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ELECTION DAY LEMONS

Give us lemons and we will make lemonade, or...hot chocolate.

After witnessing the recent General Election process, I am reminded of what an exceptional city we live in.

I won't go into all the reasons why I think the voting process is in a state of flux but we do hope to provide input to the state and county to find ways to improve the process.

However, I am proud of our residents for exercising their rights as American citizens. Even after hours of standing in line, people did not complain or become bitter. Instead they took the opportunity to talk and get to know each other, making new friends.

I am also very proud of our dedicated City staff that went over and above to assist our voters. Concerns had been expressed to the county ahead of election day regarding day of election voting. Yet, there was no negative attitude from city staff. They did not think of themselves but of those people standing in line, many of them with small children, and those lines extending outside the building in the cold. Eagle Mountain voters were treated with hot chocolate, coffee, pizza, donuts, cookies, water, and patio heaters, along with crayons and paper for kids. As you know, Eagle Mountain was not the only city that experienced long lines but it is the only city I know of where those working went out of their way to take care of people in line.

Despite the challenges, the experience was a pleasant reminder of who we are. Eagle Mountain continues to stand out and set a high standard for other cities to follow.



A new phase of the Gateway Business Park, located off of Mt. Airey Dr. north of Wride Hwy opened Nov. 1, consisting of 35,000 square feet of industrial flex space with lease and purchase options.

Mayor's Recommended Reading;

For adult and teen reading this month, "The Making of America," by W. Cleon Skousen offers an in-depth analysis of the U.S. Constitution from the viewpoint of its Framers.

For youth reading, I recommend "A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple" from the Dear America series.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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City receives two planning awards

Eagle Mountain City received two awards last month from the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association. The first award was for the recently adopted General Plan, and the second for the Regional Technology and Industry Overlay Zone.

"It is rare for a city to receive two awards at one time," said Community Development Director Steve Mumford. "That happened due to the talent of our planning department and the cooperation of Mayor Pengra, Mayor Westmoreland, the City Council, CRSA consultants and others. We're excited to see the residents and businesses of our city benefit from these projects."



Community Development Director Steve Mumford (center) and Planners Tayler Jensen (L) and Mike Hadley (R)

Fitch upgrades City's bond rating to AA

Fitch Ratings Inc., one of the top credit rating agencies in the country, has upgraded Eagle Mountain City's \$13.8 million water and sewer revenue and funding bonds from an AA- rating to a AA rating, with a rating outlook of stable.

Reasons cited for the upgrade include strong, sustained financials, sufficient capacity, moderate debt and capital needs, strong rate flexibility, narrow economy; growing service area, successful management of growth, credit profile, improved financials, and prudent growth management, among other factors.

"The upgrade to a AA rating shows that Eagle Mountain City is recognized for the strength and lack of risk associated with our system," said Assistant City Administrator Paul Jerome. "We have worked very hard to ensure that our system is not only adequate for our current needs and running smoothly, but is also ready for the growth that has become the norm here."

For a complete summary of the rating upgrade, please visit the Fitch Ratings news item on the City website.

NEWS BRIEFS

Senior Citizens' Activities

Held at the new Seniors Center at 1632 E. Heritage Dr. unless otherwise specified.

Details and updates are posted on the website calendar.

Arts & Crafts Days on Wednesdays (except Nov. 21) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm - oil painting, jigsaw puzzles and possibly other surprises. Participants may stay for all or part of the sessions and may bring their lunch.

Nov 26 Bingo & Potluck Dinner, 5 p.m. (Free); Prizes

Nov 29 Canasta, 1 p.m., bring snacks to

Email: <u>seniorcouncil@emcity.org</u>

Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance Events

Fridays from 7-9 p.m. - Eagle Mountain Symphony Orchestra rehearsals at Faith Community Church - 3535 E Ranches Parkway, Eagle Mountain

Dec 3 Messiah Performance, 7 p.m., Westlake High School (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Dec 7 Messiah Performance, 7 p.m., Frontier Middle School (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Dec 10 Eagle Mountain Symphony Orchestra, Garden Near the Green, 7 p.m. Santa will be attending!

For more information, please visit www.eaglemountainarts.com.

Green Waste/Compost

Timpanogos Special Service District has closed the green waste and compost for the season. Compost will be sold by appointment only until spring 2019. Christmas trees will also be accepted by appointment. The green waste/compost will re-open March 6, 2019. To schedule an appointment: TSSD office 801-756-5231.

