

THE EAGLE'S VIEW

ONE OF THE MOST COMMON REQUESTS THE CITY RECEIVES FROM RESIDENTS IS FOR A RECREATION CENTER.

I understand that many residents would like to see Eagle Mountain get its own rec center or even aquatic center. I have my own guiding principles and values which make the traditional model of borrow, build, and bill for use a non-starter. Those same principles prevent me from sticking taxpayers with the financial burden of indefinite ongoing operations expenses. Lastly, where other entities such as gyms, water parks and other similar private enterprise options are theoretically possible, I am not in favor of introducing market competition when operating expense is subsidized by taxes.

Rec centers and aquatic centers are typically financed by issuing a General Obligation bond (GO bond). General obligation bonds are backed by the taxing ability of the bond issuer (the City). This results in an increase to property taxes for all residents to pay for the construction of the building, regardless of whether or not they use the facility. All other costs of operating the facility such as employee wages, equipment, supplies, and utilities costs are paid for with the money the facility charges patrons for its use. If the money collected from usage fees does not cover the full cost of operation, then money from other revenue sources must subsidize the operation. There are very few municipal recreation centers or aquatic centers that break even on their own. In these cases, the government must use cash from its general fund to make up the difference. In essence, property tax and sales taxes are used to satisfy the unmet burden.

The City has been looking for ways to satisfy our residents' desire to have a rec center, without using tax



Mayor Pengra and 11 department heads from Eagle Mountain City successfully completed the Incident Command System 300 level certification. This training was conducted by members of the Unified Fire Authority and Salt Lake County Emergency Management. This training is a major step furthering the City's commitment to emergency management and understanding the Incident Command System that is the national accepted best practice. The knowledge learned will help City officials manage response and recovery efforts in a major incident or disaster more efficiently and effectively.

dollars to pay for the ongoing expense of running it. We have been looking for such an opportunity over the last two years. If we are to be successful, it will occur through partnerships where needs and benefits are aligned between different stakeholders. Speaking for myself only, I am not opposed to participating in the cost of building a facility with one time cash funds (not borrowed money) to build a facility which would then be run by a private entity. We have spoken to private recreation businesses, other public entities with specific facility needs and developers. Through some of those conversations a deal looked promising but didn't pan out. While we haven't yet been successful in finding the right mix of stakeholders and needs, we continue to have those conversations to find a satisfactory solution, if one exists.

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Miss Eagle Mountain
Scholarship Pageant

hosted by:



Miss Eagle Mountain,
Ella Barlow

&



Miss Utah,
Krissia Beatty



Saturday, April 16th, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Frontier Middle School
(1427 Mid Valley Road)

Tickets: \$6 available online at emcity.org
\$7 at the door



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 30
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Volunteers Needed:
Individuals
Families
Youth Groups
Scouts
Businesses
Churches

Info & Registration:
www.emcity.org/cleanup

Free Lunch, T-shirts, and Giveaways for Volunteers!



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Pony Express Days

Pony Express Days will be held June 2-4. Registration is now available for carnival vendor booths and parade entries at www.emcity.org/ped. Home decor or small boutique vendors welcome. Local businesses interested in sponsorships, please contact Dawn at dhancock@emcity.org.

RadKIDs Volunteers Needed

The sheriff's office needs volunteers willing to be trained to help teach the RadKIDs safety program in EM schools to 2nd and 5th graders. Without volunteers the program cannot be offered. Volunteers are paid for training. A training class is scheduled April 25-29. Please contact Alicia Hill at ahill@emcity.org for more information.

Cultural Diversity Celebration

The Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance and Eagle Mountain Public Library present a Cultural Diversity Celebration on May 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at City Hall. If you would like to participate by sharing your family's cultural heritage (artwork, textiles, artifacts, entertainment, and/or other traditions), or to volunteer, please contact Karen at kkast@emcity.org, or Maria at EagleMountainArts@gmail.com. Come help us celebrate our little corner of the world with food trucks, fun, and entertainment for the whole family.

Woman of the Year Nominations

Residents have the opportunity to nominate a woman who has made significant contributions to the EM community through leadership and service. The Woman of the Year award will be presented at the Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant on April 16. Nominations accepted through April 13 at www.emcity.org/news.

Clean-up Dumpsters

Dumpsters will be available for residents' use for general household waste (no large furniture, appliances, e-waste, or hazmat) at the Community Clean-up event Saturday, April 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the south side of Mid Valley Rd, across from Frontier Middle School.

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