



The Eagle's View

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Road projects will soon benefit residents



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UDOT has recently announced plans to extend Mountain View Corridor through Camp Williams between Porter Rockwell on the north, and 2100 on the south -- continuing through from SR-73 to Pony Express. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2023 and should be completed by end-of-year 2024. This will speed up commute times for those traveling north and remove traffic load from I-15. To improve connection options to I-15, particularly for those traveling south, Pioneer Crossing will be expanded and upgraded to a freeway. The same will happen with 2100. Though these improvements are all outside of our city, we know the driving experience will be greatly improved for Eagle Mountain residents. Another reason we are very interested in the development of these roads is that it means we are a step closer to expanding SR-73. As we anticipate increased traffic on that road in the coming years, we have become keenly aware that SR-73 can't be expanded until Mountain View and the connections to I-15 are complete. We have no new timelines regarding the SR-73 expansion at this time but anticipate more information over the next few years. Speaking of road construction, I would like to remind everyone that expansion work on Pony Express Parkway from Mid Valley Road to Eagle Mountain Blvd. will be happening all summer and into the fall. Along with general road maintenance and a traffic light at Lone Tree, the first phase of Airport Road will be installed to create a better connection from Overland to Pony Express, and be one step closer to creating another connection to SR-73. There will be an additional road along the west of the data center and connecting to Pole Canyon Blvd. **Mayor's reading recommendation** As Mayor's Choice in reading, I would like to recommend to our youth "Michael Vey, The Prisoner of Cell 25," by Richard Paul Evans. This is the first book in the Michael Vey series. In this series, a very ordinary high school student living in Idaho discovers that he has an unusual power. He

must quickly learn to master it in order to save his family and friends from a powerful enemy that he knows nothing about but knows everything about him. (Richard Paul Evans also wrote “The Christmas Box.” It is the Christmas Box Angel that adorns our cemetery.) The Mayor’s Choice for mature readers is “Fahrenheit 451,” by Ray Bradbury. Written in 1953, this dystopian novel covers subject matter that seems more eerily relevant every day. Mayor Tom Westmoreland

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Know the code - Yard waste and parking

Yard Waste Reminders Spring has sprung. That means yard and landscaping projects are underway. With lawn clippings and other yard waste in need of disposal, it's important to be aware of city ordinances that prevent lawn materials from being left in City streets, in the gutter and sometimes over storm drains. Eagle Mountain has a clean gutters code in addition to ordinances that require delivery trucks to place landscaping materials on the intended recipient's property. 15.56.060 - Clean gutter Once curb and gutter and surface course is in place it shall be kept as clean as possible. When equipment is required to cross over sidewalk, bridging will be provided to protect concrete. Dirt and gravel will not be placed in gutter or on street. Gutter will flow freely at all times. **Residential Parking Reminders** Sometimes trucks delivering landscape materials park on City streets for extended periods. Warmer weather has also encouraged trailers to park, sometimes for days, on residential streets. Commercial vehicles, RVs and agricultural vehicles may not park within a residential zone of the City for longer than 24 hours. 10.10.090 - Parking prohibited on public streets

A. It is unlawful to park any:

1. Commercial vehicle, agricultural vehicle, recreational vehicle, occupied or empty trailer or truck on any public street within a residential zone of the city for a period of time longer than 24 hours;
2. Agricultural vehicle, recreational vehicle, occupied or empty trailer, or truck within the front yard area of any residential zone of the city; or
3. Commercial vehicle on any lot or parcel within any residential zone of the city.

10.10.100 - Towing authorized. In addition to all other penalties authorized by law, and at the expense of the owner, any vehicle or trailer parked in violation of this article may be towed to impound.



Wildlife - Deer migration



Mule deer have migrated through what is now Eagle Mountain for many generations. The period from March 15 -April 30 was high season for the spring mule deer migration in northern Utah County. Eagle Mountain residents may have noticed an increase in the deer population moving through the community as a result. Movements of mule deer are primarily tracked between mile markers 30 and 33 on SR-73 and continue south of the city. They make two migrations per year in search of greater resources and mating opportunities, according to the Wildlife Migration Initiative. The second movement is often observed between December and January. The Eagle Mountain City Council in February of this year approved the state's first Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone. This allows the City to dedicate 1,300 acres to wildlife conservation and preservation. That land can include mountain ridgelines and slopes, deer migration routes, raptor habitat and historically significant areas. These efforts are not just out of concern for the animals, it is for the well-being of Eagle Mountain residents. The Wildlife Migration Initiative says at least 46 mule deer have been fitted with tracking devices in the area since 2018. Based on gathered data, more than 2,000 mule deer are estimated to move through Eagle Mountain during each migration period. Signage indicating primary migration times is used to

promote awareness and urge greater driving caution. In addition, wildlife fencing can be seasonally adjusted to accommodate mule deer populations as they move through the area. Fencing is often removed during high migration periods to allow for more efficient movement of mule deer populations. Eagle Mountain also includes mule deer migration as part of its Parks and Open Space Master Plan. That plan will attempt to align green spaces with the deer migration corridor. Still, Eagle Mountain's growth has increased traffic between Saratoga Springs and the city on SR-73. Traffic volumes are estimated to have increased 60% over the last 10 years, leading to a relatively high volume of wildlife collisions. The Wildlife Migration Initiative estimates nearly 200 deer-vehicle collisions in the last two years. As residential and business development increase in the city, migration patterns and the resources available for mule deer movements will continue to be a consideration. Eagle Mountain City is already working with residents to accommodate the corridor and make adjustments to OHV areas as needed. Eagle Mountain is acting now to maintain open spaces, outdoor recreation and wildlife well beyond the city's growing years.

