



# The Eagle's View

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## Mountain View Corridor expands Eagle Mountain's reach



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This month, we witnessed an historic moment in transportation funding for our region. Three hundred fifty million dollars of funding was approved for Mountain View Corridor.

This is historic for a number of reasons. This part of the county has never seen an investment in transportation this big before. It's also important because of where it is and who it serves. It is a direct benefit to the residents of Eagle Mountain.

Commuters will be able to get onto the new Mountain View Corridor from Pony Express (this alignment is where Foothill Blvd. is now) or SR-73. The new section of freeway will parallel Redwood Road, extend through Camp Williams and connect with the upper section of Mountain View at Porter Rockwell.

A related project is the June opening of Mountain View Corridor north from 4100 South to SR-201 in Salt Lake County. That means that in a few years you will be able to get on Mountain View at Pony Express or SR-73 and drive to the airport without using I-15.

Also related are two east/west connections, 2100 North (through Lehi) from Mountain View to I-15 will be filled in as a full freeway, giving faster access to I-15. Pioneer Crossing is slated to be expanded to freeway status. I have been told that there is a chance that this project may get moved to Pony Express instead but one of them will be built (not both) giving a faster southern access to I-15.



In addition, design work was funded to continue Mountain View Corridor south and then turning east, crossing Redwood and ending at Utah Lake. This is design only, and will be built at some date to be determined.

The Mountain View Corridor connection from Pony Express to Porter Rockwell is a four-year project. The project will require two years of preparation and two years of construction. Pre-construction will begin this summer.

Obvious benefits are improved traffic flow east of our city whether traveling north and south or east and west. This should shorten travel time considerably.

There is another reason the project is so important to Eagle Mountain residents. The SR-73 expansion project could not be considered for funding until Mountain View Corridor was funded and underway. Over the next few years, we can begin a serious discussion about obtaining funding for the SR-73 expansion. I have no doubt that by then it will be needed and will qualify for funding.

Once Mountain View Corridor is completed, we may see some traffic backing up on SR-73 but it will quickly release and speed up as it drains out onto Mountain View Corridor, the Pioneer Crossing freeway, or 2100 north freeway.

We could not have made this happen without the efforts of:

- Transportation Commissioner Jim Evans, and the Transportation Commission

- UDOT Region 3 Director Rob Clayton

- And the entire Region 3 team

- Mountainland Association of Governments' Shawn Seager, the entire MAG staff, Summit, Wasatch, and Utah counties, and all of the MAG member city mayors for supporting this project.

- Senator Jake Anderegg

- Representative Jefferson Moss

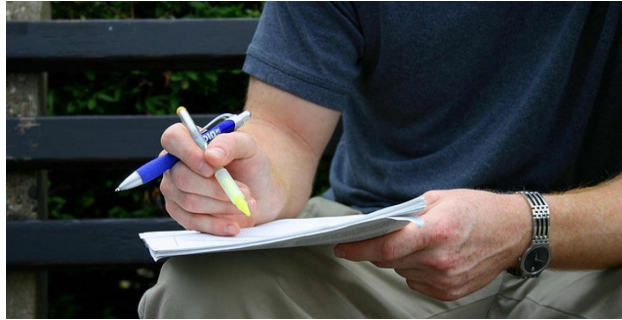
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## Know the code - Code enforcement has its purpose



### **Why does Eagle Mountain City have Neighborhood Improvement officers?**

Neighborhood Improvement is considered vital to Community Development. Codes and regulations are adopted by the City Council to protect public health, safety and the welfare of all citizens. It also has the benefit of increasing property values.

### **What does Neighborhood Improvement do?**

Neighborhood Improvement is responsible for the enforcement of City codes.

One of the main goals of Neighborhood Improvement is to bring to the attention of residential and business owners any existing code violation which could have a negative impact on their neighborhood.

Many such code violations are referred to as "public nuisances." Through voluntary compliance, cooperation and a spirit of personal responsibility for the well-being of our community, conditions which create code violations can be eliminated, making Eagle Mountain a better place to live.

Neighborhood Improvement officers are always available to attend neighborhood and organizational meetings to explain City codes and assist citizens with improving their neighborhoods.

### **What does Neighborhood Improvement mean to me?**

As citizens of Eagle Mountain, we owe it to ourselves and to our neighbors to maintain our homes and businesses in a manner which has a positive effect on the overall appearance of the community.

The basis of the Code Enforcement program rests upon each of us acting as good neighbors. We all have property rights that protect us; however, the term "property rights" also implies that a property owner has certain responsibilities. No property within the city may be used or maintained in a manner which downgrades the value, use, enjoyment, or safety of one's own or surrounding property.

### **Where can I find City codes?**

<https://www.codepublishing.com/UT/EagleMountain/>

## Wildlife - Rodenticides can kill more than rodents



Sometimes, well-intentioned actions have unintended consequences. That can certainly be said of poisons regularly used to control local rodent populations.

Wild Instincts is a nonprofit animal rehabilitation service that works to mend orphaned and injured wildlife in Wisconsin. While the following event took place in the north woods of The Badger State, similar occurrences have been documented in Utah.

Because Eagle Mountain residents are now actively engaged in the outdoors and caring for lawns, flowers and vegetable gardens, informed use of rodenticides is the key to long-term, well-managed success.

*From Wild Instincts Facebook page:*

*"Just yesterday we admitted two eagles within a couple hours of each other. This one passed away before we barely started an exam. While they both have lead in their systems, the levels were low enough to not be the primary problem. Instead, it's likely exposure to a toxin or poison like the ones people are using to control the mice in their garage or the chipmunks in their garden. Rodenticides are not selective. They kill more than just that mouse. AND the poisons themselves have changed. Many of the second generation rodenticides are extremely fast-acting and have a narrow margin of safety. Not only is that a concern for wildlife, but for pets as well. Cholecalciferol, for instance, is one that has no specific antidote!"*

Wildlife advocates in Eagle Mountain have expressed concern about the widespread use of rodenticides.

The EPA recommends keeping them away from children and pets. The results of recent necropsies all over the nation speak to the frequency of rat poison entering the food chain and to the cruel death that many animals experience.

If you are experiencing a rodent problem in Eagle Mountain, local wildlife advocates are encouraging residents to seek alternative, non-poisonous measures for eradication.

A few examples of non-poisonous eradication measures:

- Creating owl boxes

- Dry ice – please research all precautions before attempting the use of this option
- Juicy Fruit gum
- Smoke bombs
- Live, snap, and electronic mouse/rat traps.

There are also enclosures for purchase if concerns arise about pets or children getting injured.

## City Coin - Challenge award recognizes service



The Eagle Mountain City Coin recognizes individuals who represent the spirit of giving, service and excellence.

Recently, Eagle Mountain City Coins were awarded to several individuals who went above and beyond the normal call of service to help those around them. Their gifts to the Eagle Mountain community are recognized and appreciated. **Ryan and Tani Ireland**

We admire you for years of demonstrating a pattern of consistent and dedicated service, including time with the planning commission, city council, youth council, community events, and volunteer church positions.

### **Monica Rogers**

We admire you for establishing a pantry program for food that was unavailable at stores during COVID-19, as well as providing free sack lunches to those in need. Your partnership with Pony Express Events to provide food for the Mascot Miracles event is a valued service.

### **Tiffany Walden**

We admire you for being an involved and caring resident in Eagle Mountain City.

Each of these residents were selected as an example of what makes Eagle Mountain a great place to live. The City Coin will continue to recognize community members for their service and dedication to those around them.

Eagle Mountain social media regularly attempts to highlight individuals who have received the City Coin. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more about the recipients and gain access to other information going on throughout the city.

## Emergency prep - Swimming safety



Swimming is regularly enjoyed as a summer activity at home, the beach, or the lake.

With public enjoyment of the water, it's important to give reminders that each body of water is different. Risks and safety needs will definitely change depending on the location you're enjoying.

According to the Red Cross, any water source can be a cause of injury or even death, including: bathtubs and hot tubs, in certain instances.

Water safety is serious business -- particularly for infants and young children. That's why paying attention and minding safety guidelines in all types of water will help swimmers ensure everyone in the family can avoid unnecessary risk. Using safety equipment properly and getting trained in first aid can also help minimize the chance of injury.

According to the Red Cross, the chances of a relaxing and injury-free day by the water can be increased by considering the following:

- Select a day free of storms if the water is located outside
- Inspect the swimming area for possible hazards
- Keep life jackets and throwing implements handy
- Have young children wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets
- Swim in an area with lifeguards on duty
- Always swim with a buddy. Do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- Never leave a child to monitor other children swimming
- Stay within arm's reach of any untrained swimmer or child under age five
- Avoid drinking alcohol or consuming other substances that inhibit concentration

Just because someone is adept at swimming in a pool does not mean they can do so in other bodies of water. Rocks, branches, kelp and other items can tangle a swimmer and increase the chances of injury



and even death. Further, fast-moving rivers or bodies of water with a tide can have currents that trap swimmers.

