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MAYOR'S MINUTE
TOM WESTMORELAND

The future of education in Eagle Mountain

Things are becoming exciting on the education front in Eagle Mountain.

As we witness the split of the Alpine School District, and the potential formation of three distinct school districts, including one tailored to include Eagle Mountain, I am filled with optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead.

In a series of meetings held on April 29, several communities came together to adopt interlocal agreements aimed at granting greater autonomy and a stronger local voice in education.

Lehi, American Fork, Cedar Hills, Alpine and Highland have united to form one district. Meanwhile, Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs, Fairfield and Cedar Fort have joined to form another district. The creation of a third district, comprising Orem, Lindon, Vineyard and Pleasant Grove is also underway.

In our journey toward increasing responsive governance, Eagle Mountain has been preparing for this moment.

Recognizing the importance of a strong local economy to sustain a new school district, we have developed comprehensive plans aimed at fostering economic growth. Through strategic investments in infrastructure, business

development and community engagement, we are also setting the stage for a self-sustaining education system.

The creation of a local school district presents us with a unique opportunity to shape the future of education, and do so in alignment with our community's values and priorities.

Over the next 45 days, we will engage in a process of public comment, hosting two public hearings to gather input from residents. Your voices, ideas and concerns will help us give direction to this new school district. I encourage each and every one of you to participate in these hearings and help us build a brighter future for our children.

At the end of the 45 days, the City Council will vote on whether to place the formation of our school district on the November ballot. As we move forward, it is important to acknowledge the challenges and complexities that lie ahead. We must address concerns surrounding administration, resource allocation and the distribution of educational opportunities.

Rest assured, we are fully committed to tackling these issues head-on and working collaboratively to overcome any obstacles

that may arise.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all our representatives at the Alpine School District who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to serving the educational needs of our youth. Their commitment, dedication, and passion have laid the groundwork for our continued success, and we are deeply grateful for their invaluable contributions.

I also want to re-affirm my belief in the potential of Eagle Mountain and its residents. Together, we have the power to create a world-class educational system that nurtures the talents, ambitions and dreams of every child.

This is a historic opportunity to shape the future of education in our community and pave the way for generations of success.

PONY EXPRESS DAYS

MAY 29- JUNE 8

SEE YOU THERE!



EAGLE MOUNTAIN NEWS

Digital Navigator’s Program highlights effort to help senior citizens

To assist some of Eagle Mountain’s senior citizens, Comcast, the Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle Mountain Library have joined forces to introduce the Digital Navigator’s Program.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house was held on April 25.

The Digital Navigator’s Program aims to bridge the digital divide prevalent among seniors, providing them with essential technical skills to navigate the digital world with confidence.

By imparting knowledge on using computers, accessing the internet, communicating via email and video chat, utilizing online resources, and staying safe online, the program seeks to empower seniors to connect with their families, access vital services and engage with the world from the comfort of their homes.

Eagle Mountain Mayor Tom Westmoreland expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative.

“As baby boomers retire, the number of seniors in Eagle Mountain is on the rise, leading to a greater need for services tailored

to their needs,” says Westmoreland.

Comcast, the Eagle Mountain Chamber and the Eagle Mountain Public Library each contribute significantly to the program’s implementation.

Comcast provides the technological infrastructure and funding necessary to support the program’s goals.

The Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce leverages its network of businesses and community leaders to promote the program and recruit volunteers.

Melissa Clark, president of the Eagle Mountain Chamber, emphasized the importance of digital literacy in today’s world and expressed pride in supporting seniors to become tech-savvy and more connected.

Acting as the program’s hub, the Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce offers a welcoming space for training sessions and access to digital resources, enhancing older adults’ independence, engagement and overall well-being.

