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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME TO ALWAYS LEAVE A PLACE BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT, AND I BELIEVE I HAVE DONE THAT AS MAYOR.

The City is on solid financial footing. Our credit rating has gone from the "B" range to an A+ and AA-, a great achievement in and of itself. But, we have also won six budget awards and three audit awards.

Six weeks after starting my first term as mayor, we experienced the February 13, 2008 blizzard. People were stranded and could not get home. This motivated me to make sure that we had roads to get us in and out of our city, as well as new transportation corridors to I-15. The addition of UTA bus service also provided access to public transportation.

We have a trail that connects The Ranches to City Center and will soon be connected all the way into Saratoga Springs. Phases 1 & 2 of Mid-Valley Park are completed, with money allocated for phase 3. Smith Ranch Park Phase 1 is complete, and we have a splash pad too. The entrances to Eagle Park, Eagle Point, and Mountain View subdivisions were improved. Hidden Canyon is finally being completed as well.

Our first grocery store will be completed and open soon! We have a hardware store coming with that. New development is occurring all over our city. Three elementary schools, two middle schools and a high school have been built while I have been in office, and two elementary schools have been expanded.

We have completed a 128 kv line, a substation, a high pressure gas line, to name a few of our energy department projects. Two new wells, two new water tanks and a new sewer treatment plant were completed and a water pipeline project



Mayor Jackson congratulated Trevor Gibby (left) and Trey Trusty (right), the first and second place finishers in the Boys 17 and under category at the City's annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day.

is in process. We did a comprehensive update to our capital facilities plan to include storm drainage.

We received and then sold a golf course which netted \$1,000,000 to the city. With a portion of those funds we started a business incubator program and now operate a Business Resource Center where we partner with UVU to help businesses grow in Eagle Mountain. We also started the Eagle Mountain Business Forum where we provide monthly training for businesses in our community.

It has been exciting to be part of so many programs and services that benefit our community- the library expansion, establishing the senior and youth councils, the military

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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS*

November.....

Appointed Tonette Roberts to the Senior Council; Luke Pannell, Kindra Jones, Casey Jones, and Elizabeth Hoepfner to the Veterans Board; and Jason Olson (Mayor), Weston Dastrup (Recorder), Taylor Jensen (Secretary), Jace Christian (Treasurer), and Christian Ulibarri (Public Relations) to the Youth Council.

Consent Agenda:

Approved a bond release - out of warranty, for Rock Creek, Phase 2.

Approved a development agreement for Meadow Ranch V, Plats 1&2.

Approved a final plat for Evans Ranch, Phase B, Plat 1

(vote was 4:1 with Council Member Painter voting no)

City Council Members convened as the Official Board of Canvassers to canvass the Eagle Mountain City General Election. Board members verified the results of the election by ratifying the results of the canvass, accepted the report of the Election Official and certified the election

results, declaring a four-year mayoral term to Christopher Pengra and four-year City Council terms to Adam Bradley and Tom Westmoreland.

Official 2013 election results

Registered Voters: 10,079

Total Voter Turnout: 3,036 (30.12% total voter turnout)

Mayoral Votes:

Christopher Pengra 2,062 Heather Jackson (incumbent) 952

City Council Votes:

Bryan Free 1336 Nathan Ochsenhirt (incumbent) 1147 Tom Westmoreland 1346 Adam Bradley 1801

These numbers include early and absentee votes.

*Please note, for a more detailed explanation, 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: January 7, 21

Stay Connected to EM City

Main Number: 801-789-6600

Utility Emergency Hotline: 801-789-5959

Utility Billing: 801-789-6609

Sheriff/Fire Dispatch: 801-794-3970

Street Lights Out: 801-789-6684 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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CITY NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST

What does the City's snow parking ordinance state?

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 27** 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 Marilene Hunzeker. Winners and family not eligible again for one year. City employees and immediate family not eligible.



I would like to thank everybody for the support and hard work over the past six years.