City Offices and Library Closures

The City Offices and Library will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Library will also be closed on Saturday, November 24. The offices and library will also be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday and January 1 for New Year's Day.



Before you build...get a permit

Permits are required for:
Finished Basement
Deck
Retaining walls
Water Heater
Additions
Pool
Secondary Kitchen
Accessory Apartment
Solar
(not a complete list)

16.60.030 Building permit required.

A building permit shall be required for all structures that exceed 200 square feet or the altering, remodeling, completion of unfinished areas, or enlargement of a structure as required by the International Building Code or the International Residential Code prior to the commencement of construction.

Basement

To finish your basement, you must submit a completed application along with the basement plan checklist and an 8 x 11 floor plan that shows EVERYTHING on the checklist on one page. Please make sure the application includes the address, lot and subdivision, and the tax serial number. Your plans will go through a review and when they have been approved, we will email you and let you know what the total fees will be. Fees are based on the total square footage that is being finished. We will know the fees once the plans have been reviewed. Once it has been paid for and picked up, you can schedule inspections by contacting the building department at 801-789-6614 or by email at buildinginspections@emcity.org.

Deck

Building permits are required for all decks that are attached to the home or are 30 inches or more above grade. Decks and platforms not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade do not require a building permit. If you want to build a deck that is attached to your home and it is over the 30", you will need to get a building permit. You will need to submit a building permit application, a deck plan submittal checklist, a site plan and building plans.

The American Wood Council's "Design for Code Acceptance #6 - Prescriptive Residential Wood Deck Construction Guide" is a valuable resource that can be used to show code compliance for residential wooden decks.

Retaining walls

Less than four feet in height, including the 30" footing depth, do not require a building permit but must meet zoning setback requirements. Please check the setback requirements for your zone, available on the City website. If you want to build a retaining wall that is more than four feet in height, you will need to get a building permit. You will need to submit a building permit application, a site plan, and engineered building plans.

Accessory Building

Any single story accessory structure which is 200 square feet or less, that does not contain electrical, plumbing or mechanical service does not require a building permit. Please note that even if your accessory structure does not require a building permit, it must still meet all applicable zoning standards (see height, size, and setback restrictions). Any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical work installed in an accessory structure requires a permit, regardless of size.

Accessory structures may not be constructed unless there is a principle building (i.e. a house) being constructed or already established on the same parcel.

Please visit the City Code for accessory building requirements.

17.70.030 Accessory apartment approval required.

A conditional use permit for an accessory apartment is required when an owner/resident begins to function



as a landlord by renting demised space, as described in this chapter, within the residence to a tenant under the terms of a formal or informal rent or lease arrangement, which includes an obligation to pay rent. The following are not considered accessory apartment uses and do not fall under the regulation of this chapter: occupation by a live-in maid, in-home nurse, nanny or any other person or persons who are provided a place to live as part of their employment with, or services they provide to, the owner/resident of the dwelling; or while a family member is called up for military service, etc.; and any occupation by individuals related by blood or marriage.

All other accessory apartment uses are considered illegal unless a conditional use permit has been approved and issued. Accessory apartment uses that existed prior to the adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall be considered illegal until approved by the planning director or planning commission.



Bag the Leaf October 22-November 23

Eagle Mountain city is again offering our Bag the Leaf program for fall. Residents are encouraged to clear leaves and other debris from the tops of catch basins abutting their property during the fall leaf collection period to help prevent localized flooding conditions during the fall and winter months.

The success of the City's leaf bag collection program depends on the cooperation of our residents. Without your contributions, the City would not be able to provide an efficient and cost effective leaf collection program. This is an opportunity for all of us to keep Eagle Mountain City clean, safe and beautiful.

Following are details about the program:

- The City will provide free leaf bags to residents from October 22 through November 16. Pick up at the reception desk at City Hall (1650 E. Stagecoach Run).
- Place filled bags at curb. Leaf bag collection will occur once per week on weekdays through November 23. Residents only need to notify the storm drain department if bags have not been picked up by the end of the following week.

Program guidelines:

- City-provided bags as well as other small to large plastic garbage bags may be used.
- 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 contains 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 for you to remove.
- Place your bag(s) curbside. Bags should not be placed in the street, gutter, ditches, or any drainage way.
- Leaves should not be raked into the street.
 Homeowners/renters will be subject to fines for placing debris in the roadways.