Joye Roberts, an Eagle Mountain senior

EVENT CALENDAR

- MAY 7** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
- MAY 14** Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
- MAY 21** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
- MAY 27** Memorial Day – City Offices Closed
Memorial Day Ceremony – Cemetery
- MAY 28** Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
- MAY 29** Pony Express Days Family Fun Night - Nolen Park
- MAY 30** Pony Express Days Buddy Night - Wride Park
- MAY 31** Pony Express Days Carnival - Wride Park
- JUNE 1** Pony Express Days Grand Parade
Pony Express Days Carnival - Wride Park
Demolition Derby - Rodeo Grounds
- JUNE 4** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
- JUNE 6** Pony Express PRCA Rodeo - Rodeo Grounds
- JUNE 7** Pony Express PRCA Rodeo - Rodeo Grounds
- JUNE 8** Pony Express PRCA Rodeo - Rodeo Grounds
- JUNE 11** Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
- JUNE 14** Movie in the Park - Silverlake Amphitheatre
- JUNE 18** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers

citizen, shared her anticipation for the program’s impact on her life.

“Thanks to this program, I’m looking forward to video chatting with my grandchildren and managing my health records online. It will change my life and help me not feel lost in this new, digital world,” says Roberts.

Saddle up for the PRCA Rodeo and the demolition derby. Get your tickets by scanning the QR code.

DEMOLITION DERBY – JUNE 1 | PRCA RODEO – JUNE 6-8





KNOW THE CODE

Temporary signage

There has been an increase in signs being placed in prohibited spots around Eagle Mountain.

17.80.090 Temporary (right of way) special event signage.

A. On-Premises Special Event Signs. The planning director or designee may approve a permit for on-premises special event signs, such as flags, banners, or other signs, subject to the following:

1. For each business location, one permit (for up to two signs) may be obtained at a time and up to one permit may be obtained in a calendar year for the following:

a. For each permit, the maximum sign copy may not exceed 32 square feet in size for one sign or a total of 32 square feet between two signs.

b. Signs may not be posted or visible for a period of more than 60 consecutive days.

2. For each business location, one permit (for up to four signs) may be obtained at a time and up to three permits may be obtained in a calendar year.

3. On-premises special event signs may include signs used for advertising a special event such as a business grand opening, special business sale event, employment opportunity, registration events, or other similar events or activities.

4. The planning director may approve on-premises special event signs to be located within or partially within the public right-of-way directly adjacent to a business location.

17.80.100 Yard sale temporary signage.

Small private events such as yard sales, garage sales, and moving sales must comply with the following signage standards:

A. Sign Copy. Signs may be no larger than four square feet in size.

B. Location. Signs must be located on private property, unless the sale is registered with the city prior to the date of sale for temporary right-of way signage. On major streets signs may not be located in the park strip, but may be located between the sidewalk and a property line or fence. Signs may not be placed on utility poles, light poles, fences, or trees. On local roads, signs are allowed in the park strip.

C. Duration. Temporary signs in the right-of-way that serve as directional signs to the event may be posted on the day of the sale only and must be removed by the end of the day. It is the owner's responsibility to remove all signage during the appropriate time period. No sale or signage will be permitted for more than two consecutive days.

D. Approval Process. The yard/garage sale must be registered with the city for any signage to be allowed in the public right-of-way. Any sign in the public right-of-way that is not registered with the city may be immediately removed.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE TODD BLACK

Springtime coyotes in Eagle Mountain

I'll start out by saying that the Utah way to pronounce coyote is like scratching nails on a chalkboard.

Someone who says "kye-OH-tee" instead of "KYE-oat" is just wrong. The English pronunciation is a two-syllable word with the final "e" being silent. The three-syllable usage of coyote with the final "e" pronounced is showcased in eastern states. Now that you all know how to pronounce coyote the western way, we can get started.

Male coyotes' range between 18 and 44 lbs., while females 15 to 40 lbs. The size of coyotes varies geographically throughout their range. Most of Utah's coyotes would check in somewhere around 28-32 lbs. The largest coyote on record was a male killed near Afton, Wyoming in 1937, which measured 4'11" and weighed 75 lbs.

In my opinion, coyotes are the kings of living on nothing. I've always said when the Lord comes back again, coyotes and ravens will still be around. Coyotes will, and do, eat everything from rotting carrion, peaches, juniper berries, watermelon, mice, cats, birds, rabbits and, on occasion, will kill and eat other canines.

Last month, while out checking on the deer migration corridor, I was going through the field east of the old Cedar Valley

Airport along the old railroad grade. I noticed three adult coyotes ahead of me a couple of hundred yards.

