



The Eagle's View

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Mountain View Corridor expands Eagle Mountain's reach



1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland

This month, we witnessed an historic moment in transportation funding for our region. Three hundred fifty million dollars of funding was approved for Mountain View Corridor.

This is historic for a number of reasons. This part of the county has never seen an investment in transportation this big before. It's also important because of where it is and who it serves. It is a direct benefit to the residents of Eagle Mountain.

Commuters will be able to get onto the new Mountain View Corridor from Pony Express (this alignment is where Foothill Blvd. is now) or SR-73. The new section of freeway will parallel Redwood Road, extend through Camp Williams and connect with the upper section of Mountain View at Porter Rockwell.

A related project is the June opening of Mountain View Corridor north from 4100 South to SR-201 in Salt Lake County. That means that in a few years you will be able to get on Mountain View at Pony Express or SR-73 and drive to the airport without using I-15.

Also related are two east/west connections, 2100 North (through Lehi) from Mountain View to I-15 will be filled in as a full freeway, giving faster access to I-15. Pioneer Crossing is slated to be expanded to freeway status. I have been told that there is a chance that this project may get moved to Pony Express instead but one of them will be built (not both) giving a faster southern access to I-15.

In addition, design work was funded to continue Mountain View Corridor south and then turning east, crossing Redwood and ending at Utah Lake. This is design only, and will be built at some date to be determined.

The Mountain View Corridor connection from Pony Express to Porter Rockwell is a four-year project. The project will require two years of preparation and two years of construction. Pre-construction will begin this summer.

Obvious benefits are improved traffic flow east of our city whether traveling north and south or east and west. This should shorten travel time considerably.

There is another reason the project is so important to Eagle Mountain residents. The SR-73 expansion project could not be considered for funding until Mountain View Corridor was funded and underway. Over the next few years, we can begin a serious discussion about obtaining funding for the SR-73 expansion. I have no doubt that by then it will be needed and will qualify for funding.

Once Mountain View Corridor is completed, we may see some traffic backing up on SR-73 but it will quickly release and speed up as it drains out onto Mountain View Corridor, the Pioneer Crossing freeway, or 2100 north freeway.

We could not have made this happen without the efforts of:

-Transportation Commissioner Jim Evans, and the Transportation Commission

-UDOT Region 3 Director Rob Clayton

-And the entire Region 3 team

-Mountainland Association of Governments' Shawn Seager, the entire MAG staff, Summit, Wasatch, and Utah counties, and all of the MAG member city mayors for supporting this project.

-Senator Jake Anderegg

-Representative Jefferson Moss

We owe a special thanks to all of these people for their efforts to make this project a reality.

Mayor Tom Westmoreland

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Know the code - Code enforcement has its purpose



Why does Eagle Mountain City have Neighborhood Improvement officers?

Neighborhood Improvement is considered vital to Community Development. Codes and regulations are adopted by the City Council to protect public health, safety and the welfare of all citizens. It also has the benefit of increasing property values.

What does Neighborhood Improvement do?

Neighborhood Improvement is responsible for the enforcement of City codes.

One of the main goals of Neighborhood Improvement is to bring to the attention of residential and business owners any existing code violation which could have a negative impact on their neighborhood.

Many such code violations are referred to as "public nuisances." Through voluntary compliance, cooperation and a spirit of personal responsibility for the well-being of our community, conditions which create code violations can be eliminated, making Eagle Mountain a better place to live.

Neighborhood Improvement officers are always available to attend neighborhood and organizational meetings to explain City codes and assist citizens with improving their neighborhoods.

What does Neighborhood Improvement mean to me?

As citizens of Eagle Mountain, we owe it to ourselves and to our neighbors to maintain our homes and businesses in a manner which has a positive effect on the overall appearance of the community.

The basis of the Code Enforcement program rests upon each of us acting as good neighbors. We all have property rights that protect us; however, the term "property rights" also implies that a property owner has certain responsibilities. No property within the city may be used or maintained in a manner which downgrades the value, use, enjoyment, or safety of one's own or surrounding property.

Where can I find City codes?

<https://www.codepublishing.com/UT/EagleMountain/>

Wildlife - Rodenticides can kill more than rodents



Sometimes, well-intentioned actions have unintended consequences. That can certainly be said of poisons regularly used to control local rodent populations.

Wild Instincts is a nonprofit animal rehabilitation service that works to mend orphaned and injured wildlife in Wisconsin. While the following event took place in the north woods of The Badger State, similar occurrences have been documented in Utah.

Because Eagle Mountain residents are now actively engaged in the outdoors and caring for lawns, flowers and vegetable gardens, informed use of rodenticides is the key to long-term, well-managed success.

From Wild Instincts Facebook page:

"Just yesterday we admitted two eagles within a couple hours of each other. This one passed away before we barely started an exam. While they both have lead in their systems, the levels were low enough to not be the primary problem. Instead, it's likely exposure to a toxin or poison like the ones people are using to control the mice in their garage or the chipmunks in their garden. Rodenticides are not selective. They kill more than just that mouse. AND the poisons themselves have changed. Many of the second generation rodenticides are extremely fast-acting and have a narrow margin of safety. Not only is that a concern for wildlife, but for pets as well. Cholecalciferol, for instance, is one that has no specific antidote!"

Wildlife advocates in Eagle Mountain have expressed concern about the widespread use of rodenticides.

The EPA recommends keeping them away from children and pets. The results of recent necropsies all over the nation speak to the frequency of rat poison entering the food chain and to the cruel death that many animals experience.

If you are experiencing a rodent problem in Eagle Mountain, local wildlife advocates are encouraging residents to seek alternative, non-poisonous measures for eradication.