Be Ready Eagle Mountain will host a Swim/Water Safety training on June 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. The training will be held in person at Eagle Mountain City Hall, and will also be live-streamed through Facebook Live.

## Trail Therapy Day - Cleanup heals local trails



2 - Courtesy, Lake Mountain Bike Club

When hiking nature trails, it's not uncommon to find trash left behind by the travelers before you.

There's regularly an urge to pick it up, but with the volume of trash left behind, it may not feel worth the effort.

The Cedar Valley Junior High/High School Mountain Bike team, through the Lake Mountain Bicycle Club, organized an event earlier this year that allowed a group of Eagle Mountain residents to get into nature with the goal of removing trash from some of the trail systems in the community.

"Trail Therapy Day" attracted more than 120 people in April to clean debris from the Hidden Hollow Trail system -- the focus of this year's event. The Hidden Hollow trails are commonly used for mountain biking around Eagle Mountain.

Volunteers were able to clean more than 2,500 pounds of trash. Collectively, the group says it logged 350 hours of trail cleanup and, further, more than five trucks full of trash were taken to a local dump.

Lake Mountain Bicycle Club is no stranger to community service. The organization, combined with the Cedar Valley Junior high/High School Mountain Bike teams, has placed a big focus on trail stewardship. The group teaches etiquette and does hundreds of hours of trail work every year through their events.

"The outdoors provide healing, therapy, happiness, rest, and peace to so many," said event co-founder Sarah Bush. "It was wonderful to give our little trails a face lift, and now I want to go do it everywhere I go. If we all leave it better than we found it, we'll be able to enjoy the wonders of Mother Earth longer and more fully."

Each week the club is out working to clean various trails. The group intends to make "Trail Therapy Day" an annual event to attract more volunteers and contribute additional work to removing trash and beautifying the outdoors.

"We realized how much we got from being on our trails in terms of mental peace and even therapy," said Club Director Adam Clark. "We decided that it was our turn to do therapy for the trails by giving back and cleaning them up. So, thus Trail Therapy day was born.

Volunteers said it was eye-opening to see what is left on the trails. Some of the items found on the Hidden Hollow trails include a freezer filled with meat, a dryer, a television, a truck bed cover and underwear.

Group organizers hope "Trail Therapy Day" and other events will bring awareness to the privilege that living in an area with trails brings.

Many of the trails carry through land owned by the state of Utah. Occasionally, parts of certain trails will travel through private land. The group says the more the public is aware of the resources dedicated to trails, the more the public will attempt to care for those trails.

"It's important that as a community, we are willing to invest ourselves into our trails and help keep them awesome for years to come," said Clark. "That kind of positive partnership between government, private owners, community members, non-profits, and more is key to making it work well, and for building a better future for our city and region."

## Upcoming events

- June 1 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- June 2-5- Pony Express Day
- June 8 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- June 15 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- June 22 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

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# The Eagle's View

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## Water will always be a top priority



*1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland*

Unless you have been in Eagle Mountain since its beginnings, you might be surprised to learn that the community was created because of water.

This might seem ironic for a city with no rivers or lakes, but this important part of our history is a good place to start when talking about water in the midst of a drought, and the future of water in our city.

Being the second driest state in the union, Utah manages water a bit differently than other states. In Utah, an entity or landowner must purchase the right to have water. This is commonly referred to as paper water. Once water rights are purchased, then one is free to purchase the actual water.

In order to purchase that water, it must physically be available -- this is where it can get complicated depending on the water source.

For a homeowner, that entire process was handled before your home was ever built. For example, a residential developer must own water rights before they can build homes. As part of managing the actual water, those rights are conveyed over to the City and matched with a known, existing water source. In this way, water can be managed and allocated. All of this management is part of an effort to ensure water is set aside just for you.

In Eagle Mountain, we have two sources of water. The first source is the aquifer that runs underground. That same aquifer was the reason for creating Eagle Mountain. The second source comes from the water



district through contracts with the City. These redundant sources, as they're called, give Eagle Mountain options in water management, and provide additional water coming into the city as we grow.

As mayor, I have made water a first priority. With that goal, we do all we can as a City to make sure that water will flow to homes and businesses under any circumstance.

This is a tall order but one that is absolutely necessary. In order to fulfill this goal and manage water responsibly, we must invest in both water rights and water infrastructure. As with most things, this means acquiring funding to pay for it.

I'll come back to funding in just a moment. Before we get to that, I want to describe some of the challenges in water management and planning.

When we buy water from the water district, we are committed to paying for the water whether we use it or not. If we buy too much, it becomes more expensive, overall. If we buy too little, we could come up short. No one wants that to happen, yet there is no crystal ball to tell us just how much we will need. So, we buy more than we need and manage it the best we can.

As I mentioned before, once we have the water, it must be managed and delivered to your home. This requires further investments in things like waterpipes, pumps, valves, holding tanks and backup generators -- the cost of which adds up to millions of dollars very quickly.

This is where economic development comes into the picture. With big companies like Facebook and Tyson coming to Eagle Mountain, I have often been asked about their water usage. It is understandable to question the wisdom of a desert city partnering with a big company that uses significant amounts of water. One concern might be whether the big company could use all the water, leaving residents without resources for their homes. As I described earlier, no one can take another person's water.

Once the city has set aside enough water for our residents' needs, we must come back to the question of how to pay for the pipes, pumps, etc., to get water to our homes. As a result, these big companies become our partners in water, not our competitors.

These companies invest millions of dollars in the water delivery system because they also need a robust water system they can count on. We become the beneficiaries of their investment.

Of course, the details are more complicated, but I hope this gives everyone a better understanding of our water goals and how the various pieces fit together to reach those goals.

We are a city in the desert born of water, and with a constant focus on water. Water will always be a concern and will always be a challenge. But we as a City work to make it better all the time so that when you turn on your faucet or shower it's there for your family.

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## Know the code - Code enforcement



### **Will I receive a response back after I submit a complaint?**

No. However, Neighborhood Improvement may contact you to obtain additional information.

### **I just received a Violation Notice and I am not sure what to do.**

Correct the violation by the compliance date given on the notice. You should contact Neighborhood Improvement to let us know that correction has been made so an inspection can be done to avoid additional fines.

### **What is the difference between Neighborhood Improvement and a Homeowner's Association?**

Code Enforcement agencies are a function of many governments and are in place to ensure compliance with Ordinance requirements and adopted regulations related to land use, zoning, sign standards, public nuisance, and health and housing codes.

In Eagle Mountain City, the primary objective is to achieve compliance through education about City Codes and requirements.

Most codes and ordinances apply to every property within the City. Ultimately, the purpose is to ensure that all neighborhoods and properties are maintained protecting property values, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents.

Homeowner's Associations are private organizations that are paid by designated neighborhoods to oversee their maintenance standards, as established by written Codes, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&Rs) for the properties within a specific neighborhood.

The neighborhoods were designed to be managed by a Homeowner's Association. Homeowner's Associations have the right to enforce and assess fines to members in accordance with the Homeowners Association's Codes, Covenants and Restrictions.

Typically, as part of the purchase process, each property owner within these designated neighborhoods signs documents agreeing to the standards that have been established and will abide by any penalties assessed.

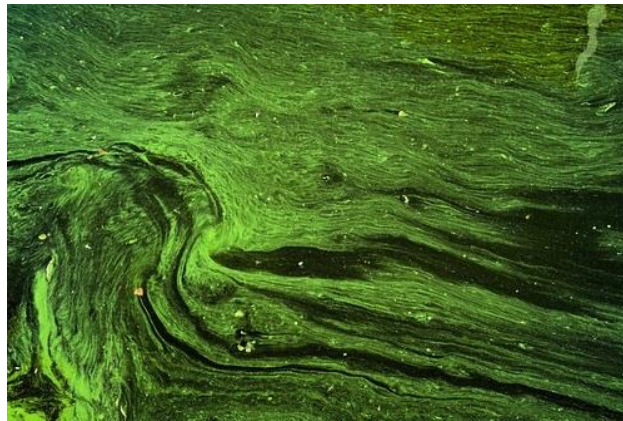
Homeowner's Associations may establish maintenance standards that require a higher standard of upkeep than the City Codes. Neighborhoods that are within Homeowner Association areas are still required to abide by City Code requirements.

