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IT IS A GIVING TIME OF YEAR.

Eagle Mountain City has received a beautiful gift for the Pony Express Memorial Cemetery.

The Christmas Box Angel statue, as depicted in the novel *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans, marks a gathering place on December 6 each year for people who have lost a child. This date commemorates the anniversary of when the Evans family lost their own daughter.



Mayor Westmoreland

The original statue was sculpted by a father and son team of Utah artists - Ortho and Jared Fairbanks. A model of this original statue has been generously donated by an Eagle Mountain resident and his business to Pony Express Memorial Cemetery's Angel Garden, an area reserved for burial of children 18 and under. An unveiling event and candlelight memorial was held on December 6, 2019. The evening was highlighted by personal insights from Richard Paul Evans. It was a poignant event and my honor to share that moment with those who grieve.

If you look closely at the statue, you will see that the word "hope" appears in several places on the figure. It is our desire that those who gather there find a place of comfort, peace, and hope.

The angel statue was expensive but it is not the cost of the

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www.eaglemountaincity.com

1650 Stagecoach Run
Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

Utility Bills:	801-789-6609
Report an Issue:	801-789-5959
Request Records:	801-789-6611
Business Licensing:	801-789-6634
Sheriff/Fire Dispatch:	801-794-3970



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statue that holds the most value, but rather the statement that a resident in our community was willing to make this donation because they care about the suffering of others. It is one of the many reasons I love Eagle Mountain - the way people support and lift one another.

I need to acknowledge those, in addition to our generous donor, who have been involved in making this possible. Our Parks Director Brad Hickman and City Recorder Finn Kofoed ensured that an Angel Garden area was reserved from the founding of the cemetery. After a Christmas Box Angel statue was proposed by the donor, a young man in our community named Drew Fallon offered help with improving the Angel Garden as an Eagle Scout project. Drew built the interior wall of the foundation for the statue and our parks staff completed it. The City's volunteer cemetery board was also instrumental in putting the unveiling program together and have been great stewards of Pony Express Memorial Cemetery and its development. We thank all of those who were part of bringing this wonderful amenity here.



Teamwork: setting the statue on its foundation



(L-R: Parks Director Brad Hickman, Richard Paul Evans, City Recorder Finn Kofoed)

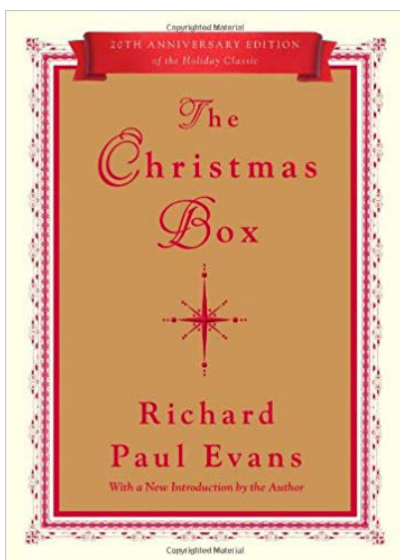
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MAYOR'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

It seems appropriate this month with the addition of The Christmas Box Angel at Pony Express Memorial Cemetery to recommend the book that inspired the statue.

The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans is the touching story of a widow and the young family who moves in with her. Rick, Keri, and their 4-year-old daughter, Jenna, are hired as caretakers and are welcomed into the Victorian home of Mary Parkins, an elderly widow, just before the holiday season. As the relationship between Mary and the family develops we learn that Mary's past sorrows are compelling her to share an important message with Richard. But will he understand her message in time? A heartwarming story of parental love, healing, and Christmas.

BRIEFS

County Growth Survey

The Association of Utah County Chambers and local nonprofit Envision Utah are seeking input from residents of Utah Valley on growth-related issues that will shape the future of our community. Input from this survey will result in a community-supported vision for business, government, and community leaders to use as a voluntary roadmap for growth in Utah Valley. The survey includes issues such as air quality, housing, and transportation. Please take the survey to contribute your voice to the vision:

www.valleyvisioningsurvey.org/

Sock Drive

Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) is collecting NEW socks in all sizes, styles and colors to be donated to many local organizations in need. Donations will be accepted through December 16 at the Library and January 16, 2020 at the Senior Center.

Senior Meal Program

Meals are available for seniors ages 60+ on Wednesdays and Thursdays (except the first Thursday of each month) at the Senior Center. Donations of \$3 per meal requested. Visitors under age 60 pay \$6. Reservations are required by noon the previous day by calling 801-789-6660, and leaving a message. For more program details and menu, please visit the [City events calendar](#).

