



The Eagle's View

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Starting new in '22



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It is a popular tradition to make resolutions at the beginning of a new year: to set goals to be better, accomplish more and reset priorities.

Personal goals might be to eat better, lose weight, get more exercise, advance our education, improve our income, take more vacations, spend more time with family, be more self-reliant, etc.

The last two years have been difficult. Changes and challenges we never thought we would see have been cast upon us. The result is that we have become busier, more distracted, more stressed, more reactionary, less connected, less patient, less trusting and more divided.

With inflation on the rise and wages that can't keep up, Russia threatening Ukraine, China threatening Taiwan, hospitals remaining full, a virus that remains unchecked, government doubling down on restrictions, supply chains remaining unpredictable, a housing shortage, and whatever the next thing is to be added to the list of concerns.

All of these things affect us personally in some way. But they must not dictate who we are and what our priorities ought to be. We must not allow ourselves to live in turmoil.

We must not let depression, anxiety, or anger take over. We must resolve individually and as a city to first take care of ourselves. Just as when we fly commercially, we understand that we must put on our own oxygen mask first and only then care for those around us.

This past year, I learned the term “gain of function.” As the world seeks gain of function for its own reasons, I realize that personally and as a city, we must also respond with our own “gain of function.”

Our gain of function might be best reduced to the basics of a healthy society as grit and grace. It is the grit and resolve to not forget who we are, and the basics of life that we all need, and the fortitude to not abandon who we are or what is most important.

As a society, we can be committed to a lifestyle that is family first and making sure that every resident has options for their best mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, social and financial well-being. All the while affording ourselves and others grace and relief when we fall short of our goals.

In some ways, we can afford to slow down and be more aware of our surroundings, smell the roses and enjoy all that is good. Then take time for others and connect.

As a City, we will continue to invest in roads, trails, parks, open space and events that bring us together and make living in Eagle Mountain more pleasant. We will continue to make all of our systems more robust, make the city safer, more enjoyable and more financially sound. We will find ways to be more efficient and at the same time more understanding of the needs and perspectives of every segment of our community.

Then when challenges and changes do come our way, we will be prepared to work together to meet those challenges. In doing so, we will shine as an example of how to come together to do and respond well in the face of challenges.

In closing, I would like to share some inspiring thoughts from others:

Eight things to quit in 2022

1. Trying to please everyone
2. Fearing change
3. Living in the past
4. Overthinking
5. Being afraid to be different
6. Sacrificing your happiness for others
7. Thinking you're not good enough
8. Thinking you have no purpose

(From Zig Ziglar quoting “Billy Cox Motivation.”)

“If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.”

(Zig Ziglar)

“The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.”

(Stephen Hawking)

The following story is translated from Russian into English and accounts for the awkward structure. The story is an account from a Jewish, German baker that survived the camps of WWII.

Angel, a Jew, owner of the most famous bakery in Germany, often said: "Do you know why I'm alive today? I was still a teenager when Nazis in Germany killed Jews mercilessly. Nazis took us to Auschwitz by train. Last night in the ward was deadly cold. We were left for many days in cars without food, without beds, which means without the possibility to warm up somehow. It was snowing everywhere. The cold wind frozen our cheeks every second. There were hundreds of us on those cold, horrible nights. No food, no water, no hiding. The blood is frozen in the veins. Next to me was an elderly Jew who was very loved in my city. He was all shaking and looking terrible. I wrapped him with my hands to warm him up. Hugged him tight to give some warmth. Rub his hands, legs, face, neck. I begged him to stay alive. I cheered him up. This is how I kept this man warm all night. I myself was tired and frozen. Fingers crossed, but I kept massaging this man's body to warm him up.

So many hours have passed. Finally, the morning has come, the sun has started to shine. I looked around myself to see other people. To my horror, all I could see was frozen corpses. All I could hear was the silence of death. Frosty night killed everyone. They died of cold. Only two people survived: the old man and me. The old man survived because I didn't let him freeze, and I survived because I made him warm.

Allow me to tell you the secret of survival in this world? When you warm the heart of others, then you will warm yourself. "When you support, strengthen and encourage others, then you receive support, strengthening and encouragement in your life."

(Shared by Tanya Kalchenko, of Skadovsk, Ukraine.)

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[Know the code - Much ado about ADU's](#)



One of the most common requests the Planning Division receives at Eagle Mountain City on a daily basis is regarding Accessory Dwelling Units or ADU's. City code regarding ADU's recently changed, so even if you are familiar with ADU's, this is a good refresher.

What is an Accessory Dwelling Unit?

ADU's are popular for property owners that want to create a second living space for family members (sometimes referred to as Mother-in-Law apartments, or Granny Flats), those who wish to rent out a space in a basement, or a detached structure to help pay the mortgage.

