



The Eagle's View

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Know the code - Water runoff



This winter season there has been an increase of flooding throughout Utah communities. Freezing temperatures combined with high amounts of precipitation result in surface water that is not able to absorb into the frozen ground, and it travels the path of least resistance.

If the grading on a property is incomplete or incorrect, water will find its way to neighboring properties, sometimes causing damage to yards and buildings.

Please take note of possible grading issues on your property that may affect your neighbors and work together with neighboring property owners to resolve any issues that may arise. Thank you. Please review code below.

16.40.080 Grading away from structures.

Positive drainage shall be required around buildings and structures by grading away from the exterior foundation wall at a minimum two percent slope, but in no case shall grading be less restrictive than the recommendations of the geotechnical report submitted for the subdivision. Grading away from the exterior foundation wall at a minimum two percent slope may be permitted on rapidly permeable soils. Sites shall also be graded so as to avoid surface ponding near buildings or structures, or in actively used outdoor spaces. Surface runoff must be channeled to detention or infiltration basins, as provided by a runoff and erosion management plan. Property owners shall be responsible to ensure that surface runoff does not enter adjacent properties nor cause damage to adjacent property owners.

Wildlife - The startling starling murmuration



It's a sight to behold. You may be driving and suddenly in the sky ahead you see a colossal dark cloud moving rhythmically, pulsating back and forth at a rapid speed.

It is made up of small black dots all moving as if they are a sweeping, synchronized structure. It seems unreal. Could they be drones coordinated by someone on the ground? No – it is a European Starling murmuration. It is one of nature's most fascinating and impressive displays.

It is called murmuration because of the sound of the beating wings and the soft calling among the flock. Many have described the sound as that of a murmur.

Although many species of birds form large airborne flocks, such as geese in their well-known V formation, European Starlings are the only birds that form this pulsating cloud; the only birds on Earth that murmurate.

What is a European Starling?

European Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) were introduced here in the United States from Great Britain in the late 1800's by Shakespeare fans who wanted every bird mentioned in Shakespeare's canon to reside here in the United States. They have since thrived and there are now millions of this species residing here.

Why do Starlings murmurate?

As stated in [Birdfact](#), European Starlings tend to roost (rest at night) communally in winter. This roosting habit starts as early as September and can continue until February or March, depending on temperatures and location. Throughout this period, murmurations can form each evening prior to the birds flying into their roosts collectively for the night. Before roosting, they gather in a large flock which starts relatively small and grows into hundreds, thousands and sometimes even millions as small groups join the larger group.

A roost might be concentrated with as many as 500 birds per cubic meter. A total roost community can number in the millions. This enables them to share body heat during the winter months and make the most of their chosen safe roosting sites.

While the flock gathers momentum in the air, the swirling formation helps the birds avoid predators, who are dazzled (much as we are) by the magical display. In the morning, they collectively leave their roost to feed and return later that evening via the murmuration.

According to *How Stuff Works*, some communication among the flock may be happening during murmuration, possibly sharing the location of food sources.

The secret

There has been considerable research through the years as scientists have tried to discover how the phenomenon of murmuration is accomplished. However, in 2013 a mechanical and aerospace engineer, Naomi Leonard, and her team from Princeton University collaborated with physicists in Italy to study murmuration. Their findings were published in January 2013 in the journal *PLOS Computational Biology*.

She stated the following: “In a flock with 1200 birds, it is clear that not every bird will be able to keep track of the other 1199 birds. So, an important question is ‘Who is keeping track of whom?’”

The Italian physicists used more than 400 photos from several videos to find out -- plotting the position and speed of birds as they flocked. From that, they built a mathematical model that identified the optimal number of flock-mates for each bird to track.

Turns out the magic number is seven. Each bird keeps tabs on its seven closest neighbors and ignores all else. Considering all these little groups of seven touch on other individuals and groups of seven, twists and turns quickly spread. And from that, an entire murmuration moves in perfect unison.

Using what we learn from European Starlings

Many emerging fields such as robotics used in coordinating astronomical telescopes, swarm robotics – as in self-driving cars and drone flocks, may benefit from what we learn simply by watching, studying and building on the wondrous behavior of this simple bird.

An early example of this was back in 1986 when Craig Reynolds, an MIT-trained computer scientist, built computer models of bird flocking and fish schooling in something he called *Boids*. These programs provided the basis for lifelike animation in movies. Initially, and notably, a swarm of bats in the 1992 Tim Burton film “Batman Returns.”

This was well before the 2013 discovery of Leonard and her group, which has opened even more application possibilities.

George Young, lead author on the paper produced from Leonard’s group, told Princeton University back in 2013, “We are trying to draw inspiration from biology, to understand what measures of animal group performance can help us decide what measures we should use when we design responsive behaviors for robots.”

Community fun the focus of 2023 City events



Eagle Mountain City is known for its free, family-friendly events. In addition, the City Events department is regularly recognized for providing award-winning, all-inclusive adaptive events programming. That trend is expected to continue in 2023.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, Community Clean-Up, movies in the park, Summer Concert, Summer Bash & Laser Show, Ties and Tiaras, Halloween Town & Drive-In Movie, Adaptive Trick-or-Treat, Turkey Trot, Santa Parade, Christmas Village and Silent Santa are once again planned.

The City's annual Pony Express Days celebration will also be held again this year the week of Memorial Day.

The free, Family Fun Night event during Pony Express Days includes a dozen inflatable attractions, Touch-A-Truck and food trucks. Residents can attending this event to play games at the vendor booths.

The remaining three-day Pony Express Days carnival will include a vendor boutique, concert in the park, local talent showcase, food vendors, grand parade and fireworks display.

Dawn Hancock, Eagle Mountain special events manager, says the City is very excited for the coming events season.

“The City strives to provide activities that fit the needs of all those in our community,” says Hancock.

Here are the tentative dates for the 2023 Eagle Mountain City Special Events season:

- April 1 – Easter Egg Hunt
- April 20-24 – Spring Dumpsters Available
- April 22 – Community Clean-up effort
- May 29 – Memorial Day Ceremony
- May 31 – Family Fun Night
- June 1-3– Pony Express Days
- June 3 – Grand Parade
- June 3 – Demolition Derby
- June 3 – Fireworks Display
- June 8-10 – PRCA Rodeo
- June 23 – Movie in the Park
- July 8 – Summer Concert
- July 14 – Movie in the Park
- July 29 – Summer Bash & Laser Show
- Aug. 4 – Movie in the Park
- Sept. 2 – Ties & Tiaras
- Sept. 7-11 – Fall Dumpsters Available
- Oct. 7 – Halloween Town & Hocus Pocus
- Oct. 14 – Adaptive Trick-or-Treat
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Breakfast
- Nov. 23 – Turkey Trot
- Dec. 2 – Santa Parade & Christmas Village
- Dec. 6 – Angel Garden Ceremony
- Dec. 9 – Silent Santa

More information will be forthcoming for each event.

Additional information can be found on the Eagle Mountain City website [Events Page](#).

Information will also be posted on City social media via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as event dates draw near.

All dates are subject to change.

New business development



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Emergency prep - Be prepared with disaster kits



When disaster strikes, you and your family might have to survive on your own and shelter in place. Essential to your family's survival is being prepared with enough food, water and other supplies (at least 72-96 hours' worth).

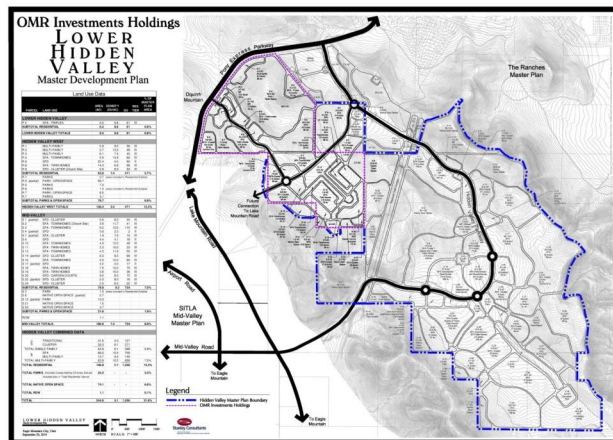
Having a disaster supply kit for each family member ready to take with you at a moment's notice ensures that you will have the necessary supplies no matter how fast you may need to evacuate.

Pack supplies in duffel bags or backpacks and keep them in a designated place. Your kit will also come in handy if you must shelter in your home. This list will help ensure that each kit includes all the essentials. Remember to rotate items with expiration dates twice a year.

- Three-day supply of nonperishable food and water (one gallon/person/day)
- Battery-powered radio and flashlights with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Sanitation and hygiene items, including hand sanitizer
- Matches (in waterproof container) or lighter
- Whistle
- Extra clothing (temperature/climate specific) and shoes
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Utensils, cooking gear and a can opener
- Washcloths and towels
- Resealable plastic bags and garbage bags
- Dust masks
- Pocket knife or multitool
- Duct tape and plastic sheeting
- Special-needs items (prescriptions, eyeglasses, infant supplies, etc)
- Emergency document holder with copies of passport, drivers licence, birth certificate, contact list, family emergency plan, maps, etc.

Don't forget house pets should also have emergency kits to be ready to grab-and-go. Pack the foods pet(s) normally eat, leashes, crates and litterbox.

Proposed Lower Hidden Valley site reviewed for development amendments



An action item that came before the Eagle Mountain City Planning Commission this week is generating a response from affected residents.

The proposal amends the Lower Hidden Valley Master Development Plan in preparation for the construction of new residential dwelling units near Hidden Hollow Elementary School. The land developer hopes to begin construction as early as May or June of this year.

Several residents have communicated their concerns regarding what this development means for some of the community's hiking and mountain biking trails, as well as the City's wildlife migration corridor.

The proposal under consideration

Before construction can begin, the land developer, Perry Homes, has indicated an interest in adjusting the location and the density of some of the housing within the development proposal.

While the project originally included a proposal for a variety of multi-family units, the amendment that was under consideration at this week's Planning Commission meeting proposes the prioritization of single-family homes over multi-family complexes.

The amendment also makes some accommodations, at the City's request, to generally maintain the City's wildlife migration corridor.

Eagle Mountain City accommodated development plans years ago

In 2011, Eagle Mountain City and OMR Investments completed signing a Master Development Agreement (MDA) that allowed Perry Homes to construct 1,256 residential dwellings, including a mix of housing types and densities, in the Lower Hidden Valley area.

Vested rights

Developers were granted "vested rights," which allow the land to be developed anytime the developer decides to move forward with a development project, despite future changes to City ordinances.

According to Cornell University Law School, a vested right is “an absolute right or title to something, to be enjoyed either now or in the future.”

Eagle Mountain City Community Development Director Steve Mumford says the 2011 Master Development Agreement solidified building in the area.

“[The MDA] gave [developers] the right to develop their property with what was approved including the road locations, the types of development, the type and number of units and the open space areas where they’re shown,” says Mumford.

The impact on hiking and mountain biking trails

While the land has remained undeveloped, several trails have been constructed on the property intended for development that have become very popular among residents and visitors for hiking, trail running and mountain biking.

One resident shared data at this week’s Planning Commission meeting suggesting that, according to the Trailforks App, Eagle Mountain has four mountain bike trails in the top 1,000 trails in the world, and that the Deadwood trail, located further up the hill, is ranked as #567 globally.

Because many of these trails were built on private property, most of the trails will need to be relocated or removed when the property owner uses their property rights to develop.

Portions of the trails, however, have been constructed on undevelopable land and will likely not be affected because of the slope of the hill and Eagle Mountain’s ridgeline protection ordinance.

Mumford says that whether the new proposal is approved, or the existing “vested” project is constructed, the City and the mountain biking community are working to find suitable locations to relocate and preserve many of the trails so they remain accessible to residents and visitors.

“I consider myself part of the mountain bike community,” says Mumford. “I’ve ridden these trails many times and would hate to see them disappear. I also understand that the property owner has rights and that the trails were created without his permission. I’m hopeful that we can work together with the land developer to relocate and preserve as many of these trails as possible while still allowing development of his land.”

The impact on wildlife

When the Master Development Agreement was approved in 2011, there were not yet plans to preserve space for the wildlife migration corridor.

The proposed amendment to the MDA would make some accommodations for the wildlife corridor by providing fencing and a wildlife passage area within the development.

The Eagle Mountain Nature and Wildlife Alliance presented an alternative plan for the wildlife corridor at the Planning Commission meeting, which included preserving a 38.5-acre City-owned parcel for a bike park and the wildlife.

Todd Black, Eagle Mountain City Wildlife Biologist, has been working with the Eagle Mountain Wildlife Alliance and appreciates the developer’s willingness to work with the City to preserve the corridor. He looks forward to adding wildlife fencing and making improvements for the wildlife as soon as possible.

“I think this plan is a win for the wildlife,” says Black.

City staff have been working closely with the developer and wildlife experts to maintain the safest passage possible for wildlife to travel through the area intended for development.

Robert Hobbs, Planning Manager with Eagle Mountain City, says talks have been productive with the developer.

“The City has been trying to lobby the developer to provide the wildlife corridor some fencing and make sure we have correct access points on Pony Express [Parkway] and a way for deer to cross,” says Hobbs.

City-owned parcel up for debate

Eagle Mountain City owns a 38-acre parcel situated near the proposed development. The parcel was acquired by the City years ago through the payment of back property taxes (Special Improvement District taxes).

What will be done with the land will be under consideration by the City Council in the near future. They will decide whether to preserve the parcel for open space and recreation, or to sell or trade a portion of the parcel to the developer. This would increase the number of single-family homes and reduce the multi-family buildings.

If the 38-acre parcel is developed, only a portion would be built-out due to the slopes of the geography and its potential conflict with the City’s hillside development standards.

While they indicated an appreciation of the efforts made to protect the wildlife corridor and the reduction of multi-family units, the Eagle Mountain Planning Commission ultimately recommended denial (4-0) of the developer’s proposed amendments to the project on Tuesday night.

The proposal is anticipated to be reviewed by the City Council in February.

Upcoming events

- Feb. 7 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Feb. 14 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Feb. 20 - President's Day City Offices and Library Closed
- Feb. 21 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Feb. 28 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

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Know the code - Weed maintenance



With the year-over-year increase in moisture reported in Eagle Mountain this past winter, properties will soon notice weeds come spring.

This creates the potential for fire hazards, which will increase during the summer months if the properties are not maintained.

We encourage Eagle Mountain citizens to maintain their properties according to the codes below, so the hazards associated with weeds and other refuse are eliminated.

Eagle Mountain City Neighborhood Improvement officers are continuously addressing properties that are in violation of Eagle Mountain City code.

With the implementation of the Administrative Law Judge in 2021, the Neighborhood Improvement department now has the ability to address a violation and resolve it in a timely manner. This also gives Eagle Mountain residents the opportunity to appeal the violation to that court.

8.07.020 Weeds and other refuse.

A. Responsibility to Keep Property Clean. It is unlawful for any person, corporation, partnership, or legal entity owning or occupying real property in the city to let the height of weeds on such property grows beyond the maximum permitted, or to fail to remove from the property any such weeds or refuse, dog manure or waste, unsightly or deleterious objects or structures, after having been given written notice by the city.

B. Weed Control Standards. Weeds shall not be permitted to reach a height of more than six inches at any time or to otherwise create a fire hazard to structures or habitat for disease, insect vectors, or vermin. As used in this chapter, the term “weeds” means plants which are unwanted in the location where they are growing, and which are not a part of landscaping, xeriscaping, or native plant landscaping. The term “weeds” also includes noxious weeds which are described under the Utah Noxious Weed Act, defined by the State Weed Committee of the state of Utah and by Utah County. In addition, the following plants are designated as noxious weeds by Eagle Mountain City:

1. Kochia (Kochia scoparia);

2. Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*);
3. Jim Hill mustard (*Sisymbrium altissimum*);
4. Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*);
5. Bur buttercup (*Ceratocephala testiculata*);
6. Tausi mustard.

C. Examination of Property for Compliance. The examination and investigation authorized by this section shall not include physical entry to private property in the city, unless probable cause exists to believe that a violation of this chapter is present. The officer of the city is authorized to make observations based on conditions in plain view from public property or from the property of a complaining witness and nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the officer from entering on property to deliver a notice to the occupant of the property.