Neighborhood Improvement Officers enforce City Ordinances and Code Standards at all properties within Eagle Mountain City, including those properties within a Homeowner's Association area.

However, HOA's enforce maintenance standards within their designated neighborhood. HOA standards can be similar to City Code requirements or more restrictive. If an HOA requirement or standard is less restrictive than the City Code, the City's Code requirement remains and is required to be met.

For a list of HOAs in the city go to: <http://eaglemountaincity.com/community/homeowners-associations>

## Wildlife - Harmful algal blooms



Warmer temperatures often mean an increase in Harmful Algal Blooms in Utah's lakes and reservoirs.

The green, slimy substance, when in fresh water, is often the result of stagnant water combined with excess nutrients from the natural environment. It can also be caused by an increase in phosphorous from household cleaning products entering storm drains and other water runoff.

Harmful Algal Blooms can occur rapidly, and can change their location or direction based on local weather conditions. While Utah's recreational water opportunities are generally considered safe, there are actions that Eagle Mountain residents can take to keep themselves, their families and their pets safe from cyanobacteria.

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality recommends the following to avoid potentially harmful health outcomes when enjoying Utah's recreational opportunities:

1. Don't swallow water when swimming.
2. Wash hands with clean water before eating or preparing food.
3. Clean fish well and discard the guts.
4. Keep animals away.

5. Recognize the [signs of a bloom](#), and when in doubt, stay out.

Harmful Algal Blooms will often change the color of the water -- hence its common name blue-green algae. The blooms are regularly associated with a fishy or septic odor. On occasion, this growth in freshwater algae can be associated with the death of plants and aquatic life.

The cyanobacteria can cause headaches, skin irritation, nausea and other gastrointestinal issues. Primarily, cyanobacteria are associated with harm caused to pets consuming water from the affected reservoir or lake. Some toxins can cause liver, neurological or respiratory problems.

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health have developed a multi-tiered approach for Harmful Algal Blooms.

1. WARNING/HEALTH WATCH

- a. Do not swim or water ski in affected area
- b. Avoid areas of algae scum when boating
- c. Keep animals away
- d. Do not ingest the water
- e. Clean fish well and discard guts

2. DANGER

- Lake closed
  - a. Keep out of the water

These advisories use a variety of measures that primarily rely on cyanobacterial cell density and toxin concentrations. Eagle Mountain residents can check algae conditions at [habs.utah.gov](http://habs.utah.gov).

## New business development



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Business development continues in Eagle Mountain. Follow along with our project's list each month to track the progress of development in the community.

## Emergency prep - Wildfire season has arrived

During the 2020 wildfire season, Utah saw record-breaking numbers of human-caused fires. Of the 1,547 fires, 1,202 fires, or 78%, were determined to be human-caused. These fires accounted for nearly 100,000 of the 329,732 total acres burned during the season.

With extreme drought conditions and record high temperatures across the state, Utah is expected to see an above-average fire season again in 2021.

When it comes to fire season, weather is the main variable, and it cannot be controlled. What can be controlled is how people interact with the outdoors.

Some of the key tips to prevent fires are:

**Know the situation:** Check fire restrictions ahead of starting a campfire or doing any other activity that could spark a fire. It's also important to check for red flag warnings, which are issued when hot temperatures, strong winds and low relative humidity make for conditions that can make a fire spread faster.

**Equipment:** Be mindful of any surroundings and whether the equipment you are using for work, travel or recreation can start a fire. Never park on, or drive over, dry vegetation. Be sure no chains are dragging from vehicles.

**Debris burning:** Do not burn on windy days and make sure you have tools to suppress a fire or communication ready before burning something.

**Campfires:** Keep all fires to a manageable size. Never leave a fire unattended and have enough water available when extinguishing a campfire. If your campfire is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

**Target shooting:** Only shoot in areas where target shooting is allowed. Use an appropriate backdrop away from rocks or vegetation. Bring a shovel and water or a fire extinguisher with you when shooting outdoors.

**Exploding targets:** Never use exploding targets near dry vegetation. Exploding targets are currently banned on all Bureau of Land Management land and most other public lands.

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are prohibited on all public lands. Only launch fireworks on legal dates and in areas that permit fireworks to be launched. The detonation of fireworks has also been prohibited in Eagle Mountain City during the July 4 and July 24 (Pioneer Day) holiday celebrations.

Be Ready Eagle Mountain City will be hosting a wildfire prevention class on Thursday, July 8 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The guest speaker will be Anthony Widdison, the Wildland Division Chief for Unified Fire Authority.

## City jobs available



Eagle Mountain City is looking to fill several positions. Currently, the City is hiring for:

**Building Inspector I or II**

**Neighborhood Improvement Officer**

**Wastewater Tech**

**Part-time Evening Custodian**

**Part-time Library Clerk**

**Part-time Morning Custodian**

**Planning Manager**

**Seasonal Recreation Aide**

**Seasonal Storm Water**

**Seasonal Streets Operator (2 positions)**

**Seasonal Water Meter Tech**

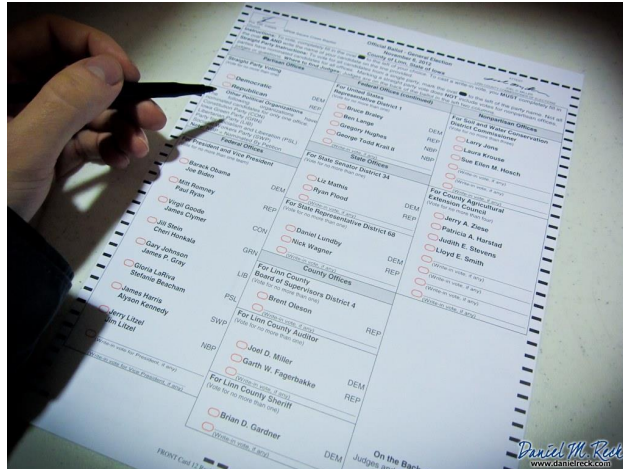
**Wastewater Collection System Operator**

**Water Meter Technician**



Those interested in applying can find the right job for them and submit an application by clicking on this link: <https://emcity.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

Ballots will be mailed



Registered voters: watch the mail for your ballot! The Utah County Clerk's Office will be mailing ballots out to registered voters the week of July 19. Residents can go to [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov) to check their voter registration or to register to vote. The voter registration deadline is July 30 for the Primary Election.

**Meet the Candidates Night will be held at Frontier Middle School on Thursday, July 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Petroglyphs - Preservation undertaken in Eagle Mountain



Southern Utah regularly receives accolades for its petroglyph sites and the efforts it makes around conservation and education. But Eagle Mountain has several petroglyph sites of its own.

Recently, Elizabeth Hora with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, assembled a team of residents, volunteers and experts to assess and catalogue some of Eagle Mountain's petroglyphs.

The Utah Division of State History, which oversees the SHPO, has catalogued more than 100,000 images around the state relevant to Utah's ancient history. The images and data, typically provided by archaeologists, are designed to better understand where these artifacts are located and allocate resources to better protect them.

Survey work conducted by the team in Eagle Mountain and previous assessments has concluded the local prehistoric rock imagery dates as old as 3-thousand years and continues up to the Fremont Culture period, which Hora says is as recent as 1300 A.D.

The Fremont Culture has been identified as inhabiting areas of Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada and Utah (as far south as Cedar City). The Fremont Culture is thought to have been hunter gatherers as opposed to the Ancestral Pueblos (Anasazi) to their south who relied heavily on farming for their resources.

Fremont peoples left behind distinct rock art on rocks and cliff walls, unique baskets and gray coiled pottery, according to the Utah Division of State History. Archaeologists believe the Fremont Culture began to disappear, or be absorbed into other cultures, around 1,000 years ago.

Some of the work surrounding Eagle Mountain's petroglyphs in the last few weeks involved assessing damage to the rock face. Spray paint was used to mark rocks around the site Hora's team was assessing.

Those responsible appear to have kept the graffiti limited to limestone rock near the petroglyphs instead of the sandstone in which the petroglyphs are situated. That, however, diminishes the overall appearance and incentivizes further damage to petroglyph locations, according to Hora. A contractor was employed to chemically treat the spray paint and remove the damage from the rock face. The team hopes the effort can better preserve the location for many more years.

Petroglyphs and ancient artifacts are common in Utah. Residents will occasionally locate arrow heads during hikes or other outdoor excursions. Others will come across shallow dish-shaped depressions in the ground. These pithouse bottoms are indicative of where a group was located during a given period.

