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WILDFIRE DANGER IS VERY HIGH THIS SUMMER.

Many wildfires have already occurred in the state, including four in the Saratoga Springs/Eagle Mountain area. Because of this, fireworks restrictions are again in place within Eagle Mountain City (see pg. 2 for details). Also, BLM has issued a fire protection order prohibiting certain types of shooting and other activities on BLM land adjacent to the city (see pg. 3).

According to information from the Utah Department of Natural Resources (DNR), over half of all wildfires in Utah are caused by people. In 2016, almost 60 percent of wildfires started in Utah were from human activity. Every year, Utah firefighters fight more than 1,000 wildfires.

Along with following restrictions, the DNR and the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands have put together some tips to help prevent wildfires this summer, include the following things that may not always be on our radar.

Equipment

- Always mow your lawn before 10 a.m., but never when it is windy or dry out.
- Keep exhaust systems, spark arrestors and mowers free of carbon buildup.
- Use the recommended grade of fuel and do not top off.
- Always keep a shovel and fire extinguisher close by.
- Keep at least 10' of clearance from vegetation when grinding and welding in wildland areas.

Vehicles

- Do not drive or park on dry grass. Hot components under the vehicle can start a fire!
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained with nothing dragging on the ground.
- Check tire pressure. If you hit a bump, the wheel can compress, make contact with the ground and throw sparks.
- Carry a fire extinguisher in your vehicle.



Eagle Mountain City would like to thank all of the volunteers (almost 400) who participated in the Community Clean-up Day last month, especially our youngest volunteers, some seen here prepping to paint over graffiti in the culverts. The City also appreciates the great improvement in use of our clean-up dumpsters, with much less overflow.

- Maintain your brakes. Worn down brakes can throw sparks.
- Maintain your vehicle with spark arrestors.

Debris Burning

Please be aware that residential burn permits are not issued by Unified Fire Authority during summer months. Burn permits may be issued between March 30 and May 30 and between September 15 and October 30. Only residents on (1) or more acres are eligible to apply for a residential burn permit. For more information, please visit the UFA website.

I hope we can all be mindful of fire safety as we participate in the summer holiday celebrations and recreation and do everything we can to protect our community from loss of life, injury, or property damage.

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Fireworks Restrictions

Fireworks restrictions remain in place in Eagle Mountain City in brush/ grassy areas and some neighborhoods. Please review the following information from Unified Fire Authority and view the <u>interactive map</u> showing restricted areas within Eagle Mountain City.

Dates and Times for Legal Discharge

You may discharge fireworks from July 1 to July 7 and from July 21 to July 27 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. (Please note: On July 4 and 24 the discharge is extended to 12:00 midnight).

The state is at high risk for wildland and urban interface fires. Please use extreme caution when discharging fireworks during the upcoming holiday season.

There are areas that are prohibited from the discharge of fireworks. Fireworks restricted areas are in close proximity to brush/grass covered areas, thick forested areas, open fields, etc.

Weather conditions: If high winds, precipitation, or other adverse weather conditions occur, fireworks discharge should be postponed or discontinued until weather conditions improve.

Aerial fireworks are designed to travel up to 150 feet into the air and then explode. Aerial fireworks need to be placed on a hard level surface outdoors, in a clear and open area prior to ignition. Anyone under the age of 16 is prohibited to handle or operate aerial fireworks. Ignition of aerial fireworks needs to be a minimum of 30 feet away from any structure or vertical obstruction. Aerial fireworks are prohibited in the restricted areas and within 300 feet of vacant lots and undeveloped land.

Ground based fireworks are prohibited in the restricted areas and within 50 feet of vacant lots and undeveloped land.



NEWS BRIEFS

Seniors Activities

All are held at City Hall unless stated otherwise. Details and updates are posted on the <u>website calendar</u>. Seniors activities are open to those who are ages 55+.

June 26	Ice Cream Social & Movie (Independence Day), 5-7 p.m. Bring an ice cream topping to share and comfy chair if desired.
June 29	Canasta, 1 p.m.
July 6	Lunch Bunch at Chili's in AF, 11:30 a.m.
July 10	Service Project - Pillow Cases, 1 p.m.
July 10	Game Night, 5 p.m. Bring a snack to share.
July 13	Bunco, 1 p.m. Bring a \$5 prize.
July 31	Seniors Meet the Candidates, 5-7 p.m. Refreshments served.
Email:	seniorcouncil@emcity.org

City Offices and Library Closures

The City Library will be closed June 19-July 4 for installation of new carpet. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5. Scheduled summer reading activities will continue but will be held outside or in the council chambers with the exception of Toddler Build, which will resume on July 7. No fines will accrue for the entire month of July. The bookdrop will not be available. Please hold items until the library reopens. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve our library.