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Car Safety

Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary.

Emergency Kit for the Car

In case you are stranded, keep an emergency supply kit in your car with the addition of these automobile extras:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
- Prepare Your Vehicle for Emergencies

Have a mechanic check the following on your vehicle prior to an emergency:

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermostat
- Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level



Vehicle Safety Tips

- Keep your gas tank full in case of evacuation or power outages. A full tank will also keep the fuel line from freezing
- Install good winter tires and ensure they have adequate tread or any jurisdiction-required chains or studs
- Do not drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control or possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- If a power line falls on your car you are at risk of electrical shock, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.
- If there is an explosion or other factor that makes it difficult to control the vehicle, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake.
- If the emergency could impact the physical stability of the roadway avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards.

Wildlife in Eagle Mountain: The Cougar

You've likely never seen one, but they are surely around. They have been spotted on occasion in neighborhoods in Eagle Mountain. They are primarily nocturnal, which does not mean they haven't been seen out and about in daylight hours, but it is unusual. The noises they make include hisses, growls and bird-like whistles or even a human-like scream. They eat only once or twice a week. They are the majestic, but secretive cougar (*Puma concolor*).

The geographic range of the cougar is the greatest of any large wild terrestrial mammal in the Western hemisphere. They range from the Canadian Yukon through the U.S., Central and South America to the southern tip of Chile. They are solitary animals and keep away from others of their species except during mating. Males will stay together immediately after having left their mother, but hardly ever as older adults.

Cougars are exciting animals to see in the wild and rarely cause problems for humans. Cougars are polygamous. Mating in our area occurs mostly from December to March. Females give birth every other year with litters of from 1-6 kittens, following a gestation period of 90-96 days. They give birth in dens lined with vegetation or moss, usually within a protected place such as a rock shelter, pile of rocks, crevice, thicket or cave. The kittens stay with their mother until they are 1-2 years old.



The cougar is an ambush predator that pursues a wide variety of prey. Their primary food source is deer and are therefore often found close to deer. They will also eat small insects or rodents. Attacks on humans are rare, but have recently been increasing in North America as more people encroach upon their territory.

Although your chances of seeing one of these beautiful creatures is slight, they have been observed in close proximity to homes here in Eagle Mountain. Typically, mountain lion sightings occur from a distance and usually around dawn or dusk. However, they are unpredictable and can be dangerous. We, therefore, provide the following precautions:

Services

In need of a notary public? Notary services are available free of charge in the City Recorder's office at City Hall (1650 E. Stagecoach Run). Appointments are not necessary but you may want to call first to verify that a notary is available - (801) 789-6611. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Photo ID is required.

*The National Notary Association notes: A notary public is an official of integrity appointed by state government — typically by the secretary of state — to serve the public as an impartial witness in performing a variety of official fraud-deterrent acts related to the signing of important documents. These official acts are called notarizations, or notarial acts. Notaries are publicly commissioned as “ministerial” officials, meaning that they are expected to follow written rules without the exercise of significant personal discretion, as would otherwise be the case with a “judicial” official.

A notary's duty is to screen the signers of important documents — such as property deeds, wills and powers of attorney — for their true identity, their willingness to sign without duress or intimidation, and their awareness of the contents of the document or transaction. Some notarizations also require the Notary to put the signer under an oath, declaring under penalty of perjury that the information contained in a document is true and correct.



If You Encounter a Cougar

- Keep calm. Do not run. Running will provoke an instinctive chase response.
- Makes yourself look as large and intimidating as possible by opening your jacket, raising your arms and waving them.
- Back away slowly, keeping the cougar in view and allowing a clear exit for the cougar.
- Pick up children and small pets immediately before they panic and run. Do not bend over too far or turn your back to the cougar.
- Throw rocks and speak loud and firm to the cougar.
- If you are attacked, fight back! Protect your head and neck. The neck is the main target for the cougar. If the cougar thinks it is not likely to win its fight with you quickly, it will probably give up and leave.

Living in Cougar Country

- Do not feed wildlife. Feeding wildlife attracts animals to your yard that may be prey of cougars, thus attracting cougars to your yard.
- Do not feed pets outside. Cougars will eat pet food, and will thus be attracted to your yard. Be aware that cougars can jump as high as 18 feet, so most fences will not protect unsupervised pets outside.
- Make your yard deer-proof. If your landscaping is attractive to deer, cougars will follow the deer and hang close to your property.
- Dense vegetation makes great hiding places for cougars. Remove vegetation that could be a hiding place, making your yard less friendly for cougars.
- Outdoor lighting and motion-sensitive lighting is a deterrent for the stealthy cougar. Lights also make approaching cougars visible.
- Secure livestock in a barn or shed at night. If that is impossible, a small, well-lit pen close to a structure is the next-best option.
- Keep a close eye on your children when they are playing outside. Bring children in before dusk when cougars begin to hunt.