Hora says the best thing locals can do is leave no trace if they come across petroglyphs or ancient artifacts. She encourages Eagle Mountain residents to only take pictures and only leave footprints at the sites in the area. If, however, residents would like to learn more, they are encouraged to contact the State Historic Preservation Office.

## Upcoming events

- July 6 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- July 13 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- July 14 - [Transportation Master Plan public meeting](#)
- July 20 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- July 27 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Eagle Mountain City Hall closed July 5 and 26

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## Pace of development a key concern



*1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland*

I regularly run into questions, and sometimes misunderstandings, about managing our city's growth.

This month, I'd like to write a little about what Eagle Mountain can and cannot do regarding development. Throughout this piece, I will focus on property rights, best practices for cities and an approach that's been reported around the state: development moratoriums (a temporary prohibition on building).

First, property rights are constitutionally protected. Because of this, Utah has always been a property-rights state -- meaning that property rights have generally been given preference over regulations.

The state, counties and cities have been given some ability to regulate zoning, nuisances, etc. in order to maintain an acceptable quality of life, but in Utah property rights are most often given preference. That includes not only the property rights of existing residents but those of landowners, developers and builders, as well. The delicate nature and seriousness of constitutional property rights cannot be overemphasized.

One of the challenges in Eagle Mountain's unique development situation is that we developed as a bedroom community with a lot of expenses and very little sales tax revenue. This is why our city struggled financially for so long. Existing residential property taxes alone cannot produce enough revenue to deal with all of the needs of a growing city.

Also, road and utility maintenance expenses increase over time (especially when those services need to be replaced), and without growing revenues (that mainly come from property tax and sales tax from new development), the City cannot always afford to replace roads and utilities, and sometimes finds it difficult to maintain them to a decent standard.

New construction is vital to the City's ability to provide services, utilities and roads at an acceptable level of maintenance.

To keep all of this in context, and understand the fiscal demands on a city trying to maintain a standard of service and achieve a high quality of life, we need to consider what makes a city sustainable, or self-sustaining.

Stripped down to the basics, a city needs revenues sufficient to provide all of the necessary services (utilities, roads, garbage collection, police and fire protection) and all things that help provide a higher quality of life for the residents (parks, trails, recreation facilities and programs, etc.). These revenues need to exceed the city's expenses.

This is why economic development and designated open spaces are so important in offsetting residential development, and why moratoriums are not a viable option for us. But more about that in just a moment.

Another thing to consider is that rooftops and daytime population bring businesses. In other words, the more residents (and drivers) we have, the more businesses and services will come. For instance, a permanent grocery store in City Center was simply not feasible until the City Center population (and daytime employment) reached a level that the grocery companies were certain their investment in Eagle Mountain would be successful and profitable.

Macey's is willing to make the investment now, along with many other businesses currently working on proposals for development, due to the population, the employment numbers (Facebook & Tyson) and the expectation of future growth (increasing population). A moratorium would definitely have a detrimental effect on business growth, especially in the City Center.

What would a building moratorium do to a fast-growing city and the delicate balance that makes for a strong local economy and an optimistic future?

It would be akin to driving on I-15 at 70 mph during rush hour and suddenly slamming on our brakes. It would create so much damage that we might never fully recover. The reality is that stopping development does not allow infrastructure to catch up. Instead, it shuts everything down.

Temporary moratoriums are sometimes necessary but only when there is some type of emergency (extreme lack of water, damage from a natural disaster, etc.) or when a city can't adequately provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents. These are very rare and extreme conditions.

To declare a building moratorium for any other reason is not supported by the state or the Constitution. It would be considered an unconstitutional act resulting in multiple lawsuits that the City would most definitely lose. Ultimately, the City would find itself having to pay for the very development it did not want.



With all of that said, rather than pursuing a moratorium on building, the City should be focusing on making sure the General Plan (with the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan) is updated regularly and the City's zoning codes and development standards are updated frequently.

We want to make sure growth occurs in the right places (density focused around commercial development, major roads/intersections) and work closely with developers to plan for, and provide parks and interconnected trails and roads throughout the community.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of economic development in maintaining balance with, and offsetting the negative effects of, residential development by creating local jobs and paying for needed roads, water, sewer and power.

These companies that we bring in do this both directly and indirectly -- by paying for them to be built, but also in aiding us to obtain state funding for road projects. For example, in the time Facebook and Tyson have been here, 34 miles of roads (not including residential) have been built, or are being built, at a cost of about \$25 million. None of those funds came from property tax but instead came from outside sources. We can also include the \$350 million of funding for Mountain View Corridor.

Economic development combined with dedicated parks, trails and open space for recreation and wildlife is the best way to ensure a high quality of life (with a rural feel).

This plan has already given us great results as we catch up on projects that could not previously be done. Now it's allowing us to prepare for the future.

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## Know the code - Weed season brings special challenges



Eagle Mountain residents may have noticed an increase in the number of weeds in their lawns. Weed season comes every summer and can turn a lawn into an eyesore in a hurry. Eagle Mountain City has regulations on weeds and, despite ongoing drought conditions, encourages residents to follow City code with their maintenance. Here's what residents need to keep in mind:

#### **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 grow 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 (Ceratophylla testiculata);*
- 6. Tausi mustard.*

If property owners in Eagle Mountain are found to have violated the terms of City code, neighborhood improvement may notify the resident of a lack of compliance. Here are the steps that can be taken to remedy a weed-related situation:

*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.*

## Smoke hovers over Utah in July

Residents may have noticed a reduction in visibility and a hazy appearance in Eagle Mountain's air in recent weeks.

Wildfires burning in California, Oregon and Idaho continue to reduce air quality in Utah. Like most areas of the country, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality says ozone and particulate matter are also the primary concern for air quality in The Beehive State.

Sensitive groups are encouraged to reduce exertion while outdoors and limit their exposure while air quality issues from wildfires remain a concern. Monitoring for symptoms such as coughing and shortness of breath can be useful during wildfire season. Bodily responses such as these can help residents assess whether they need to return indoors or access an inhaler.

Air quality issues are a persistent concern along the Wasatch Front. Steps have been taken by state and local lawmakers to address poor air quality, especially in Utah County.

Utah state employees were asked to work from home for part of last week to prevent further contribution to the state's air quality issues. Car exhaust and dust kicked up from the wind are regular contributors to Utah's air quality concerns.

But because smoke in Utah's air has largely been the result of wildfires to the west, air quality issues could continue until those blazes are under control, or changes in environmental factors such as the past week's rains force the smoke to dissipate.

Eagle Mountain residents are encouraged to monitor air quality conditions by visiting [Utah DEQ: DAQ: Current Conditions: Utah County](#).

## Reminder to mail ballots



Ballots for the Primary Election must be postmarked before Election Day, which is Aug. 10, 2021. Ballots may also be deposited in any Utah County Official Ballot Drop Box, including the drop box located on the north side of Eagle Mountain City Hall by 8 p.m. on Election Day. [Click here](#) to see a list of all official Utah County Ballot Drop Box locations.

While there are no polling locations for the 2021 election, residents may go to any Utah County Vote Center during early voting or on Election Day to pick up a ballot. Once you've filled out your ballot, simply drop it in the Official Ballot Drop Box. [Click here](#) to see Vote Center locations.

For more information, visit [emcity.org/elections-voting](https://emcity.org/elections-voting).

## New business development

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Business activity continues in Eagle Mountain. Follow along every month to track the progress of development in the community.

## Resident Portal makes solving issues easy



On occasion, Eagle Mountain City may need to respond to an issue sooner rather than later. This can include a broken sprinkler head, a road sign issue, traffic lights, a problem in a City park or problems with construction.

Many residents will find themselves submitting their concerns through the Eagle Mountain City Hall Facebook page, or creating a post on another community resource. This can be an effective way to gather additional information and ask general questions, but often, this slows the response time from the City and prevents residents from getting their issues resolved in a timely manner.

There is a way, however, to ensure that an issue reaches the proper department and will receive a response. The Eagle Mountain Resident Portal is a fast, convenient way to submit concerns without questioning whether the issue has been addressed.

There are two spots on the Eagle Mountain City website residents can locate the resident portal. The "Report Issue" widget in the top right corner of the home page will take a visitor directly to the "Report an Issue" page.

If more options are needed, residents can also scroll halfway down the homepage to find the "Resident Portal" icon. After clicking this icon, options will be displayed that can help direct a visitor to the proper location.

The Resident Portal is a fast, efficient way for Eagle Mountain residents to get their concerns addressed by the proper department without the inefficiency of submitting a question or complaint through social media.

Eagle Mountain City wants to be as responsive to resident's concerns as possible. By using the Resident Portal, the City can improve its responsiveness and residents can rest assured that their question or concern has been addressed.

