

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, A MEETING OF THE STATE PRISON RELOCATION COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 3 AT THE CAPITOL.

I attended the meeting, along with a large number of Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs residents who are concerned about sites in our area being considered.

The top six sites were announced and both the location on the southern border of Eagle Mountain and in the unincorporated area between Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs were on the list. The Saratoga Springs site was listed as 3rd and the Eagle Mountain site was listed as 5th. The Prison Relocation Commission will continue analyzing the specific considerations of each site and they will have their next meeting on December 22nd. If you would like to see the sites and more information about them, there is a link in my blog post.

In part, I understand why these sites remain on the list, though I believe there are compelling reasons to remove them before the process is complete. If they are not removed from the screening process, it would seem that the legislature is doomed to repeat the same mistakes from our past. At face value, the meteoric growth of both cities represents a bright red flag against placing the prison in either location. My job is now to work a little harder to make sure the PRC sees the red flag before it's too late.

The PRC has been given it's orders to relocate the prison, and I know that each member of the committee will act appropriately in carrying out that task. I don't like that Eagle Mountain or Saratoga Springs have been included on the list. I have to believe that in the preliminary analysis of the sites, we have been included because additional understanding is needed by the PRC and the consultants doing their analysis. While I have been working diligently to help the PRC understand the reality of the situation, it is clear that there is more work to be done. Here is what the PRC needs to know, (you can help tell the story too)

Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs are two of the fastest growing cities in the State of Utah. At times we have both topped



Two new businesses have been announced for the retail pad at the Porter's Crossing Town Center (next to Ridley's/Ace): Subway restaurant and Central Utah Clinic - Instacare. Both businesses are expected to open within four months. Additional tenants will be announced by the developer as contracts are finalized.

national lists of fast growing cities. Eagle Mountain is currently working closely with the Economic Development Corporation of Utah on a project of significance to the State. Of more than 300 projects in EDCU's pipeline, Eagle Mountain is working on one of the top 5. We will be waiting for the next 60-90 days for a final decision to be made. This project represents a sizeable investment in Utah and would bring new jobs to the state.

Neither of the sites will be far from residential development that has already been planned, nor are they far from existing residential developments. As the focus of the various consultants narrow their field of view, we will have a greater opportunity to give context to those tasked with identifying both strengths and weaknesses of the sites. In the case for both sites close by, we would undoubtedly be duplicating the problems of the Draper Site in short order, and I believe that is entirely avoidable. There is more to come on this story as we move forward, and I will be sure to keep you informed, but for now, don't wait! There is a contact list for the Prison Relocation Committee in my blog post. Email everyone on this list with your well reasoned concerns, and as always, please be courteous.

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Christmas Tree Disposal



Eagle Mountain City offers free disposal of live Christmas Trees. Leave trees, stripped of all decoration, on your curb (not in gutter) January 5-16, and we will pick it up.

NEWS BRIEFS

Changes to Military Utility Abatement

Due to the impending gas and electric utility sale, changes are being made to the Military Utility Abatement Program. The amount of the monthly bill credit for those who qualify is being reduced to \$25.

Applicants must be serving on active duty deployment orders outside of the State of Utah for more than 60 days.

We know this will affect the personal budgeting of some residents and wanted to build in time for families to make this adjustment. Those currently participating in the program will continue to receive the \$100 monthly credit through the first two billing cycles of 2015 (ending with the bill received in March). After that, only those who qualify under the new requirements will receive a credit. A copy of the resolution is available on the City website, under Government - City Council Meeting documents, December 2 council meeting. We will do our best to work with anyone who may have difficulty making payment as a result of the changes.

Budget Billing Reminder

As a reminder, our utility billing office has discontinued the budget billing program. Resulting credits or balances owed will be reflected on the December 2014 utility bill. If you have a credit, you may apply it to your utility bill payment or request reimbursement by check. If you request reimbursement we will not be able to issue a check until after the sale would be finalized in early 2015. If you owe a balance and need assistance with a payment plan, you could contact our utility billing office at 801-789-6609.

City Website Redesign

The City has contracted with Vision Internet as our new website provider. The new design is online in a soft launch phase. We will be adding content and fixing bugs over the next several weeks. If you were subscribed to email notifications through the previous site, information has been transferred to the new site but you may want to change your preferences via the link in the emails you receive. If you are not signed up you may subscribe via the Stay Informed button or the email icon on the home page.

G. F. Handel's
Messiah

Presented by
Saratoga Springs Arts Council & Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance

Performance
Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Westlake High School
99 200 W, Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

Encore Performance
Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
LDS Stake Center
1330 Ira Hodges Scenic Parkway
Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

Admission is Free

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