ADU's are an important and creative way to provide affordable housing to young singles and families just starting off that are not able to afford the ever-rising cost of rent and apartments but still wish to move out of their parent's home (even if it is just to the backyard).

Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADU's, are defined as "An independent habitable living unit, with a kitchen, bath facilities, and it's own entry." ADU's may be:

- 1) Internal ADU's, located within or attached to a Single-family detached dwelling unit; or
- 2) Detached ADU's, which are located within a separate or detached structure (such as above a detached garage or in a small standalone structure)

Where are ADU's allowed?

ADU's are allowed in all single-family-zoned property in Eagle Mountain. Internal ADU's are permitted in all single-family detached homes and Detached ADU's are permitted on all lots of 8,000 sq. ft. or more.

ADU Development Standards

The following standards apply to ADU's in Eagle Mountain:

- One Per Lot A maximum of 1 ADU is allowed on a Residential lot.
- Occupancy The owner of the lot must live on the property (except for bona fide temporary absences) in either the primary dwelling or within the ADU. Inhabitants of the ADU must:
 - o Be related by blood, marriage, or adoption; OR
 - o Consist of no more than 2 unrelated individuals
- Code Compliance ADU's must conform to all International Fire and Residential safety standards
- Location and Type the following standards apply to ADU's
 - o Internal ADU's
 - § Basement Internal ADU's located in the basement of a Main home must have a separate exterior entrance located on the side or rear of the building
 - § Attached Internal ADU's that are on the main, upper floor, or within an addition shall meet the minimum setbacks for the building and shall have a separate exterior entrance located on the side or rear of the building.

o External ADU's are permitted on lots that are in excess of 8,000 Square Feet and must meet the following requirements:

§ Height Be no taller than 35' and contain no more than 2 stories

§ Size Must contain at least 400 Square feet of living space. They may be up to 50% of the size of the main living unit up to a maximum size of 1,200 SF

- 1,200 Square Foot Detached ADU only permitted if the primary dwelling unit is at least 2,400 SF in size
- The maximum size of a detached ADU permitted for a 5,000 square foot home is 1,200 Square Feet
- The maximum size of a detached ADU permitted for a 1,800 Square Foot home is 900 Square Feet.

§ Setbacks Detached ADU's shall have the same setbacks from property lines as the Primary Dwelling Unit.

§ Street Frontage Detached ADU's are only permitted on lots that have at least 70 feet of frontage along a street.

§ Appearance Detached ADU's shall match architectural style, building material, and color of the primary dwelling unit to maintain the appearance of a single-family residence. If the Detached ADU is located within a detached garage, the appearance of the ADU shall match that of the garage.

§ Utilities Detached ADU's may have a separate utility meter, but must remain in the name of the owner of the property

o Standards for all ADU's

§ Parking Off-street parking for one vehicle in addition to required parking of two parking spaces for the primary dwelling unit shall be provided. Parking may not be in front of garage doors, and must be on a hard surface (Concrete or Asphalt). Occupants of ADU's may not park on the street.

§ Address ADU's shall have the same address number but be referred to as Unit B

§ Short-term rentals: ADU's may not be rented for a period of less than 30 consecutive days

How to get an ADU?

Interested parties that meet the above criteria may apply for an ADU on forms available at <https://eaglemountaincity.com/community-development/planning/>

Planning Staff will evaluate the permit and if it is found to be in compliance, an ADU will be permitted and an approval letter will be issued.

Questions?

Eagle Mountain Planning Staff is happy to answer any questions about ADU's and assist property owners with the applications for ADU's, and may be reached by emailing Planning@Emcity.org or by phone at 801-789-6615.

Wildlife - Sagebrush and your hare



Have you ever wondered if a hare is just another name for a rabbit? Actually, they're different species.

In Utah there are three species of hares and three species of rabbits. The hares consist of the white-tailed jackrabbit and black-tailed jackrabbit and the snowshoe hare. The rabbit group consists of the pygmy rabbit, the mountain cottontail and the desert cottontail.

According to Paul Klimack, *Research Assistant, USU Extension Services*, hares live above ground in a small leaf-litter depression, which is often on a hill or other slight elevation so they can watch for predators.

Rabbits tend to live in burrows underground, which is sometimes the abandoned den of some other animal. Hares are precocial and rabbits are altricial. Precocial means the offspring, at birth, are open-eyed and furred and thus are capable of a high degree of independent activity. Altricial means that offspring are helpless at birth and require parental care for some time afterward.

Desert Cottontail

Here in Eagle Mountain, the most common species seen in the area is the desert cottontail. The desert cottontail is protected, which means it can be hunted only during specific seasons.

The cottontail rabbit is smaller than most hares in overall size. Their ears are shorter, and the hind feet are noticeably smaller.