D. Violation – Notice to Owner. Upon a determination that a violation of the provisions of this section exists, the officer shall ascertain the name of the owner and a description of the premises where the violation exists. The officer shall serve notice in writing upon the owner or occupant of such property, either personally or by certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the owner or occupant at the last known post office address as disclosed by the records of the county assessor, requiring such owner/occupant, as the case may be, to eradicate, destroy or remove the weeds, refuse, objects or structures causing the violation within such time as the officer may designate, which shall be no less than 10 days from the date of service of such notice.

E. Civil Penalties.

1. Determination of Civil Penalties

- a. Civil penalties shall be assessed per violation per day at the rate established in the Eagle Mountain City consolidated fee schedule.
- b. Civil penalties shall continue to accrue until the violation(s) has/have been brought into compliance with the city code or applicable state codes.

2. Modifications of Civil Penalties.

- a. Upon completion of the notice of violation or administrative enforcement order, the administrative law judge may modify the civil penalties on a finding of good cause.
- b. Civil penalties may be waived or modified by the administrative law judge if there is finding of good cause based on the responsible person's claim of nonconforming use or conditional use and:
 - i. The city's need to verify the claim; or
 - ii. The responsible person's filing of an application for either use before expiration of the date to correct.

F. Property Cleaned by City When – Costs.

1. If any owner or occupant of property described in the notice provided in this section fails to eradicate or destroy and remove such weeds, refuse, dog manure or waste, objects, or structures in accordance

with such notice, the officer is authorized to employ necessary assistance and cause such weeds, refuse, dog manure or waste, objects, or structures to be destroyed or removed at the expense of the city.

2. The officer shall prepare an itemized statement of all expenses incurred in the removal and destruction of same and shall mail a copy thereof to the owner demanding payment within 20 days of the date of mailing. Such notice shall be deemed delivered when mailed by registered mail and addressed to the last known address of the property owner.

3. Costs – Alternate Methods of Compelling Payment. In the event the owner fails to make payment of the amount set forth in such statement to the city treasurer within 20 days of the date of mailing, the city may cause suit to be brought in an appropriate court of law, or pursue remedies as provided in Section 10-11-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated 1953.

4. Costs – Collection by Lawsuit. In the event collection of expenses of destruction and removal are pursued through the court, the city shall sue for and receive judgment for all expenses of destruction and removal, together with reasonable attorney's fees, interest, and court costs, and shall execute upon such judgment in the manner provided by law.

5. Costs – Included in Tax Notice – Procedure. In the event collection of expenses of destruction and removal are pursued as provided in Section 10-11-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated 1953, the provisions of this subsection apply:

a. Upon receipt of the itemized statement of the costs of destroying or removing the weeds, refuse, objects or structures, the city treasurer shall forthwith mail one copy to the owner of the land from which the same was removed, together with a notice that objection in writing to the city may be made within 30 days to the whole or any part of the statement so filed. The city treasurer shall, at the same time, deliver a copy of the statement to the city recorder.

b. If objections to any statement are filed with the city, a date for hearing shall be set, giving notice thereof, and upon the hearing of the matter, fix and determine the actual cost of destruction or removal; hearing findings shall be reported to the city treasurer.

c. If no objection to the items of the account are made within 30 days of the date of mailing, the city treasurer shall comply with the requirements of Section 10-11-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated 1953.

Wildlife - Who gives a hoot?



If you didn't know, Utah is home to 14 species of owls.

Some species are very common. Others you may never see, or maybe just once in a lifetime. But, according to WildBirdScoop.com, all of the following species have been recorded in Utah at least once: great-horned owl, burrowing owl, barn owl, short-eared owl, long-eared owl, northern pygmy owl, northern saw-whet owl, western screech owl, flammulated owl, Mexican spotted owl, boreal owl, elf owl, snowy owl, and the great-gray owl.

Not all owl species are found year-round, but many of them call Utah home 24/7 365 days a year. In the Cedar Valley, there are a couple of year-round residents, including the great horned owl and the barn owl. The burrowing owl, which migrates during the year, is also common throughout Cedar Valley and even nests within Eagle Mountain City limits.

The most common species in Eagle Mountain is one that many may have come across. They are relatively large – females can weigh almost three pounds – and they have a wingspan of six feet. It's the great-horned owl.

Right now is the time of year when great-horned owls are setting up shop, displaying, courting, hooting and getting ready to nest. It's not uncommon to hear them outside your house at night or catch a glimpse of them in the early morning or late evening hours.

The territorial pair will advertise their nesting area by giving a series of hoots. The males, typically a lower pitch, will give a series of four hoots. The female, with a higher pitch, will respond with a series of five hoots. This duet can last for several minutes.

If you listen long enough, this is one way you can tell the difference between the male and female great-horned owls.

If you happen to catch them together, another way to tell the differences in sexes is by their size. Usually, the female will be about 10-20% larger than the male.

Typically, these owls will nest in a stick nest made by another bird, such as a raven, eagle or hawk. They will lay two-to-three eggs, and both sexes will take time incubating the eggs while the other is hunting or roosting.

In Utah, owls will start incubating as early as mid-February in the southern latitudes and will start the end of March in the northern latitudes. Incubation typically lasts 30-35 days. Owls will aggressively defend their nesting territory. This is more likely to happen if you get too close or have pets that get too close.

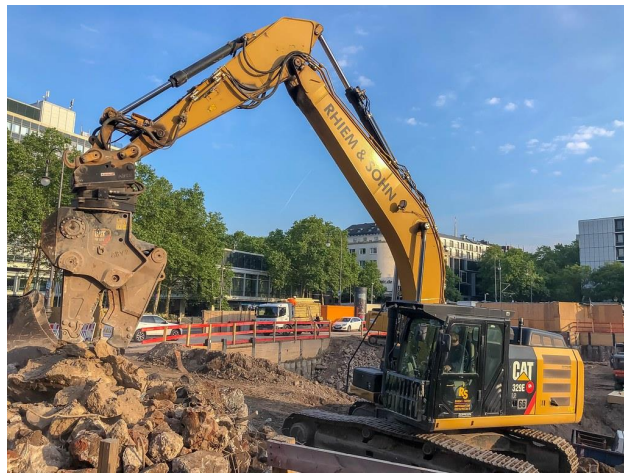
Last year, Eagle Mountain City was able to identify four active great-horned owl territories/nests. Each of them had owlets.

One of the easiest nests to spot was in a tree in the median of Eagle Mountain Blvd., just south of SR-73.

Unfortunately, all three owlets and one of the adults were killed by a motorist.

If a resident happens to come across an owl nest, they are advised to stay clear. It is illegal to disturb them. Simply observe from a safe distance.

New business development



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Eagle Mountain continues to grow. Follow along each month as we track the progress of businesses with plans to locate in the community.

Emergency prep - Spring forward and review emergency plans



Daylight Saving Time, which in 2023 begins Sunday, March 12, means it's also a good time to review your emergency preparedness plans.

Rotate Emergency Food, Water and Medicine

Refill water containers with a fresh supply. Check the expiration dates for bottled water, food and medicine, and change them out as necessary.

Check Your First Aid Kits

Make sure you have first aid kits in your home and car, and have a portable kit ready to take with you on the go. Check your first-aid kits to ensure they are complete and replace missing or expired items.

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Test your smoke alarms monthly and change smoke alarm batteries yearly. Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home.

Anything that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas that can kill. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home.

The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them, if possible.

Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of snow or debris.

Help Prevent Flooding

Getting your gutters cleaned should be part of your spring and fall home maintenance routine. This proactive habit keeps water run-off away from your home and helps prevent flooding.

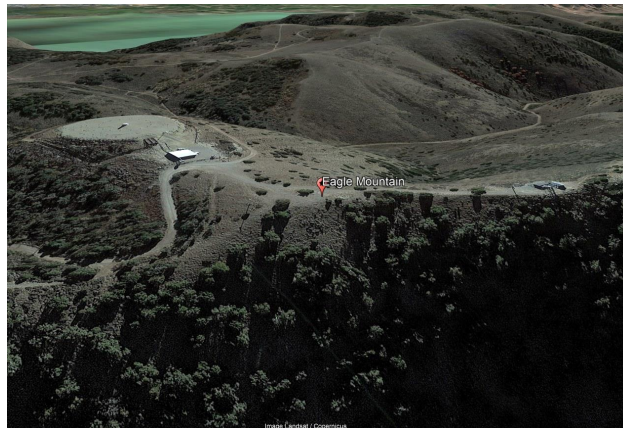
Keep leaves and debris off streets, catch basins and storm drains.

Family Emergency Plan

It is recommended that every family have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event.

Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members. Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon of water per day for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines.

Summit within Lake Mountains officially named Eagle Mountain



Since Eagle Mountain City's founding in 1996, residents and visitors alike have mistakenly assumed a nearby mountain bears the same name. That assumption is no longer a mistake.

In cooperation with the United States Geological Survey and the Utah Committee on Geographic Names, Eagle Mountain City worked for two years to locate a point within The Lake Mountains for re-designation.

"By naming a summit as 'Eagle Mountain,' we now can have that mountain everyone expects while also making a statement about the importance of our natural environment to our community," says Eagle Mountain City Economic Development Director Evan Berrett, who was tasked with formalizing the change.

The designation does not replace the name of The Lake Mountains, but instead labels a summit within the mountain range.

[Requirements for renaming](#) were in place such as agreement and approval by units of government. The highest point within The Lake Mountains could not be renamed as a result. Eagle Mountain City selected a summit only 10-feet lower to comply with USGS standards.

Views and accessibility were considered a top priority by the City when selecting a location.

"The area is a good place to see the Cedar Valley," says Berrett. "The summit has an area suitable for potential future benches or other similar amenities for visitors."

Eagle Mountain City has taken on major projects in recent years in the realm of conservation and wildlife management.

Among those initiatives was the approval and implementation of the Mule Deer Migration Corridor, which protects the seasonal migration routes of the area's mule deer population.

Eagle Mountain City also hired the only City-level wildlife biologist in the state of Utah. This position assists the City's Planning department in working with developers to conserve natural habitat.

The wildlife biologist also works with advocates in the Cedar Valley to consider the needs of wildlife as part of any new business or housing developments.

Other initiatives such as native vegetation plantings and petroglyph preservation are part of Eagle Mountain City's broader plans for conservation.

"Eagle Mountain's identity is now more closely linked with The Lake Mountains," says Berrett. "Our attachment to these beautiful views assists the City when making decisions that will keep these areas preserved for future generations."

Accessing "[Eagle Mountain](#)" should be done sparingly by residents, according to Berrett. Sensitive communications equipment is located near the summit and its protection is considered key to the long-term success of the site.

Those looking to access this point should be aware that it is a difficult trek. It is accessible by vehicle, but a vehicle with 4x4 capabilities is strongly encouraged.

The new "Eagle Mountain" summit site should not be used for camping or camp fires to help preserve the area.

"This is a proud moment for Eagle Mountain," says Berrett. "Having an 'Eagle Mountain' all residents can see should instill value that these geographic features are permanently linked to the community."

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Ridicule is out, healthy disagreement now in vogue



1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Has anyone else noticed there is a lack of respect and common decency in our political discourse?

I don't believe I'm alone when observing that the conversations being had -- especially where the issues affecting American society are concerned -- seem a little brusque. You might say the ways in which we're speaking to each other are just plain rude.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said that "Politeness is a sign of dignity, not subservience."

Yet, in our current times, and given an increasing number of issues ripe for thoughtful consideration, we often find ourselves falling short of our highest ideals. This is a problem that must be addressed.

According to the Pew Research Center, four in 10 Americans have reported being harassed online. The majority of those respondents cited politics as the primary reason this harassment occurred.

More survey data indicates that Americans see stronger societal conflict than citizens of other advanced economies.

In Utah, we have a responsibility to find a better way to disagree. Gov. Spencer Cox has caught on to the consequences of unhealthy communication in our politics.

During an appearance on NBC's Meet the Press in February, Cox described that the extremes on the left and right have created an exhausted majority in the middle.

“Let’s stop fighting about the stuff that doesn’t matter, and actually get to work,” Cox said, according to The Deseret News.

While there is difficulty in identifying specific causes of unhealthy political conflict, there is substantial research available that regular, positive contact with someone from another group reduces intergroup animosity.

This same result is reported when observing someone from your side of the aisle interacting positively with an opponent.

Perhaps we ought to consider venturing outside of our respective political bubbles with the intent of finding a sense of understanding.

This does not mean we compromise our values or sense of integrity. It does mean, however, that we can invite new perspectives into our lives in a way that can positively impact our relationships, our communities and our country.

These principles were recently important for me to apply. Those who follow the local news may have heard about some concerns regarding Eagle Mountain’s drinking water.

What started as a simple question about a chlorine-like taste on a community Facebook page turned into serious doubts and hostilities about the safety of the product being sent into our resident’s taps.

As a City government, Eagle Mountain was left scrambling to provide testing data on the water being used. New tests were ordered, results were analyzed and a campaign providing information to our residents was launched to help facilitate understanding.

Eagle Mountain’s drinking water fell well within the state of Utah’s acceptable limits for safety. Despite this, some residents felt the need to perform their own tests, request uncommon tests that would help prove its safety and indicate their disbelief when confronted with the evidence.

In moments such as these, it is important as mayor to quell concerns and take the time to hear residents in their own words. It is also important to communicate the information in a way residents can understand.

Beneath this blame and denial of the evidence, I believe, is a sincere longing to know both themselves and their loved ones are safe. In the end, everyone is striving to ensure the same end goal: that the quality of the drinking water is high while the cost of providing it is low.

By keeping these common yearnings in mind, the decision-making around the issue was clarified in a meaningful way. Not everyone was on board, but enough understood the matter to feel like it was properly addressed.

I could not disagree more with Saul Alinsky. In his 1971 book “Rules for Radicals,” he expounds on how ridicule is man’s most effective weapon.

“There is no defense. It’s irrational. It’s infuriating. It also works as a key pressure point to force the enemy into concessions,” Alinsky says in the book.

This isn’t healthy behavior. It’s questionable at best and counterproductive in the long run at worst.

Techniques such as ridicule are common to score political points. I would argue there's a strong correlation between the techniques currently being used to illicit certain political outcomes and recent data with societal implications.

According to Pew Research, as signs of partisan hostility grow, Americans — notably younger Americans — have grown increasingly disillusioned with the two party system. Just 20% of Americans say they trust government to do the right thing.

This could have substantial impacts on our government at all levels in the future.

As Utahns, we may find ourselves disagreeing over the appearance of the new state flag, tax cuts or our deepest values. One thing is clear, in my opinion: healthy disagreement leads to better solutions and better outcomes.

So remember, when disagreeing over the stuff that matters, politeness is a sign of dignity, not subservience.

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[Know the code - Park it here](#)



There have been amendments to the Eagle Mountain City Parking Code. Please review the changes of the parking code that are newly enforceable.

10.10.010 "No parking" zones.

A. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law, the directions of a peace officer, or a traffic-control device, a person may not:

1. Stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

- a. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of the curb of a street (double parking);
- b. On a sidewalk;
- c. Within an intersection;
- d. On a crosswalk;
- e. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;
- f. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;`
- g. On any bridge or other elevated structure, on a highway, or within a highway tunnel;
- h. On any controlled-access highway;
- i. In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers;
- j. on a parkstrip (landscaped or not); or

2. Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:

- a. In front of a public or private driveway without owner's permission;
- b. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- c. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk;
- d. Within 30 feet upon the approach to any stop sign, yield sign, flashing signal, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- e. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance when properly signposted;
- f. At any place where a traffic-control device prohibits standing;
- g. Within 30 feet from start of curb curvature leading up to an intersection (including roundabouts);
- h. Opposite the flow of traffic;
- i. Within 10 feet of a mailbox between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on days that mail is being delivered; or

3. Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers:

- a. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- b. At any place where traffic-control devices prohibit parking; or

c. On a city street marked as a “no parking” zone by signage or by curb marking established by authority of the city.

B. A person may not move a vehicle that is not lawfully under the person’s control into any prohibited area or into an unlawful distance from the curb.

C. This section does not apply to a tow truck motor carrier responding to a customer service call if the tow truck motor carrier has already received authorization from the local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the vehicle to be towed is located.

D. Parking may be restricted on one side of surface streets when the width of asphalt is less than 28 feet.

E. Parking may be restricted on one side of surface streets when the width of asphalt is less than 36 feet and vehicle ADT (average daily trips) exceeds 6,000.