If the Eagle Mountain Resident Portal is not the best option, residents may always call the Issue Reporting Hotline at 801-789-5959.

## Emergency prep - Back to school safety



Back to school safety isn't just for kids and their parents, it affects everyone in the community. Now that school is almost back in session, it is important for everyone to remember a few safety tips:

### **Tips for Drivers**

- Do not text or talk on your mobile device while driving & eliminate distractions
- Slow down
- Be alert in school zones and be prepared to stop at all crosswalks
- Watch for school buses and be prepared to stop when you see red flashing lights and an extended stop arm
- Be alert for children playing and gathering 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 and have alternate routes along with 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, always follow pedestrian safety rules, don't talk or text while driving
- 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 and take action
- Watch for signs of stress, anxiety and depression in your children and don't be afraid to reach out for help

Though it may be uncomfortable to talk about, one alarming trend among school-age children is the increase in suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. Statistically, these numbers tend to increase during the school year. Recognizing the signs of a suicide crisis, and knowing how to respond, can help save a life and keep our students healthy and safe this school year.

Be Ready Eagle Mountain City and the UT County Health Department will be hosting a Mental Health & Wellness and Suicide Prevention class on Aug. 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. We encourage all to attend.

## Stargazing observatory to be out of this world



Eagle Mountain will soon be encouraging residents to reach for the stars.

The City, Facebook and Utah Valley University recently announced plans to develop a stargazing park and astronomical observatory. The move follows a \$250,000 donation from Facebook, which will be used to construct the observatory, expand parking and provide additional bathrooms in Eagle Mountain's Walden Park.

"We are building Eagle Mountain City's future now, and this park — which will be entered for designation as a Utah Dark Sky Park — will be a tremendous addition to the city for both residents and visitors, creating a place where everyone can enjoy, appreciate, and learn about our night sky," said Tom Westmoreland, mayor of Eagle Mountain City.

Eagle Mountain already has a dark sky ordinance in place to help preserve the community's enjoyment of the natural landscape and keep the night sky visible.

The observatory, when finished, will have a roll-off roof design for stargazing and is expected to accommodate an increase in visitors.

UVU will use a portion of the grant funds to purchase two high-powered telescopes for the park and will work with the Utah Valley Astronomy Club (UVAC) to provide consulting and volunteers to help Eagle Mountain run and maintain the observatory, according to a press release.

Eagle Mountain will maintain the park and facility. UVU and the UVAC will provide monthly astronomy classes, public star parties, private viewing groups, and K-12 astronomy education.

“Utah Valley University is delighted to partner with Facebook and Eagle Mountain City to open the universe to students and others, giving them opportunities to gaze into the expanse of space and learn of the wonders of the night sky,” said Astrid S. Tuminez, president of Utah Valley University.

Facebook operates a data center in Eagle Mountain that was recently brought online. Last year, the company announced an expansion of its facility, which is expected to be operational around the end of 2022 and add additional full-time employees.

“We’re committed to Eagle Mountain and Utah County, especially when it comes to STEM education and connecting people to outdoor activities. We’re especially excited about the opportunity this new stargazing park will give local residents and students.”

A timeline for construction on the project has not yet been announced.

## City jobs available



Eagle Mountain City is hiring in several of its departments. The following positions are available:

**FT Wastewater Tech**

**Parks I or II Tech**

**City Treasurer**

**Seasonal Storm Water**

**Wastewater Collection System Operator**

**FT Neighborhood Improvement Officer**

**Building Inspector I or II**

**Seasonal Streets Operator**

**Planning Manager**

**Seasonal Recreation Aide**

Those interested in applying can find the right position for them by clicking [here](#).

## Upcoming events

- Aug. 3 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Aug. 7 - [ShopFest Utah](#)
- Aug. 12 - [Be Ready EMC Suicide Awareness](#)
- Aug. 17 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Aug. 24 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

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Can't find the answers you need on the website? Email [info@emcity.org](mailto:info@emcity.org)

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# The Eagle's View

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## A city with a business perspective



*1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland*

For years, Eagle Mountain's struggle for economic development seemed like a dead end.

Eight years ago, all the city could do was get Ridley's grocery store to locate here because Eagle Mountain was literally the end of the line, did not fit the established criteria and, therefore, was considered high risk. The things businesses typically look for such as large daytime population or drive-through traffic weren't present and Eagle Mountain would not possess for many years.

Let's look at why businesses choose one city over another. There are many factors that businesses use to determine where they might expand. Population, education, labor market, household income, political climate and cost of doing business all factor into the equation, but for most businesses location is the most important factor. This is especially true with retail.

Our sister cities to the east have location; meaning, we drive through their cities and spend money. So, they use our population combined with theirs for the basis of their economic development.

Since we don't have location or several other factors that businesses need, we had to create it. Instead of focusing on retail and commercial businesses, we focused on industrial development. Companies like Facebook and Tyson give us the daytime population we need to drive the retail.

We then created the Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce to provide a way for our business community to connect and to assist our small business owners.

Now, businesses want to be here and, once here, are doing well. There is a high degree of business confidence in Eagle Mountain. For 2021, Wallet Hub named Eagle Mountain top 25 in the nation for “Best Small Cities for Starting a Business.” We have come a long way. We now have three Fortune 100 companies and dozens of retail establishments being planned or in development in several retail centers around the city.

These local businesses are important because they bring with them convenient shopping, jobs, tax revenue, roads, water, resources in an emergency, and respect and influence around the state.

We understand that when more tax revenue is created through business, that relieves tax burdens that would otherwise fall directly on homeowners. In other words, a strong local economy helps keep property taxes low. For this reason, many cities consider themselves to be business-friendly. However, if we are to be prepared to meet the challenges of an increasingly uncertain world, we must learn to be an economic development powerhouse.

That means better understanding the world of business and economics, then applying it to the way we think and function as a city.

It has been said that the poor buy liabilities, the wealthy buy assets, and the middle class buy liabilities that they believe are assets. Another way it has been said is, poor people spend their money, the middle class saves their money, and the wealthy invest their money.

In the book “The Richest Man In Babylon” (first published in 1926 by George S. Clason), disciplines of wealth building are dealt with in an entertaining and detailed fashion. These concepts work on a personal level, in business and in local government.

I want to state this before we go any further: building wealth can be motivated by greed, but that does not have to be our motivation. There can be as many different motivations as there are people. It is up to us, just like any other ability we acquire, to use it for good, for bad, or even just give it away.

I think that wealth building should be our base, a common sense, and something we just do as free Americans. It is not so important the amount of money we make but the fact that we are creating value where there once was none.

Some people create value and wealth, not for themselves, but for other people. I believe this is the proper role and best practice of local government: to create value for which the residents are the beneficiaries.

I do not believe the proper role, or best practices, of government is to merely tax and spend. Anybody can tax and spend, following the financial practices of the poor. When this happens in a state or a city, both thinking and spending are limited by base tax revenue. Then, the only way forward is to raise taxes or borrow money. In this scenario, it doesn’t matter how much revenue you bring in because you are always in a danger of expenses exceeding revenue.

Some may manage tax dollars better and spend it more wisely, following the financial practices of the middle class. This is much better than tax and spend but it still falls short of potential. It is still driven by short-term goals. Goals that are based in the satisfaction of fulfilling some perceived deficiency, or the resolution of some existing problem.

For too long we have thought and acted like a poor or middle class-minded city. We need to start managing our resources like we want to make Eagle Mountain a wealthy city. Applying the lessons taught in the Richest Man In Babylon, we need to consider our return on investment (ROI) in everything we do.

In other words, we need to build the highest value possible in our city. This value-based mindset will help us focus on the right things and worry less about the wrong things. By building value, we also build quality of life because we can afford to preserve open space for wildlife and outdoor recreation and we can afford to build roads and improve services.

Here is where economic development gets really exciting. For much of what we need, we don't have to wait until we can afford it, we can use other people's money now.

By other people's money I mean Fortune 100-company money. For example, Facebook and Tyson together have invested approximately \$130 million toward infrastructure in our city, and they continue to invest in Eagle Mountain to improve the quality of life here.

By continuing to make economic development a priority and use ROI as our focus, we can accomplish some very impressive things. We will be able to do things that haven't been done in other cities.

By acting quickly and decisively, we just might stay ahead of this crazy world. We just might create a place of safety and plenty.

Mayor Tom Westmoreland

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## Know the code - Street parking



We all know the song lyric, "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

While nobody wants a city full of parking lots -- especially in their neighborhood -- everyone needs a place to park their vehicle. That place is often on the side of the street.

