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MAYOR'S MINUTE
TOM WESTMORELAND

Be Ready Eagle Mountain

It's always a good time to review our emergency preparedness.

Because emergency preparedness has been a City priority for several years, we have more resources available to residents than is typical. There are regularly scheduled classes that are free to attend, as well as options to hold special group training. Contact City staff for more information.

Preparedness is an ongoing process. Take time to review and update your emergency plans, supplies and training to adapt to changing circumstances in your family and emerging threats. Stay informed about best practices and advancements in emergency preparedness to ensure that you are always ready to face any challenges that may arise.

First and foremost, familiarize yourself with the potential risks specific to our region.

Eagle Mountain, like many areas in Utah, is susceptible to various natural disasters, including wildfires, earthquakes

and severe weather conditions such as heavy snowfall. By understanding these risks, you can better prepare and mitigate their impact.

Should there be an extended power outage, the City has added backup power generators to some of our wells. This way, water can continue to be delivered to our homes as long as there is fuel to run them. Still, I encourage everyone to store water at home just in case. Keep in mind, too, that during a power outage, it may be difficult to purchase gasoline or to use credit cards. For this reason, it is a good idea to keep our gas tanks full and have some cash on hand.

There is much more to consider when evaluating our readiness. The key is readiness and readiness takes time and maybe some expense. None of us have the time or financial resources to prepare all at once, and when faced with a stressed, urgent or emergent situation, the time for preparing is over. It is time to act with what we have.

Take advantage of the classes and re-

sources that the City offers. Get involved and be aware of vulnerabilities in our daily lives and how fragile we might be under certain circumstances. If you see something that the City can do to be more prepared, then make it known. As a City we will continue to make efforts to put us in a better place to respond but ultimately we should not rely on the City or anyone else to do the preparing for us.

We should not live in fear, but dismissing potential natural or manmade threats could prove inconvenient or painful. If we know the threats, know our capabilities and are prepared, we need not fear. Now is always the time to prepare even if only a little at a time.

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EAGLE MOUNTAIN NEWS

Eagle Mountain City announces departure of City Admin. Paul Jerome

Eagle Mountain City Administrator Paul Jerome has announced his departure from the organization after more than 16 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Jerome has accepted a new position with another municipality where he will bring his wealth of experience and leadership to contribute to that community.

During his tenure with Eagle Mountain City, Paul played a pivotal role in shaping the community not only as City Administrator, but also as the City's Finance Director and Assistant City Administrator.

He was instrumental in negotiations to secure the location of Meta, Tyson and Google within Eagle Mountain City.

The Eagle Mountain City Council expressed its sincere appreciation to Mr. Jerome during their Feb. 20, 2024 meeting for his years of dedicated service.

The City Council has initiated the process to search for a qualified replacement to fill the vacancy and is committed to ensuring a comprehensive and transparent recruitment process.

In the interim, the responsibilities of the administrative leadership will be divided between Deputy City Administrator Steve Mumford and Assistant City Administrator Finn Kofoed.

Both individuals bring a wealth of experience and expertise, providing continuity and stability during the organization's transitional period.



EVENT CALENDAR

- FEB 29** Senior Meal & Craft - Senior Center
Senior Workout Program - Senior Center
- MAR 6** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
- MAR 10** Daylight Saving Time Starts
- MAR 12** Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
- MAR 17** St. Patrick's Day
- MAR 19** City Council Meeting- Council Chambers
- MAR 23** Easter Egg Hunt – Cory Wride Park
- MAR 26** Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
- MAR 31** Easter Sunday
- APR 2** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
- APR 9** Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
- APR 16** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
- APR 18** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
- APR 19** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
- APR 20** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
- APR 21** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
- APR 22** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park

The Eagle Mountain City Council is committed to maintaining the high standards of service and governance that Eagle Mountain City residents have come to expect.

The City Council is slated to consider hiring a search firm at their Wednesday, March 6 meeting.

Eagle Mountain City is hosting Stop the Bleed this month. This training course could help you prepare to potentially save a life in an emergency situation. Sign up for one of two classes on Wednesday, March 27.





KNOW THE CODE

Landscaping

Eagle Mountain City requires front yard landscaping to be completed one year after the certificate of occupancy and within two years for the backyard.

17.60.020 Purpose.

Properly placed landscaping can lessen the impact of dust, heat, erosion, and wind. Landscaping and fencing are also encouraged when used as buffers and screens against undesirable views. Lot and zone transitioning protect property values, enhance land use compatibility, and designate appropriate zone buffers.

17.60.040 General landscape provisions.

The following landscape provisions shall be adhered to by all land uses unless otherwise noted:

A. Park Strips. Park strips adjacent to residential dwellings shall be landscaped and maintained by the property owner whose property abuts the park strip.

B. Landscape Maintenance. All landscaped areas shall be maintained by watering of landscaping, removal of weeds, the cutting of lawn or any other activities required to maintain healthy and aesthetically pleasing landscaping. Topping of trees as a pruning technique is prohibited.

C. Tree Clearance. Trees which project over any sidewalk shall be pruned clear of all branches between the ground and a height of eight feet for that portion of the foliage located over the sidewalk.