F. In addition to the specific parking restrictions set forth in this section, parking may also be restricted or prohibited wherever city staff deems necessary to provide for the health and safety of residents of the city.

10.10.020 Obstructing traffic prohibited.

- It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle, or leave any vehicle standing unattended, on any street or roadway in Eagle Mountain City which will prevent the flow of traffic on the street. This section shall apply to motor vehicles, trailers of every kind and nature, and other obstructions left standing in the roadways of Eagle Mountain City, Utah.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this section, so as to not obstruct traffic, a vehicle stopped or parked on a two-way roadway shall be stopped or parked:

1. Parallel to and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb; or
2. As close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.

10.10.030 Parking on public streets without being moved.

It is unlawful to leave any vehicle parked continuously on a public street for longer than 72 hours without having been driven a distance of at least 400 feet before returning to the same location.

10.10.040 Enforcement.

Penalties associated with violations of this article shall be consistent with the consolidated fee schedule as adopted by the city council and/or towing and removal by the city.

Article II. Winter Restrictions

10.10.050 Parking prohibited when snow accumulates.

It is unlawful to park vehicles, trailers, or other property constituting obstructions to traffic on the public streets of Eagle Mountain City from November 1st to March 15th of the succeeding year whenever snow accumulates on streets in the city.

10.10.060 Vehicles subject to removal.

Vehicles and other obstructions that are parked in violation of this article on streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City, especially as snow removal and safety are impeded, are subject to fines according to the consolidated fee schedule as adopted by the city council and/or towing and removal by the city to facilitate maneuvering snowplows and snow removal operations.

10.10.070 Depositing snow in streets prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to place, plow, or dump snow in the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City. Violations are subject to fines according to the consolidated fee schedule as adopted by the city council

10.10.080 Enforcement.

It is the policy of Eagle Mountain City that this article will be enforced consistently with the fines adopted in the consolidated fee schedule during periods requiring snowplowing or snow removal from the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City.

Article III. Commercial, Recreational and Agricultural Vehicles

10.10.090 Definitions.

A. "Agricultural vehicle" means a vehicular unit used primarily for the transporting of any farm commodity to or from a farm or the use directly in agricultural production. An agricultural vehicle does not include vehicles that do not directly support farming operations such as personal use vehicles.

B. "Commercial vehicle" means a tractor or motor vehicle exceeding a rated capacity of 2.5 tons, trailer, or semi-trailer used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property that operates:

1. As a carrier for hire, compensation, or profit;
2. As a carrier to transport the vehicle owner's goods or property in furtherance of the owner's commercial enterprise; or
3. As a food cart or food truck.

C. "Food cart" means a cart:

1. That is not motorized; and
2. that a vendor, standing outside the frame of the cart, uses to prepare, sell, or serve food or beverages for immediate human consumption.

D. "Food truck" means:

1. A fully encased food service establishment:
 - i. On a motor vehicle or on a trailer that a motor vehicle pulls to transport; and
 - ii. From which a food truck vendor, standing within the frame of the vehicle, prepares, cooks, sells, or serves food or beverages for immediate human consumption;
2. A food cart; or

3. An ice cream truck.

E. "Front yard" means any property extending across the full width of a lot from the front line of the lot to the nearest wall of the main building situated on the lot, including, but not limited to landscaping, and driveway(s).

F. "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular unit other than a mobile home, primarily designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, or vacation use that is either self-propelled or pulled by another vehicle. "Recreational vehicle" includes:

1. A travel trailer;
2. A camping trailer;
3. A motor home; and
4. A fifth wheel trailer.

10.10.100 Parking prohibited on public streets – Exceptions.

A. It is unlawful to park any:

1. Commercial vehicle, agricultural vehicle, recreational vehicle, or occupied or empty trailer on any public street within a residential zone of the city for a period of time longer than 24 hours;
2. Agricultural vehicle, recreational vehicle, or occupied or empty trailer within the front yard area (excluding a paved or gravel driveway) of any residential zone of the city;
3. Agricultural vehicle, recreational vehicle, or occupied or empty trailer on a driveway within 10 feet of a sidewalk (or street if sidewalk is not present); or
4. Commercial vehicle on any lot or parcel within any residential zone of the city.

B. Exceptions. This section shall not restrict the temporary parking or stopping of a city vehicle or of a vehicle owned and/or operated by a public utility for the purpose of conducting repairs or related work. This section shall not restrict the temporary parking of vehicles actively used to deliver building supplies and materials to property in any residential zone, nor shall it prohibit the temporary parking of vehicles used while performing work upon property in residential zones

10.10.110 Towing authorized.

In addition to the fines adopted in the consolidated fee schedule and all other penalties authorized by law, and at the expense of the owner, any vehicle or trailer parked in violation of this article may be towed to impound.

Article IV. Enforcement

10.10.120 Definitions.

It is the policy of Eagle Mountain City that the articles of Chapter 10.10 of the city code may be enforced consistent with the fines and actions adopted in the consolidated fee schedule. All city enforcement

officers are herein authorized to take such action necessary, as detailed in the consolidated fee schedule, to enforce this chapter.

Wildlife - Pigeons and collared doves



2 - Eagle Mountain City Wildlife Biologist Todd Black informs residents every month about local wildlife populations.

When I first started here at Eagle Mountain City last spring, I completed a few wildlife surveys. I noticed certain areas in Eagle Mountain seemed to have an overabundance of feral pigeons.

A month or so ago, after careful observation, I finally had some insight.

Pigeons are one of the smarter birds out there. In fairness to other birds, they have not been studied as much, nor domesticated as long as feral pigeons.

Pigeons are believed to be one of the first domesticated birds -- used as a tool to deliver messages. In fact, pigeons are even credited with saving lives through the information they provided to allies across enemy lines in certain instances.

Pigeons have self-recognition, can recognize words over gibberish and are currently being trained to diagnose cancer.

The term "stool pigeon" derives from folks who would capture a pigeon and tie it to a stool so it couldn't fly. This, in turn, would attract other pigeons to the area. People used this to capture, domesticate and even eat pigeons. Yummy!

Now that we've got the positives out of the way, let's talk about how disgusting and dirty pigeons really are.

I don't care for pigeons, personally -- especially the feral variety, including Eurasian collared doves and European starlings.

There are several diseases these birds carry, and if one were to breathe or ingest spores from pigeon bird matter, one could come away with avian tuberculosis, cryptococcosis, histoplasmosis and psittacosis. Pigeons are also carriers of mites, fleas and West Nile virus. These feral pigeons, along with their close cousin, the Eurasian collared dove, compete with native birds for food and nesting places.

I could go on, but back to what I observed a few months ago out at the rodeo grounds. West of the rodeo grounds is the Brandon Park subdivision. It just so happens that many of those homes have solar panels. I love solar energy and I think solar on your rooftop is a great idea.

However, if you have solar panels on your house and you don't have a skirt, netting, or something to fill the gap between your roof and your solar panels, you are a source of the pigeon problem.

I saw several roof tops that had these skirts, but most did not. If you don't have this mitigation measure installed, I promise you have a pigeon problem. You have pigeons that are nesting under these panels on your roof.

You have them nesting under the solar panels, bringing in debris, feeding young nestlings, likely dying, and defecating all over on your roof top.

Besides the likelihood of having spores from the diseases I previously mentioned, you now increase the risk of fire on your roof. This can short out your solar power system and likely void the warranty on your 30-year shingles.

I'll list just a few more mitigations if you don't want to pay the \$1,000 expense to construct netting:

- Put spikes on the peak of your roof and on the solar panels
- Get a decoy owl, preferably one with a bobble head
- Keep your yard and garden clean of things pigeons will eat
- Clean your solar panels regularly and let the hose run under them
- Use lasers to haze and harass in the birds in the evenings
- Contact a pest control company and let them deal with the problem

There are several sources out there one could use to assist you in your mission to remove pigeons from the city. We are working now on a few methods to remove those in and around the rodeo grounds.

We all need to do our part to address the increasing pigeon problem in Eagle Mountain. This starts with you who have solar panels.

A few simple steps at very little cost will go a long way toward mitigating this problem. Be pigeon aware on your rooftop.

Big box retailer plans location in Eagle Mountain



Open land near the intersection of SR-73 and Ranches Parkway is soon planned to be the home of a major retailer.

Walmart has announced plans to construct a location at the northwest corner of the intersection, just off what is known as Spring Run. Once complete, Eagle Mountain's Walmart will comprise nearly 200,000 sq. ft. of retail space.

"We are honored that the retail giant Walmart is considering expanding into Eagle Mountain," says Mayor Tom Westmoreland. "We look forward to working with them and welcoming them to our community."

Walmart brings an additional shopping location to the community that will diversify Eagle Mountain's retail base and serve residents' day-to-day needs.

The proposed Walmart location is anticipated to generate an estimated \$1 million in annual sales tax revenue. These dollars will be used to improve City services such as roads, parks and public safety.

Prior to the start of construction, planned to begin in 2023, the proposed Walmart site is slated for rezoning to a regional commercial designation. This change will be considered at the April 18 Eagle Mountain City Council meeting.

Council members will also consider the addition of language to Eagle Mountain City Code to provide for exceptions to compatible buffer zones to accommodate Walmart's location.

Apart from zoning hurdles, traffic needs are anticipated to be a major consideration prior to the approval of Walmart's new location.

"We are working with Walmart to improve plans for traffic flows, knowing that the Ranches Parkway and SR-73 intersection is already a very busy area," says Eagle Mountain City Economic Development Director Evan Berrett. "Ideally, the presence of Walmart will help expedite UDOT's plans to begin the planned widening of SR-73."

The Utah Department of Transportation has Phase II plans to transform SR-73 into a freeway with frontage roads that will improve east/west traffic flow in Eagle Mountain within the next 10 years.

Walmart's arrival in the community also acts as a signal for other companies to begin considering an Eagle Mountain location. These restaurants and retailers will further diversify the shopping options for residents.

Economic development in Eagle Mountain occasionally carries tax incentives that facilitate a company's location in the community. That is not the case with Walmart as the retailer is not being offered incentives at this time.

"Eagle Mountain City did not seek to entice Walmart to construct a new store in Eagle Mountain," says Berrett. "Walmart recognized the extreme growth and opportunity in Eagle Mountain. This will likely not be the only Walmart location in the decades to come."

Once fully operational, Walmart will employ dozens in the community and provide additional construction jobs while work to build the site is ongoing.

Walmart operates more than 10,000 stores and clubs under 46 banners in 24 countries, according to their website.

New business development



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Eagle Mountain continues to grow. Follow along each month as we track businesses with plans to locate in the community.

Emergency prep - Earthquake preparedness



The month of April is earthquake preparedness month in Utah.

Many residents will participate in the Great Utah Shakeout on April 20, 2023. It's an earthquake preparedness drill that emphasizes the “drop, cover and hold on” protocol.

You cannot tell from the initial shaking if an earthquake will suddenly become intense. Always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately.

In most situations, if you feel shaking or get an earthquake alert, do the following:

DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and reduces your chances of being hit by falling or flying objects.

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand.

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter.
- If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows).
- Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs.

HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts.

- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

Your past experience in an earthquake may give you a false sense of safety. You didn't do anything, or you ran outside, yet you survived with no injuries. Perhaps you crawled under your desk and others thought you overreacted.

You likely have never experienced the kind of strong earthquake shaking that is possible in much larger earthquakes: sudden and intense back and forth motions of several feet per second will cause the floor or the ground to jerk sideways out from under you.

Every unsecured object around you could topple, fall or become airborne -- potentially causing serious injury. This is why you must learn to immediately protect yourself after the first jolt. Don't wait to see if the earthquake shaking will be strong.

UFA continues construction on 2 new EM fire stations



The Unified Fire Authority continues work to expand its presence in the community.

Currently, two fire stations, Station 251 and Station 252, are operational within Eagle Mountain city limits.

According to Ryan Love, Public Information Officer with the Unified Fire Authority, properly locating fire stations is a focus for the organization.

“When a fire station is closer to an emergency location, firefighters can respond to the incident more quickly, potentially saving lives and minimizing property damage,” Love says.

[Station 252](#) is located along Pony Express Pkwy near Ridley’s while [Station 251](#) is currently located just south of City Hall in City Center.

According to Love, two new fire stations are actively under construction in Eagle Mountain. The first, [Station 253](#), will be situated on Mid Valley Road near Frontier Middle School in City Center. The second is a [relocation of Station 251](#), which will be located just south of Eagle Mountain Blvd. along Pony Express Pkwy.

Plans for the building where Station 251 is currently located are still under consideration by the Unified Fire Service Area, according to Love. Finalized ideas will be forthcoming.

UFA anticipates an overall reduction in response times once construction of the two fire stations is complete.

“With more fire stations in Eagle Mountain, the existing stations can provide mutual aid to each other, allowing for a faster and more effective response to emergencies across the city,” says Love.

Station 253 is being built to house a fire engine, ladder truck, ambulance and Battalion Chief – comprising a total of 11 firefighters.

As Eagle Mountain continues to grow in population, Love says Station 253 will also have the ability to expand its services to meet any increases in demand for emergency services.

The Unified Fire Authority anticipates that construction on both stations will be complete this summer.

The public will also be welcomed at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house upon completion of each of the fire stations, says Love.

UFA will also be hosting a community pancake breakfast for all Eagle Mountain residents once Station 253 is complete.

“We look forward to this opportunity as it will allow our firefighters to engage with our residents outside of an emergency setting,” says Love. “Residents who attend will be able to ask questions that will help them better understand who’s protecting their community, what our job involves, what firefighters do, and how, and why we do it.”

Love encourages residents who are interested in attending the pancake breakfast to stay up to date by following the Unified Fire Authority on social media:

Facebook: [@unifiedfireauthority](#)

Instagram: [@unifiedfire](#)

Twitter: [@fireauthority](#)

Upcoming events

- April 1 - Easter Egg Hunt
- April 11 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- April 18 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- April 20-24- Spring Dumpsters
- April 25 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

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The Eagle's View

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Crab mentality claws back progress



1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Around the world, fishermen fill their buckets with crabs and leave them unattended while they catch more.

Fishermen are not terribly worried that the crabs will escape because the crabs police themselves. Crabs at the bottom will drag any attempting to climb out back down into the bucket. This behavior is called crab mentality.

If there is just one crab in the bucket, it will keep trying to crawl out of the bucket until it eventually succeeds. It is only when there are several crabs in the bucket that the crab behavior changes. Why do crabs act in this way?

It goes without saying that crabs aren't supposed to live in buckets. Crabs live where the ocean meets the shore -- where powerful waves crash on rocks and sand. They live in an environment that is in constant motion, and always threatening.

When waves pound and tides pull, crabs cling to each other to prevent themselves from being washed out to sea. The crabs are reacting as they would normally, clinging to one another in order to survive.

Crab behavior has sincere applications to human behavior.

People can also, on occasion, feel like they live in a world that is threatening, competitive and always changing. Sometimes this occurs at a speed that is impossible to maintain.

Humans weren't meant to live in buckets either. Why then do we reflexively constrain ourselves, or others, to these metaphorical buckets?

As we begin to understand crab mentality, we can see that some individuals can't enjoy another person's success. Like the crabs in a bucket, they pull others down to their level.

We might not believe in ourselves. Sometimes we can be so full of self-doubt that we worry we won't measure up.

When we allow ourselves to feel like we don't deserve to be happy, or successful, or attain our goals, or we simply don't want to stand out from the crowd, we act like crabs in a bucket.

Putting someone down or pulling them back may appear to keep everyone on a level playing field. All this really does is hurt everyone.

In the movie "The pursuit of Happyness," Will Smith, playing the part of stockbroker in training Chris Gardner, responds to his five-year-old son's dream of being a professional basketball player with derision. He tells him to put the ridiculous thought out of his head because he will never play professional basketball.

Then he pauses to reflect on the crab mentality in his statement. He then reverses himself and tells his son not to ever let his father or anyone else tell him he can't do or be whatever he wants.

Once we begin to see crab mentality, there are many examples to site from current events and our personal lives. I won't make a list because it would be long and controversial. Instead, I ask us all to reflect on it. How has it affected us? How might we discourage it from now on?

By constantly putting down others, we are creating an atmosphere of negativity. Instead, be thoughtful and consciously help others succeed. Success breeds success. Wanting success for everyone only leads to a better life for us all.

