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A FEW MONTHS AGO EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COMPLETED THE ANNUAL CITIZENS' SURVEY.

While this isn't a scientific survey, it is a useful tool the City uses to gauge resident satisfaction with the work we are doing to serve you. It is also a useful tool to open the lines of communication and it provides us a window into where residents would like to see improvement. The survey gives us the ability also to see how residents' sentiments have changed or stayed the same over the years. This year was similar to others in hearing what respondents would like to see change in Eagle Mountain. The trend clearly shows that the majority of respondents desire to see increased economic development (presumably retail), transportation infrastructure improvements, and a recreation center.

I look forward to sharing more information soon about both economic development and transportation improvements. Diligent work on both fronts has been ongoing and has been successful. With both economic development and transportation, rewards are typically realized a year or two from the original efforts.

For now, I want to focus some attention on the desire for a rec center. I know the City has addressed this request before, but it comes up frequently enough that I think it warrants a follow-up. There are many cities that have rec centers, and many more that want them. Just this month on election day several cities proposed bonds to borrow money for parks and other recreation related facilities. Most cities rely on debt to make such investments in their communities. In the case of rec centers (at least in Utah) I don't know of any cities that have paid cash, or found other creative financing. When debt is used to build a recreation center, it is a double-edged sword as the facility must then charge you to use it to pay for the expense of daily operations. This also places elected officials under pressure from recreation center users to keep the usage fees artificially low. This results in property tax money being diverted to subsidize the operation of the facility. Keep in mind that businesses cannot generally get away with this as they



Alpine Credit Union held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new branch in Eagle Mountain City. The building will be located at 8087 N. Porters Crossing and is expected to open in early 2017. Alpine Credit Union was established in 1955 and will be the first financial institution to serve the community of Eagle Mountain.

Photo from left to right: Boyd McAffee, Gary Seastrand, John Spencer, Rachelle Bolingbroke, Colleen Bennett-Alpine CU Board of Directors. Mayor Pengra, City Council Member Adam Bradley, Economic Development Board Member Trent Jackson, Planning Commission Chair John Linton, City Administrator Ifo Pili, Asst. City Administrator Paul Jerome

must set their customer prices at a level that will satisfactorily pay for the cost of running the business.

I am not being critical of the way in which other cities manage themselves or the way they choose to approach what they invest in. Each city is different and their circumstances will dictate what path is appropriate for them. Eagle Mountain City is having tremendous success blazing our own trail. I do recognize the value in recreation centers and destination parks. Fortunately, through strict adherence to conservative money management principles, we are in a position to explore making such investments in cash instead of taking on debt. Eagle Mountain City is actively working with several different entities to arrive at a deal for a private-public partnership. There aren't any promises at this point that it will work out, but we are closer today than we have ever been. We will keep you updated on our progress.

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Entry is FREE. Registration required: emcity.org/turkey

Check in from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.

Race starts at 8:00 a.m. 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

First 20 finishers will receive a special 20th Anniversary prize







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General Plan Update - Resident Feedback Wanted

Eagle Mountain City is updating the General Plan. The General Plan is the guiding document for the growth and future of the city. It includes goals and strategies for land use, transportation, housing, parks and open space, economic development and more. This is the chance to be a part of your city's future! What is important to you? Check out some alternative scenarios for the future of Eagle Mountain. Get informed and share your ideas-here.

At the bottom of the website link above you may leave a comment. In addition, the boards and materials that were presented at the public workshop (held October 27 at Hidden Hollow Elementary School) can be viewed. You will also find an interactive map. Click on the 'pin and comment' icon at the bottom of the map and enter your suggestions and ideas there. The boards presented at the workshop can also be seen in the lobby at City Hall thru November 16.

News Briefs

Seniors Activities

All are held at City Hall unless stated otherwise. Details and updates are posted on the website calendar.

Nov 10 Bunco 1:00 p.m. Please bring a \$5 gift unwrapped.