Playing in Cougar Country

If you recreate in cougar country, here are a few guidelines to keep you safe.

- Do not jog or hike alone. Hike with other people and make noise. Cougars rarely bother groups of people.
- Keep a clean camp. Store food and garbage in your vehicle or hang it between two trees where cougars (and bears) cannot reach it.
- When hiking with small children, keep the children in a group or in sight ahead of the group. Remember, cougars ambush from behind, so keeping a child in front of the main group will lessen possibility of an attack.
- Keep away from dead animals, especially deer or elk. This could be a kill that a cougar is guarding or will be returning to. A cougar will defend its food.
- If hiking with pets, keep them close to the group. Roaming pets will be open to cougar attacks or could irritate a cougar that is trying to avoid the group.

If you encounter a cougar in a residential area, or if you have an aggressive encounter with a cougar, please alert the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. During regular office hours, they can be reached at (801) 491-5678.

If the sighting or encounter occurs after hours or on the weekend, please call the Utah County Sheriff's Office at (801) 794-3970. They will contact a conservation officer to handle the situation.



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Information for Residential Snow Removal

While the trusty snow plows and our hard-working streets employees of Eagle Mountain City keep our city roads clear and safe during winter storms, it is up to residents to make sure their sidewalks and driveways are clear and safe.

The City recommends clearing sidewalks and driveways as soon as practical or within 24 hours of an accumulating snowfall.

If you use Ice Melt or a sidewalk salt product to help melt ice on walkways and driveways, be aware that Ice Melt containing Potassium Chloride can damage concrete and should be avoided. Look for 'Concrete Safe' labeling when purchasing. Good ice melt choices for concrete contain Calcium Chloride or Magnesium Chloride. While Potassium Chloride is good for the environment it damages the concrete and typically costs three to five times more.

If you are physically unable to manage show shoveling on your own, check with some of your neighborhood youth who may be seeking opportunities for service. They are plentiful here in Eagle Mountain. There are also professional snow removal services for hire if you prefer to go that route. Those who rely on the Farmer's Almanac for upcoming possible weather trends know that we may be due for a pretty good winter this year. Happy shoveling!



Christmas Tree Drop-Off - January 2020

When your live Christmas tree has served its purpose for the holiday season and it's time to let it go, we have a place for it.

You may drop it off at the Pony Express Memorial Park Arena parking lot at 4447 Major St. from January 1 to 31. Trees need to be stripped of all decorations prior to drop-off.

Trees will then be recycled.

Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Following is a snapshot of some upcoming community events. Please visit the city website calendar at www.emcity.org/events for additional events, more details and updates as warranted.

DEC 14

**Dungeons and Dragons****Time:** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**Location:** Library

Ages 14+; Dungeon Masters wanted, contact Josh at the Library. This activity is free and open to beginners. Recurring event.

DEC 17

**Glow in the Dark Story Time****Time:** 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**Location:** Library

Free activity. No registration required. For children ages 3 and older. Glow sticks or bracelets provided for all attendees. Recurring event.

DEC 18

**Seniors Arts & Crafts****Time:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**Location:** Senior Center

Free weekly class for seniors (ages 55+) with a variety of activities and projects.

DEC/JAN

Sorry We're
CLOSED

City Offices & Library Closed**Time:** All Day**Location:** City Offices/Library

The City Offices and Library - 1650 E. Stagecoach Run and 2565 N. Pony Express Pkwy will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays on Dec. 21, 24-25, and Jan. 1. The Library will close early Dec. 31, at 5:30 p.m.

JAN 14

**Planning Commission Meeting****Time:** 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**Location:** City Hall

Agenda and supporting documents are typically posted on the city website by the Friday prior. Work session from 5:30-6:00 PM. Regular meeting starts at 6:00 PM.

JAN 21

**City Council Meeting****Time:** 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**Location:** City Hall

Work session: 4 p.m. Policy Session: 7 p.m. Live stream link and meeting documents available on the city website.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

you could be the next:

Miss Eagle Mountain *or*



MISS EAGLE MOUNTAIN'S
OUTSTANDING TEEN

Orientation Meeting

Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm
Garden Near the Green

3700 E. Campus Dr. #100, Eagle Mountain

questions: missemdirector@gmail.com • 801-875-0355

open to all young women ages 13-24 who live, work or attend school in Eagle Mountain, Cedar Fort or Fairfield

The Miss Eagle Mountain and Outstanding Teen Scholarship Competitions are preliminaries to the Miss Utah and Miss America Organization



Looking for a way to serve in your community?