If you have questions, please contact Larry Diamond with the Storm Drain Department at Idiamond@emcity.org.

Redwood Road

Saratoga Springs

UDOT

iconstructing a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the Redwood Road and Pioneer Crossing intersection. Drivers can expect ongoing traffic shifts and periodic lane closures on Pioneer Crossing and Redwood Road near the intersection. To view a CFI overview video, visit www.udot.utah.gov/redwoodsaratoga. All construction activities and traffic changes are weather-dependent and subject to change. Construction is expected to slow down during the winter months.

Stay Informed

If you would like to receive weekly email updates during construction, contact a project representative by emailing redwoodsaratoga@utah.gov, calling 801-997-5682, or visiting www.udot.utah.gov/redwoodsaratoga.

For traffic information related to this project and others throughout the state, visit www.udottraffic.utah.gov. or download the UDOT Traffic app.



Holiday Safety Tips

National Safety Council at nsc.org



Watch Out for Those Fire-starters

Candles and Fireplaces

Thousands of deaths are caused by fires, burns and other fire-related injuries every year, and 12% of home candle fires occur in December, the National Fire Protection Association reports. Increased use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations present in many homes means more risk for fire.

- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle
- Keep candles out of reach of children
- Make sure candles are on stable surfaces
- Don't burn candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable items
- Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year

Turkey Fryers

While many subscribe to the theory any fried food is good – even if it's not necessarily good for you – there is reason to be on alert if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there have been 168 turkey-fryer related fires, burns, explosions or carbon monoxide poisoning incidents since 2002. CPSC says 672 people have been injured and \$8 million in property damage losses have resulted from these incidents.

NSC discourages the use of turkey fryers at home and urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments or consider an oil-less fryer.

Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared

Many people choose to travel during the holidays by automobile, with the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation. In 2015, 355 people died on New Year's Day, 386 on Thanksgiving Day and 273 on Christmas Day, according to Injury Facts 2017. Alcohol-impaired fatalities represent about one-third of the totals.

- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions can occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit
- Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly heavy snow

Don't Give the Gift of Food Poisoning

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides some holiday food safety tips.

Here are a few:

- Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature
- Refrigerate food within two hours
- Thanksgiving leftovers are safe for four days in the refrigerator
- Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating
- When storing turkey, cut the leftovers in small pieces so they will chill quickly
- Wash your hands frequently when handling food

www.hhs.gov www.foodsafety.gov







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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

School Crosswalk Safety

National Safety Council at nsc.org

Now that school has been in session for a bit and families are settling into a regular routine, it is a good time for some safety reminders. School crossings and the children, parents and crossing guards who use them are extremely vulnerable and extra caution needs to be taken. Human life is no match for a moving vehicle. Therefore, a few precautions will help to keep everyone safe:

SLOW DOWN - School days bring congestion. School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present - especially before and after school.

IF YOU'RE DROPPING OFF - Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids.

The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Carpool, where possible, to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH YOUNG PEDESTRIANS – According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, always stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign and give them time to step up on the curb even if they have put the stop sign down.
- Always use extreme caution in school zones, strictly obeying speed limits. Don't succumb to the temptation to rush through these areas because of your pressing deadlines. Children often are unpredictable and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES - If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the red lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended, traffic must stop.







Protect yourself from theft

The Utah County Sheriff's Office - Eagle Mountain Division reminds residents to take action to protect yourself from theft, especially during this holiday season.

Following are some tips to keep your home and other property safe from theft:

- Lock all doors and windows of your home and double-check to make sure your garage door is closed.
- Don't leave shopping bags, purses, wallets, phones, guns, keys or other property in your vehicles unattended. Lock doors and close windows if parked outside.
- If you are away from home, consider leaving some lights on or setting automatic light timers so your home is not obviously unoccupied. Ask a trusted neighbor to be on the lookout for anything suspicious.
- Be aware of when deliveries are expected and retrieve packages left outside as soon as possible or ask a neighbor to hold on to it for you until you get home.



Christmas Village Tree Lighting and Holiday Boutique

December 1, 5:30-9 pm.



Santa | Blacksmith Demo | Petting Zoo Live Reindeer | Mini Pony Carriage Rides Hot Cocoa & Donuts

Please join us for our Christmas Village, where you can meet Santa and his Reindeer.



If you bring Santa a letter complete with name and address, you will receive a return letter in the mail.

Cory Wride Memorial Park