

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CONVERSATION ABOUT PONY EXPRESS DAYS.

Pony Express Days is a fantastic city celebration. It began about 15 years ago, starting with fun, family-friendly games in a field at Pony Express Park. We had a little parade and a neighborhood softball tournament. As our city grew, so did our celebration.

We added a carnival, vendor booths, and a 5K race. Then we added a concert, and our parade became a grand parade. In the last six years we brought back the games, calling it family fun night, and a pancake breakfast that the council did from 1999-2001. We have added several events where our schools and athletic organizations have an opportunity to raise funds as well. The movie in the park, skateboard competition, baby contest, and softball tournament are a few of these events.

Before we added the PRCA Rodeo and Demolition Derby, the city was subsidizing Pony Express Days in the approximate amount of \$80,000. We began discussing how to have these events without using funds from the City's budget. We thought of making the celebration a non-profit organization that could stand alone. This would be similar to Provo's Freedom Festival. However, Provo still allocates funds for the Freedom Festival annually of at least \$80,000. That does not include the use of their facilities and other items. Still we feel that it is the more prudent way to do things.

One of the other things we did to help sponsor the cost of Pony Express Days was to bring in a PRCA Rodeo, and then a Demolition Derby. These events are popular, award-winning events, and certainly increase our ability to raise sponsorship revenue. The problem is that we began these events before we had a complete facility to put them in. We have to spend approximately \$60,000 to rent the bleachers necessary for the seating required.

At the August 20 City Council meeting, the preliminary financial report for Pony Express Days 2013 showed that the City still supported Pony Express Days in the amount of \$78,000. It also showed the cost of personnel time, which brings that number



Mayor Jackson, members of the City's Economic Development Board, the Lehi Area Chamber of Commerce, and Miss EM Ashton Glass helped to cut the ribbon for the grand opening of Eagle Mountain's newest eatery, The Little Corner Cafe, located in the retail center across from Chevron in The Ranches.

up to \$125,000. Our Assistant City Administrator, Jason Walker, presented a plan that staff and myself have worked on for some time. We recommended to the Council that the City no longer take on the role of putting on the PRCA Rodeo, Derby and Concert, instead allowing the volunteer Rodeo Committee to put on those events. The City would assist them in becoming a non-profit 501c type organization. We feel that this is a great option to allow the risk to be taken by an entity other than the City. Another factor in making this decision is that our current Special Events Director has resigned from the City effective January 1.

The City will still hold Pony Express Days, on a smaller scale, as well as other annual events. We will discontinue the Community Leisure Program, as it costs too much to run for the number of people that use it. At this point we have made a recommendation to the Council and will continue to finalize plans after a new events coordinator is hired. We would love to hear your thoughts and feelings regarding this and anything else you are concerned about.

MAYOR HEATHER JACKSON



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS*

August.....

Appointed Marianne Smith to the Cemetery Board.

Appointed Tyler Shimakonis to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Approved final plats for SilverLake, Phase 9; Meadow Ranch 5, plat 1; development agreement for Southmoor, Phase 2; and bond release-exiting warranty for Northmoor, Phase 2B and 2C and Sweetwater, Phase 2.

Approved Lone Tree West, Plat 1, with the requirement that City staff is satisfied that the owners have valid legal title to the three-foot strip of land between the two properties before recording the final plat. Vote was 4:1 with Council Member Painter voting no.

Adopted an ordinance adding the Equine Overlay Zone to Valley View.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$18,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Gas and Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds,

Series 2013; and related matters. Vote was 4:1 with Council Member Burnham voting no.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$2,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 and directed the staff to use the savings to pay assessments on properties owned by the City or to pay other City obligations.

Approved final plats for SilverLake, Plat 9 and Parkside, Phase A, Plat 1 and development agreements for Skyline Ridge, Phase 1B and 1C; SilverLake, Plat 8; and Lone Tree West, Plat 1.

Approved the final plat of Meadow Ranch V, Plat 2, with the intent that the developer and City staff work together to create trail system connectivity between the subdivision, park and school, removing the pedestrian traffic from the street. Vote was 4:1 with Council Member Painter voting no.