Give one hour per week and deliver a difference to seniors.

MONDAY - FRIDAY
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Call Jimmy:
801-229-3821



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CITY HOTLINE

801-789-5959
(AFTER HOURS OR URGENT)

OPTION 2: PARKS

OPTION 3: WATER

OPTION 4: SEWER

OPTION 5:
STORM DRAIN

(street flooding or illegal dumping in drains)

OPTION 6: STREETS

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www.emcity.org/notifyme

Choose HOW you want to be notified.
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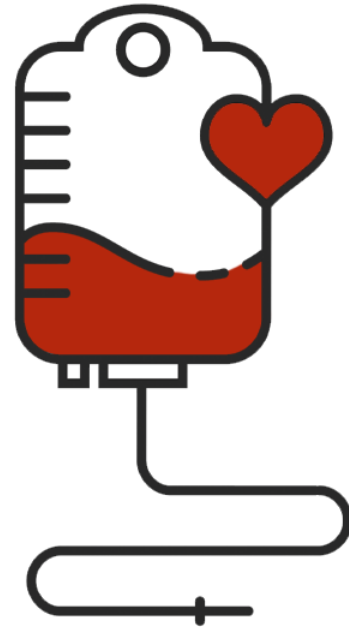
BLOOD DRIVE

December 27, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

Sign up Today!

Free long-sleeved Red Cross T-Shirt

Sign up at: redcrossblood.org



Eagle Mountain City Recycle 2020

Can I Recycle This?

YES	NO
<p>Cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, and cans.</p> <p>Clean Paper & Cardboard</p>	<p>Plastic bags, food waste, glass, or Styrofoam.</p> <p>Coated Paper Containers</p>
<p>Empty Plastic Bottles & Jugs</p>	<p>Other Plastics & Styrofoam™</p>
<p>Empty Aluminum & Steel Cans</p>	<p>All Glass, Food & Yard Waste</p>

Recycle collection occurs every other week on the same day as your trash service. Please make sure all recyclables fit in your recycling container, and place your carts on the curb the night before or by 7:00 a.m. on your service day.

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Observed Holiday Schedule: If a scheduled collection day falls on one of the following holidays, collection will be delayed by one day.

- New Year's Day: January 1, 2020
- Independence Day: July 4, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day: November 26, 2020
- Christmas Day: December 25, 2020



DO NOT
bag items!

KEEP IT CLEAN! All items must be free of food & liquids.

Questions? Call Ace customer service at 801-363-9995



SafeUT App Saves Lives

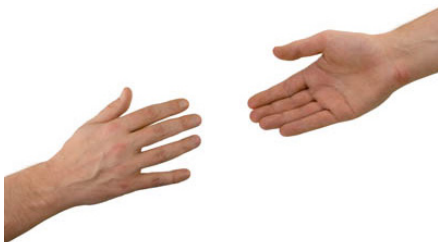
Thanks to the SafeUT smartphone app, help is available 24/7 for young people, their parents, guardians, and others who experience depression, anxiety, loss, grief, bullying/cyberbullying, self-harming behaviors, suicidal thoughts, or drug or alcohol problems.

SafeUT answers crisis calls, texts, and chats—from the young person reaching out or from others. It provides free real-time crisis intervention for people in need.

Communities That Care encourages parents to help their youth download the SafeUT app and talk to them about the importance of reaching out if they're worried about someone they know.

For more information on the SafeUT app, contact Caryn Nielsen with Communities That Care at 801-888-9147.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273- 8255 or or Utah County Crisis Line at 801-691-LIFE (5433). You matter!



Holiday Lights Display Map

Like to decorate your home for the holidays? Eagle Mountain City has created a holiday display map for anyone who would like to post the location of your display so others in the community can come by and check it out.

This map will be available throughout the month of December. Instructions on how to post the location and add details are included on the map.

If you are interested in visiting the displays, you may use the map link to find all the fun spots.

[Holiday Lights Display Map](#)



Recycling Packing Materials During the Holidays!



Reuse or dispose of the Styrofoam packaging in the trash.



Take the bubble wrap or plastic film to your local grocery store with your plastic bags.



Flatten your cardboard box and place it in your recycling bin!



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