Parking on a public street comes with rules and regulations that everyone needs to follow. Common courtesy suggests the following actions:

- The sidewalk is intended for safe pedestrian travel, including children. Cars parked on sidewalks send pedestrians into the street.
- Park by your own house rather than in front of a neighbor's house. If you feel you need to park by a neighbor's house, make sure they are OK with it.
- Don't park on, or near, a crosswalk; or by a fire hydrant, for obvious safety reasons.
- Park in a way that doesn't block traffic or make it difficult to see around a corner.
- Park in your garage or driveway whenever possible.

Eagle Mountain also has regulations that govern parking within City limits. Here are the regulations to keep in mind:

#### 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; 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 flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, 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; 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; or

b. At any place where traffic-control devices prohibit parking.

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. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle or leave any vehicle standing unattended in Eagle Mountain City on park strips, sidewalks or a city street marked as a "no parking" zone either by signage or by curb marking established by authority of the city.

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

F. 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.

G. 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.

#### 10.10.030 Parking on Public Streets Without Being Moved

It is unlawful to leave any vehicle parked on a public street for longer than 72 hours without being moved.

#### 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.

#### 10.10.100 Parking prohibited on Public Streets – Exceptions

A. It is unlawful to park any:

1. Commercial vehicle, agricultural vehicle, recreational vehicle, occupied or empty trailer or truck 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, occupied or empty trailer, or truck within the front yard area of any residential zone of the city; or
3. 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.

## Congressman Burgess Owens hosts town hall

For Congressman Burgess Owens, "We the People" is the most powerful phrase in human history.

"I'm more encouraged than ever before," said Owens. "We have more people being educated, deciding to get engaged and taking that punch. Because it's going to be We the People that makes sure our country continues to move forward in the right direction."

The first-term Republican, representing Utah's 4th Congressional District, hosted a public town hall in council chambers at Eagle Mountain City Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 31. Town halls are designed to give the public an opportunity to ask specific questions of their elected representatives in Congress.

Greeting the room full of Eagle Mountain residents, Boy Scouts and local elected leaders, Rep. Owens focused his initial comments on a theme common throughout his campaign: a set of core values.

"When you're totally committed to faith, family, free markets and education, when you know that this is truly the gateway out, that you will command respect because of it, we as a community in the 1940s, 50s and 60s...part of our history of what we have done as We the People has been to delete it, and I think it's time to bring it back," Owens said.

Born in the segregated south, Owens referred to his time growing up in Tallahassee, Florida in the 1960s, and pointed to how far the United States has come on many issues.

"It is an amazing thing to see our country grow."

Those values that Owens says were ingrained in him as a child are, according to the congressman, still found in Utah.

Rep. Owens added The Beehive State is one of the few places that gets values right by prioritizing innovation, service and embracing others.



The former NFL free safety and nonprofit executive referenced many of those values when he put himself in the center of the debate around Critical Race Theory by introducing [a bill](#) in May to restrict its teaching in federal institutions as well as a resolution to highlight "the dangers of teaching CRT in U.S. schools," according to a statement from Owens' office.

"I see that as one of the most evil ideologies in our country today," Owens said following a resident question. "When I say this, guys, I'm talking from experience. When you start teaching kids how to hate each other because of skin color, you've got a mess."

Owens defeated Rep. Ben McAdams, D-UT4, in the 2020 General Election in a highly contested and relatively close race. The 4th congressional district encompasses parts of Salt Lake, Utah, Juab and Sanpete counties.

Fielding several questions from residents on the topic of education, specifically on education outcomes and federal funding for students with disabilities, Rep. Owens alluded to his support for school choice and local control.

"The best outcome for education is giving parents a choice and once we have choice, we bring in meritocracy. Guess who wins? Those who are giving the best education outcomes to our kids because that's their product," Owens said.

Owens is being challenged in the 2022 Republican primary by [Jake Hunsaker, R-Riverton](#), in the 4th district congressional race in 2022. Hunsaker declared his candidacy for the seat in early August and launched his campaign a couple weeks later. Hunsaker has spent his professional life working for Goldman Sachs and Google, Inc., according to his campaign material.

Throughout the Aug. 31 town hall, residents peppered Owens with questions about Afghanistan, agriculture and drought. Owens specifically commented on what federal representatives can do to combine forces to address the west's water woes.

Utah is facing an historic dry spell that has placed 100% of the state in a [severe drought](#). Owens says that, at the federal level, considerations need to be made that allow Utah to capture water earlier and use it "the right way."

"It shouldn't take a crisis to finally get it," Owens said. "We are the people that plan, that look ahead, that make sure that when tough times come, we have some resources to make it through this."

Individuals and volunteers representing the Utah State Democratic Committee were [handing out literature](#) combating some of Owens' messaging at the town hall. One questioner affiliated with the group pressed Owens about the nonprofit Second Chance 4 Youth, the subject of [a story](#) by the Utah Investigative Journalism Project and The Salt Lake Tribune.

"This is what we call disrespect," Owens said to the question. "Let me tell you what's interesting. When people don't really care about truth, this is what happens. No I am not receiving anymore money. Yes, I am still consulting with them because it is my dream."

The town hall ended with Owen's field office offering their assistance to residents of the 4th congressional district with local problems and help with federal agencies. Residents can contact their federal representatives in Congress [here](#).

## Wildlife - Bird migration in full swing



If you observe the bird population in Eagle Mountain, you may notice a shift in species as the seasons change.

The city is strategically situated along an important Western Hemisphere migratory path which is in full-swing this time of year. July and August are just the beginning. For instance, Bullock's Oriole migration peaks in August and September, according to Journey North, a publication of the Arboretum at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Few of the Orioles remain in the northern part of their range past August. They are off to their wintering grounds in Mexico. Any stragglers may die as winter becomes too severe for them.

For some species, the changes in daylight duration and the abundance of flowers and insects play a part in what triggers their travel to warmer climes. Powerful instincts also play a role in their decision to migrate.

Just as residents are able to observe the arrival of various bird species in the spring and winter, we can also watch as they begin their fall migration to the south.

In addition to the local area, there are three national wildlife refuges in Utah. There are hundreds of different bird species located in these refuge areas, and other birding locations.

One of the most popular sites is northern Utah's Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. It is considered one of the top 10 locations for birding in the world and is the summer home of millions of migratory birds, including: the American White Pelican, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, White-faced Ibis and Snowy Plover.

The Great Salt Lake and its nearby wetlands are the main areas for millions of migratory waterfowl and shorebirds during spring and autumn. Each year in May, there is a bird festival held in Utah. Antelope Island, Mirror Lake, as well as the nearby Provo and Jordan Rivers are also good places for birdwatching.

There are myriad other areas to catch migratory birds here in Utah. Peak time for observing the fall migration is July through September. The spring migration peak time is late-March through May.

Eagle Mountain residents can visit the [Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge](#) (located near Brigham City) during the month of September. You will notice that the alkali and hardstem bulrush in the marsh have turned from bright summer green to the brown tones of fall.

You can bid farewell to the American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Snowy Plover, Long-billed Curlew, Franklin's Gull and White-faced Ibis as they depart. The California Gulls begin to leave as the Ring-billed Gull arrives. Northern Harriers are arriving in large numbers to the refuge from their breeding grounds even further north, according to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

The Tundra Swan stop here in November for a respite on their way to California from their western Alaska summer home. There is something new to see every month of the year at this important refuge.

Here in Eagle Mountain, there are myriad bird species that pass through on their migratory path at the same time as those birds who have been here in summer begin to leave.

Hummingbirds are leaving as well as migrating through and need sustenance to keep up their energy needs. Hummingbird feeders (no red dye, please – it's harmful) should be kept full and cleaned frequently.

A good variety of wild birdseed would help the seed eaters along their way. It is worth noting that thousands of birds are flying overhead at night. For instance, Aug. 19 - 21, there were upwards of 2,000 birds/kilometer flying over Eagle Mountain at night.

More information on night migration forecasts can be found at the [BirdCast Alerts](#) website.

Some of them may be honking and encouraging each other on as they travel the many miles to their final destination, some as far away as Central America. As they arrive, there is a great gathering of the various species and much enthusiastic communication among the flocks.

## 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 city.

## City Council candidates advance to November



The Eagle Mountain City Board of Canvassers held a meeting Aug. 24, 2021 to certify and approve the results of the municipal primary election. Following unanimous approval by the board:

- Brett Wright
- Rich Wood
- Donna Rivera Burnham
- Jason Allen

These candidates will vie for two available seats on the Eagle Mountain City Council. Candidates Tom Westmoreland and Melissa Clark will face off in the mayoral race. The municipal general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021. More information will be provided on voting availability as Election Day draws closer.

