

THE COMPLETION OF THE GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES SALE ON MARCH 4 WAS AN EVENT OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN OUR CITY'S HISTORY.

Reaching this conclusion took over a year of effort from all the entities involved. Our city attorney, city administrators, and city staff spent an enormous amount of time facilitating this transaction. I want to thank them for their professionalism and vital contributions to this process.

I also want to acknowledge the contributions of our energy department director Adam Ferre and his staff in building up and maintaining these gas and electric systems from the inception of the city to now, making them a desirable asset for purchase. We wish them well in their new positions with Questar Gas and Rocky Mountain Power.

The sale of the utilities had been discussed within the City many times over the years. Until now, the right circumstances had not occurred to move forward with a sale. We understand there are some who are not in favor. After putting it to a vote last November with the result of over 73% of residents approving the sale, we feel we have honored the wishes of the majority of residents, as well as doing what we feel is best for the city long-term. We are confident that Questar Gas and Rocky Mountain Power will provide Eagle Mountain City residents with a high standard of service.

You are probably aware that the sale of the utilities was delayed beyond the original date we expected to close on. As a result of this delay, the utility bill received in March from the City will have an additional two weeks of usage included. While weather during this final billing period was unseasonably mild, we acknowledge that some residents will still see a higher bill. It is for this reason that we will make all appropriate efforts to accommodate customers should you need to spread out the payments in order to manage the bill. We had made every possible effort to complete the sale of the utilities at an earlier date in order to prevent this impact. Unfortunately the delay



Questar Gas Executive Vice President and COO Craig Wagstaff, Mayor Pengra, and Rocky Mountain Power CEO and President Cindy A. Crane sign documents to complete the sale of the City's gas and electric utilities on March 4.

was beyond our control, and we regret the inconvenience or hardship this may cause. We are fully prepared to work out payment plans with any residents that need assistance if there is a financial burden caused by the extra two weeks of energy consumption on this bill.

With the sale now complete, we will turn our focus to making sure the transition is executed well and that we have addressed all impacts within our organization. We are also beginning the process of identifying ways in which a small portion of the funds will be spent to make a meaningful impact on our community and quality of life. The money that was received from the sale of the utilities belongs to the residents and we will exercise careful stewardship of those funds and provide a clear plan for how those funds will be utilized before moving forward. We thank you for your patience with this process and we look forward to what the future holds for Eagle Mountain.

Did I mention that we just paid off over \$26,000,000 in debt? We are firmly on the path to operating from a position of financial strength, and our future is exciting.

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EM Sheriff's Office Offers Free Community Programs

The Utah County Sheriff's Office - Eagle Mountain Division offers many free programs and presentations for Eagle Mountain residents. Programs include the Community Safety Program, RAD Women, radKIDS, Teenager Presentation, Teenage Girl Presentation, Women's Presentation, Fingerprinting Merit Badge, and

Crime Prevention Merit Badge.

For more information about any of these programs or presentations, or to schedule, please contact Alicia Hill at ahill@emcity.org.



HORROCKS ENGINEERS 5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



APRIL 7, 2015

Help us reach our goal for the American Red Cross! For more information please contact **Blake DeVries at 801-763-5252**

In an effort to help the community and aid in the constant need for donated blood, Horrocks Engineers is sponsoring the fifth annual "Blood Battle 2015" blood drive on April 7, 2015. Donation sites will be set up in Pleasant Grove, American Fork, Eagle Mountain, Lindon, and Lehi. The Eagle Mountain site will be at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Horrocks has made this a friendly competition to see which northern Utah County city can get the most blood donors for the American Red Cross. The city with the most donors will receive a service day from Horrocks employees and be named "Blood Battle 2015" Champion.

At last year's Blood Battle, we were able to reach our goal of more than 200 donors. Please join us as we work to make a lifesaving contribution to the needs of blood recipients across the country.

NEWS BRIEFS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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 Saturday, April 11 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).

Wheels for Wishes

Wheels For Wishes is a car donation program benefiting Make-A-Wish® Utah. We are proud to offer a free and easy way to recycle or donate unwanted cars, trucks, motorcycles, SUVs, RVs, or even boats, by turning them into a wish for a local child. We pick-up or tow away cars free of charge, anywhere in Utah, whether they run or not. Vehicles are either recycled or auctioned off and 100% of the net proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Utah. Since we are a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, you also receive the maximum possible tax deduction for your charity vehicle donation. To donate, call 1-855-417-9474 or fill out our easy online vehicle donation form at <http://utah.wheelsforwishes.org/>.

Trees and Shrubs Sale

The Alpine/Timp-Nebo Conservation Districts have seedling trees and shrubs adapted to our area on sale for \$1.50 to \$3.50 per seedling sold in bundles of 5 or 10 depending on species. They must be pre-ordered and pre-paid and are available on a first come first serve basis. Order on their website at UACD.org (click the Alpine/Timp-Nebo seedling tree sale icon). Or call 801-377-5580 ext. 121. The seedlings will be available on April 17-18 in two Utah County locations. Sponsored by the Alpine/Timp-Nebo Conservation Districts, non-profit organizations for the conservation of natural resources.