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3 city council seats up for election in 2023



The 2023 Municipal Election will take place to elect three Eagle Mountain City councilmembers to 4-year terms. Elected candidates will take office in January 2024. Eagle Mountain City has contracted with Utah County to administer the Vote by Mail Primary and General Municipal Elections. If more than six candidates file to run, a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 15 to narrow the candidates down to six. Those six candidates will be on the Nov. 7 General Election ballot. The filing period for councilmember candidates is from June 1 to June 7, ending at 5 p.m. on the 7th. More information can be found on the Elections and Voting page at eaglemountaincity.com.

Know the code - Tumbleweed migration



There is not a code regarding tumbleweeds.

Twice every year, however, tumbleweeds become a major problem in Eagle Mountain as the wind blows for 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 (available at City Hall). If residents have the ability to haul their flattened tumbleweeds, this is the first place they should go.

Residents are also allowed, under safe conditions, to burn tumbleweeds that land on their property in burn barrels. Burn barrels can be found on KSL and other social media sites for around \$20. Please burn responsibly away from flammable structures and with a garden hose available.

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 because of potential traffic safety issues and limited City resources. Residents are allowed to sell tumbleweeds provided they aren’t entering another person’s property to retrieve them.

Wildlife - Detection system now in EM



2 - By: Carlie Bowen, wildlife intern

Just west of the Cory Wride memorial on state Route 73, you may notice two new power poles -- each equipped with a thermal infrared camera. Accompanying these cameras are two new warning signs.

The purpose of this equipment is to detect targeted wildlife, track them as they enter the “hot zone” and then trigger the warning signs. These signs are designed to be like fireworks -- warning motorists that the deer are just about to cross the road.

SR-73 runs through Eagle Mountain and, according to a recent traffic study, averages nearly 5,000 vehicles per day. SR-73 also bisects a major migration route used by mule deer. The deer migrate from Camp Williams and the Oquirrh Mountains to the south end of the Lake Mountains.

In 2022, Eagle Mountain City received funding from the Utah Department of Transportation and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to install a state-of-the-art detection and crossing system. Last year, the City contracted with a company called CrossTek to install the system at a designated pinch point on SR-73.

The system uses complex computer software, which measures multiple variables to accurately identify and track the targeted species.

“Because it can be programed to recognize the difference not only in the body size of an animal but differences in temperature between the ground and an animal, it then sends these data to the computer, which makes split second decisions, as to: is this an animal we are concerned about? And, if so, where is it and when do the lights need to be triggered?” says Tim Hazel Hurst with CrossTek.

When the animals get to the “X” spot in the hot zone, the warning signs are triggered, and the computer sends a signal that turns on flashing lights and a warning to alert drivers that an animal is nearby. They stay on until the animal leaves the hot zone on the other side of the road.

When the cameras activate, the data collected show a white box that stays on the animal with some letters like “T” and “F” for true and false. These labels represent the different subject matters related to the data. There can be false positives that can activate the signs. A jack rabbit or fox that walks near the poles can set off the signal, but that is uncommon.

“The software can be programed to correctly identify targeted species based on their size,” says Todd Black, wildlife biologist and environmental planner with Eagle Mountain City. “Our cameras are specifically designed to identify critters larger than a fox or coyote. We want them to correctly identify mule deer, pronghorn and even elk. We hope this system is going to really save a bunch of deer and hopefully trigger a positive response from the signs. Research has shown that motorists habituate to the 24/7/365 deer flashing signs, they just become part of the scenery as they travel to and from their location.”

The purpose of this system and project is threefold:

- Provide motorists with sufficient warning of a crossing event that they will respond to the warning signs and slow down;
- Reduce the number of deer-vehicle collisions (DVCs) at a narrow pinch point;
- Save the mule deer. Over 190 DVC’s (dead deer) have occurred in this general area from 2018-2022.

Based on data from other states using this system, when the system and signs were activated, more drivers braked. This warning system has shown a significant reduction in DVC’s.

Over the next two years, Eagle Mountain City is hoping to be able to work with researchers from Oregon State University who are collecting data and monitoring several of these detection systems in other states to monitor the collected data recorded by the thermal camera systems and observed by researchers.

The thermal cameras are anticipated to reduce deer-vehicle collisions in the migration corridor along SR-73.

New business development

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Eagle Mountain continues to grow. Follow along each month as new businesses locate in the community.

Emergency prep - Flood preparedness



This year, Utah has received a lot more snow than we are accustomed to. As the snow melts, there is the potential for flooding. Here are some steps you can take to be prepared:

- Clear debris from your gutters and downspouts to help prevent water from backing up and seeping into your home;
- Know the elevation of your property in relation to plains, streams and other water ways;
- If the ground is sloped one inch per foot near the house, moving snow just 3-5 feet away from the house can help reduce the possibility of flooding;
- Keep water out of window wells. Use sandbags or adjust landscaping so water will naturally drain away from the house;
- Move valuable items to a higher level in your home, or off-site to protect them from flood damage;
- Be aware of weather conditions and flood warnings in your area. Listen to local news broadcasts and emergency alerts to stay informed;
- Have an evacuation plan and location destination planned if it becomes necessary;
- Keep your car's gas tank full in case you need to evacuate;
- Keep 72-hour kits updated and ready to go if necessary;

By taking these steps, you can minimize the damage caused by spring flooding and keep your family safe. Remember, the best way to stay safe during a flood is to stay informed, stay prepared and stay alert.

EM Blvd roundabout project postponed



The Eagle Mountain Blvd. roundabout project has been delayed until further notice.

The project, which will replace the roundabout at Eagle Mountain Blvd. and Pony Express Pkwy. with a traffic signal, was postponed after the City rejected a bid that came in significantly over budget.

“It was almost double what we were thinking when the bid came back,” says Bryce Mcrae, Engineer in Training with Eagle Mountain City.

According to Mcrae, the overbudget bid was the only one the City received for the project.

“One of the main reasons why we rejected it was cost,” says Mcrae. “And then, the roundabout is still working right now.”

Even during busy times of the day, the roundabout still functions with a good level of service, says Mcrae. For this reason, the City’s Engineering department feels less pressure to complete the project urgently.

“We will do this project. It needs to be done,” says Mcrae. “But for the time being, it’s not a major concern.”

The project has been of significant interest to many residents in the Eagle Mountain City Citizens Facebook group, with several individuals voicing support for, or disapproval of, the project.

“Statistically speaking, roundabouts are significantly safer than traditional intersections. Fender benders will happen, yeah. But severe accidents at higher rates of speed are basically eradicated,” wrote one resident, Mandy Lane. “Paint the correct lines on it, post some ‘how to use the roundabout’ videos and keep it.”

“Stoplight[s] will be so much better long term, especially when they widen Pony Express,” another resident, Christopher Russell, said in favor of the project. “It’s not an if, but a when we’ll need a stoplight, and it’s better to do it now than wait until the city is twice the size in population.”

Mcrae says that the four-way traffic signal will allow for smoother flow of north and southbound traffic toward Meta, and east and westbound traffic on Eagle Mountain Blvd.

“Once a signal is in, you’re just going to have smoother flows and timing throughout that whole area,” he says.

According to Mcrae, the Engineering department does not have a firm timeline for when the roundabout will be replaced. However, Mcrae anticipates the project could be completed within the next few years.

In the meantime, the City will be focusing on the Eagle Mountain Intersection Improvement Project, which will make needed improvements to four major intersections throughout the city.

The project will replace the four-way stop sign at Major St. and Eagle Mountain Blvd. with a traffic signal, add a traffic signal at Stonebridge Ln. on Ranches Pkwy., add a signal at Woodhaven Blvd. and Pony Express and extend the length of the left turn lane on eastbound Pony Express toward Ranches Pkwy.

The Intersection Improvements Project is currently out for bid. Mcrae anticipates the bid will be awarded at the May 2 City Council meeting.

Assuming material availability, Mcrae says all four intersection projects should be completed by the middle of October this year.

Upcoming events

- May 2 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- May 9 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- May 16 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- May 23 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- May 29 - Memorial Day (City offices and library closed)

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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Finding good advice in unexpected places

If you could ask anyone for advice, who would it be? There is a potentially long list.

In 2004, Tim McGraw released a song about the advice given to him by someone with a terminal diagnosis. He titled the song "Live Like You Were Dying."

"I asked him when it sank in that this might be the real end. How's it hit you when you get that kind of news? Man, what'd you do?"

And he said, I went skydiving. I went Rocky Mountain climbing. I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fu Man Chu and I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter and I gave forgiveness I've been denying. And he said someday I hope you get the chance to live like you were dying.

He said, I was finally the husband that most the time I wasn't. And I became a friend a friend would like to have. And all of a sudden goin' fishin' wasn't such an imposition. And I went 3 times that year I lost my Dad.

Well, I finally read the Good Book and I took a good long hard look of what I'd do if I could do it all again and then I went skydiving I went Rocky Mountain climbing I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fu Man Chu.

And I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter and I gave forgiveness I've been denying and he said, someday I hope you get the chance to live like you were dying. Like tomorrow was a gift and you got eternity to think about what to do with it."

When we view life and treat others like life is short, and that it is either our last day or theirs, I believe that it is hard to go wrong in our relationships.

Contemplating our human mortality might seem counterintuitive to happiness, but it may be the very best way to set a healthy and happy perspective.

For some, this can come naturally. For most of us - especially me - it takes a reminder.

We made it through winter. Spring is here and summer is rolled out before us. Let's let the warmer temperatures, fresh air and green leaves be our reminder to live life like it is short and priceless -- enjoying our lives to the fullest, and extending others grace and forgiveness.

One of my goals is for our city to be conducive to a life full of positive memories and a rich, full life for all who live and visit here.

So, please, do what you can this month to live like you were dying. Plant a tree, a flower; or just get out and enjoy our parks, trails and open spaces.



LOOKING AHEAD

- May 31:** Senior Meal & Craft
Pony Express Days - Family Fun Night
- June 1:** Pony Express Days - Carnival Buddy Night
- June 2:** Pony Express Days - Carnival
- June 3:** Pony Express Days - Grand Parade
Carnival, Demolition Derby, Fireworks
Youth Dance
- June 6:** City Council Meeting
- June 7:** Senior Meal & Craft
- June 8:** Senior Lunch Bunch
PRCA Rodeo
- June 9:** Senior Activity - Rodeo
PRCA Rodeo
- June 10:** PRCA Rodeo
- June 13:** Planning Commission Meeting
- June 14:** Senior Meal & Craft
- June 15:** Senior Meal & Craft
- June 19:** Senior Bingo & Potluck Supper
- June 20:** City Council Meeting
- June 21:** Senior Meal & Craft
Wildlife & Nature Education Class
- June 22:** Senior Meal & Craft
- June 23:** Movie in the Park
- June 26:** Senior Christmas in June
- June 27:** Planning Commission Meeting

Left: Pony Express riders carry flags and lead the grand parade during Pony Express Days

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Pony Express Days honors Eagle Mountain's history

Pony Express Days, Eagle Mountain's much-anticipated annual festival, kicks off Wednesday, May 31 with Family Fun Night in Nolen Park.

The festival, which marks its 24th year in 2023, celebrates the Eagle Mountain community and its ties to the Pony Express Trail.

The most notable homage to the Pony Express trail is the parade pre-show, according to Dawn Hancock, Events manager with the City.

At the start of the parade each year, horseback riders will ride along the historic Pony Express Trail before meeting up with the parade route to lead the parade.

"They do a reenactment every year and so they lead our parade with it because of the historical ties to the Pony Express Trail...it's pretty cool," Hancock says.

According to Hancock, most of the riders in the parade have generational or family ties to the original Pony Express riders, who delivered mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California - over 1,800 miles - in just 10 days.

Wednesday's Family Fun Night runs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nolen Park and will feature 13 inflatable attractions, balloon animals, informational vendors and monster bubbles. The ever-popular touch-a-truck event will also be at the park from 4-8, where families can get up close and personal with City utility vehicles and equipment.

The Pony Express carnival kicks off at Cory Wride Park on Thursday with Buddy Night, where residents can get carnival tickets buy one, get one half-off if purchased with a friend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday's carnival will feature rides, boardwalk games and boutique vendors, as well as performances from local groups such as Lakeside Gymnastics (4:45 p.m.) and Gotta Dance (7 p.m.).

Friday's carnival will run from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature a live performance from Penrose, a modern rock band from Salt Lake City. The band's lead vocalist, Madison Penrose, has been an American Idol National Top 30 finalist and a winner of the Utah Idol singing competition. Penrose will take the stage at the carnival at 7 p.m.

Before returning for the final night of the carnival on Saturday, residents will enjoy the Pony Express Days grand parade, led by the Pony Express riders and this year's Grand Marshals Harry and Vicki Draper.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will run eastward along Pony Express Parkway from Cedar Rd. to Smith Ranch Rd. Residents will find grassy areas for spectating in several places along the parade route.

Following the parade, the final day of the carnival will feature more live performances from Star Metal and from The Deaf and the Musician, a sign language and singing duo out of Salt Lake City.

Cindy McAllister, who is deaf, interprets musician Ben Brinton's original songs into American Sign Language, bridging a gap with the deaf community.

Hancock says she is proud to make City events more accessible to individuals with adaptive needs.

After the final performances, Pony Express Days will come to an end with a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Pony Express company, which Pony Express Days was named for, made its personal best time in March 1861 when riders carried Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address from Nebraska to California in just seven days, 17 hours.



During the month of May, there is usually an increase in the number of properties that are overgrown with grass and weeds. This results from the amount of precipitation reported in March and April.

An increase in moisture, in general, is a good thing for our lawns. It also creates the potential for fire hazards when unsightly weeds begin to grow.

Eagle Mountain City encourages residents to maintain their properties according to section 8.07.020 of City Code. The hazards associated with weeds and other refuse are eliminated when a few simple lawn maintenance principles are followed.

8.07.020 Weeds and other refuse.

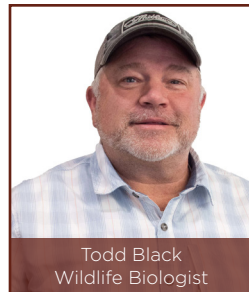
B. Weed Control Standards. Weeds shall not be permitted to reach a height of more than six inches at any time or to otherwise create a fire hazard to structures or habitat for disease, insect vectors, or vermin.

As used in this chapter, the term "weeds" means plants which are unwanted in the location where they are growing, and which are not a part of landscaping, xeriscaping, or native plant landscaping.

The term "weeds" also includes noxious weeds which are described under the Utah Noxious Weed Act, defined by the State Weed Committee of the state of Utah and by Utah County.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE



Todd Black
Wildlife Biologist

Springtime snakes

I like snakes and feel that they frequently get a bad rap.

I disagree with the philosophy they are "of the devil," and "the only good snake is a dead one."

You may not know but all snakes are protected in Utah. As such, it is illegal to harm, harass or take possession of them. Anyone found doing so could be charged accordingly.

Here in Eagle Mountain and the Cedar Valley, there are three snakes you are likely to encounter.

1. Great Basin gopher snake (*Pituophis catenifer*)

This snake is referred to as the blow snake due to the hissing/blowing sound it often makes when threatened. These are great snakes to have around if only to teach dogs to fear snakes or to show kids how to handle a snake.

A large gopher snake can exceed 7 feet in length. Most are between 3 and 5 feet and are completely harmless. They do bite if threatened or are mishandled but are non-venomous. They prefer to eat small mammals, lizards and even other snakes.

2. Great Basin rattle snake (*Crotalus, lutosus*)

These rattlesnakes are common in the undeveloped areas of the city -- especially in the foothills and valley floors. A large specimen may be close to 4 feet in length but rarely exceed 2 feet. Their diet consists primarily of small mammals and rodents. They go into hibernation during early fall and stay in their hibernaculum with other rattlesnakes until early spring.

Give these snakes their space. They are not aggressive unless provoked and will usually try to slip away without any confrontation. Rattlesnakes are venomous and will strike/bite if harassed or threatened. If you get bitten, you're not going to die but you need to seek medical attention quickly. You also should be aware of where your pets are when you're out enjoying the open space. Your dogs are more likely to encounter them before you. Unless they've been taught to avoid snakes, they are likely to have a negative experience.