## Emergency prep - National preparedness month



National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency preparedness.

The current pandemic, Hurricane Ida and the wildfires of the past few years has reminded us of the importance of preparing for disasters. Here are a few things you can do to prepare yourself and your family:

1. Know the risk of disaster in your area and what common types of disasters you might encounter – this will help you plan appropriately.
2. Prepare a 72-Hour Emergency Kit with an adequate three-day supply for each family member and periodically use and replace your 72-Hour Emergency Preparedness Kit perishable supplies. Include medication or other unique items needed on a daily basis.
3. Prepare a family communication and reunion plan in the event family members are separated during the emergency.
4. Maintain a list of emergency numbers including key contacts you may need after the disaster. Include at least one out of town contact.
5. Have a home evacuation plan and practice periodically with your family. Designate a meeting spot outside your home and a second one outside of your neighborhood in the event that it is not safe to stay near your home.
6. Request a copy of the school's emergency plan for your child and incorporate this into your family's emergency plan. Make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the school so you can be reached in the event of an emergency. Do the same with your workplace.
7. Find out in advance how to care for your pets and other animals when disaster strikes. Most emergency shelters cannot house animals. Also be sure to store extra food and water for your pets.
8. Take a safety walk through your home to identify potential hazards and fix them:
  - Secured water heater
  - Identify top-heavy furniture and secure them
  - Identify heavy and breakable objects and secure or move them
  - Know how to shut off gas, water and electricity
9. Create copies of important documents and store them in a secure location, preferably off site.
10. Know if your community has a neighborhood plan in place and if any family member or neighbor has completed CERT Training (Community Emergency Response Training). Consider becoming a certified CERT member in your community.

In conjunction with the 20th anniversary of the attacks on September 11th and the National Day of Service, Be Ready EMC will be holding a CERT activation drill and will be running a mock VCC (Volunteer Coordination Center) on Sept. 18 between 8:30a.m. and noon. We invite all those with CERT training, and anyone interested in volunteering during an actual emergency to join us.

Visit [Be Ready Eagle Mountain City | Facebook](#) for additional information.

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## Upcoming events

- Sept. 6 - City Hall and Public Library closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 7 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Sept. 9 - [Chamber Luncheon](#) Garden Near the Green - Speaker Scot Hazard, please register.
- Sept. 14 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Sept. 16 - [Chamber Connect 4 Lunch Networking](#)
- Sept. 16-20- [Fall Clean-up Dumpsters](#)
- Sept. 21- [City Council Meeting](#)



- Sept. 28 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
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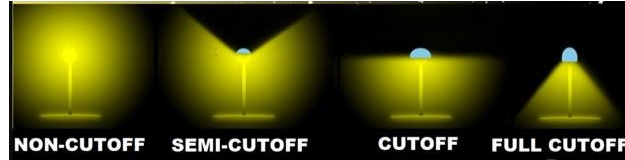
# The Eagle's View

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## Know the code - Dark sky lighting



Did you know that Eagle Mountain City has dark sky lighting standards that apply to all homes, businesses and industrial users?

The adopting of the Dark Sky Ordinance (17.56) fulfilled a City commitment to Camp Williams to tamp down on light pollution.

This provision is of critical importance for nighttime training missions at the base. By keeping the skies dark we ensure Camp Williams is able to provide the best possible training of the troops, and we help to ensure the long-term viability of the base.

All new homes will come installed with external lighting that complies with the dark sky standards, but if you wish to change the lighting fixtures on your home, what does that mean for you? When choosing a new fixture, make sure it is a “Full Cutoff” product, which means the entire lightbulb/source is covered by shades and no light trespasses beyond a 90-degree angle.

This ensures that all light is directed toward the ground, which not only preserves the darkness of the skies for Camp Williams, but also allows for better stargazing, and fewer interruptions to circadian rhythms, allowing for better sleep; and it is key to the survival of many species of wildlife, particularly nocturnal hunters such as owls and foxes.

Luckily, dark sky lighting standards are becoming more common statewide and local hardware stores are fully stocked with multiple dark sky compliant lighting options. If in doubt, look for the dark sky international label on products that you are considering.

By taking a few moments to ensure you’re installing dark sky lighting, you are not only helping wildlife and Camp Williams but you are ensuring you remain in compliance with Eagle Mountain City Code.

## Wildlife - Eagle Mountain's unique desert ecosystem



For those who have enjoyed the many hiking trails here in Eagle Mountain, you may have been curious about areas that have an odd-looking, dark, sponge-like crust on top of the dirt.

It appears to be made from a mixture of lichen and other plant life, and looks as though it might be more at home on the floor of a rain forest than in an arid desert. What is it? And how can we, as visitors, be responsible and aware of our environment?

What you're seeing is unique, and extremely vital to the desert's ecosystem, according to Jayne Belnap, Kimball T. Harper and Steven D. Warren of the US Geological Survey. It is called cryptobiotic soil crust, also known as biological soil or microbiotic soil crust.

At first glance, it seems to be just a dark crust but it is much more complex and fragile than a cursory observation would indicate.

It is a living substance made up of cyanobacteria, lichen, moss, fungi and other bacteria. Cyanobacteria is a single-celled photosynthetic bacteria that often forms colonies of filaments, sheets or spheres; and, interestingly, can enter into a suspended metabolic state of life in response to adverse environmental conditions such as drought, freezing temperatures or extreme heat.

This particular bacteria originally turned our carbon dioxide environment into healthy oxygen, which allowed for other life forms to survive. This cryptobiotic soil is present in arid places around the globe and was one of the first organisms to colonize Earth.



This resultant crust has been called the 'protector of the desert.' The web of sticky fibers formed by the cyanobacteria helps to fuse soil particles together, creating a thick, hard layer for new growth, which in turn helps to prevent erosion. This web is also absorbent due to its sponge-like consistency and this helps to regulate water runoff and reduce evaporation.

Due to the functions of the cyanobacteria, other organisms can begin to grow in the soil, including lichen and moss. This layer of crust converts nitrogen from the air into usable nitrogen to help plants thrive.

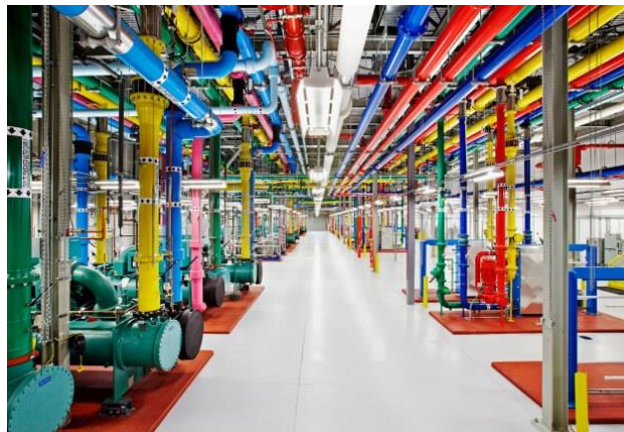
If you are one of the many avid hikers that reside in, or visit, Eagle Mountain, you have also undoubtedly noticed that large sections of this layer have been damaged due to increasing recreational and other activities. These activities can include hiking, biking, horseback riding, cattle grazing and OHV riding, which impact this delicate substance.

Without crust protection through minimizing human impact, whether it be by staying strictly on marked trails only and adhering to 'Don't Bust the Crust' signage, and by educating others, this area will suffer from irreversible loss and damage. This loss is not unique to our area but is a global problem.

According to Jayne Belnap, Soil Ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, "Due to the slow recolonization of the soil crust, underlying soils are left vulnerable to both wind and water erosion for at least 20 years after disturbance. Recovery rates for lichen in southern Utah have been most recently estimated at a minimum of 45 years, while recovery of moss cover is estimated at 250 years." She states further, "Because the soil itself takes 5,000 to 10,000 years to form in arid areas...accelerated soil loss may be considered an irreversible loss."

Here in Eagle Mountain, residents are encouraged to be conscientious visitors as these unique surroundings are enjoyed.

## Google announces land acquisition, possible data center



Google has acquired land in Eagle Mountain.

The site is being considered for a potential future data center. If such development goes forward, it will create jobs and continue making Eagle Mountain a leader in attracting investment from some of the world's most recognizable brands.

“Google choosing Eagle Mountain is a testament to the strength of our workforce and economy,” said Mayor Tom Westmoreland. “We hope they decide to build here and look forward to partnering with them in the future.”

Eagle Mountain City partnered with Utah County, Alpine School District, Unified Fire Service Area, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District and the Economic Development Corporation of Utah to lay the foundation for the company to consider developing the site based on their internal timelines.