A few examples of non-poisonous eradication measures:

- Creating owl boxes

- Dry ice – please research all precautions before attempting the use of this option
- Juicy Fruit gum
- Smoke bombs
- Live, snap, and electronic mouse/rat traps.

There are also enclosures for purchase if concerns arise about pets or children getting injured.

City Coin - Challenge award recognizes service



The Eagle Mountain City Coin recognizes individuals who represent the spirit of giving, service and excellence.

Recently, Eagle Mountain City Coins were awarded to several individuals who went above and beyond the normal call of service to help those around them. Their gifts to the Eagle Mountain community are recognized and appreciated. **Ryan and Tani Ireland**

We admire you for years of demonstrating a pattern of consistent and dedicated service, including time with the planning commission, city council, youth council, community events, and volunteer church positions.

Monica Rogers

We admire you for establishing a pantry program for food that was unavailable at stores during COVID-19, as well as providing free sack lunches to those in need. Your partnership with Pony Express Events to provide food for the Mascot Miracles event is a valued service.

Tiffany Walden

We admire you for being an involved and caring resident in Eagle Mountain City.

Each of these residents were selected as an example of what makes Eagle Mountain a great place to live. The City Coin will continue to recognize community members for their service and dedication to those around them.

Eagle Mountain social media regularly attempts to highlight individuals who have received the City Coin. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more about the recipients and gain access to other information going on throughout the city.

Emergency prep - Swimming safety



Swimming is regularly enjoyed as a summer activity at home, the beach, or the lake.

With public enjoyment of the water, it's important to give reminders that each body of water is different. Risks and safety needs will definitely change depending on the location you're enjoying.

According to the Red Cross, any water source can be a cause of injury or even death, including: bathtubs and hot tubs, in certain instances.

Water safety is serious business -- particularly for infants and young children. That's why paying attention and minding safety guidelines in all types of water will help swimmers ensure everyone in the family can avoid unnecessary risk. Using safety equipment properly and getting trained in first aid can also help minimize the chance of injury.

According to the Red Cross, the chances of a relaxing and injury-free day by the water can be increased by considering the following:

- Select a day free of storms if the water is located outside
- Inspect the swimming area for possible hazards
- Keep life jackets and throwing implements handy
- Have young children wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets
- Swim in an area with lifeguards on duty
- Always swim with a buddy. Do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- Never leave a child to monitor other children swimming
- Stay within arm's reach of any untrained swimmer or child under age five
- Avoid drinking alcohol or consuming other substances that inhibit concentration

Just because someone is adept at swimming in a pool does not mean they can do so in other bodies of water. Rocks, branches, kelp and other items can tangle a swimmer and increase the chances of injury

and even death. Further, fast-moving rivers or bodies of water with a tide can have currents that trap swimmers.

Be Ready Eagle Mountain will host a Swim/Water Safety training on June 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. The training will be held in person at Eagle Mountain City Hall, and will also be live-streamed through Facebook Live.

Trail Therapy Day - Cleanup heals local trails



2 - Courtesy, Lake Mountain Bike Club

When hiking nature trails, it's not uncommon to find trash left behind by the travelers before you.

There's regularly an urge to pick it up, but with the volume of trash left behind, it may not feel worth the effort.

The Cedar Valley Junior High/High School Mountain Bike team, through the Lake Mountain Bicycle Club, organized an event earlier this year that allowed a group of Eagle Mountain residents to get into nature with the goal of removing trash from some of the trail systems in the community.

"Trail Therapy Day" attracted more than 120 people in April to clean debris from the Hidden Hollow Trail system -- the focus of this year's event. The Hidden Hollow trails are commonly used for mountain biking around Eagle Mountain.

Volunteers were able to clean more than 2,500 pounds of trash. Collectively, the group says it logged 350 hours of trail cleanup and, further, more than five trucks full of trash were taken to a local dump.

Lake Mountain Bicycle Club is no stranger to community service. The organization, combined with the Cedar Valley Junior high/High School Mountain Bike teams, has placed a big focus on trail stewardship. The group teaches etiquette and does hundreds of hours of trail work every year through their events.

"The outdoors provide healing, therapy, happiness, rest, and peace to so many," said event co-founder Sarah Bush. "It was wonderful to give our little trails a face lift, and now I want to go do it everywhere I go. If we all leave it better than we found it, we'll be able to enjoy the wonders of Mother Earth longer and more fully."

Each week the club is out working to clean various trails. The group intends to make "Trail Therapy Day" an annual event to attract more volunteers and contribute additional work to removing trash and beautifying the outdoors.

"We realized how much we got from being on our trails in terms of mental peace and even therapy," said Club Director Adam Clark. "We decided that it was our turn to do therapy for the trails by giving back and cleaning them up. So, thus Trail Therapy day was born.

Volunteers said it was eye-opening to see what is left on the trails. Some of the items found on the Hidden Hollow trails include a freezer filled with meat, a dryer, a television, a truck bed cover and underwear.

Group organizers hope "Trail Therapy Day" and other events will bring awareness to the privilege that living in an area with trails brings.

Many of the trails carry through land owned by the state of Utah. Occasionally, parts of certain trails will travel through private land. The group says the more the public is aware of the resources dedicated to trails, the more the public will attempt to care for those trails.

"It's important that as a community, we are willing to invest ourselves into our trails and help keep them awesome for years to come," said Clark. "That kind of positive partnership between government, private owners, community members, non-profits, and more is key to making it work well, and for building a better future for our city and region."

Upcoming events

- June 1 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- June 2-5- Pony Express Day
- June 8 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- June 15 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- June 22 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

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