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**MAYOR'S MINUTE
TOM WESTMORELAND**

Somewhere Only We Know

When my family and I decided to move to Eagle Mountain, we felt like we had discovered something that was uniquely ours. It was a place that we connected with. It just felt right to us.

Over the years, it seems as though I have spoken with hundreds of people that share a similar story. They, too, discovered this community and felt that it was the right place for them.

They are connected on a spiritual level by what we have here -- both for what it is, but also because of what it isn't.

I have enjoyed being part of helping Eagle Mountain retain that identity and chart a course to reach its destiny as a place that stands out as unique in its qualities, offering something rarely found in a city of its size.

There will always be struggles and growing pains. Creating something special isn't easy, but as long as we hold onto the dream, we will find ways to accomplish what other cities don't even attempt.

The degree of success and the time it

takes to get there will depend on how much we can all do our part, working together and seeing things through to completion.

Dreams sometimes seem out of reach, but that is where all great accomplishments start. I know there will be times when our faith is shaken. If we remember how far we have come and all the things we have already accomplished that were once thought impossible, we can absolutely accomplish difficult things. I believe we will because the results are worth it.

My 12-year-old daughter has taken up singing as both a passion and a hobby. She recently recorded a song that I listened to online. Although the song itself is about 20 years old, I had never heard it before, or at least I don't remember it.

When I heard the song, I was of course a proud father. Moreso, I was touched with how much the song reminded me of Eagle Mountain -- the special place it is, and the people that have chosen to be here.

The song is Somewhere Only We Know.

Here are a few lines:

"I walked across an empty land, I knew the pathway like the back of my hand.

Is this the place we used to love? Is this the place I've been dreaming of?

Oh, simple thing where have you gone? I'm getting older and I need something to rely on.

I'm getting tired and I need somewhere to begin.

If you have a minute, why don't we go talk about it somewhere only we know.

This could be the end of everything. So, why don't we go somewhere only we know?"

Eagle Mountain is a special place. It's a place with which we all connect. It's somewhere only we know.

**SHOP
FEST
UTAH**

**SEPT. 7
9-5 PM**

**CORY
WRIDE
PARK**



EAGLE MOUNTAIN NEWS

Eagle Mountain’s future downtown planning officially underway

Eagle Mountain City took a step this week to plan for a new downtown area.

Following initial discussions last year, Eagle Mountain City is taking a fresh approach to ensure a future downtown meets the needs and expectations of the community.

“We all have an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design a downtown from scratch, to contribute our ideas and energy into something that will give the city identity for decades,” says Economic Development Director Evan Berrett.

The idea behind creating a downtown is to give Eagle Mountain a central spot where residents and visitors can enjoy a variety of activities and services.

Plans for this area call for small businesses to set up shop, which will benefit local entrepreneurs. It is also intended to offer recreational, cultural, educational and entertainment options for residents.

The design process for the downtown will involve collaborative discussions with stakeholders. The city will be working closely with MHTN Architects, a firm with experience in creating community-centered spaces.

This process will involve the City Council, the Planning Commission, and input from residents and businesses.

Designers will have to work within certain limits, like how dense the area can be and what types of development are allowed. This ensures that the downtown fits with the city’s vision and community values.

“‘Downtown’ can be an uncomfortable word, and maybe ultimately, we will be calling the area something else,” says Berrett. “Regardless, we are aiming to establish an area of the city we love and that matches who we are.”

The City won’t be directly developing the downtown. Instead, it’s looking into acquiring the land needed to make sure the plans are followed. Private developers and companies will be responsible for building the businesses and other features in the downtown area.

The City will consider investing and contributing toward some public amenities and facilities.

But the new downtown isn’t just for locals; it aims to attract visitors as well, who often spend more at local shops than residents do.

Previously, Eagle Mountain was working on what were called the “Small Area Plans,” which included three different areas for development. These plans were stopped last year.

The new Downtown Master Plan is different, with a focus on creating a more cohesive and

EVENT CALENDAR

SEPT 2	Labor Day – City Offices & Library Closed
SEPT 3	City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
SEPT 7	ShopFest Utah – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 10	Planning Commission Mtg – Council Chambers
SEPT 11	Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 12	Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 13	Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 14	Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 15	Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 16	Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 17	City Council Meeting – Council Chambers Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 18	Fall Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
SEPT 24	Planning Commission Mtg – Council Chambers
OCT 1	City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
OCT 5	Halloween Town – Cory Wride Park Hocus Pocus – Cory Wride Park
OCT 8	Planning Commission Mtg – Council Chambers
OCT 15	City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
OCT 19	Adaptive Trick-or-Treat – City Hall

community-driven vision, rather than splitting efforts among several smaller projects.

Eagle Mountain City wants to make sure that the new downtown is something everyone feels they have a stake in.

There will be plenty of ways to get involved, including in-person and online feedback options for sharing ideas. Keep an eye out for more information on how you can participate.

The Fall Community Clean-up will take place Sept. 11-18 at Cory B. Wride Memorial Park. Dumpsters will be available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 11, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 12-17, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 18. A shred truck will be available from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14.



KNOW THE CODE Yard sale signage

There has been an increase in signage being placed and secured with tape in prohibited locations. Eagle Mountain City Neighborhood Improvement officers are here to help residents understand City Code.