As I got closer, the adults all skeddaddled and left behind six pups who were all having breakfast. Three of these quickly retreated to the safety of the underground den, but the other three stayed out and offered me a photo opportunity not too many can say they've had.

I took several pictures of the pups, even picked one up to take a close-up picture with its mouth full of breakfast that he wasn't willing to give up. This was an epic day for me for more reasons than one. Let's just say all nine coyotes lived to see another day.

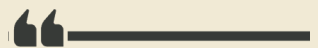
Here's what you need to know with coyotes in-and-around urban areas, including Eagle Mountain.

Most coyotes, even urban coyotes, have some fear and tend to avoid man. This time of year, particularly if you are out walking your dog, they may not be so afraid and may even approach you and act aggressively simply because you have little Spot with you.

I've heard stories of little dogs being attacked and killed while on a leash. While some bigger dogs (<50 lbs.) may be able to ward off an attack by a coyote,

most dogs will not fare well, I promise. Not so with other canines.

I get a call occasionally from a concerned citizen, about someone asking about having chickens, goats, sheep and other small farm animals in their yards. They ask what they need to consider for predators.



I tell everyone to make sure your animals are secured inside somewhere dig-proof.



While there may be some concerns for chickens and small animals from raptors and maybe foxes, the bigger threat would be our urban coyotes. They are fully capable of digging under, and jumping over, fences.

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If you live remotely close to a den/pair of coyotes and they are feeding young, they are searching for lots of prey, as they have lots of mouths to feed. If you are letting them out at night to wander, there is a chance they may not return.



BUILDING & PLANNING MIKE MALAY

The energy code mystery

As a building department, we are here to assist you with code-related questions and inquiries for your projects and needs.

One question that we recently had was about continuously running bath fans in new homes. Some homes will have a fan that is always running in one, or more, of the bathrooms, and many residents want to know its purpose. The answer is that they are needed to comply with the energy code and provide necessary mechanical ventilation for the home.

The Building department enforces The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) minimum requirements for energy-efficient buildings. Two tests are done during the construction process to verify efficiency:

Duct Blaster Testing

A duct blaster test will identify the amount of leakage that the duct works. This is an important part of making sure that the home will meet the requirements of the energy code for the HVAC system.

Blower Door Testing

The blower door test identifies the leakage to the outside in a home. This test is typically done before the final, but after all other major work has been done. Remedies for a failing blower door test include sealing intrusions from the attic into the living space, sealing around can lights and weatherstripping.

If a test comes below the allowable threshold, mechanical ventilation is required.

Some ways builders accomplish this is through hardwiring a bath fan or installing an intermittent fan. Some homes are so

tight they need an ERV air exchanger to pull in fresh, clean air and remove unclean cycled air. They are essential to the ventilation of the home and should not be disconnected without an alternate means of ventilation.

As building technology has increased, we now build homes much more tightly than in the past. If you added up the spaces where air could escape in a home built 50 years ago, you could have the equivalent of a 6-foot window allowing air to flow out. That, and older HVAC systems that lose air through the duct systems, it starts to add up to unnecessary energy costs.

Under the energy code, a home can never be too tight. It just needs the proper ventilation system. Keeping your home energy efficient will help save you money and keep your family comfortable for years to come.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EM joins forces with 47G

Eagle Mountain City has engaged in a partnership with 47G, formerly known as the Utah Aerospace and Defense Association. What does 47G do? They “Bring together academic institutions, service providers, government, and community partners to foster talent, fund entrepreneurship, and fuel innovation in Utah, America’s deep tech frontier.” 47G serves as the go-to trade association for aerospace, defense and cyber companies, in particular.

Two of the many benefits of the growth of datacenter development in Eagle Moun-

tain has been the expansion of valuable, high-capacity infrastructure, and the attraction of a highly-skilled workforce. The combination of these benefits means that Eagle Mountain is more capable than ever of attracting companies with high-paying jobs to the community. Attracting these companies will help to reduce the number of residents commuting out of the community, diversify our tax base and secondarily benefit other commercial development. We look forward to working with 47G and our other partners in bringing employers to Eagle Mountain.