

# THE EAGLE'S VIEW

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AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF CONSIDERATION, THE CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF OVER \$13 MILLION IN PROCEEDS FROM THE GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES SALE TO IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE CITY.

A project list with estimated costs may be viewed on the City website, News section. Public input has guided the formation of this project list through citizen surveys, public comment at City Council meetings, and direct feedback given to City officials and staff. For some of the improvements, the City is seeking more specific feedback. We are asking residents to take a short survey regarding the types of improvements you would prefer. The survey is accessible at [www.eaglemountaincity.com/survey](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com/survey). Please complete the survey by November 20, 2015.

Following is some additional information and answers to questions you may have:

**Cory B. Wride Memorial Park Plans** – Cory B. Wride Memorial Park, formerly known as Mid-Valley Park, is a developing regional park located off of Pony Express Parkway, south of Frontier Middle School. Land for the park was dedicated to the City by the State Institutional Trust Lands Administration and designated as a regional park. The park as planned would eventually span approximately 70 acres. It includes the Pony Express Trail, and was originally designed to be completed in phases. The park currently features four baseball diamonds and the soccer field on the east side of Pony Express Pkwy. The improvements proposed on the utilities proceeds project list would complete the baseball complex in phase one, as well as amenities TBD in phase 6 and 7 (phase map on website – please note design is not final). The \$7.5 million in utility proceeds approved for the park is an estimated *maximum* amount that allows us to begin the process and identify true costs.

Is any tax money being used for these projects and will this affect the tax rate I pay?

There is no tax money being used to fund the projects on the utilities proceeds improvements list and tax rates will not be affected. As we plan the projects, the City will also consider maintenance costs.

Could this money be used to reduce utility rates and/or taxes?



Congratulations to Stephanie Gricius, Ben Reaves, and Colby Curtis, who received the highest number of votes for City Council according to unofficial results in the General Election. Official results will be announced at the canvass on November 17.

The utility sale proceeds are one-time monies. Utility rates and taxes pay for ongoing expenses. A reduction of rates or taxes would be short-term and result in an increase again when the utility proceeds are depleted. Building equity in our community through these projects will have long-term benefits to property values and will address long-standing requests from residents for specific improvements.

Could this money be used to pay off debt?

With the sale of the gas and electric utilities, the City paid off more than half of its business debt. The remaining debt from utilities infrastructure is on a payment schedule based on fees, with low interest rates. As stated in the previous question, using these one-time monies to pay off additional debt would reduce long-term value to residents.

Could this money be saved?

The legislature has mandated that cities keep between 5-25% in reserve for emergencies. In recent years, through conservative budgeting, Eagle Mountain has maintained the maximum allowed in reserve. Anything in excess of 25% is automatically restricted for capital projects, which is what these monies have been approved for.

Eagle Mountain City is excited to have this unique opportunity to implement so many improvements at one time and to continue to increase value and livability in our young and growing community.

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## TAKE PART IN THE S.R. 73 PLANNING STUDY

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is conducting a planning study to identify transportation concepts that could reduce the projected traffic congestion and travel delay on S.R. 73 from the Pioneer Crossing Extension to Eagle Mountain Boulevard. UDOT expects to complete the planning study this winter.

UDOT invites you to an open house to discuss transportation concepts and provide input in preparation for a future environmental study that will more fully assess potential impacts.

The study team is working with local governments to identify concepts that are compatible with city plans and accommodate potential transit, bike and trail improvements.



658 North 1500 West  
Orem, Utah 84057

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Black Ridge Elementary School,  
9358 North Sunset Drive, Eagle Mountain

**PHONE:** 801-231-0595

**EMAIL:** [udotregion3@utah.gov](mailto:udotregion3@utah.gov)

## Eagle Mountain's Annual Thanksgiving Day



# TURKEY TROT

*Run now, Gobble Later*

**November 26th, 2015 at 8:00 AM**

Check in from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

Race starts at Hidden Hollow and ends at the entrance of  
Eagle Park subdivision

Prizes will be awarded for:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

1st FULL team to finish

Largest team registered

Best Costume

This event is FREE. Register now at [www.eaglemountaincity.com/events](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com/events).

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Story Time/Music & Movement

The Eagle Mountain Public Library is offering free Story Time and Music and Movement sessions in November. Story Time sessions are held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. or Thursdays at 11 a.m. (content is the same) through November 19. Music and Movement is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. through November 18 (library is closed November 11). "Like" the Eagle Mountain Public Library page on Facebook for updates.

### Winterize Sprinkler Systems

With freezing temperatures upon us our water department would like to remind residents to winterize sprinkler systems and take precautions to keep pipes from freezing. A how-to video and tips are available on the City website, water department page.

### Free Movie

The library is offering a free showing of Muppets Christmas Carol on Monday, December 14. Doors open at 6 p.m. Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance

#### Community Messiah Performances

Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m. at Westlake High School and Sunday, December 20, 7 p.m. at Eagle Mountain West Stake Center, 1330 East Ira Hodges Scenic Parkway

#### Gingerbread House Contest

All ages welcome to participate. Entries must be submitted to the Eagle Mountain City Offices by November 30. See [www.EagleMountainArts.org](http://www.EagleMountainArts.org) for complete contest details.

#### "Deck the Halls" Writing Contest

Entries must be submitted by November 21 at midnight to [EagleMountainArts@gmail.com](mailto:EagleMountainArts@gmail.com). Winners will be announced on Friday, December 4 at the Eagle Mountain Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall. For complete details, go to [www.eaglemountainartsalliance.blogspot.com](http://www.eaglemountainartsalliance.blogspot.com).

#### Save the Date - City Events

Deck the Halls Tree Lighting - Dec. 4  
Santa on the Fire Truck - Dec. 5