Adopted an ordinance amending the General Plan Map 2, and approving the master development plan for Arrival.

Adopted a resolution designating an assessment area for the purpose of (i) levying assessments against properties within the assessment area to finance the construction and installation of road, sewer, storm water, culinary water and related improvements, (ii) estimating the amount of the assessments to be levied and the method or methods of assessments and (iii) generally describing the period over which the assessments are to be paid and the manner in which the City intends to finance said improvements; and related matters.

Vote was 4:1 with Council Member Ireland voting no.

Approved a bid from Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC, for the Cedar Pass Ranch, Phase 1, Natural Gas System and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract once 20 residents sign a contract with the City agreeing to pay their portion of this project and not finance the project through the Utility Department; anyone who signs up after October 1 must pay an additional \$1000. Vote was 3:2 with Council Members Ochsenhirt and Painter voting no.

Approved an award of bid to Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC, for underground gas services.

Approved an agreement and release of claims for Hidden Canyon subdivision improvements.

Presentations were made on the 2013 Citizen Satisfaction survey and the preliminary Pony Express Days 2013 financial analysis. This information is available on the City website, News section. There is also a news item on the Gas and Electric bond refinancing.

*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:

September 3, 17; October 1, 15



CITY NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST

How many dump passes per year does EM City provide for residents?

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 September 20** 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 Brad Lavery. Winners and family not eligible again for one year. City employees and immediate family not eligible.



Grayson Flora teaches Matthew Thomas, 10, floating skills at the Lehi Legacy Center.

Eagle Scout project helps 'Exceptional Kids'

Inspired by his sister Kayla's autism and his love for swimming, Grayson Flora, 17, partnered with EM City's Exceptional Kids Club to teach kids with special needs basic pool safety and swim lessons for his Eagle Scout project.

Flora, a member of the Westlake High School swim team, found 16 volunteers to partner up with 10 children with special needs. Some of the children came to the program fearful of water, one reason why it was important to Flora to teach basic survival skills.

One of the students, Matthew Thomas, smiled and jumped in the pool under Flora's guidance. His dad said he woke up each day excited to get to the lessons.

"It was really rewarding to everyone, not just the kids," Flora said. "We'll get something from this that will stay with us the rest of our lives."

The Lehi Legacy Pool manager allowed Flora to use a portion of their lap pool free of charge. The volunteers were trained by certified swim coach and lifeguard, Hayley Ford, also a resident of Eagle Mountain.



NEWS BRIEFS

Dump Passes

Eagle Mountain City provides up to two free dump passes per year for each household. You may pick up dump passes from the reception desk at City Hall, Mon.-Fri. between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eagle Mountain City uses Intermountain Regional Landfill (IRL) in Fairfield for dump services.

IRL is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address is: 800 S. Allen Ranch Road, Fairfield, UT. Directions are: Take Hwy 73 to Allen Ranch Road (turn left at Camp Floyd sign), pass the Fairfield Cemetery, and pass the construction & demolition landfill. After one mile turn left for half a mile. Look for signs for the landfill and heavy equipment. Questions? Call 801-403-7651.

Dog Licensing

EM residents may pay for dog licenses at the reception desk at City Hall during business hours. For information on fees, please visit www.northutahvalleyanimalshelter.org.

Westlake High Carnival

Westlake High School will hold a carnival fundraiser on September 20 from 3:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. There will be a photo booth, food, entertainment from school organizations, karaoke, face paint, and traditional carnival games for \$0.25 per ticket.

General Election

The General Election will be held on November 5. Candidates on the ballot following the Primary Election are:

Mayor: Heather Jackson (incumbent)
Christopher Pengra

City Council: Adam Bradley
Bryan Free
Nathan Ochsenhirt (incumbent)
Tom Westmoreland

Voter info: www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/clerk/aud/Elections/



LIBRARY NOOK

We had such fun with our Summer Reading Program this year! We would like to take the time to thank the following sponsors that helped us out with prizes and activities. It would not have been the same without their support.