I especially would like to thank the City staff who work so diligently and get so very little thanks. It has been my honor to serve on the City Council. I love living in Eagle Mountain and I'm pleased to see the enormous progress we've made.

Good luck to everybody moving forward and again my profound thanks for all the goodness that I have received.

Council Member Nathan Ochsenhirt

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welcome home processions, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), and RadKids.

Eagle Mountain is on the map. We are no longer the laughing stock of Utah County. We are recognized by the Governor as a business friendly community. We are thought of as a place of knowledge and innovation. We are seen as a tight-knit community that takes care of each other. We have a City celebration that is amazing and award winning.

All of this could not be accomplished without the hard work and dedication of the amazing staff that we have. The wonderful City Council I have worked with made great decisions for our future. We have had wonderful support and volunteers from the community. I personally thank you all. I have enjoyed working with you and getting to know you.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Mayor for the last six years, and to be involved in the leadership of Eagle Mountain for the last eight years. I feel richly blessed to have gotten to know so many of you, and more importantly to be able to call so many of you friends.

I look forward to many great things in our future and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MAYOR HEATHER JACKSON

NEWS BRIEFS

Furnace maintenance

Our Gas Department would like to remind residents to service your furnace or have your furnace inspected and change filters per your equipment's recommendation. This makes appliances run more efficiently and saves hundreds of dollars in service.

Foster Grandparent Program

The Utah County Foster Grandparent Program is looking for seniors 55 or older, to serve as mentors, tutors, and care givers for children and youth within community organizations such as schools, hospitals, and youth centers. Foster Grandparents receive a small stipend (about \$200 per month), monthly training, and in some areas, mileage reimbursement or transportation to the volunteer facility. Volunteers must be income eligible (earn less than \$1915 per month for a single person and \$3102 for a married person), be willing to serve 15 or more hours per week and have the desire to help others. Call the Foster Grandparent Program at 801-851-7784 for an application or questions.

Ranches Parkway extension

The road construction north of SR-73 on Ranches Parkway is an extension of Ranches Parkway to accommodate future development. A map is available in the News section of the City website that shows the current zoning and road plan. Although there are no approved development plans yet, an assessment area has been established and property owners are pursuing opportunities. A presentation on the assessment area was given to the City Council at the August 6 work session. Minutes of the discussion are available on our website.

City offices closures

The City offices will be closed Dec. 23-25 and Jan. 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays (please note correction from info on utility bill).



Library Nook

We will be closing the first Monday of every other month beginning the first Monday in January (the 6th).

We have updated our Gifts and Donations Policy. Please come in and ask for a copy before donating any large amounts to the library. We will also be posting a copy of this on the website.

We have also added a Fine vs. Privilege Policy that was adopted by the library board on Nov. 21, 2013. The policy is effective January 1, 2014 and the library has a copy posted at the front desk for patrons to see. We will also be adding this to the website in January.

We will begin Story Time again in late January. Keep checking the website and Facebook for more announcements.



Christmas Dinner Party Monday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.

December 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)

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

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

New Senior Council: Joye Roberts (Chair): 801-995-0520 or jjrob12@dcdi.net; Sandy Ring (Vice-Chair): 801-372-4659; Eutona Dixon (Secretary): 801-789-3181; Mary Kaufman (Historian): 801-636-5697; Marilyn Sanford (Food Chairman): 801-331-8137



Participants of the Turkey Trot prepare to take off from the start. About 650 people attended the event.

How to prevent or address frozen pipes

When freezing temperatures occur, frozen water pipes in your home are an inconvenient and often costly possibility. Here is some information we hope will be helpful in your efforts to prevent pipes from freezing:

Ways to Prevent Frozen Pipes in Your Home:

- During freezing weather keep your thermostat at 55 degrees or higher, even when you are not at home.
- Insulate pipes and faucets on the outside walls of your home or in unheated areas.
- When the outside temperature is below freezing, open cabinet doors inside your house under the sinks to allow warm air to circulate near water pipes.
- During extreme outside weather, allow inside faucets to run at a slow trickle (about a pencil lead's width). Keep in mind this will increase the water usage on your utility bill.
- Know exactly where to locate your water shut-off valve in case you need to shut off the water immediately.