17.60.090 Required landscaping.

The following landscape provisions shall be adhered to by all land uses unless otherwise noted:

A. Portions of property that are not developed with structures, rights-of-way, driveways, and parking areas shall be required to be landscaped in all zones (except in the RA1, RA2, RD1, RD2, and FR zones and the agriculture areas).

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C. Any individual, corporation, or other entity that uses water-wise landscaping in an area within a public right-of-way shall be responsible for any damage caused by rocks or other materials that migrate onto a sidewalk, trail, street, storm drain, or other public facility, regardless of how such migration occurs.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE TODD BLACK

Protected and unprotected wildlife

Often, I get questions about what to do about an injured animal and where to take it. Additionally, I get asked what are “protected species?” It’s about time we discuss both.

It’s fairly simple for the birds. All but four species have federal and/or state protection. This means you can’t take them or “possess” them without a proper permit to do so. Eurasian collard dove, European starling, house sparrow and feral pigeons are not protected but you still cannot take them, raise them, hug them, cuddle them, take them home and name them without a permit.

To raise pheasants (a non-native species), for example, you must have a Certificate of Registration from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

The mammal list is a bit bigger. Raccoons, red foxes, coyotes, skunks, gophers, mice, jackrabbits and a few other rodents are not protected. Please know that just because these animals are not protected, it doesn’t

mean you can keep them as pets or take them from the wild as babies and raise them.

In some cases, such as the raccoon, one runs the risk of disease and parasite transmission to humans. I also hear of people getting citations every year and, in some cases, there have been court battles over keeping Bambi as a pet.

It’s best just to leave baby animals alone. I know it’s hard, but it’s mother nature. It happens, leave them be. Also know that for raccoons, skunks and foxes, if you have them hanging around your yard, and you call an exterminator to remove them. They are legally required by their permit to dispose of them upon trapping them. Again, you can’t keep them as pets, it’s against the law.

If you happen to come across an injured animal and you would like to do something to help it, here are a few other things you need to remember. If you come across an injured bird that is not protected, you can call Friends

in Need Wildlife Sanctuary (801-823-7223) right here in Eagle Mountain.

In most cases, they will do what they can to care for that bird. If you happen to come across any other bird species, they are considered a protected species. The same applies for mammals not on the list above.

Right now, the closest place to take a protected bird species is Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation in Helper, Utah. They specialize in raptors and do good work. Be sure to call The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement number at 800-662-3337 before you make the trip to confirm you can take the injured bird. If not, just know that technically, you are committing a felony no matter how good your intentions are.

If it’s a protected mammal, you could also be cited for “take” as it is against the law to do these things without permission from the state’s wildlife agencies.



BUILDING & PLANNING MIKE MALAY

Water heater maintenance

Obtaining a permit is needed for a new water heater. Proper installation is vital to the performance and safety of the home.

Proper maintenance can help you extend your water heater's life and performance. The internet is a great tool for how-to videos that review DIY maintenance.

Flush the tank

You need to flush it yearly -- and perhaps every six months if you have harder water. Over time, sediment will build up in the water heater, causing scaling inside. The lime scaling build up can cause rust, leaks and affect its heating efficiency.

Make sure you turn off the power/pilot. Connect a hose to the drain valve and place the other end by the floor drain. Open the drain valve slowly and allow the water to flow. Depending on the tank size, the flush can take up to an hour.

Inspect the rod

The rod is designed to corrode and protect the inside lining of the heater. It prevents the water heater from rusting and leaking.

Inspecting the anode rod requires you to drain the water tank. Carefully loosen the screw and pull out the anode rod. Ideally, the rod should be about an inch thick. However, you should replace it if it is less than an inch thick or it is coated with calcium.

While you can check the rod yourself, it is a slightly dangerous DIY task. If you do not drain enough water from the tank, you can spill hot water on yourself. Also, the rod is usually quite hot, so use gloves and pull it out carefully. It is recommended that the heater's sacrificial rod should be replaced every three years.

Tankless systems

Tankless water heaters are extremely convenient. They provide hot water on-de-

mand throughout the home without the use of a storage tank.

Because they are much smaller than traditional water heaters, they are often used in smaller homes. Plus, they can be a more energy-efficient option if your hot water usage is low. However, like traditional hot water heaters with storage tanks, there are several annual maintenance tasks. Here is how to keep your tankless water heater in top shape.

Check the temperature setting

It is a good idea to review the temperature setting of your tankless system annually. If the system is turned up too high, it increases your utility bills and increases the amount of scale that builds up.

OSHA recommends you set your water heater as high as 140° F. At that temperature, the water is less likely to carry harmful bacteria. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends 120° F for home water heaters.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

EM Chamber receives Meta grant

The first annual Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala was held on Feb. 21, which featured amazing businesses, business owners and supporters of the local economy.

One highlight of the Gala was the announcement of a significant grant from Meta that added to additional grant funds coming from Comcast and the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, which will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

These funds will be managed by the Eagle

Mountain Chamber of Commerce to provide business development programs, to expand and enhance the existing Business Resource Center, and so much more.

The Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce will be working feverishly over the next couple of months to rollout plans and programs to support the business ambitions of Eagle Mountain residents.

The City is excited for the Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce and looks forward to seeing the results of their hard work.