- Ace Hardware
- Chick-Fil-A
- Del Taco
- Holiday Oil
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Maverik
- Simply Ice Cream
- Snoasis
- Thanksgiving Point
- Vicki Johnson
- Village Pizza
- Walmart Local Giving



Students and their families, teachers, and other community members pour into Frontier Middle School at the grand opening event on August 15.

SENIORS' CORNER

Seniors Celebrities & Pizza
Monday, September 23, 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)

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

Bingo — third Mon. at 5 p.m. (bring a potluck dish to share)

Game Day — first Mon. at 5 p.m.

Mahjongg — third Thurs. at Noon (bring a sack lunch)

Canasta — fourth Thurs. at Noon (bring a sack lunch)

Activities held in City Council chambers unless specified. Check the City website for updates.

FAQs - Business Licensing

Q: Who needs to have a business license?

A: All commercial and home-based businesses located within the incorporated limits of Eagle Mountain City are required to be licensed.

Q: What are the licensing fees?

A: The fee for a home office license is \$25; the fee for a home office requiring inspections is \$75. The fee for a commercial business is \$75.

Q: How do I apply?

A: State requirements must be met before applying for an EM City business license. For info visit: <http://www.commerce.utah.gov/>. Then, submit a completed Eagle Mountain City Business License Application including payment of fees to the City Recorder's office.

Q: Do I need a sales tax number?

A: Generally, businesses involved with the sale of a tangible product must apply for a State Sales Tax Number. You may obtain that number at the State Tax Commission located at 150 East Center Street, Provo, Utah. Phone: (801) 374-7070 or 1-800-662-4335. There is no charge.

Q: Any inspections or other permits required?

A: Building and fire Inspections are required of all businesses, with the exception of some home occupation businesses. Your application for a home business license may be subject to denial if any portion of your business will be conducted in an area of the home that was not completed with an Eagle Mountain City building permit.

Q: How often do I need to renew my license?

A: License renewals are due each year upon anniversary of issuance. Your business license will indicate the expiration date. Renewal notices will be sent to you as a reminder. Late fees start accruing 45 days after expiration.

For more information, visit the Business section of the City website or call 801-789-6634.



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Adult Co-ed Softball program this year!



Miss EM Ashton Glass entertained some of our younger residents last month at the Creepy Crawlies and Princess Tea events.



SHERIFF'S DISPATCH

Facebook

The Utah Co. Sheriff's Office-Eagle Mountain Division is now on Facebook. "Like" our page for lists of weekly crime reports, information on programs and services, and safety alerts.

For crimes in progress or life threatening emergencies, call 911. For dispatch, call 801-794-3970.

Have teens looking for something to do with their free time?

Eagle Mountain Youth Council

A program for high school aged kids between 14-18 that teaches leadership, basic government workings, and teamwork.

Eagle Mountain Explorer's Program

A program that provides career training in both law enforcement and firefighting/EMS to youth aged 15-20. We also are seeking adult volunteers in these fields to assist.

Programs seeking adult help:

Eagle Mountain Community Safety

A program specific to the needs of Eagle Mountain residents to prevent and recognize crime, assist with emergency preparedness needs, and assist each other during times of need.

radKIDS

A program to teach elementary aged children how to recognize, avoid and escape dangerous or concerning situations. Training will be paid for if you meet requirements.

If you are interested in more information about any of these programs or would like to participate, please contact Alicia Hill at ahill@emcity.org or 801-789-6712.



Farmer's Market

Every Saturday through Sept. 28
9 a.m. to Noon

Across from the Fire Station in City
Center (1680 Heritage Dr.)

More info & booth registration: contact Dayna Koch
952-681-8318 or daynakoch83@gmail.com

CITYWIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, September 14

Do all your bargain shopping in one day!

Visit eaglemountaincity.com/yardsale for a link to a map & information to shop all registered sales. If you want to have a sale you can register anytime via the link.

City Clean-up dumpsters provided from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Public Works (2545 N. Pony Express) and Smith Ranch Park (3885 E. Smith Ranch Rd.).



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