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 (arterial and major collectors) signs may not be located in the park strip (between the street and the sidewalk/trail), 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

Eagle Mountain invasives

An invasive species refers to an organism that causes ecological or economic harm to the environment where it thrives and where it is not native.

Our tumble weeds (Russian thistle) are a perfect example of this. Russian thistle first came to the U.S. in the 1870's in a bag of seed of Russian wheat.

While there are many invasives in Utah and here in the Cedar Valley, I have some real concerns with two of them. These three are at low enough numbers now that they are somewhat controllable, but if we continue to allow them to spread and grow, their populations may get out of control just like Russian thistle and cheat grass.

In Eagle Mountain, we have two invasive plant species that you as a landowner are required by law to keep out of your yard and off your property. We are aware that we have these as well on city property and are taking measures to remove them.

Salt cedar tamarisk (*Tamarix, ramosissima*)

This species came to North America in the early 1820's and was used as an ornamental plant on the east coast. By the 1870's the plant was spreading across America and was introduced on the Colorado River system to help control erosion. By the 1920's it was listed as a nuisance and invasive. Ever since then, we have been trying to get rid of it. Salt cedar likes wet areas and poor soil, so it does well and quickly spreads along river bottoms, washes and areas that get too much water.

The Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)

Again native to Eurasia, it was introduced to the U.S. in the early 1900's as a wind-break to prevent soil loss and help with stabilization. Since then, it has spread across the U.S. and is listed on all state and federal lists as invasive and noxious.

One thing I love about Russian olive is its smell. It smells great when it blooms in the spring, and I imagine it would make great honey. However, it is also taking over much of our riparian areas and areas

where we have wetter soil conditions. Like the tamarisk, it's aggressive, takes over willow and cottonwood forest, and is basically useless to any wildlife we have other than for some cover.

Here's how you get rid of these two species:

First, do not just cut them down and let them go, they will sprout again and spread even more aggressively. Please please don't dig them up, either. They will spread like any other aggressive weed you just made mad.

Cut them off at the base, as close as you can to the ground. Once you cut them, you must apply a herbicide that is high in glyphosate (>30% or more) to the outer 1/2" of the stump/branch you just cut within 15 minutes.

Wear gloves and a face mask and just apply the herbicide in concentrate. Don't spray it, use a brush or squirt bottle. If you delay this process much longer than 15 minutes, the cells will seal up and not allow the herbicide to penetrate effectively and the tree/shrub will sprout again.



BUILDING & PLANNING MIKE MALAY

Protecting your property from storm flooding

In a desert climate like ours, rain is essential for maintaining our water supply and supporting life.

Although only 7% of Utah is currently experiencing moderate drought—an improvement from last year’s 98%, heavy storms can still lead to significant flooding issues. This is particularly problematic for basements and properties, and the city offers support to residents through alerts, sandbags and a 24-hour emergency hotline at 801-789-5959.

Our soil types vary throughout the city, with most not absorbing water quickly. This can cause water to flow over the surface like a river, especially in areas with new landscaping where the root systems are still developing.

As a property owner, it is your responsibility to manage and retain water on your property. Here are some steps to help keep your home safe during heavy storms:

Downspout Extensions: Ensure that all down-

spout extensions are properly connected, secured and directing water away from your home. Regularly check that extension pop-ups are clear of obstructions, such as roots and debris. Clean gutters regularly to ensure proper flow.

Yard Grading: Your yard should slope away from your home. Building codes require that surfaces within 10 feet of a foundation should have a slope of at least 2%, meaning the grade should drop 6 inches over the first 10 feet.

Landscaping and Drainage: Maintain and improve landscaping features like trenches, berms, swales and retaining walls to manage runoff. When building a new home, the city requires a berm or swale to contain runoff, but these are not always permanent solutions. Homeowners should maintain these features and consider additional solutions such as trenching to redirect stormwater. French drains can also help keep water away from foundations.

Basement Windows and Wells: Inspect base-

ment windows and wells for proper sealing. Foam the inside edges of windows and seal the outside with silicone caulking. Window wells should be dug out at least a foot below the windowsill and filled with 6 inches of 3/4” gravel to improve drainage. Sump pumps are useful for draining problematic window wells and keeping water away from foundations. Additionally, using leak-proof window well covers can provide an extra barrier against stormwater.

Foundation and Basement Maintenance: Seal any cracks in your foundation with mortar, masonry caulk, or hydraulic cement. Apply sealants in vulnerable areas, and if you plan to finish your basement, use waterproofing compounds on the walls.

By following these steps and staying informed through City alerts, you can better protect your property from storm-related flooding and ensure the safety of your home. Being proactive will help you weather the storm with confidence.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Public involvement key to downtown success

During the Aug. 20 City Council meeting, the consulting firm MHTN was awarded a contract to assist City elected officials and staff with creating Eagle Mountain’s first Downtown Master Plan.

The process of creating this plan will take place over the next several months, ending sometime the final week of January or early February 2025. The opportunity to design a downtown from scratch is very excit-

ing and the City wants the public to be heavily involved. The downtown will have the potential to create spaces for small businesses, gathering places for events and activities, public art, connectivity to trails and so much more.

We invite you to watch for announcements giving opportunities for you to share your ideas and comments so we can design a downtown we’re all very proud of and excited about.