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WITH THE STORMS THAT WE RECEIVED IN DECEMBER, WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN CALLS RELATED TO SNOW REMOVAL.

Some of the specific concerns residents have had are street parking, plowing in cul-de-sacs, when and how much salt we use, and packed down snow turning to ice on neighborhood streets. I'd like to illuminate some of the behind-the-scenes details of our snow removal operations.

First, here are some of the numbers. In the month of December, our plow drivers spent 306.72 hours removing snow. Our drivers put 5,254 miles on the trucks, and spread 822.25 tons of salt. We replaced blades on three trucks.

The day before Christmas Eve, we spent 58 hours clearing the streets and spreading over 150 tons of salt. On Christmas Day our drivers worked over 100 hours, drove over 1,000 miles and put down just shy of 200 tons of salt. By my calculations, our plow drivers likely listened to approximately 1,731 Christmas songs on the radio.

If your street is like mine, you may be wondering why there is still snow on the street if our plow drivers worked so many hours and put down so much salt. We have three crews of up to five plow drivers, though we tailor the number of crews and the size of the crews based on what the weather forecast calls for. If we know we will have a prolonged snow event, we may run all three crews on a rotation so that they don't spend too many hours in the plows, which is a safety issue.

Before I go further with details of our operations, I'd like to put the task of clearing streets in a context more understandable to the average homeowner. In many ways clearing streets is not much different from clearing your driveway. One inch of snow can be cleared easily with one pass of the shovel and a little salt. When it snows seven to nine inches however, it may take three passes or more to shovel. If it is snowing, a freshly shoveled driveway may have a new blanket of snow on it by the time you get to the end. Sometimes salt can take care of that snow, but it isn't always enough. Have you ever had a spouse, child or roommate drive in and out of the driveway before the snow was removed? As you know the compressed snow is much more difficult to remove because it bonds to the surface of the driveway. Often times, compacted snow can take a week or more of salting and shoveling to remove if the temperatures are cold. If the temperatures are warmer and the sun comes out after the storm, removing the snow/ice becomes easier,



Fire Chief Ross Fowlks surprised UFA Captain Robert Ayres with a commendation at the January 5 City Council meeting. Captain Ayres responded on Christmas Day to a medical call for two little girls whose living conditions had contributed to their illness. He noticed the only Christmas presents they had received were a coat and shoes. Captain Ayres bought presents for the children and left them on their doorstep. We appreciate all that our first responders do for our residents.

especially when salt is put down and given time to work.

Of course city streets aren't exactly the same as a driveway. We can't ask people to not use the streets until we get a chance to plow and salt. We certainly can't ask people to refrain from driving on the streets until the sun comes out and the blacktop is visible. There are 138 linear miles of road in Eagle Mountain, 119 of which are paved. This number is deceptively low. There are far more miles of road if we count every lane of road heading in each direction. Trails, City-owned sidewalks, and alleyways all increase the ground the City must cover.

With those concepts in mind, you may be interested in some of the internal details of our operations. Due to space limitations here, I invite you to visit my blog at [www.mayorsvoice.com](http://www.mayorsvoice.com) for more information.

Also, I am preparing the State of the City report and will present that later this month on my blog. An excerpt will appear in the next issue of this newsletter. The City is looking forward to celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. We hope you all have a happy new year!

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## How to Prevent or Treat 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.



## Fire Station Demolition

Demolition work at UFA's fire station 251 in City Center has been completed and reconstruction plans are underway. The demolition was necessary due to unhealthy mold conditions in the living quarters area of the building. Construction is expected to be completed and the station fully operational again by spring.

- 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.

# NEWS BRIEFS

### Christmas Tree Disposal

Instead of curbside pick-up, the City has designated a drop-off area for Christmas tree disposal this year. The drop-off is at the rodeo grounds at Pony Express Memorial Park, 4447 Major Street. Drop your tree, stripped of all decoration, at the arena and our Parks Department will dispose of the trees. This service is available through January 17.

### City Offices Closed

The City offices and Library will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### Story Time

The Library will be offering free story time on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning January 26 and running through the end of April, except for spring break week. The same content will be offered both days of the weekly session.

### Annual Financial Reports

The fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) audit report (CAFR) and popular annual financial report (PAFR - summary of CAFR) are available on the City website under the Government tab, Government Transparency page. Click on the Financial Audits link to access both.

### Snow Parking

Please remember that by City ordinance, it is unlawful to park vehicles, trailers, or other property constituting obstructions to traffic on the streets of Eagle Mountain City between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day from November 1 to March 15 of the succeeding year whenever two or more inches of snow accumulate on streets in the city. Vehicles and other obstructions on streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City parked in violation of this article are subject to towing and removal by the city to facilitate maneuvering snowplows and snow removal operations. Violations may be reported to Code Enforcement at [jthompson@emcity.org](mailto:jthompson@emcity.org) or 801-420-2305.

It is also unlawful to place, plow, or dump snow in the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City.

*Who will be crowned the next  
Miss Eagle Mountain?*



*"If you never try, you'll never know"*

### Miss Eagle Mountain Scholarship Pageant Orientation

January, 16th 2016, 10:00AM

Eagle Mountain City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run

Contact Celeste Lojik for information

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Ages 17-23 (includes Cedar Fort and Fairfield)