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3. Wandering garter snake (*Thamnophis, elegans*)

It's also known as a water snake. These are equally common throughout the city and are often found near wet areas, around homes, areas that have open water or mesic habitat. I don't care for these snakes just because they excrete a milky/musky liquid that stinks. It is hard to get rid of once on your skin. These snakes, other than the smell, are completely harmless. They are also a good snake to train dogs to fear snakes.

A big adult garter snake can often exceed 3 feet but are generally 12-18" long. They will sometimes feed on small mammals but are more likely to eat insects and small reptiles and amphibians.

PET REGISTRATION

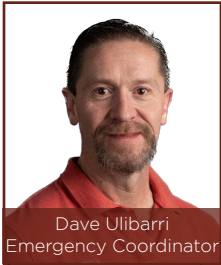
Our pets rely on us to provide food, water, shelter and to bring them home when they have wandered. One of the most effective ways we can do this is to license them. A license is an up-to-date, visible identification of your pet that includes many benefits. Register your pet by visiting a veterinary office, Eagle Mountain City Hall, or by scanning the QR Code.

For more information, please call (801) 785-3442.





EMERGENCY PREP



Dave Ulibarri
Emergency Coordinator

Family communication plans

Communication is vital to your family's safety when disaster strikes. Make sure that your family's emergency plan includes a communication plan, a plan for re-uniting and a plan for what to do in different situations. Create your own, or download and print a plan template at www.ready.gov.

Create a plan

Your communication plan should include contact information for family members and/or close friends in your community, as well as a nearby neighbor. You should also establish an out-of-town contact. You might also include contact information for schools, work, medical contacts and insurance information.

Designate meeting places

Choose a spot in your neighborhood where family members can gather if your home must be quickly evacuated. Designate another location in the community to meet if family members are away from home and unable to gather at your neighborhood meeting place. Include these in your plan.

Distribute your plan

Make copies of your plan and give it to everyone on your list with instructions. The idea is to keep the plan with them at all times in a purse, wallet or backpack. Place copies in your vehicles' glove boxes and in your home and emergency kits. Emphasize with everyone the need to contact one another as soon as it is safe and possible after a disaster strikes.

Practice your plan

Once you have completed your plan, it's time to practice! Practice texting and calling all contacts on your list. Practice gathering all family members at your designated meeting places and discuss how each person would get there. After you practice, talk about how it went. What worked well? What can be improved? What information, if any, needs to be updated? If you do make updates, remember to print new copies of the plan for everyone.

**SANDBAGS
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UNTIL
JUNE 1**

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Construction is underway for several new businesses that will be located near Pony Express Parkway in Eagle Mountain's City Center.

You can help plan our future

Earlier this year, Eagle Mountain City contracted with a consulting firm to develop comprehensive master planning documents and resources to guide the development of three future hubs of economic activity. Included in these areas is what could be our future downtown. The public will have several opportunities to provide input, the first starting on June 7 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Eagle Mountain City Hall. A survey will also be available around the same time. Please come share your thoughts.

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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Small Area Plans: Putting people first

Eagle Mountain City recently contracted with a design firm to begin the process of creating

Small Area Plans. The concept was presented to the public for input. Many shared their thoughts and made suggestions. Thank you to all those who participated.

We must decide now if we are to follow the inevitable course of urbanization, or plan for something better. If we fail to plan, then we will end up with urban sprawl and all its maladies.

A quality city is made of quality components. Those components are divided into three categories: residential, commercial and open space. Ideally, these will be balanced and come together for the wellbeing of residents.

What is a Small Area Plan?
A Small Area Plan is an area that is designed to combine commercial, entertainment and residential components into a complimentary package.

To be successful, Small Area Plans must function well in the daytime and nighttime. They must be convenient and inviting. They must be gathering places for events and entertainment so that shopping is not the only draw.

Historically, planning for the local economy consisted of a main street

where businesses were strung out along a high traffic road. This was replaced by the mall, which made driving and parking easier but was still lacking in practicality.

Then came outdoor malls and commercial centers that attempted to combine the conveniences and experiences of driving and walking.

These represent progress, but there is still much that can be improved -- evidenced by struggling and unattractive commercial centers.

Why Small Area Plans?

Small Area Plans are intended to create commercial centers that will contribute to a thriving local economy, help traffic flow, act as inviting gathering places and enhance quality of life by providing a positive user experience.

To achieve these goals, residential housing must be close by. In some cases, they can be part of the commercial plan.

By implementing Small Area Plans that incorporate highly functional commercial layout, and usable and inviting open space, we can avoid the hazards of urban sprawl.

Putting people first is the key to successful planning.

Instead of planning around roads and buildings, we must start with the human being as the center of all planning. In doing so, the individual and family can have a pleasant user experience.



LOOKING AHEAD

- July 2:** Girls Softball Registration closes
- July 4:** Independence Day - City offices and library closed
- July 5:** Senior Meal & Craft
Special City Council Meeting
- July 6:** Senior Lunch Bunch
- July 7:** Super Showing: Movie in the Park featuring the Super Mario Bros. Movie
- July 8:** Concert in the Park - Darling & Debonair and Beck Brothers
- July 11:** Planning Commission Meeting
- July 12:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 13:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 15:** Youth Soccer Registration closes
- July 17:** Senior Bingo & Potluck Supper
- July 18:** City Council Meeting
- July 19:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 20:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 24:** Pioneer Day - City offices and library closed
- July 25:** Planning Commission Meeting
- July 26:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 27:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 29:** Summer Bash & Laser Show
- July 31:** Senior Ice Cream Social
Adult Softball Registration closes
- Aug 1:** City Council Meeting
- Aug 4:** Movie in the Park
- Aug 8:** Planning Commission Meeting

Left: Recently released renderings illustrate a future playground planned for Smith Ranch Park.

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Smith Ranch Park expansion slated for 2024 completion

Construction related to the Smith Ranch Park expansion project began in mid-May.

In addition to expanding the area of the park, a new playground, skatepark and ninja course are also included in the project plans.

"After this is developed the whole park will be about a 16-acre park," says Brad Hickman, director of Parks and Recreation with Eagle Mountain City.

The park is situated adjacent to Pony Express Elementary School.

According to Hickman, the park was designed with the nearby Tickville Wash, and its native vegetation, in mind. Accommodation for local plant and animal species allows the native areas that border the wash to remain largely undisturbed.

Any areas of the wash that are affected by construction will be replanted with native vegetation upon construction completion, according to Hickman.

Recently released renderings of the park include a walking path that borders the Tickville Wash, connecting the east and

west portions of the park.

Currently, Smith Ranch Park is known for its Exceptional Kids Playground, which is designed for children with adaptive needs. While this playground is planned to be removed as part of the expansion, Hickman says that the new playground will also feature accessible equipment.

"It's going to be replaced with several other features that will be all-abilities," Hickman says. "It's going to be really friendly and usable for those with disabilities."

The new playground will include play areas specifically designed for younger children, as well as play areas designed with older children in mind.

Unlike other municipal parks, the playground at Smith Ranch Park has been custom designed. Residents can expect a unique play experience as a result.

A skatepark has also been included as part of the park's expansion. The future skatepark is partially funded by a \$200,000 grant secured by Eagle Mountain City through the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation. It will be the second skatepark within city limits.

The new skatepark will cater to residents of all skill levels, including those who are just beginning through advanced skateboarders. This state-of-the-art design will allow residents to progress their skills over time.

"We worked with the skate park community...and got feedback from them," Hickman says. "And we got some feedback from some really involved parents in the community."

For residents who are looking for a greater physical challenge, an X-treme Ninja Course is included in the plans for the park's expansion. The course is planned to cater to a variety of athletic abilities.

The course will also include a timer so that participants can track their speed as they make their way through each obstacle.

Every aspect of Smith Ranch Park has been designed specifically with Eagle Mountain's family-focused and physically active community in mind.

Hickman says that he anticipates construction will be completed on the park by spring 2024.

SPLASH PAD SAFETY

For the health and safety of all residents, no food, drink, glass or pets are allowed on, or near, the interactive water features at Eagle Mountain's splash pads. Residents should be aware of potentially slippery surfaces and should not run or climb on any interactive water features. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



Tree-lined streets offer beautification, shade, raised property values and cleaner air. Trees also bring the responsibility of tree maintenance.

Trees in park strips that abut adjacent properties are the responsibility of the homeowner. Many trees in residential areas overhang onto the streets and sidewalks, making it difficult to travel. This causes damage to school busses and other high profile delivery vehicles.

Eagle Mountain City asks residents whose property abuts the park strip to trim trees so that traffic signs are visible and the street side canopy is 14-feet high. Trees overhanging sidewalks should be pruned to a height of 8 feet.

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.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

The wildflower superbloom



Todd Black
Wildlife Biologist

If you have been living under a rock or have had your head buried in the sand for the past month, you are missing a once-or twice-in-a-lifetime event happening right now in Eagle Mountain.

Due to the exceptional winter moisture and all the moisture we received in April, May and June, the wildflowers throughout the state and here in the Cedar Valley are off the charts.

The sheer abundance of wildflowers that are blooming, their wide distribution across the state and brilliance in colors and the variety of individual species is astounding.

Recently, a resident sent me several pictures of the Sego Lily, Indian Paintbrush and Scarlet Globemallow. She said there were thousands of them behind her house, and that she had never seen wildflowers like this in her 25 years of living in Eagle Mountain.

There was no argument from me. Over the years, I've seen several places where it appeared as though spring rains had watered a certain spot at exactly the right time. The rain produced a bunch of wildflowers in that small spot.

This year, however, we have seen an explosion of wildflowers of every kind and every color. I spot them no matter where I go across the state.

The bloom this year is what botanists have termed a "super bloom." This term is used to describe an above-average number of wildflower blooms at the same time. The super bloom this year is so big that it can be seen in satellite images from space.

It's not just in Utah, either. All across the west in Nevada, California, Idaho, Arizona, Montana and into western Colorado and Wyoming, states are experiencing this burst of color across the landscape.

To top it off, there is so much moisture in the ground, the wildflower superbloom will likely continue through July, especially in the Rocky Mountains, where spring is still yet to come in many places above 9,000 feet in elevation.

"The super bloom this year is so big that it can be seen in satellite images from space."

What I personally find intriguing is how many seeds and bulbs are sitting just below the ground. They're patiently waiting for the moon, sun, stars and weather to all come into alignment before exploding into bright, colorful blooms. It's just like the fireworks on the Fourth of July.

As previously stated, this super bloom is a once-or-twice-in-a-lifetime event. It is likely we won't see wildflowers bloom like this again for a long time.

So get out there, folks, before the wildflowers have all dried up. Be sure to get the free iNaturalist mobile app and see how many different species you can identify here in the Cedar Valley. Happy flower hunting!

FIREWORK RESTRICTIONS

As the July 4th and 24th holidays approach, Eagle Mountain residents may wish to ignite fireworks in celebration. Each year, Eagle Mountain City adopts firework restrictions in cooperation with the Unified Fire Authority. Scan this QR code to learn where fireworks are allowed and disallowed in the community.

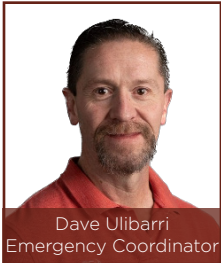
Fireworks may be detonated between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. from July 2-5 (July 4 hours extended to midnight) and from July 22-25 (July 24 hours extended to midnight).





EMERGENCY PREP

Summer safety supports summer fun



Dave Ulibarri
Emergency Coordinator

Having fun on your summer vacation might be your top priority, but staying safe and being prepared should be a close second.

Safety and emergency preparedness come in all forms. You'll want to plan for everything from bad weather, staying healthy, budgeting correctly and making sure your ride is safe.

Here are some important summer safety tips to put on your to-do list before you head out for summer fun:

- If traveling internationally, check for U.S. Dept. of State travel warnings and [CDC travel health notices](#).

- Know the health risk at your travel destination. Learn about local warning systems, evacuation routes and shelters.
- Designate an emergency contact and share travel plans, important documents and travel information.
- Pack a travel health kit that includes prescription and over-the-counter medications, sunscreen and insect repellent, first aid supplies, and health insurance cards.
- Identify a safe place your family can meet, if separated.
- Keep a list of emergency contacts with you when you travel. Include a home emergency contact, U.S. embassy or consulate, and health care facilities.
- Learn which weather disasters are common in your destination.
- Get a maintenance check on your car before traveling. Make sure your gas tank is always half full, lights are in good work-

ing order, and that brakes and tires are replaced, if needed.

- Have an emergency supply kit in your vehicle. Learn more about what to include in your vehicle emergency supply kit from [ready.gov](#)

By taking a few simple steps ahead of time, you can be sure that your family summer vacation is both memorable and safe. Proper emergency preparedness will grant you greater peace of mind as you travel and will allow you to focus your attention on having fun rather than worrying about what may go wrong. Safe travels!

**MOVIE IN
THE PARK
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WRIDE MEMORIAL PARK

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Milestones in economic growth

Twenty seven years ago, Eagle Mountain was founded with 250 residents. Today, we sit at about 60,000 residents.

Key indicators such as population, median income and median age tell the businesses we all want to see in Eagle Mountain once we can support them. Recent reports indicate that Eagle Mountain now meets the requirements for many popular businesses found throughout the state and nation.

Eagle Mountain City has been working toward, and preparing for, this outcome. The City is excited to see several developments beginning to unfold. As City staff work with property owners and developers to plan sites, we expect to see waves of businesses begin to share their intentions. This economic growth will not only make shopping easier, but traffic patterns will shift and tax revenues will grow.

There is much to look forward to over the next couple of years.

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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

13 ways to kill your community

I have made some book recommendations before, but this one is especially timely in an election year.

I hope that this book will be helpful to candidates running for office and voters trying to become more informed.

Even though residents and community leaders have good intentions, they often take actions or adopt attitudes that hold the community back.

In this book, Doug Griffiths lays out 13 ways you can kill your community.

13 Ways to Kill Your Community

"We all do things that undermine our opportunity for success, whether we are consciously aware of it or not. When Doug spoke to high school students, he realized they had all been told time and again how to be successful."

"The challenge for them, like so many of us, is to realize the consequences of some of our choices, and how they undermine our success. Communities are no different. Many want success, make plans for it, and work hard to be successful, but daily they make decisions or display attitudes that work counter to their long-range goals."

"If a community doesn't truly desire it, nothing will change. Below are subjects of each chapter outlining the at-

titudes that are causing our communities to wither and die."

1. *Don't have Quality Water* (or sufficient quantities of water to meet your needs into the future)
2. *Don't Attract Business* (don't provide what businesses need)
3. *Ignore Youth* (don't give them options or opportunities)
4. *Don't Assess Your Community's Need or Values* (a city doesn't need branding or a cultural identity)
5. *Shop Elsewhere* (spend money in another city)
6. *Don't Paint* (or plant trees)
7. *Don't Cooperate* (stick to your narrow and self-interested agenda)
8. *Live in the Past* (fear the future)
9. *Ignore Your Seniors* (what do they know?)
10. *Be Short Sighted* (Do the same things but expect a different result)
11. *Ignore Immigrants and Newcomers* (they aren't one of us)
12. *Become Complacent* (everything is just fine the way it is)
13. *Don't take Responsibility* (find someone to blame)

"In the non-fiction book, 13 Ways to Kill Your Community, we outline 13 ways that communities sabotage themselves, often without knowing it. Now that you've learned the 13 Ways, as a community, as an individual, you have the ability to change yourself and the future of your community. Go out and fight the attitudes that sabotage success. Our communities are worth fighting for, if anything ever was worth a fight . . . and remember that you are not alone."



LOOKING AHEAD

- Aug 1:** City Council Meeting
- Aug 4:** Movie in the Park
- Aug 8:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Aug 15:** City Council Meeting
- Aug 16:** First day of School (ASD)
- Aug 22:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Sept 2:** Ties & Tiaras
- Sept 4:** Labor Day - City offices and library closed
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Left: Vehicles backed up in the left turn lane of eastbound Pony Express Pkwy. and Ranches Pkwy.

Eagle Mountain News

Turn lane to be extended at major EM intersection

Eagle Mountain drivers may soon notice added convenience during rush hour traffic.

The lengthening of the left turn lane at the intersection of westbound Pony Express Pkwy. and Ranches Pkwy. began July 25.

The intersection regularly reports traffic back-ups due to the high volume of vehicles waiting to turn left onto northbound Ranches Pkwy., particularly during rush hour.