The City offices and Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday and Monday, July 24 for the Pioneer Day holiday. The Library will also be closed Saturday, July 22.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Eagle Mountain City invites residents to provide valuable feedback in our annual Citizens' Satisfaction Survey. The City uses feedback from this survey to help guide decisions regarding future planning and budgeting. The survey will be available through June 29. By participating in this survey you will have the chance to win \$25 off your city utility bill for the month of July.

Respond to Survey

BLM Fire Protection Order

The following restrictions are in effect for lands managed by the BLM West Desert District within the counties of Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, Rich, and Box Elder. Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above described public lands.

Prohibited Acts:

- Use of any steel core, jacketed, and tipped ammunition of any caliber between June 15 and September 30 each year.
- Use of any tracer or incendiary ammunition of any caliber.
- Possession or use of any kind of explosives, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnics or fireworks, or exploding targets.
- Use of any Sky Lanterns, Chinese Lanterns, Fire Balloons, Acetylene Balloons or similar device.
- Use of any Off Road Vehicle (ORV) that is not equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arrestor. Spark arresters shall meet the 80 percent efficiency level standard when determined by the appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335 and J350. Refer to Title 43 CFR §8343.1.

Exemptions: Pursuant to Title 43 CFR § 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.
- An exemption docs not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the activity listed in exemption 2.

Penalties: Pursuant to Title 43 § 9212,0-5, 9212. I and 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at § 9212. I of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months, or both. Restitution for total fire suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.





In the 2017 election, Eagle Mountain voters will elect a Mayor and two Councilmembers. Terms will run from 2018 through 2022.

As of June 19, the following candidates have filed and will participate in the

Primary Election on August 15.

2017 CANDIDATE FILING		
MAYOR	4-year term: January 2018 to January 2022	Contact Information
Debbie Hooge	Primary source of income	Debbie4mayor@gmail.com
Stephanie Gricius	Secondary source of income	Stephanie@votestephanie.org
Jonathan Vail	Primary source of income	jokersstyle@hotmail.com
Taylor Malungahu	Secondary source of income	Tonganfob@gmail.com
Tom Westmoreland	Primary source of income	Tom@tom4em.com
COUNCILMEMBER (2 Seats)	4-year term: January 2018 to January 2022	Contact Information
Lonnie Petersen		Lipetey78@gmail.com
Jan M. Preece		preecejanm@gmail.com
Tyler Shimakonis		Tyler4em@gmail.com
Donna Burnham		dburnham@gmail.com
Jared Gray		grayjar@gmail.com
Matt Visser		givemeyours1st@gmail.com
Drew Curley		drew@drewcurley.com
Melissa Clark		Melissa4em@gmail.com
Brett Mansfield		Brett@electbrettmansfield.or

Are you registered? Register, or update your registration, at vote.utah.gov. Registration is required online or in-person at the Utah County Clerk's Office by August 8 to vote in the Primary election or by October 31 to vote in the General election. Mail-in registrations must be received by July 17 to vote in the Primary election and by October 10 for the General election. If you have changed addresses, even within Eagle Mountain City, your registration will need to be updated.

How do I Vote by Mail? Follow the instructions on the ballot to select the candidate you are voting for. Once you have marked your ballot, follow the instructions for returning your ballot. Envelopes must be postmarked no later than the day before the election to be counted. Voter information pamphlets will be mailed separately from the ballot.

If desired, ballots can be dropped off in-person to the Utah County Clerk's Office or the City Recorder's Office at City Hall prior to Election Day.

Votes may also be cast in person by provisional ballot at City Hall on Election Day. Please be aware that it will take longer if you choose to vote provisionally on Election Day.

Questions? We expect some of you may have additional questions. Please visit www.emcity.org/election for more details on Vote by Mail or contact the City Recorder's Office at 801-789-6610 or fkofoed@emcity.org.

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Q&A with City Administrator Ifo Pili

Ifo Pili began working for Eagle Mountain City as a management intern in 2006. He has since served as the City's economic development director, assistant city administrator, and in his current position as city administrator.

Can you share a little about your personal life?

I was born and raised in American Samoa until my sophomore year in high school. I attended BYU on a football scholarship and met my wife, Jenny who was on the BYU track team at the time. We have eight beautiful children, six girls and two boys. I received my bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in public administration from BYU. I went on to play football professionally for a few years before coming to Eagle Mountain.