During the late afternoon and throughout the night the desert cottontail is most active. Their main diet consists of grasses and sagebrush, of which we have an abundance in our local sagebrush steppe ecosystem.

The desert cottontail experiences a 10-year population cycle, which last reached its peak in 2016. After reaching this peak, the population declines for about five years, then starts climbing again. If that cycle stays true, it is anticipated the next peak will take place in Eagle Mountain around 2026.

Pygmy Rabbit

Occasionally, you may see a pygmy rabbit here in Eagle Mountain – distinguished by its much smaller size, weighing only ½ to 1 pound. It can be found hiding in our local sagebrush, which is the primary source of its diet. The pygmy rabbit is protected and may not be hunted.

In the distant past, the rabbit population peak was problematic for Eagle Mountain residents, since they can be damaging to some crops, trees and shrubs. ([See i84005 Update](#)) With the anticipated peak a few years away, there is ample time to consider rabbit-proofing vegetable gardens as well as trees and shrubs.

As mentioned, this population peak is short-lived and they can be humanely dealt with. The saying ‘an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure’ applies nicely in this circumstance.

While you’re out hiking our many trails, we hope you enjoy occasional sightings of some of these small creatures with whom we share this unique area.

New business development



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Eagle Mountain continues to grow. Follow along each month as we track the progress of local development projects.

Emergency prep - Resolve to be Ready in 2022



The New Year is a great time to reassess and ramp up your emergency preparedness plans.

Resolve to be Ready is an annual initiative encouraging individuals, families, businesses and communities to make preparedness a part of their New Year resolutions.

Taking steps to plan for the unexpected can mean you are more equipped to protect yourself and others if a disaster happens.

Resolve to be Ready with these ten tips.

1. Create an emergency plan. Know your evacuation routes and have a place designated for your family to meet in case you get separated.
2. Make an emergency kit. These portable kits should include food, water, medications, prescriptions, cash, radios, flashlights and other necessities. It is also recommended that you have hand sanitizer and face masks included in your kit, to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Keep an emergency kit in your car in case you are stranded.
3. Keep your pantry stocked. Food is often in short supply during disaster events. It is important to have several days' worth of food safely stored in your home to support yourself and your family. Don't forget to include food for your pets!
4. Get to know your community. Learn about disaster planning in your community and what resources are available to you in case of emergency. Join a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to get trained on basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.
5. Sign-up for emergency alerts for your area. It's important to know how to get information when a disaster happens. Local radio and television stations provide information on evacuation routes, temporary shelters, and other emergency procedures.
6. Check your insurance policy. Understand what your policy covers in case of major disasters. Contact your insurance company for detailed instructions on what you will need to make a claim for insurance. Learn more about flood insurance and what is available to you under the National Flood Insurance Program.

7. Take Inventory of what you own. Snap pictures of your property and make an inventory for insurance purposes. Having a clear record of what you own will make the insurance process easier.
8. Protect your valuables. Store precious belongings, such as photographs or heirlooms, in damage proof containers so you don't risk losing them permanently. Also keep copies of your critical documents safe and secure in case of emergency.
9. Plan for your pet. Build a separate emergency kit for your pets. This can include creating a list of shelters that accept pets if you need to evacuate the area.
10. Budget for a disaster. Financially prepare for the New Year. Find out how with the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit. Start to grow an emergency fund today so you can cover any unexpected changes in your day-to-day life. Visit [Ready.gov/resolution](https://www.ready.gov/resolution) for more information on how you can Resolve to be Ready.

City positions available



Eagle Mountain City is hiring. Here is our list of available positions.

PT Library Clerk

PT Rec Aide

Planner II

Senior Accountant

Sports Official

PT Utility Billing Clerk

Click here to find the job that's right for you: [Job Listings - Eagle Mountain City Jobs \(applicantpro.com\)](http://applicantpro.com)

New "Rumor Stop" answers persistent questions



When is Eagle Mountain getting a rec center? Who is the latest major employer with plans to locate in the city?

Persistent questions have a propensity to turn into rumors. Eagle Mountain City wants to provide a place for those questions to receive an honest and up-to-date answer.

In December, the City launched "Rumor Stop." This new feature on the Eagle Mountain City website allows residents to review some of their most persistent questions and receive an honest answer with the latest information.

Apart from some of the more common questions, however; the City has also built a feature into the "Rumor Stop" page that allows residents to submit rumors of their own and receive an answer in a timely manner. Residents are encouraged to review the rumor submissions that have already received an answer prior to submitting their own.

Eagle Mountain City aims to better engage resident concerns and provide accurate information for the latest rumors that may be swirling.

Residents are encouraged to visit the new [Rumor Stop](#) page.

Upcoming events

- Jan. 4 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Jan. 11 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

- Jan. 18 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Jan. 25 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- [radKIDS and RAD Women schedule](#)

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