Chris Trusty, Eagle Mountain City engineer, says that not only are such back-ups inconvenient, but they also present safety concerns.

"It would be considered a safety hazard because of the back-up that [it has]," says Trusty. "Cars may not always realize that the car in front of them is going to stop in the through lane because they're trying to get over to turn left."

Before-after evaluations of left-turn lane extensions have shown that extending left turn lanes at major intersections reduces collisions and subsequent injuries. Lane extensions have been shown to re-

duce rear-end collisions by 62.8% and sideswipe collisions by 58.1%, as well as injuries and fatalities in left-turn-related collisions by up to 57.4% (Guo & Sayed).

Beginning July 25, crews will work to lengthen the left-turn lane by 180 ft., bringing its total length to 340 ft., enough to comfortably fit 24 mid-size sedans. By lengthening the lane, City engineers hope to mitigate back-ups at the intersection.

“Extending left-turn lanes at major intersections reduces collisions and subsequent injuries”

Trusty says that lengthening the left-turn lane on eastbound Pony Express Pkwy. should alleviate some of the safety concerns.

According to Trusty, the turn lane expansion work is part of a larger project to improve four intersections through-

out the city. The total project budget for the four intersections is about \$2 million. The budget for the Pony Express Pkwy. and Ranches Pkwy. intersection improvements is a small portion of that, estimated at \$110,000.

"We wanted to do it as part of a [large] project because it's such a small project," says Trusty. "We decided to include this as part of our signal package...We get better prices if it's part of a larger project."

Throughout the duration of construction, one lane will be closed in both directions on Pony Express Pkwy. Residents are encouraged to find alternate routes to help alleviate traffic congestion during the construction period.

Work is anticipated for completion prior to Aug. 15 to ensure a smooth flow of traffic for the beginning of the school year on Aug. 16.

Residents who have questions about the lengthening of the left-turn lane or the intersection improvement project can reach out to Engineer-in-training Bryce McRae at bmcr@emcity.org.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Construction is underway for a 10-foot paved trailway from Fiona St. to Pony Express Pkwy. for students who will attend the new Desert Sky Elementary School in Overland. The trailway will take students along Airport Rd. to the intersection where a crossing guard will help them cross Pony Express Pkwy. safely.



There has been an increase in signs being placed in prohibited spots around Eagle Mountain. The City has applications for temporary sign permits available through the neighborhood improvement department.

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.

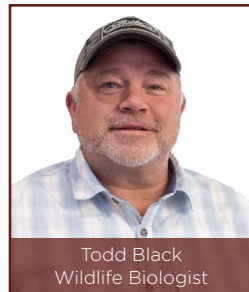
B. Location. Signs must be located on private property, unless the sale is registered with the city prior to the date of sale for temporary right-of-way signage. On major streets (arterial and major collectors) signs may not be located in the park strip (between the street and the sidewalk/trail), but 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
Wildlife Biologist

Mother Nature knows best

As I'm writing this, I have just learned of the fate of some of the nesting burrowing owls living west of Eagle Mountain's City Center.

Late last month, a badger entered the burrow. A few days later, it was discovered that most of the chicks did not survive.

On the trailcam footage, I only see one of the five chicks that is still being fed by the adults. I'm not sure how that one managed to survive the whole ordeal, but if just one owlet fledges, it is considered a successful brood.

I don't have much use for badgers. In fact, I loathe them. This relationship goes back 20 years when I first started working with greater sage-grouse. I couldn't get their eggs to hatch because badgers and ravens ate almost all of them.

As much as it grieves me, this is part of the circle of life and the ways of Mother Nature.

I think we all tend to forget that not every egg that's hatched, not every fuzzy critter that is born, not every frog that emerges from a tadpole makes it through the first day, let alone the first year.

Some studies show that as many as 70% of baby birds will die while still an embryo or before it fledges (grows feathers and can fly). Baby mammals have only a 50% chance of surviving their first year of life.

Despite these losses to natural mortality, most populations of birds and mammals continue to expand their range and increase their population.

Most of these species are called "K" selected species and give birth to low numbers over their lifetime. Typically, they have a high level of parental care, ensuring a higher survival rate in their young. Elephants are the best example of this.

In contrast, frogs lay thousands of eggs, but only a small percentage are likely to survive to adulthood. Species like these are called "R" selected species.

Most species fall somewhere between a frog and an elephant when it comes to parental care. Saying that, we do tend to see a wide range of survival of the offspring of most species of wildlife.

Mother Nature can sometimes be a cruel teacher. As cruel as she can be, she also knows best.

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As humans occupy more space and begin to live in places where certain species of wildlife and vegetation have persisted for eons, we are altering Mother Nature. We often don't give that a second thought.

I get regular messages that someone is in possession of an injured animal. While some rehab facilities exist across the country, many of these things are best left to Mother Nature. She always knows best.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The deadline to register to vote for the Eagle Mountain Municipal Primary Election will be Friday, Aug. 25 at 5 p.m.

Residents who have lived in Eagle Mountain for at least 30 days prior to the Primary Election can register and vote provisionally at a voting center the day of.

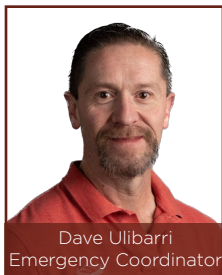
A voting center will be set up at City Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 5.





EMERGENCY PREP

Back-to-school safety tips



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Emergency Coordinator

Back-to-school safety isn't just for kids and their parents, it's for everyone. Now that school is almost back in session, here are a few important safety tips:

Tips for Drivers

- Do not text or talk on your cell while driving and eliminate distractions
- Slow down
- Be alert in school zones and be prepared to stop at all crosswalks
- Watch for school buses and be ready to stop when you see red flashing lights and an extended stop arm
- Watch for children near bus stops
- Be aware of your surroundings when backing up or driving in neighborhoods

Tips for Students

- Learn the school's emergency procedures, along with classroom-specific safety rules
- Know travel routes to and from school; have alternate routes and a backup plan
- Be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity
- Avoid high-risk situations and refuse to participate in negative or criminal behavior
- Always tell your parents where you plan to be before and after school
- Refrain from teasing, bullying and harassing other students

Tips for Parents

- Be a good role model -- always buckle up and follow rules of the road
- Supervise young children as they walk or bike to school, or as they wait at the bus stop

- Make sure that your teen driver understands and obeys all traffic laws and stays alert around schools and school crosswalks
- Make sure the school has up-to-date contact information, including emergency contacts -- if there is an emergency at school, this information will be used to notify you
- Recognize signs that your child may be getting bullied
- Watch for signs of stress, anxiety and depression in your children and don't be afraid to reach out for help.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

FARMER'S MARKET

SATURDAYS

9 AM - 1 PM

**CORY B. WRIDE
MEMORIAL PARK**



Top: Shoppers patronize local businesses at the Eagle Mountain Farmer's Market

Shopping local is more important than ever

Shopping local is much more than just the fulfillment of supporting our local businesses. A thriving local economy provides a variety of significant benefits in the short term and long term.

By choosing to shop at our local businesses rather than outside the city or even online, every dollar you spend returns a lot more value to you. Think of it like credit card points or cash back rewards, only less direct. Dollars spent locally earn "rewards" such as taxes staying local, a shift and improvement in traffic patterns, lower crime, and more jobs.

Local businesses generally have better customer service, give more back to their communities, and are paramount to the cultural and social development of a community. This is vital to a new city like ours.

Remember to shop locally whenever you can!

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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Agriculture's future is in Eagle Mountain

In an era where the cost of fresh food continues to rise, and as farmers deal with the rising cost

of land, water, labor, fertilizers, pesticides and transportation, Cedar Valley High School is planting a seed for an abundant future.

On Aug. 23, I had the pleasure of attending the ribbon-cutting at Cedar Valley High School for their new Freight Farms growing container, donated by Meta.

The Freight Farms Grow Container is a climate-controlled, vertical farming system housed within a shipping container. It's a marvel of modern technology that allows for year-round, pesticide-free cultivation of various crops in a compact environment.

The first thing I noticed was how fresh and alive it smelled inside the container. I would have been very comfortable to stay in the container for some time just breathing it in.

The next thing I noticed was how excited the students were to have this opportunity to learn how to combine agriculture with technology and manage it like a business.

All of Cedar Valley High School and Eagle Mountain are proud to be the first high school in the state to have one of these grow containers. We

hope this is the beginning of something big, and that we see many more of these units producing fresh food, locally.

Here are a few of the reasons we are so excited about this opportunity and the advantages of using the grow container:

- Food production is year-round and is not affected by seasons or weather.
- It is local so it eliminates the cost of shipping from out of state, and because it is local, it makes us more self-reliant.
- It is efficient. The container is equivalent to about three acres of land and can grow 500 heads of lettuce at a time while using only five gallons of water a day.
- By bringing technology to agriculture, labor is dramatically reduced. There is no backbreaking weeding and harvesting.
- Since you can grow as much as you need, there is almost no waste.
- It is healthier because it is pesticide-free.
- It provides a hands-on learning experience for students in running an agriculture business of the future using advanced technology.

The Freight Farms Grow Container at Cedar Valley High School is not just an educational asset, it's a community resource.

Residents, businesses and organizations have shown interest in the project and have been invited to participate. It is bringing the community together in ways we could not have anticipated.



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- Oct 24:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov 7:** City Council Meeting

Left: Visitors patronize local businesses at Cory B. Wride Memorial Park in Eagle Mountain.

ShopFest Utah: The best is yet to come

Since its humble beginnings as the Eagle Mountain Street Fair, ShopFest has quickly become one of Utah's largest and most popular shop local events.

Each year, thousands of patrons gather at Cory B. Wride Memorial Park to support hundreds of Utah small and home-based businesses.

Attendance at ShopFest increases year after year, challenging all involved to make the event bigger and better than the last. Rachael Smith, ShopFest coordinator, is up to the challenge.

"I'm just excited to be a part of the event itself," Smith says. "I'm excited that I got the opportunity to do this, and I'm excited for what can happen next year. I'm always looking to the future because this year's going to be incredible, and I think next year is going to be even better."

Prior to accepting the position of ShopFest coordinator in March, Smith had nine years of event planning experience.

Much like ShopFest, she started out small – assisting with festivals and fundraisers at her children's charter school. From

there, she began planning larger events as a children's pastor at two different churches. There, she attracted thousands of people to car shows, Easter egg hunts, and Christmas celebrations.

Upon being hired in March, Smith hit the ground running – working to secure more sponsorships for this year's ShopFest event. Smith says that ShopFest has partnered with 25 sponsors this year and has had to turn some away due to overwhelming interest.

This year's ShopFest is anticipated to be bigger and better than last year's event. Patrons will be able to enjoy inflatables and hot air balloons.

While preparing for this year's event, Smith says she is also working to obtain certification for festivals and large events, opening the door to greater possibilities in ShopFest's future.

"I want to grow my knowledge to do things that are going to benefit what I'm actually working on," Smith says.

"This one's going to be amazing, because I would love how fun it would be to end ShopFest with a huge concert."

In addition to the hot air balloons, inflatables and concerts, Smith would also like to add a car show to the ShopFest schedule as soon as next year.

Of course, the heart of ShopFest will always be the small businesses. More than 300 will participate in this year's event. Vendors ranging from boutiques to services to non-profits and everywhere in between are slated to participate.

"Small businesses give more back to the community," says Smith. "Over \$9.3 billion would be directly returned to our economy if every U.S. family spent just \$10 a month at a local business. Small business is ridiculously impactful for not just our local community, but our entire economy."

Smith says one of her favorite parts about ShopFest is that it brings people from all over the state to Eagle Mountain.

"I love being able to bring people out to us...and show off some of what is happening around Eagle Mountain," she explains.

ShopFest will take place at Cory B. Wride Memorial Park on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SPLASH PAD CLOSURES

The splash pads at Cory B. Wride Memorial Park and Nolen Park will close for the season at the end of the day on Labor Day, Sept. 4. Residents have until then to enjoy the fun!



With trees comes the responsibility of tree maintenance.

Trees in park strips that abut adjacent properties are the responsibility of the homeowner. Many overhang onto the streets and sidewalks, creating safety hazards.

Eagle Mountain City asks residents whose property abuts the park strip to trim trees so that traffic signs are visible, and street side canopy is 14-feet high. Trees overhanging sidewalks should be pruned clear to a height of 8 feet.

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.

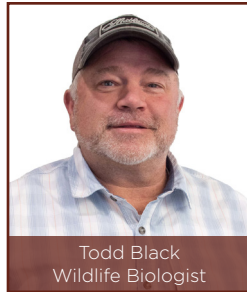
D. Clear Vision Triangles. No landscaping over three feet in height shall be allowed within a clear vision triangle as shown in this chapter except trees with single trunks

that are pruned such that all branches and foliage are removed to a height of at least eight feet.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

Monarchs and milkweed



Todd Black
Wildlife Biologist

There's a biological term called a "symbiotic relationship" that describes two different species -- in this case, the monarch butterfly and the milkweed (*Asclepias*, spp.), are dependent on the other for their survival.

One of the big reasons listing agencies/organizations list a species is due to a lack, or loss of, habitat. Species that rely on a certain place to live, or a certain plant to eat, are typically considered specialists.

These are often the first to be listed as threatened or endangered, and even go extinct. Eagle Mountain City is doing what we can to help with these mitigation efforts.

Last year, we planted several areas with a pollinator mix to help provide pollinator habitat to many species of insects that require nectar-producing flowers for survival, including the monarch butterfly.

Additionally, within the next few weeks, we will be digging up and transplanting milkweed from a few places around town to Nolen Park. We are also working with the high school and other volunteers to plant milkweed seed and grow to maturity so it can be planted within the city in subsequent years.

Personally, I have fond memories as a child going to various milkweed patches around this time of year. I would find a caterpillar or two, take them home with enough milkweed to feed them for a week, watch impatiently as they ate their fill and rolled up into a cocoon a few days later.

Just this month, I took my grandkids out and found a tiny ¼" caterpillar and took it home to hatch it out.

You may not know, but the entire process from egg laying (the size of a pin head) hatching into a caterpillar and growing quickly to about 2" in length and then metamorphizing into a chrysalis and to turning into a butterfly usually takes about 30 days.

JUNIOR JAZZ SIGN-UPS

Registration for 2024 Jr. Jazz is open **now through Nov. 1**. Individuals can still sign up for late registration **Nov. 2-7**.

Register now at emcity.org/jr-jazz.

For questions, please email Jason Hall at jhall@emcity.org.





EMERGENCY PREP

Home fire safety: Practice makes perfect



Dave Ulibarri
Emergency Coordinator

Home fires are the most common type of emergency in the United States. They can cause death, injury, and loss of property in minutes.

Most fires occur in the middle of the night when people are sleeping. If a fire breaks out in your home, you may only have a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. It's important to practice your fire safety plan regularly so you can be prepared. Here are a few safety tips:

1. Install smoke alarms on each level of your home. Place one in and outside every room where someone sleeps. Your smoke alarms need to be interconnected

- meaning, if one sounds, they all do to meet safety codes. Test all smoke alarms monthly.

2. Make a home fire escape plan. Draw a map or blueprint of your home, showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your household.

3. Know at least two ways out of every room. The first path will often be a doorway. The second path may be a window or a second doorway. Consider purchasing escape ladders for second floor escape routes.

4. Choose an outside meeting place. It needs to be a safe distance from the home. Make sure everyone in the household knows to meet there in case of a fire.

5. Practice your home fire drill. Practice both at night and during the day with ev-

eryone in your household. Do this twice a year.

6. Practice using different ways out. Be prepared to use your back-up route in case fire or debris blocks the path of your preferred route.

7. Teach children how to escape on their own. You may not be able to help them.

8. Close doors. This may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.

9. Get out and stay out. Never go back into a burning building.

10. Call 911 from a safe place outside your home.

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CORY B. WRIDE
MEMORIAL PARK

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Data centers in Eagle Mountain

This summer, Eagle Mountain City was happy to finalize an agreement with QTS Data centers for the development of a new, 200-acre data center campus just west of the Meta data center campus. QTS will bring billions of dollars of investment, more jobs and use no water for cooling. QTS joins a growing list of major companies investing in Eagle Mountain for long-term data center development.