What to do if your pipes freeze (if you turn on water in cold temperatures and no water comes out, they may be frozen):

- Open the cold water faucet nearest the freeze to reduce pressure in the pipes and lessen the risk of breakage.
- Locate the frozen pipe and use a hair dryer on low setting to distribute heat evenly along the pipe. Heating the pipe too rapidly could cause the pipe to burst. Caution: Never use an electrical appliance near water due to the risk of electrocution.
- NEVER use an open flame to unthaw pipes. It could cause a fire and may also heat the pipe too rapidly causing the pipe to burst.
- If you cannot locate a frozen pipe, call the EM City Emergency hotline at 801-789-5959, option 3 (water department). We are happy to help determine if the line is frozen in your service line or meter box.
- If the line is frozen on your side of the meter box, a plumber may be needed.



Snow Removal & Parking

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 there is an emergency/road hazard situation you may call the hotline at 801-789-5959 and select the streets department. 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.



Steve and Jenny Williams of Eagle Mountain won the prize for the largest family group participating in the Turkey Trot for the second year in a row.



We as your fire department would like to remind you that winter can be deadly in our homes. Please check vour smoke and CO detectors, and if you did not change the batteries when we changed from Daylight Saving Time, please do so now. The old batteries may still be good for those new toys and games but we prefer new batteries for these important life saving devices. Also as we try to stay warm in our homes, be aware of carbon monoxide gases as they are a silent killer (colorless and odorless). If you don't have a carbon monoxide detector, it would be a good gift for your family this holiday season. Be cautious of gas heating devices in enclosed homes and garages as well as fire places that may have exhaust issues. Please discard your Christmas tree properly. Do not try to burn your tree in your fireplace.

An additional reminder is to be prepared while driving in the winter. Have a blanket available, as well as water and perhaps some food in your car in case you are stranded in some of the storms that Utah is famous for.

Be safe this coming new year and remember to call 911 for the following reasons:

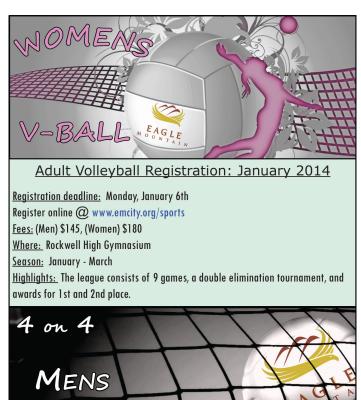
- something is on fire
- you are witnessing a crime
- someone has been injured or needs medical assistance

Dispatch has a non-emergent number if you need further assistance that doesn't fit these criteria (801-794-3970). You should not call 911 if your pets are injured.

Unified Fire would like to wish you a happy, prosperous and safe new year!

Your Unified Fire Firefighters in Eagle Mountain

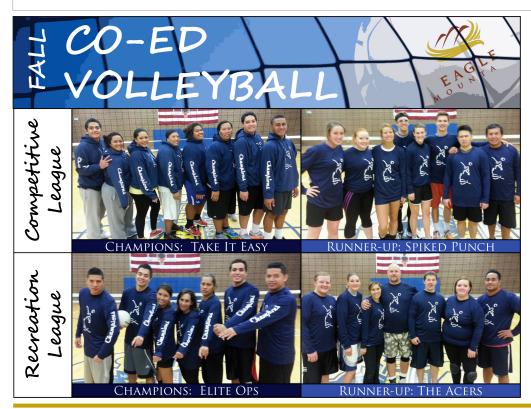




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Coat and Blanket Drive

Unfied Fire Authority is holding a coat and blanket drive for those in need this winter season. You may drop off donations of new or used coats or blankets in good condition at the fire stations in City Center (1680 E. Heritage) or The Ranches (3785 E. Pony Express) through December 31.