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**MAYOR'S MINUTE
TOM WESTMORELAND**

Green thumbs a necessity when cultivating Eagle Mountain

Eagle Mountain is a beautiful place, but it can become an even more beautiful and interesting community with the help of mindful soil preparation and gardening practices.

As spring emerges, residents can change their properties into flourishing vegetable gardens or pollinator-friendly havens for butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

Assessing the soil composition is essential. Eagle Mountain's soil tends to be clay-heavy, which can pose challenges for plant growth due to poor drainage and nutrient retention. By incorporating organic matter such as compost, aged manure or peat moss, gardeners can improve soil structure, enhance moisture retention and increase nutrient availability.

Adjusting soil pH levels can also optimize plant health. Most vegetables and flowers prefer slightly acidic-to-neutral soil conditions. Testing soil pH, and amending it accordingly with products like lime or sulfur, can ensure that plants receive the ideal pH range for optimal growth and nutrient uptake.

In vegetable gardens, proper soil prepa-

ration sets the stage for a good harvest. Loosening compacted soil with a tiller or garden fork allows roots to penetrate deeply, promoting healthier plant development and improved water and nutrient absorption. Adding a balanced fertilizer or organic material like bone meal or fish emulsion provides essential nutrients for vegetable growth throughout the season.

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For pollinator-friendly flowers, creating a welcoming habitat for butterflies, bees and hummingbirds is crucial. Incorporating native flowering plants such as milkweed, bee balm and penstemon not only adds beauty to the landscape but also provides essential food sources and

habitats for local pollinators. Avoiding the use of pesticides and herbicides preserves the health of pollinators and promotes a thriving ecosystem.

By embracing soil preparation and gardening practices that prioritize biodiversity, Eagle Mountain can continue beautifying the community. Imagine vegetable gardens teeming with ripe tomatoes and crisp lettuce, surrounded by blooming flowers alive with the buzz of pollinators.

Together, residents can cultivate a landscape that not only sustains human life but also nurtures, celebrates and supports all of nature. Let's dig in and cultivate beauty, one garden at a time, in Eagle Mountain.

**SPRING
COMMUNITY
CLEAN-UP**

**APRIL
18-24**

**CORY
WRIDE
PARK**



EAGLE MOUNTAIN NEWS

EM Library receives ‘Read with Jenna’ selection; chosen as only Utah site

The Eagle Mountain Public Library has been selected by the Read with Jenna program, an initiative spearheaded by Jenna Bush, co-host of NBC’s The Today Show and daughter of former President George W. Bush.

This designation marks the library as the sole representative from the state of Utah and one of only 50 libraries nationwide to receive a box of books curated by Bush herself through the program.

“**We work hard to bring Eagle Mountain citizens quality materials**”

Library Director Michele Graves says the purpose of the program is to raise awareness of libraries and reading in the U.S.

“We work hard to bring Eagle Mountain cit-

izens quality materials and to provide them with stories/information that reflects who they are, what they may be going through, etc.,” says Graves.

The library plans to showcase the books by putting them on display for one month before integrating them into their collection.

Assistant Library Director Kristin Allred shared the sentiment, reflecting on the unexpected selection of the Eagle Mountain Public Library.

“It was really exciting to come into the library that morning to a box of new books,” says Allred.

She emphasized the significance for residents, highlighting the diverse range of titles handpicked by Bush.

The Read with Jenna program aims to promote literacy and foster a love of reading among adults. Allred noted the program’s potential to benefit patrons of all ages.

“How exciting is it to read a book from your local library and then go online and discuss it with people from all over the U.S.?” she said. “Adults have a huge impact on helping

Eagle Mountain is a family-focused community. That’s why we host amazing community events throughout the year. The City has now opened registrations for the Pony Express Days Parade and Grand Marshal nominations.

EVENT CALENDAR

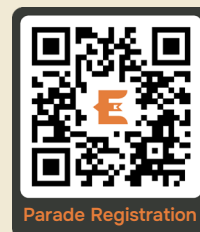
MARCH 31	Easter Sunday
APRIL 2	City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
APRIL 9	Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
APRIL 16	City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
APRIL 18	Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
APRIL 19	Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
APRIL 20	Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
APRIL 21	Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
APRIL 22	Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
APRIL 23	Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park Planning Commission Mtg. – Council Chambers
APRIL 24	Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park
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

our youth grow a love of reading.”

With this addition to their collection, the Eagle Mountain Library will be showcased as part of the program across the country.

Graves said adding to the Eagle Mountain Public Library’s availability is a good thing.

“Everyone should be able to find a relatable story in our library.”



Parade Registration



Grand Marshal



KNOW THE CODE

Tumbleweed migration

There is no code regarding tumbleweeds; however, twice every year, tumbleweeds become a major problem for Eagle Mountain property owners living near open spaces in the community.

The City typically receives a large volume of calls and requests for service during this time. Property owners are responsible for clearing unwanted tumbleweeds from their property.

Eagle Mountain City provides residents with two passes per year to the Intermountain Regional Landfill in Fairfield, which are available at City Hall. If residents have the ability to haul their flattened tumbleweeds, this is the first place they should go.