What brought you to Eagle Mountain City and what has made you stay?

I came to the city as a management intern as part of finishing up my master's degree. I chose Eagle Mountain because while I was playing football, I owned a condo here in the off-season and it was just convenient for me. However, I immediately fell in love with the city. It was exciting to be a part of this relatively new city, this blank slate. The people, the staff and all the possibilities, made me stay.

What would you say has been the most challenging thing you have dealt with as a city administrator?

Layoffs during the recession

What do you see as your most significant accomplishment with Eagle Mountain City?

I hope my most significant accomplishment is still to come.

What is a typical week like for you on the job?

I can honestly say that there isn't a typical week. That's one thing I love about this job.

What do you think is the biggest misconception people have about city government?

I think people sometimes don't differentiate between Federal, State and City government issues. They often make sweeping judgements on the roles of government and how government should function based on ideology that may apply on the Federal or State level, but inapplicable to City government.

What is your vision of Eagle Mountain 20 years from now?

I know we have exciting times ahead. We'll inevitably have many more homes, businesses and amenities. We'll probably double or triple in population over the next 20 years, but amidst the growth, I really hope to see Eagle Mountain stay true to the home-town feel and quality of life we have today.

Pop Quiz - Favorites

Food: Anything that has had a heartbeat

Sports Team: 2019 Eagle Mountain High School

Football team

Movie: Braveheart

Book: Atlas Shrugged

TV Show: Yukon Men

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(AFTER HOURS OR URGENT) 801-789-5959

OPTION 2: PARKS

OPTION 3: WATER

OPTION 4: SEWER

OPTION 5: STORM DRAIN

(street flooding or illegal dumping in drains)

OPTION 6: STREETS

FREE SUMMER FUN











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Vincent Liddiard - 2017 Pony Express Days Grand Marshal

Longtime Eagle Mountain resident Vincent Liddiard was nominated and selected to serve as the 2017 Pony Express Days Grand Marshal. Liddiard moved to Eagle Mountain in its infancy in 1997 to be near extended family and became excited by the potential of the city. Fond of the open space and quiet, he and his wife Mariann made a home here for their five boys and started many years of service to the community.

An Army civilian, Liddiard serves as the Chief of Staff at Dugway Proving Ground. He has served the community as a city council member, mayor pro tem, Pony Express Days volunteer/announcer, economic development board member, scoutmaster, and is currently the coordinator for the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) with the Utah County Sheriff's Office, a role that he sees as his most significant contribution to Eagle Mountain City.

"I chose to bring the VIPS program to Eagle Mountain as a way to provide additional emergency capabilities to the city in a cost effective manner that would also promote the close-knit community feel," Liddiard said. "I wanted to make sure that as Eagle Mountain grows we would have a safe place to live. I appreciate greatly the service of the men and women who protect, and defend us."



Vincent Liddiard rides with family members in the Pony Express Days parade.

Liddiard has had many memorable experiences through his participation with VIPS.

"I will never forget when two of our volunteers found a lost child just as the sun was setting," Liddiard said. "I have responded to bomb threats, caught loose horses on the highway, responded to fatal accidents, directed traffic for fun runs and special events, responded to an airplane crash, SWAT incidents, and a variety of other "routine" events that have built my appreciation and respect for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical responders."

The most poignant experience for Liddiard was when after having worked alongside Sgt. Cory Wride, he responded to help with traffic control after Sgt. Wride was killed in the line of duty.



Liddiard (second from right) with some of the VIPS team he has worked with.

In the 20 years that Liddiard has called Eagle Mountain home he describes seeing it change in a variety of positive ways, including increasing in diversity, housing options, road access, businesses, name recognition, and yet still retaining what he calls a "very neighborly feel."

Of course having been in Eagle Mountain since its beginnings, Liddiard has a collection of "old-timer" stories. He remembers his first city council meeting being held in a trailer by the fire station, shopping at the city's first grocery store – MORCO Express, four trailers put together with one or two check stands, and the first LDS church stake center building being dedicated by then-president Gordon B. Hinckley.

Liddiard cites many benefits of community involvement. "When you serve in the city you become more aware of the people around you. The people I serve with are happy. It helps me to work with them, and I learn from them...I have made many great friends through service in the community. I hope that my boys see the joy I have in service and find ways to serve in their own way."

There is no end in sight to Liddiard's service. He plans to continue volunteering in the VIPS program and with Pony Express Special Events.

Eagle Mountain City congratulates Liddiard on being named Grand Marshal and appreciates his contributions to the development of our community.