Municipal elections this year



Eagle Mountain City has partnered with Utah County to administer this year's vote by mail municipal election. The offices to be voted on are: **Mayor (four-year term) Two City Councilmember seats (four-year terms)** Those interested in filing a declaration of candidacy can do so in the City Recorder's Office June 1 through June 7 at 5 p.m. The primary election, if needed, will be held **Aug. 10, 2021**. The general election will be held **Nov. 2, 2021**.

Emergency prep - Stop the bleed



If you were a bystander to a situation that required training to stop a bleeding emergency, would you know what to do? More importantly, what if the person in need of help was you? Be Ready Eagle Mountain City will be hosting a virtual "Stop the Bleed" training in May (dates and times TBD and soon made available on the [Facebook page](#)). Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign that looks to develop grassroots training to aid in emergency bleeding and other emergency situations. The effort was started in 2012 following the tragedy at Sandy Hook elementary, though the organization focuses on bleeding trauma resulting from both intentional harm and accidents. According to a press release from the organization, uncontrolled bleeding is the primary cause of preventable death from trauma. There is often a lag time between when an injury occurs and the time first responders can arrive on scene. If more community members were prepared to handle a traumatic bleeding situation, additional lives could be saved, according to event organizers. To this point, more than 1-million people have been trained from around the world to Stop the Bleed and the organization is looking to expand its efforts. By registering for the class in May, Eagle Mountain residents can learn the ABC's of trauma care: Alert, Bleeding and Compress. If a resident encounters an emergency bleeding situation, they can: ALERT emergency responders by calling 9-1-1 to get specialists to the scene. Next, by finding the source of the BLEEDING, unseen injuries can be located and better treated. Finally, there are plenty of approaches that can be used to stop bleeding. They all, however, have one thing in common: apply pressure, or COMPRESS the affected blood vessel, in an attempt to stop the bleeding. In addition to learning trauma bleeding basics, participants will also learn how to assess an emergency situation to ensure their own safety, apply a tourniquet, properly bandage and package wounds, apply a halo chest bandage, and use a bleeding control kit. More information can be found by contacting calling the Eagle Mountain Emergency Management Department at (801) 789-6679.

Wait to water - Conserve during Utah's drought



Sure, the weather is getting nice. You probably have the urge to water your lawn. Here's the thing: Your lawn doesn't need to be watered just yet. Watering in April and most of May won't benefit your lawn like you think it will. Overwatering is one of the major issues preventing that thick, green carpet of grass you crave. It can lead to many issues such as mushrooms and fungi.

Waiting to water is just as important for the health of your lawn as it is for another reason: Utah is in a drought, and soil conditions are reporting record dry, according to the Utah Division of Water Resources. In fact, 100% of the state is considered in moderate drought conditions. Ninety percent of the state is in an extreme drought. Those figures prompted Gov. Spencer Cox to sign an emergency order in March to monitor the situation. Outdoor watering accounts for 75% of residential water use in Eagle Mountain City. Research from Utah State University also determined that Eagle Mountain residents use three times the amount of water necessary on their lawns. Refraining from that itch to water your lawn a little while longer will not only benefit the City's water supply, it will improve your lawn's resilience by encouraging deeper roots. It will also reduce your water bill in the near term. Many Homeowners have their irrigation programmed to run 20 minutes a day. On a typical lawn size of 7000 sq. ft., this amounts to 2,200 gallons per day. Seven days a week, that amounts to 66,000 gallons of water and a cost of \$52.85. With proper watering techniques such as running the sprinklers for 30 minutes every three days, it will result in a water savings of 779 gallons a day, 23,000 gallons a month, and a savings of \$18.40.

The City knows, and expects, Eagle Mountain residents will want to water their lawn sooner or later. That's not a problem. Eagle Mountain does, however, have restrictions on the hours that lawn watering can take place. Enforcement against irrigating between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is part of City code. Watering during these times can lead to wasted water due to increased evaporation. Given persistent drought conditions in Utah, Eagle Mountain has assembled a drought mitigation plan that looks to conserve the community's water resources. Eagle Mountain is also providing additional water conservation information on its website. There, residents can find resources for WaterMAPS (a service of USU), weather station access, water system checks and regional plant recommendations. All of this is designed to educate residents on the importance of conservation in addition to available services. Lawns under stress typically show similar signs. Homeowners will notice yellowing spots, some slight wilting or a blueish-gray hue begin to appear. You can also walk across the lawn paying close attention to your footprints. In healthy lawns, the grass will bounce back within a few seconds of being walked on.

As temperatures continue to rise through spring and into the summer months, Eagle Mountain City is asking residents to conserve water to the best of their ability. The benefits to your bottom line and to the community's future resources will be noticeable.

Upcoming events

- May 4 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- May 11 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- May 18 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- May 25 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- May 31 - Memorial Day (City offices and library closed)

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