Eagle Mountain has been able to attract data centers due to its uniquely robust infrastructure, low cost of utilities, low risk of natural disasters and great quality of life for employees. Data centers are a major economic benefit to our community. They bring billions of dollars in investment and are an extremely low cost to service. Data center development has been a major contributor to the economic growth residents have seen in recent years, and will continue to provide significant benefits to the city's economic vitality.

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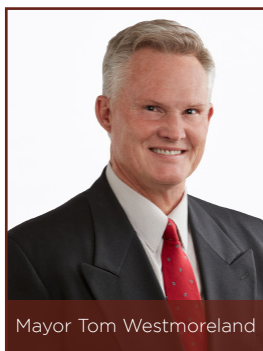
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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Washes are vital to Eagle Mountain City

Nestled in the picturesque landscape of north-west Utah County, Eagle Mountain stands as a testament to the balance between modern urbanization and the preservation of natural beauty.

One thing that sets this community apart is its commitment to keeping its washes open rather than burying them underground. Eagle Mountain's choice to preserve washes for aesthetics, outdoor recreation and wildlife is unique.

Aesthetics and Natural Beauty

Eagle Mountain City's decision to keep washes open is driven by a commitment to maintaining the area's natural aesthetics. These open spaces weave through the community, creating a blend of city and natural terrain.

When left intact, these washes become a canvas for the changing seasons, offering an ever-evolving spectacle of colors and textures.

The sight of a gently flowing wash, surrounded by native vegetation, can be a source of calm in a fast-paced world.

Outdoor Recreation

Eagle Mountain City recognizes the value that open washes bring to the residents. These open spaces offer opportunities to connect with the outdoors. Hiking, biking and trail running are just a few of the activities that residents can enjoy in these settings.

Families can bond over picnics, bird-watching or take a leisurely stroll along the washes. These open areas serve as a natural playground for the community -- promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

Wildlife Habitat

These spaces often serve as important habitats for various species of plants and animals. By preserving these areas, the City is not only protecting local biodiversity, but also offering a sanctuary for native wildlife.

Many cities opt for underground drainage systems that disrupt natural habitats. In contrast, Eagle Mountain City's approach allows animals to thrive in their natural environment. This coexistence enhances the city's ecological balance and contributes to its reputation as a responsible steward of the environment.

Safety and Engineering

Eagle Mountain City acknowledges the importance of safety and stability. Leaving washes completely natural could pose significant risks to life and property during heavy rains and flooding.

Therefore, the City takes a prudent approach by engineering the washes for stability. These engineering efforts involve measures to control the flow of water and prevent erosion.

Eagle Mountain City's decision to keep washes open instead of burying them underground is a testament to its commitment to aesthetics, outdoor recreation, wildlife conservation and public safety.



Eagle Mountain News

2 new fire stations completed in EM

Following months of construction, Eagle Mountain residents were able to tour one of the two newly constructed fire stations in the community.

The Unified Fire Authority (UFA) held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 18 for two fire stations that were completed over the summer.

Station 253 is located on Mid Valley Rd. near Frontier Middle School in City Center. The second station is a relocation of Station 251 (currently situated near Eagle Mountain City Hall) to a more contemporary facility just south of Eagle Mountain Blvd. along Pony Express Pkwy.

According to UFA Battalion Chief Embret Fossum, the two new stations were constructed in response to Eagle Mountain's population change and subsequent increase in demand for emergency services.

"Anytime that we grow like we are in the community, we need to get more personnel and apparatus in place for both the fire suppression as well as [emergency medical services]," says Fossum. "This

will allow us to better respond to the needs of the citizens."

Each station's location was strategically selected to account for current and projected population, call volumes and future developments — ensuring efficient and timely emergency responses.

"We work through a programming software that helps us to identify future growth, and we worked with the [Eagle Mountain City] planning commission," says Fossum. "It helped identify what that was going to look like both now and then in 10, 15, 25 years...for the best location for 911 response across the board."

Station 253 is initially equipped to accommodate an ambulance and is designed with future growth in mind. The revamped Station 251 now boasts contemporary amenities and ample space to house additional personnel.

"Within the next couple of years, the way the growth is projected, we're anticipating an additional four to six [firefighters] down here [in Eagle Mountain]," Fossum says.

The Unified Fire Authority celebrated the completion of the two new stations with a ribbon cutting at Station 253 on Sept. 18. At the ceremony, attendees were addressed by UFA Fire Chief Dominic Burchett and Mayor Tom Westmoreland. The public was also allowed to tour the facility following the ceremony.

"It gives [residents] a chance to come and see where we spend a third or more of our lives," says Fossum. "It allows them to come get free breakfast and talk with firefighters and ask questions if they want to."

To commemorate the grand opening further, the Unified Fire Authority hosted a pancake breakfast where the public could enjoy breakfast with the firefighters and tour Station 253. The event saw thousands of attendees.

As of this month's ribbon cutting, the UFA has three total operating fire stations in Eagle Mountain: Station 251 (3726 N Pony Express Pkwy), Station 252 (3785 Pony Express Pkwy) and Station 253 (1210 Mid Valley Rd).

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 3:** City Council Meeting
- Oct 7:** Halloween Town & Hocus Pocus Movie in the Park
- Oct 10:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Oct 14:** Adaptive Trick-or-Treat
- Oct 17:** City Council Meeting
- Oct 24:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov 7:** City Council Meeting
- Nov 10:** Veterans Day - City Offices & Library closed
- Nov 11:** Veterans Breakfast
- Nov 14:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov 21:** City Council Meeting
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- Dec 5:** City Council Meeting
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- Dec 9:** Silent Santa

Left: Mayor Tom Westmoreland shakes hands with UFA Fire Chief Dominic Burchett following the "ribbon cutting" at Station 253.

SPRINKLER WINTERIZING

Beginning Oct. 1, Eagle Mountain residents are encouraged to begin winding down their lawn watering for the year. Please winterize sprinkler systems and complete annual watering by Oct. 15. Thank you for helping Eagle Mountain achieve its water conservation goals.



This time of year, with the daylight hours becoming shorter, compliance with the City's Dark Sky Lighting Standards is strongly encouraged.

By keeping the skies dark, Eagle Mountain ensures Camp Williams provides the best possible training for their personnel and helps ensure the long-term viability of the base.

When choosing a new outdoor lighting fixture, be sure it is a "Full Cutoff" product, which means the entire light-bulb/source is covered by shades. No light should trespass beyond a 90-degree angle. This preserves the darkness of the skies for Camp Williams and allows for better stargazing, and fewer interruptions to circadian rhythms. This also allows for better sleep, and is key to the survival of many species of wildlife.

17.56.050 General outdoor lighting standards.

A. Lamp and Shielding. All permanent light fixtures are required to be full cutoff fixtures with the light source fully shielded for all uses and directed downward, including single-family and multi-family residential uses.

C. Light Trespass Standard. All light fixtures, including security lighting, shall be aimed and shielded so that the direct illumination shall be confined to the property boundaries of the source. Particular care is to be taken to assure that the direct illumination does not fall onto or across any public or private street or road. Motion sensing light fixtures shall be fully shielded and properly adjusted, according to the manufacturer's instructions, to turn off when detected motion ceases.



Todd Black
Wildlife Biologist

Why do I hunt?

I'm not trying to win anyone over with this article or convert you to hunting. My purpose is to educate you as to why some of your camouflage-wearing friends get so crazy this time of year.

Growing up in a rural town, I assumed everyone hunted and fished. Back then, there was an opening day fishing season. We even got days off from school to go on the general season deer hunt.

Those things have changed now. Fishing season is 24/7, 365 and occurs day or night. There are no longer days off for the deer hunt and my thinking around how the world operates outside of rural Utah has changed too.

I am often asked why I hunt. I used to just roll my eyes and try to think of something wise to say, but with a little more maturity, I've tried to give more thoughtful answers.

Current data shows about 8% of the Utah public hunts. Hunting and license sales still pay the bulk of state wildlife agencies' annual operating budget. With matching federal dollars often exceeding 90% of their total budget. One of the strongest points as to why we hunt is the revenue it generates toward conservation and wildlife management.

Annually, hunters contribute over \$1.6 billion directly to those efforts, and are likely to contribute more to local economies during the hunting seasons. For most hunters, we hunt to feel closer to our primal nature; to mother nature; and the joy, comfort, and solitude we get for being out there being one with nature.

Coming from one who spends a lot of time in the woods for work, hunting is something entirely different when I'm out there. Hunting causes me to reflect on past experiences and gives me a much better understanding of wildlife places and wild things so that it becomes a learning experience. I don't think much about anything else when I'm hunting.

We hunt because we enjoy wild protein. In our world today, knowing where your protein comes from, how it's handled and how it's processed is important to understand. Wild meat is much healthier for you than what you are getting at the store. Wild meat is not for everyone. It's likely an acquired taste. However, I still prefer elk over beef and deer over chicken.

There's a good biological reason we hunt as well. Hunting is a population regulator for many species. Without hunting, disease and starvation would likely take a very big toll on our game populations. Hunting helps control population sizes and prevents overpopulation, which can lead to competition for resources and reduced survival rates.

Additionally, hunting helps to maintain genetic diversity by removing individuals with certain genetic traits. It's important to understand that hunting has been done for centuries. In many cases, it has preserved the balance of the ecosystems and populations of wildlife.

Lastly, a personal reason, I hunt for a sense of accomplishment. I spend a great deal of time thinking, planning, practicing, making sure I have the best equipment all so I can test my skills and dedication against mother nature. If I happen to be successful, and it's an ethical harvest, I feel a great sense of accomplishment.

That's why I hunt.

HALLOWEEN TOWN

Join Eagle Mountain City for three fun, Halloween-themed events in October:

- **Halloween Town:** Oct. 7, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cory B. Wride Memorial Park
- **Hocus Pocus in the Park:** Oct. 7, 7:15 p.m.
Cory B. Wride Memorial Park
- **Adaptive Trick-or-Treat:** Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m.
Eagle Mountain City Hall



EMERGENCY PREP

Serving the community with CERT



Dave Ulibarri
Emergency Coordinator

The Eagle Mountain City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) supports the community before, during and after emergencies.

CERT members are dedicated volunteers who undergo a training program that provides basic response skills needed for fire safety, light search and rescue, community disaster support, disaster medical operations, and traffic control.

There are seven geographic teams in Eagle Mountain. If you have previously been trained and want to get involved, please email Emergency Coordinator

Dave Ulibarri with your contact information at: dulibarri@emcity.org

Individuals, neighborhoods, businesses and schools may be on their own for 72 hours or more following an emergency. CERT training will provide you with the necessary and practical skills to help yourself, your family and your neighborhood until trained emergency personnel arrive.

CERT training is a course approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response. As a member of a CERT team, you can respond to disasters and participate in drills and exercises.

Participants learn how to identify and anticipate hazards, reduce hazards

in the home and workplace, extinguish small fires, conduct light search and rescue, first aid, medical triage and help reduce survivor stress.

CERT training is free for Eagle Mountain residents. Registration for the next class on Jan. 6 & 13, 2024 is now open.

There is an online portion prior to the class and two Saturdays are dedicated to hands-on skills. That class runs from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. The culmination is an earthquake simulation with volunteer victims, and a makeup artist is brought in to create realistic injuries. It is an amazing learning experience for all.

**JOIN
C.E.R.T.**



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Eagle Mountain business growth

Retail: Several new businesses have recently opened their doors in Eagle Mountain, including Wholly Macro, Vitality Fitness and Crumbl. Additional retail establishments have been announced and are under construction, such as Taqueria 27, Chipotle, Wing Stop, Taco Bell, Papa Johns and Swig. Many more will soon be announced.

Wal-Mart is currently undergoing site plan review and should see construction begin in the coming months. Eagle Mountain City is gaining the attention of several other larger retailers.

Industrial: The QTS Data center campus project was recently approved and will represent an additional \$2 billion in investment in Eagle Mountain. Future data center development in Eagle Mountain looks to be strong and will be a significant factor in the city's economic vitality for decades to come.

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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Make your voice heard

Eagle Mountain is gearing up for an important event: the upcoming general election.

This does not have life-changing importance, you might say. Fair enough, but the fact of the matter is that it is as important as you make it.

Voting is as American as it gets. The right to vote is more than an honored tradition. By voting, we exercise the right and power to be taken seriously. By voting, we each declare that we matter as individuals and as communities.

While national elections receive substantial attention, the decisions made at the local level often have a more direct impact on your day-to-day life.

Local officials make decisions about schools, public safety, infrastructure and community services that directly affect Eagle Mountain residents.

Each election brings with it a set of issues that are particularly relevant to the times. In the upcoming general election, Eagle Mountain residents have the chance to influence decisions on a wide range of issues, from growth and roads, to parks, trails, and events.

Your individual vote is just one among many, but when combined with the votes of your fellow residents, it becomes a powerful force for change.

High voter turnout in Eagle Mountain can send a strong message to elected officials about the priorities and needs of the community. By voting, you can

help ensure that the voices of Eagle Mountain residents are heard loud and clear.

Voting in Eagle Mountain is a straightforward process. Here are the steps to make your voice heard in the upcoming general election:

Register: If you haven't already, make sure you're registered to vote. You can do this online or through the Utah County Elections Division.

Know the candidates: Familiarize yourself with the candidates running for office and their positions on important issues.

Mail-in voting: Every registered voter will receive a mail-in ballot. Follow the instructions carefully and return your ballot by the specified deadline.

Voting day: On Election Day, follow the results.

Be informed: Stay informed about the election process, key dates and any changes that may occur. You will notice that this year, voting is a few weeks later than normal. Election Day is Nov. 21. All ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day to be counted. There is a ballot drop box in front of Eagle Mountain City Hall on the north side.

Eagle Mountain residents, your vote matters. It's a powerful tool for shaping the future of your community and for voicing your values and priorities. By participating in the upcoming general election, you can make a difference in the direction of your city, foster community cohesion and honor the democratic principles that underpin our society.



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Left: Pink pinwheels line the path in front of Eagle Mountain City Hall for breast cancer awareness.

City Hall shines pink for breast cancer awareness

For the second consecutive year, Eagle Mountain City Hall has been adorned with hundreds of pink pinwheels in honor of breast cancer awareness.

City Hall was first decorated pink last year after the Eagle Mountain City Council officially recognized October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the community.

"We want to convey our unwavering support, empathy and solidarity with those who have faced this challenging journey," says Suzie McCorristin, assistant events coordinator with the City. "We aim to spread awareness about Breast Cancer Awareness Month and, more importantly, let residents know that they are not alone in their fight."

For some, last year's proclamation had deeper meaning.

"The first year was a surprise for our colleague Finn, who was diagnosed with breast cancer," says McCorriston.

The recurrence of the pink lights and pinwheels symbolizes the City's ongoing commitment to show support to those affected by breast cancer.

City Recorder Fionnuala "Finn" Kofoed, who has been with Eagle Mountain City for 20 years, was battling breast cancer herself at the time of the proclamation.

"I didn't want this proclamation to be about me," Kofoed said at the October 2022 City Council meeting. "I wanted to bring awareness to something that has had a massive impact on my life."

"I wanted to bring awareness to something that has had a massive impact on my life."

Kofoed was also given the Eagle Mountain Resident Recognition award, an award given by the City Council to residents that have demonstrated outstanding service to the community.

"We could've recognized Finn's contributions at any time, but it's particularly fitting that we recognize her this month because October is also Breast Cancer

Awareness Month," said Councilmember Carolyn Love, who presented Kofoed with the award at the meeting last year.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than 1,700 cases of breast cancer were reported in Utah in 2020.

McCorristin says that the pinwheels and pink lights on the roof of City Hall will become an Eagle Mountain City tradition for years to come. The recurrence of the pink lights and pinwheels symbolizes the City's ongoing commitment to show support to those affected by breast cancer.

"[The pinwheels] serve as a reminder that together, as a community, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer," says McCorriston

The pink pinwheels and lights mark the continuation of a meaningful tradition and a tribute to resilience, hope and community.

The American Cancer Society says breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women in the United States. The average risk for a woman in the U.S. to develop breast cancer within a lifetime is 13%.

BAG THE LEAF

Eagle Mountain City is once again offering residents free bags for the annual Bag the Leaf event. Residents with leaves to dispose of on their property can pick up leaf bags at City Hall through Dec. 8.



Eagle Mountain City has adopted provisions that limit minors under the age of 16 from being out in the community during certain hours of the day.