In extreme cases, the City has the ability to provide dumpsters to certain neighborhoods for tumbleweed disposal. To achieve this, a resident would need to “report an issue” through the City Resident Portal.

The City Streets department will make an evaluation on a case-by-case basis for whether a dumpster is necessary.

Please do not push tumbleweeds into the street. It creates potential traffic safety issues amid limited City resources.

Residents are allowed to sell tumbleweeds provided they aren’t entering another person’s property to retrieve them.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE TODD BLACK

What is the City Nature Challenge?

This year marks the third year Eagle Mountain City has officially participated in Utah’s Wasatch City Nature Challenge.

The event days are April 26-29 and this challenge comprises the areas of Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Salt Lake, Summit, Utah and Wasatch counties. This event allows anyone to participate in observing, recording and documenting any plants, animals and everything in-between while recording the observations in iNaturalist.

This program started in 2016 with Utah’s Natural History Museum as the primary state sponsor of the program. The natural history museum hosts, organizes, coordinates and facilitates the event.

The program started with iNaturalist, who first started holding and organizing these city nature challenges in 2016, as well. Today, there are over 400 cities/areas who participate in

this program globally.

Last year, Utah’s Wasatch front had over 400 individuals participating in the event. They logged nearly 5,100 observations, and over 850 species.

In 2023, eight faithful Eagle Mountain participants logged 197 observations and over 125 species within city limits. We want to try to get more people in the community involved to see if we can beat that number this year.

iNaturalist is a free app that allows users to record their observations either by a picture or sound. It also records date, time and location -- all very valuable data for anyone who uses it.

Researchers, conservation organizations and other interested parties can download the data from iNaturalist using their export tool. Many high school and university instructors, and wildlife/land management agencies, are using this data to look at distribution

and densities of species.

Eagle Mountain City is holding two events in April that citizens can participate in, and learn more about, this program and how it works.

The first event is April 17 and is being held in conjunction with our Wildlife and Nature Education meeting (WANE).

This “How to use iNaturalist” event will be held at City Hall on April 17 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The second event will be of a field trip where participants will get to record observations using iNaturalist as part of the City Nature Challenge.

This event will be held April 27 and we will meet at the Public Works building at 2565 Pony Express Parkway at 7 a.m.

Residents will get to see part of Eagle Mountain that they otherwise may never get to see.

To participate in this event, please RSVP to Todd Black at tblack@emcity.org.



BUILDING & PLANNING MIKE MALAY

Maintenance tips to prepare your home for spring

Spring is upon us. After a long winter, folks are looking forward to spending time outdoors to enjoy some warmer weather. That means it is time for us to put our homes in order. We should check for damage and prepare our homes for warmer weather.

Check the smoke & carbon monoxide alarms. Make sure your alarms are functioning properly and change the batteries. Check your fire extinguishers to see that they are fully charged.

Check the AC. Now is the time to ensure your HVAC system is working and ready for summer. Check all of your connections, change the filter and, if needed, have it serviced.

Test subpanel. Look over the breakers in the panel. Test the GFCI's in the panel and around the house.

Look up in the Attic. Go up to the attic to ensure that no leaks developed from the

snow. Look for signs of damage from mold and water. Verify that no mice, insects or critters have nested over the winter.

Inspect the Basement. Look for signs of leaks. Inspect the basement windows for mold, leaks and signs of pests. If equipped, give your sump pump a review, too.

Look for leaks and signs of mold. Looking for leaks and mold is important in all areas of your home. Take time to inspect all the windows, doors, bathrooms and other places where damage from water can occur.

Check the roof. Look over your roof and check to see that it is free from damage. Look over shingles and flashing.

Clean gutters and downspouts. Over time, gutters and downspouts can get clogged. Clogged gutters can cause water damage and prevent water from being directed away from the house. Remove any debris, patch holes with caulking, make sure that your downspouts are connected properly.

Check around exterior windows and doors. Cold weather can cause cracks or harden the weather-stripping around your windows and doors. Inspect seals and screens, and replace and re-caulk as needed.

Look over the garage door. Look over the tracks, check the cables, inspect rollers and lubricate hardware. If you notice any issues, contact a professional. The springs are under a lot of tension. If you do not know what you are doing, it could be dangerous or deadly.

Check your sprinkler system. Run through your system. Check for leaks, replace broken and damaged heads.

Staying on top of spring maintenance will help you protect your home and save you time and money in the long run. Please feel free to reach out to the Building department with any questions about your home, or any future projects.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Annual Business Climate Survey

Earlier this year, Eagle Mountain City issued its annual Business Climate Survey to business owner/operators to gain insights into what's going well, what challenges they face, what the City can do to support them and much more. The results showed that our local businesses are certainly feeling pressure from increased costs for just about everything. Despite this, the optimism is still very high, with 86% saying they feel optimistic about their future and 73% expecting moderate to significant growth in the next 12

months. Additionally, 78% say they feel Eagle Mountain is an attractive place to locate a business right now and 88% believe that Eagle Mountain is a safe place to do business. The City administration will be using the responses to help guide us in doing more to support growth of our local economy, especially for small businesses.

If you ever have any questions about the economic path or efforts of the city, feel free to reach out to Evan Berrett at eberrett@emcity.org.