Nov 14 Service project at 1:00 p.m.

Nov 17 Game Night at 1:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

Nov 21 Thanksgiving Service Project at 5:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served before we deliver baskets to families in need.

Nov 28 Bingo at 5:00 p.m. Pot luck dinner.

Dec 5 Christmas Party at 5:00 p.m. Catered dinner by Serving Time Cafe at 6:00 p.m. followed by entertainment from the Riverton Jazz Band. Admission is \$5/person or \$10/couple if paid by Nov. 28. \$15/couple at door. To purchase tickets, contact Sandy or Joye at info below.

Dec 7 Dominos at 1:00 p.m.

Dec 8 Bunco 1:30 p.m.

Seniors activities are open to all who are 55+. Questions? Call or text Sandy Ring, 801-372-4659 or skkovanda@gmail.com or Joye Roberts, 801-995-0520 or robertsdeannaj@gmail.com.

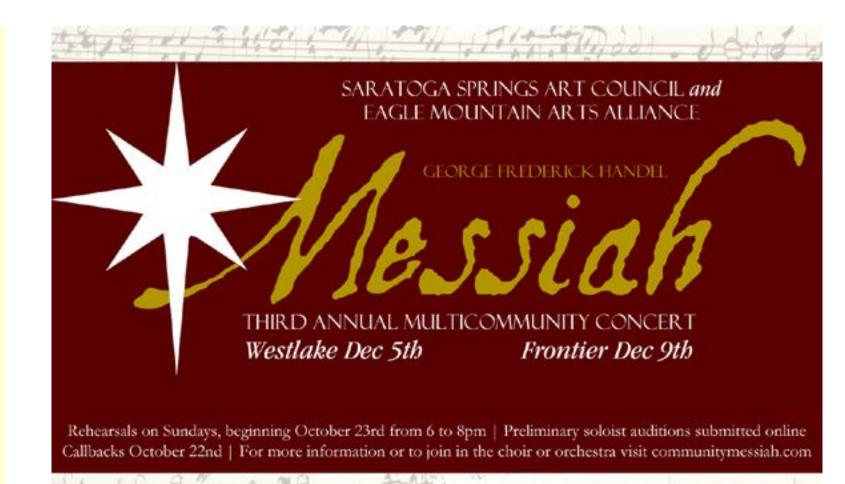
American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at City Hall on December 30 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To schedule your appointment or for more information, please log on to redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code: Eagle Mountain or contact 1-800-RED CROSS. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276. Start the donation process by completing an online pre-donation health history questionnaire on the day of your appointment, please log in to www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.

Road Project Updates

The Bobby Wren Blvd extension (City Center) is expected to open by November 18 after the contractor completes some punch list items.

The portion of Golden Eagle Rd (dirt connector to Skyline Ridge/Kiowa Valley area in The Ranches) that has been closed is expected to open around November 15. It will be partly paved. Paving will progress as development continues in the area.





Bag the Leaf Collection Program Ends Nov. 25



Eagle Mountain City is offering a Bag the Leaf program for fall through November 25.

Following are details about the program:

- City will provide free leaf bags to residents.
- Pick up bags at City Hall or The Ranches HOA office.
- Bags available while supplies last.
- Curbside pick-up weekdays.
- City-provided bags as well as other small to large plastic garbage bags may be used to collect your leaves.
- Bags shall not exceed 40 pounds and must contain leaves only. Heavier bags will not be collected.
- The City will not collect any bag(s) that contain household waste, green waste, branches, limbs, rocks, animal waste, dirt, sod or other restricted bulky waste. If a bag contains any unacceptable materials, crews will place a notice on your bag(s) and leave them.
- Place your bag(s) curbside. Bags should not be placed in the street, gutter, ditches, or any drainage way.
- Leaves raked into the street will not be picked up by the City and homeowners/renters will be subject to fines for placing debris in the roadways.

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