9.05.010 Minors under the age of 16 years.

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 16 years to remain or loiter upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys or other public places in Eagle Mountain City between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning. [Ord. O-13-2003 § 1].

9.05.030 Parental liability.

It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having legal care and custody of any minor to knowingly allow or permit any minor to violate the provisions of this chapter. [Ord. O-13-2003 § 3].

9.05.040 Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply when the minor person is:

A. Accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult charged with care and custody of such minor child by a parent or guardian;

B. Engaged in a legitimate trade, employment or occupation which requires the minor's presence in or on the sidewalks, streets, alleys or other public places while working at or traveling to or from such employment;

C. Engaged on an emergency errand directed by the minor's parent, guardian or other responsible person having care and custody of the minor;

D. Attending or engaged in traveling between the minor's home or place of residence and a place where any religious, municipal, social, entertainment, sporting, political, library or school function is occurring; or

E. Within the boundaries of the minor's place of residence. [Ord. O-13-2003 § 4].



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

Ephemeral streams in EM



Todd Black
Wildlife Biologist

Ephemeral streams are waterways with a channel that carry water during the spring runoff and after heavy precipitation events. These streams are found throughout the west and the Great Basin.

Ephemeral streams make up nearly 80% of the stream networks in the United States. Utah has nearly 178,000 miles of streams, and 88% of those are ephemeral in nature.

Ephemeral streams are critical to a healthy and functioning ecosystem, helping to recharge and replenish groundwater. They also help manage floodwaters, filter contaminants, reduce sediment buildup, flow into our lakes and reservoirs, and provide places for wildlife and wildlife corridors.

Eagle Mountain has several ephemeral streams that run through the city: West wash, Diamond wash, Oak Springs hollow, Tickville gulch, Willy canyon and Whiskey canyon, to name a few.

One of these, Tickville gulch, runs the length of the city from Camp Williams to the northwest through Silver Lake, eventually traveling into Saratoga Springs to the east.

I'm not sure at what point in time Eagle Mountain City decided to keep these streams open rather than placing 60-inch culverts along the stream bed, but I'm glad they did. I know several City staff members who live in Eagle Mountain have a personal interest in keeping them open and in their management.

Having an open wash/gulch with an ephemeral stream running through the city provides great

opportunities for wildlife, recreation and open space that many cities just don't have.

Having these things, however, involves some level of monitoring and maintenance to ensure they function properly and do not cause significant erosion. Keeping unnatural debris clear from the flow, and eliminating certain types of vegetation, allows the stream to flow without creating issues -- decreasing public health and safety concerns.

To this point, Eagle Mountain City has focused its attention on addressing emergency issues. Given this, the City realizes there are management issues it needs to be doing to be good managers of the natural washes.

Spring and summer of 2023 were a great year to help the City identify areas of concern, and to identify best management practices to address them.

To help us monitor and manage these ephemeral streams into the future, Eagle Mountain City has been identifying problem areas within the washes, applying for grants and other funding sources to address concerns. A small pilot project (proof of concept) has also been implemented throughout the wash to test various best practices.

Eagle Mountain City is also working to create a comprehensive Open Space plan which will include sections on how City staff monitor and manage washes and ephemeral streams. We welcome and encourage public input with this plan and will have public scoping meetings where we will give presentations and take input.

Ephemeral streams are important ecologically. With proper monitoring and management, they can be an added asset to EMC into the future.

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BUILDING & PLANNING



Mike Malay
Building Inspector

When do you need a permit?

When you start thinking about a construction or remodeling project, the permits needed should come to mind.

The City's building department is here to help with your questions, the application process and inspections to ensure your project's success.

Building permits are necessary to ensure compliance with City code -- improving the safety of everyone involved, both during and after construction.

The International Residential Codes (IRC), the Building Code mandated in the state of Utah, requires builders, homeowners or their agents to obtain a permit when building a home. Or when:

- Changing load-bearing wall configurations
- Converting storage space to living space
- Adding to the square footage of a structure
- Finishing a basement
- Finishing a bonus room
- Retaining walls over 4 feet in height
- Accessory buildings with electric, gas or plumbing
- Accessory buildings over 200 sq. ft.
- Carports
- Garages
- EV chargers
- All decks attached to a home and decks over 200 sq. ft., not attached
- Pools
- Any structure attached to a home, (including awnings)
- New water heaters
- Any changes to gas lines or electrical systems

- Restorations
- Basement walkouts
- New furnace or air conditioner
- Solar Panels

If you are not sure whether your build fits into these categories, please email us at buildinginspections@emcity.org.

Permit techs and building inspectors are available to help you with your questions. The building department is open Monday through Friday, 7 : 3 0 a.m. to 5 : 3 0 p.m.

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CORY B. WRIDE
MEMORIAL PARK

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Attracting large stores to Eagle Mountain



The community's tremendous growth rightfully raises the question of why Eagle Mountain does not have more large stores. Although Eagle Mountain City does not pull businesses in and tell them where to construct, the City does everything possible to create an ideal environment for great businesses to choose to locate and build in Eagle Mountain.

Large businesses have broadly slowed expansion due to current economic conditions and the high cost of materials. Some areas in Eagle Mountain intended for larger businesses are not yet ready for development, which must first be remedied.

Finally, these businesses are often data-driven in their decision-making, and Eagle Mountain simply may not yet have an adequate customer base for some brands. Eagle Mountain City is working hard to tackle these challenges to help attract larger businesses while still working to provide opportunity for small businesses.

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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

This holiday season

The holidays provide a special opportunity for us to come together with our families and with our loved ones to

reflect on the blessings in our lives and express gratitude for all that we have been given.

In a nation with a rich tapestry of history, traditions and diverse cultures, this time of year allows us to honor our heritage and appreciate the values that unite us as a community.

Our city, with its promise and potential, becomes a focal point for these celebrations. It's a time to not only revel in the joyous festivities but also to acknowledge the strides we've made as a community and the potential for even greater accomplishments ahead.

As we gather in our city during this season, we find a shared sense of optimism and hope for the future.

The holiday season serves as a reminder to cherish the moments we spend with our families, creating lasting memories and traditions that bind us together. It's a time when we pause from our routines to embrace the warmth of our relationships and celebrate the simple yet invaluable bless-

ings that enrich our lives.

This time of year prompts us to extend our hands to those in need to embody the spirit of compassion and generosity. Through acts of kindness and charity, we reinforce the values of empathy and community support, making our city a beacon of goodwill and unity.

In the richness of our nation's history, the holiday season represents a convergence of cultures, traditions and beliefs, which create a mosaic of celebrations that enrich our collective experience. It's a time when diverse backgrounds and beliefs come together, fostering understanding, respect and a sense of unity that transcends our differences.

As we gather with our families in our city, we honor not just our personal histories but also the collective journey that has brought us together. The promise of our city's future is intertwined with the unity and strength we find in celebrating our lives, our individual perspectives and the value of our shared experiences during this cherished season.

With much gratitude for all that we have, and all that we have accomplished together, our hope for the future is all made possible by a small, innocent babe in a manger.

Merry Christmas!



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- Dec 2:** Christmas Village
- Dec 5:** City Council Meeting
- Dec 6:** Senior Art & Craft Show
Angel Garden Ceremony
- Dec 7:** Senior Art & Craft Show
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Left: A reindeer pulling a sled stands on a snowy path.

Local agriculture brings Santa's reindeer to EM

Each December, Eagle Mountain residents gather at the City's annual Christmas Village at Cory Wride Park. There, residents can eat, shop, meet Santa Claus and get up close and personal with his live reindeer.

Reindeer, also known as caribou, are not native to the area, but Utah does have a herd residing in Spanish Fork.

Aurora Ventures, LLC is a family-owned business, owned by Matt and Elisha Shadle and their family.

"Having a live Christmas tree sales business, I wanted to add a new and interesting dimension by having live reindeer on the tree lot to bring in more business. That was back in 2001," says Matt Shadle. "We rented some reindeer that year, but the following year we obtained one of the first USDA licenses for reindeer in the state of Utah and began obtaining the reindeer that now make up our very own herd."

The Shadle family bring some of their reindeer herd to Eagle Mountain's Christmas Village event each year.

Reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*) are mem-

bers of the deer family. In Europe, they are called "reindeer." In North America, the animals are called "caribou" if they are wild and "reindeer" if they are domesticated.

Both male and female reindeer grow antlers, while only the males have antlers in most other deer species.

Compared to their body size, reindeer have the largest and heaviest antlers of all living deer species. A male's antlers can be up to 51 inches long, and a female's antlers can reach 20 inches. Unlike horns, antlers fall off and grow back larger each year.

Santa's reindeer were first mentioned in 1821 when New York printer William Gilley published a 16-page booklet titled *A New Year's Present to the Little Ones from Five to Twelve, Part III* by an anonymous author:

"Old Santeclaus with much delight
His reindeer drives this frosty night.
O'er chimney tops, and tracks of snow,
To bring his yearly gifts to you."

Two years later, in 1823, the *Troy Sentinel* published the poem "'Twas the Night Be-

fore Christmas." The poem featured eight flying reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh, and, for the first time, they are identified by name.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer began guiding Santa's sleigh in 1939, when Robert L. May wrote the story of "the most famous reindeer of all" as a Christmas coloring book for his employer, the department store Montgomery Ward. The company gave away the coloring books as holiday gifts to children to entice their parents to visit and shop at the store.

In 1948, May's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, made the story into a song. It was featured in a cartoon shown in movie theaters but wasn't released as a stand-alone recording until 1949 when "The Singing Cowboy" Gene Autry recorded the song and its popularity soared. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is one of the biggest-selling Christmas songs of all time.

Eagle Mountain City encourages residents to stop by the Shadle family's live reindeer display at the Christmas Village.

The event will be held at Cory B. Wride Memorial Park on Saturday, Dec. 2 from Noon - 5 p.m.

BAG THE LEAF

Eagle Mountain City is once again offering residents free bags for the annual Bag the Leaf pickup. Residents with leaves to dispose of on their property can pick up leaf bags at City Hall through Dec. 8.



As we enter the winter season, please be aware of the weather forecast and storm patterns. Remove vehicles and trailers off Eagle Mountain City streets so that snowplows can safely perform their job.

10.10.050 Parking prohibited when snow accumulates.

It is unlawful to park vehicles, trailers, or other property constituting obstructions to traffic on the streets of Eagle Mountain City from November 1st to March 15th of the succeeding year whenever snow accumulates on streets in the city.

10.10.060 Vehicles subject to removal.

Vehicles and other obstructions that are parked in violation of this article on streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City, especially as snow removal and safety are impeded, are subject to fines according to the consolidated fee schedule as adopted by the city council and/or towing and removal by the city to facilitate maneuvering snowplows and snow removal operations.

10.10.070 Depositing snow in streets prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to place, plow, or dump snow in the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City. Violations are subject to fines according to the consolidated fee schedule as adopted by the city council.

10.10.080 Enforcement.

It is the policy of Eagle Mountain City that this article will be enforced consistently with the fines adopted in the consolidated fee schedule during periods requiring snowplowing or snow removal from the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City.

10.10.110 Towing authorized.

In addition to the fines adopted in the consolidated fee schedule and all other penalties authorized by law, and at the expense of the owner, any vehicle or trailer parked in violation of this article may be towed to impound.



Todd Black
Wildlife Biologist

Mule deer migration route remains critical

Most folks in the community are aware that there is a major mule deer migration that takes place through Eagle Mountain twice a year.

Whether you are aware of the migration or not, this will still be an important read. Please help us share and spread the word.

Over the next four to six weeks, several hundred mule deer will migrate from the Oquirrh Mountains and Camp Williams through Eagle Mountain toward the south end of Lake Mountain.

To do this, they will face many human wildlife conflicts. Most of these conflicts deal with dodging vehicles on state Route 73 and Pony Express Parkway.

Each year, multiple deer get hit by vehicles in these two areas and most of those collisions occur during the months of November and December. Most of these result in a deer fatality and thousands of dollars of damage to the vehicles hitting the deer.

Last spring, in cooperation with UDOT and the UDWR, Eagle Mountain installed a state-of-the-art wildlife detection system and placed it at the wildlife crossing near the cell tower on Cory B. Wride Memorial Highway (State Route 73). This detection system is the first-of-its-kind in Utah, and only a handful have been installed across the U.S.

Here's what you need to know about this wildlife detection system:

There will no longer be lights on SR-73 that flash

24/7 during the migration season. Research has shown that drivers habituate to these types of warning lights/signals and will eventually begin to overlook them. In other words, they don't see them, respond to them or take precautions to reduce speed.

You will see decoy deer on the south side of the road near the cell phone tower building. These decoys are to help assist migrating deer in crossing the road at the detection system area.

Fencing along SR-73 will now funnel the wildlife to cross at this area. They must cross the highway at the "slow down" crossing signs.

When a crossing event is about to take place, the wildlife detection system will sense movement using Thermal Infrared (IR) cameras. This triggers the lights to come on at both the early warning lights (located about 500 yards down the road from the crossing area) as well as the lights right at the crossing. These light up the "slow down" light board, as well as trigger 12-inch flashing amber lights.

When the lights come on, there is a very high probability that there is a wildlife crossing event taking place at that moment, or it will within seconds.

Researchers will spend the next two migration cycles evaluating driver response to this new system. We are optimistic that it will solicit the desired driver response to reduce speed and the probability of wildlife collisions.

Please be aware of this crossing area and the detection system. Know that when the lights come on, there is a high likelihood that a deer is crossing the road at that moment.

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BUILDING & PLANNING



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How to hire a contractor

One of my favorite things that I get to do in this job is inspecting our resident's personal projects. Your contractor can make or break your project. Here are some tips to help you select a contractor:

Licensed – One of the first things you should do is verify that your contractor is licensed and bonded. You can search the state Department of Labor's database and verify that they have a current contractor's license. Any tradesmen working for the general contractor should also be licensed.

Insured – Do not just ask a potential contractor for insurance, ask to see a copy of it. It should include workman's compensation and general liability.

Payment – You can expect to make a down payment when you start a project. But if your contractor asks for a large down payment, or all the money up front, your Spidey-senses should be tingling. Most contractors will start with a down payment of 10-30% of the project cost.

Contract – Your contract should be detailed and

outline the scope of the work for the project. This includes responsibilities, payment schedule, timeline and working hours. The scope of work and the written agreement should include materials used, supplies, equipment, vendors and subcontractors – everything that goes into the project.

Bid – Usually, consumers are concerned about prices being higher than necessary. Some contractors know that homeowners are fixated on the bottom line. Unethical contractors will give a suspiciously low bid and leave out project details to obtain a job. As my father would say, "you get what you pay for." Review the bid and ensure it includes everything you expect.

Lien waivers – If the project is a large one, you may want to ask about a lien waiver. This is an extra step that will ensure that no one, including a contractor's supplier, can place a lien on your property. If your property has a lien against it, you will not be able to sell it until it is paid.

Cash payments – If your contractor asks for cash, it may be a sign of dishonest business practices. Another reason not to pay cash is that it is important that you have proof of payment if a contractor claims they have not been paid.

Communication – Your contractor needs to have effective communication skills. If they fail to return phone calls, text messages or address your concerns, this is a red flag. It may be a sign that they might abandon the project. They should also provide relevant information in writing.

Permits – Your contractor should know what needs to be permitted. Worse is the contractor who asks you to pull the permits. It might mean that you are dealing with an unlicensed contractor. Whoever obtains the permit is responsible for everything that goes on in the project.

Reviews – Ask to see references and look over Google reviews. The contractor should have examples of their work. Photos, reviews and references should be made available.

Home is where the heart is. Ensure that any project you undertake puts your property and your family's well-being first.

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Does shopping local matter in 2023?



During the 2023 holiday season, shopping for gifts and decorations will happen in more ways than ever before. It is now easier than ever to shop through multiple outlets – from stores close to home and from the other side of the world. Just as it is easier than ever to shop businesses, it's easier than ever for businesses to reach new customers beyond their local communities. Why then should we consider shopping locally in 2023?

Local businesses, especially those that can build or lease commercial spaces within the city, provide unique impacts to the community. They provide places of employment, keep sales tax dollars closer to home to be used in the community, and build social and cultural experiences through gathering spaces and events. As a new, modern city, Eagle Mountain has a unique challenge in supporting local business growth in a modern marketplace. Consider how you can support local businesses to strengthen your community this holiday season.