <p>May 24 Opening Night PRCA Rodeo & Charley Jenkins Concert and Country Dance Mutton Busting Calf Scramble Calf Cash Scramble Wife Carry Competition</p> <p>May 25 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Family Bike Ride Pancake Breakfast & Yard Sale ATV/Off-road Charity Ride Motorcycle Street Ride 3D Archery Shoot Skate Tournament PRCA Rodeo and rodeo events</p> <p>May 27 Final Night PRCA Rodeo</p> <p>May 28 Family Fun Night Sporting Clay Shoot</p>	<p>May 29 Geocache Treasure Hunt Posted Online Kids Golf Clinic at The Ranches Golf Club Pony Express Day at The Ranches Golf Club Carnival Dollar Days Vendor Booths Eagle Mountain's Got Talent</p> <p>May 30 Baby Contest & Boutique Karaoke Night Carnival Vendor Booths Movie in the Park</p> <p>May 31 Demolition Derby 5K and Family Fun 1K Race Carnival Vendor Booths</p> <p>June 1 Pony Express Century Ride Dutch Oven Cook-Off Parade Carnival Vendor Booths Helicopter Rides Talent Showcase Chris Cagle Concert and Fireworks Show</p>
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Get involved!

To volunteer, be a part of a committee, or lead a 4H group contact us at sdouglass.emcity.org

Watch for a PED survey coming soon. We want your feedback on future plans.

When the City government is also your utility company...

As most of you are aware, Eagle Mountain City owns and operates the following utilities: power, gas, water, storm drain, and wastewater. Because of the way things were structured when the City became incorporated 16 years ago, the City wears two hats – government and utility company. We expect to be the utility company for some time, as private companies are not interested in taking over service here because they do not want to assume the City's utility bond debt of about \$51 million. This debt was incurred shortly after the incorporation of the City to pay for the utilities infrastructure.



How does this impact the City's budgeting?

The City has a general fund (operating fund for all City departments and services, public safety, etc.) and enterprise funds (business funds for utilities). Generally, these funds remain separate from each other, with the enterprise funds paying for the management of the utilities and the general fund paying for City government. However, there is an administrative overhead allocation where a percentage of employees' wages is paid out of the enterprise funds based on the amount of work they do for the utility company. For example, the human resources director performs HR duties for

both the City government and the utility company, so a percentage of their time is paid out of the enterprise funds, same for the finance department, recorder's office, etc.

This practice is legal, and any City that has its own enterprise funds operates this way. It has been referred to in public discussion as a "transfer" from one fund to the other but that is not the most correct term. The City does not transfer money to strictly supplement the general fund. It is an administrative allocation. This is more cost effective than the alternative, which would cause the City to hire additional employees to run the utility company. This would increase the cost in both funds, causing the City to raise utility rates and property taxes.

Has the City ever used money from the enterprise funds to pay for something in the general fund beyond the administrative allocation?

For Pony Express Days in 2010, the City administrator at that time approved the use of \$30,000 for a sponsorship by the EM City Energy Department toward the new rodeo arena. This is the only time we are aware of money from the enterprise funds being used for anything in the general fund beyond the administrative allocation. This was also legal.

Has the City done anything to try to decrease the amount of the administrative allocation from the enterprise funds?

Recently the City transitioned from having our own fire department to contracting with Unified Fire Authority for fire and EMS services. Prior to this change, the City's entire property tax revenue was paying for the fire department. Now that property tax revenue can cover other expenses in the general fund. This will allow the City to lower utility rates overall in July 2013 by lowering the administrative overhead allocation. When we get more commercial businesses in the City, that will increase the amount of property tax revenue in the general fund as well.



SHERIFF'S DISPATCH

Community Safety Program

Eagle Mountain and the Utah County Sheriff's Office have combined Neighborhood Watch, CERT, and any other Emergency Preparedness programs into our Community Safety Program to make it as comprehensive as possible. Each neighborhood is an individual area and we need help. Our goal is to have each neighborhood running efficiently in case of emergency or disaster situation. For each neighborhood we need a coordinator-a liaison between the neighborhood and the sheriff's department, and block captains-liaison between neighbors and the coordinator. These leaders will assist with missing children, criminal issues, and disasters. If you are willing to help or would like to know if your neighborhood has anyone working it, please contact Alicia Hill at 801-789-6712 or ahill@emcity.org for more information.



CITY STATS

Snow Removal:

January

Plow driver hours – 219.5
Miles driven – 3,395
Tons of salt used – 529.5

February

Plow driver hours – 119.5
Miles driven – 2,121
Tons of salt used – 364

EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY'S

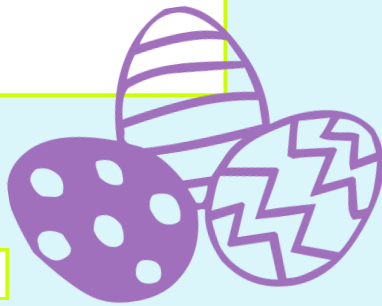
EASTER EGG HUNT

- Free admission! Eggs, games, candy, prizes!
- Saturday, March 30, 10:30 AM Sharp
- Nolan Park in The Ranches
- Bring your own basket
- Separate hunts by age group (ages 3-12; signs will be at the park)

*No parents or strollers allowed inside hunt boundaries.

If your child needs assistance, please ask for help. We welcome children of all abilities.

Contact Leesa Holland (801) 789-3337 for any questions.



EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY STREET FAIR

Saturday, April 20

Noon to 4 pm

Peregrine Road (behind the Chevron)

Businesses register at eaglemountaincity.com



Quest of the Pony Express 5k Fun Run

April 13 10AM



Pony Express Runners Wanted!

Come experience the life of a pony express rider and reenact the ride in your running shoes from Camp Floyd to St. Joseph, Missouri and back! Deliver the mail in your own haversack, take an oath for the pony express, visit the paymaster, and more! Early registration starts February 13th and is \$15 a person. Price is \$20 a person after March 10th.

Go to <http://stateparks.utah.gov/questoftheponyexpress> to register!



Camp Floyd / Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum
18035 West 1540 North
Fairfield, UT 84013
(801) 768-8922
MeganKeller@utah.gov

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Community Leisure Program: Summer classes; taking applications until March 25. Share your talents. It could be a one day hiking excursion or a six week photography class. Contact Sarah at sdouglass@emcity.org or 801-789-6646

4H: We are looking for 4-H teachers to teach classes within Eagle Mountain. Contact Holly at 801-789-6646 or hkomoroski@emcity.org.

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