## EM library cooperates with neighboring communities



Did you know that Utah County does not have a county-wide library system? Each library is independently funded and operated in each city.

The Eagle Mountain Public Library entered into a cooperative agreement with a few of the north Utah County libraries to provide a North County Library Cooperative, that will allow a resident with an Eagle Mountain Library card to access these other libraries at no extra charge (as long as they are in good-standing): Lehi Library, American Fork Library, Pleasant Grove Library and Highland Library.

All you need to do is return to whichever library you borrow from. This agreement does not cover programs such as story times, summer reading, or other activities. For more information, contact the Eagle Mountain Public Library at 801-789-6623, or email to: [library@emcity.org](mailto:library@emcity.org).



## 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 city.

## Bag the Leaf program kicks off soon



Eagle Mountain City is again offering the Bag the Leaf program for its residents this fall.

The City will provide free leaf collection bags from Oct. 19 through Dec. 10 while supplies last. Residents may pick up bags at the City Hall Utility Billing office from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Residents are also free to use their own large plastic garbage bags.

In addition to removing leaves from private property, residents are encouraged to clear leaves and other debris from the tops of storm drains adjacent to their property during the fall leaf collection period to help prevent localized flooding conditions during the fall and winter months.

Curbside pickup will be performed on weekdays through Dec. 10 by the storm drain crews as they drive through the neighborhoods checking for leaf bags. Bags will be picked up as soon as possible.

Bags shall not exceed 40 pounds and must contain leaves only. Heavier bags will not be picked up. In addition to the weight restrictions, the City will not collect bags that contain household waste, green waste, branches, limbs, rocks, animal waste, dirt, sod or other restricted bulky waste. If a bag contains any unacceptable materials, crews will place a notice on it and leave it for the resident to remove.

Bags should be placed curbside. They should not be placed in the street, gutter, ditches or any area where drainage takes place.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Diamond at [ldiamond@emcity.org](mailto:ldiamond@emcity.org).

If residents observe any illegal dumping in storm drains, or any materials in storm drains that may cause a blockage, such as sticks, leaves, bags, or other items with the potential to cause flooding or a hazardous material situation such as oil, animal waste, or household cleaning products, please contact the hotline at 801-789-5959, option 5.

## Election information



Registered voters: watch the mail for your ballot! The Utah County Clerk's Office will be mailing ballots out to registered voters the week of Oct. 11. Residents can go to [vote.utah.gov](https://vote.utah.gov) to check their voter registration or to register to vote. The voter registration deadline is Oct. 22, 2021 for the General Election.

Eagle Mountain City is hosting a Mayoral and City Council debate on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

## Emergency prep - Active shooter preparedness



Since the events at Columbine High School, Virginia Tech and many others, the response to the threat of an active shooter has become a critical emergency preparedness issue.

Being prepared for emergencies and understanding your personal skills and limitations will help you respond in the best manner possible.

In an active shooter situation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recommends the following:

- **RUN** - Exit the area immediately if possible. Try to take others with you but do not stay if they refuse to go. Leave your belongings behind. Do not run in a straight line; take cover behind any available objects as you run. Once you are out of the area, prevent others from going in. Call 911 as soon as it is safe to do so. If you encounter law enforcement, put your hands up immediately and follow their directions.
- **HIDE** - If running is impossible or unsafe, you may decide to hide. Act quickly and quietly. Your hiding place should be out of the view of the shooter. If inside, lock and barricade the doors by any means possible. Turn off the lights and stay quiet. ***SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE, including the vibration mode.*** Look around for items you can use as a weapon against the shooter should you end up having to fight. Avoid huddling together as much as possible as that gives the shooter a larger target to shoot at. Remember to stay put until law enforcement comes to get you out. It may take several hours for them to clear the area, keep your phone on silent and be patient.
- **FIGHT** - If your life is at stake, you may have to make the decision to fight back. If with a group, work together on how you will attack the shooter. Look for any items that can be used as a weapon, chairs, fire extinguisher, belts, drawers, scissors, pens or pencils, anything that can cause harm. Act with fearless aggression, you may be fighting for your life. You must absolutely commit to taking the shooter down.

More information can be found at: [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/fema\\_scenario\\_1\\_active\\_shooter\\_TTX\\_answer\\_key-01102020.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/fema_scenario_1_active_shooter_TTX_answer_key-01102020.pdf)

Be Ready EMC is pleased to announce our preparedness class for October. Our guest speakers will be Sarah Bush and her sister, Laura Hall, who are survivors of the Columbine High School shootings of 1999. Now, 22 years later, they share their stories to encourage improvements in school safety, start

conversations about mental health, and provide a message of hope in healing from traumatic experiences. We hope you will join us on Oct. 21st at 7 p.m. at Eagle Mountain City Hall.

## City jobs available



Eagle Mountain City is looking to fill several positions. Currently, the City is hiring for:

**City Treasurer**

**Deputy Recorder II**

**PT Recreation Aide**

**Seasonal storm water**

**Seasonal Streets Operator (2 positions)**

**Sports official (16 positions)**

**Streets Operator I or II**

For a full list of available City positions, visit <https://emcity.applicantpro.com/jobs/>.

## September named Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



In early September, the Eagle Mountain City Council took a moment during its regularly scheduled meeting to recognize the struggles of a group of children in the community: those affected by childhood cancer.

Through a unanimously approved proclamation, September was named Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Eagle Mountain. Some of the families and individuals being recognized were invited to attend the City Council meeting on Sept. 7.

Councilmember Carolyn Love was tasked with locating families in the community who could benefit from recognition and charitable giving. A grandmother of eight, Love says that two of the children battling cancer in Eagle Mountain are friends of her grandchildren.

"When I saw the proclamation, I thought it would be nice to find out who the kids in our city were who were currently fighting childhood cancer and put together gift bags with gift cards from local businesses. I also thought it would be fun for them to have a fun activity, like a mini Make-A-Wish. We recruited our firefighters to take a firetruck and visit a couple of the kids..."

Cancer is the leading cause of death in young children with one in 285 children diagnosed before their 20th birthday.

Councilmember Love says it's important to bring awareness to the issue, and to recognize just how many families are struggling in Eagle Mountain to better serve them, individually.



The City Council was able to identify nine families in the community reporting children afflicted with cancer.

"I was surprised to find so many and how young the kids are," says Love. "One family wishes to remain anonymous. Of the remaining eight, half are 5 or under. There are many more that have a child in remission or a child that has passed away."

On average, there has been a 0.6% increase in childhood cancer incidence per year since the mid-1970s. This has resulted in an overall incidence increase of 24% over the last 40 years. Medicines and organizations have been developed to aid in treatment but many recovered individuals suffer chronic health effects resulting from the toxicity of the treatments.

Liv Huirish, current Miss Eagle Mountain Outstanding Teen, has championed the issue -- using her sister's childhood cancer diagnosis as inspiration. She says it's a humbling privilege to work with the City Council on the issue.

"Cancer changes the lives of those little ones, their families and the normalcy they once had," Huirish said.

Gift baskets containing donations from local businesses were given to those the City Council was able to identify in the community as part of the proclamation and recognition.

"It is hard to see them and their families deal with the medical procedures, the fear, pain and helplessness," Love says. "When it hits this close to home and we see so much of it in our city, it makes me realize that it could easily be my family that is affected instead. We all need to be in this fight together."

Opportunities for the children affected were hosted throughout the City during the month of September. Donations from City vendors and partner agencies allowed many of the children and their families to better enjoy their time while continuing their fight against cancer.

"Too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure," the City proclamation reads. "Now therefore, Mayor Tom Westmoreland and the Eagle Mountain City Council proclaim September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Eagle Mountain City and encourage residents to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country."



## Events, Parks receive URPA awards



During the Sept. 21 meeting of the Eagle Mountain City Council, two departments were honored by the Utah Recreation and Parks Association for services provided to residents.

The *2020 Outstanding Special Event* award was presented by LeAnn Powell, URPA Executive Director, to the Eagle Mountain Events Department for its Silent Santa program.

"I think that people copying it is the greatest form of flattery, and since this program has been initiated it has been one of the most talked about programs when our special events groups get together," said Powell when referencing the Silent Santa event's work toward equity and inclusion.

One in five children experiences sensory sensitivity. The Silent Santa event offers children and adults with sensory sensitivities one-on-one time with Santa without crowds or high levels of noise.

"It is so rewarding to see all the individuals interact with Santa, many for the first time. It is very emotional to see these families enjoying this special moment with their loved ones. I am excited to see this event grow and become tradition not only in our city, but other cities as well," said Dawn Hancock, events manager.

The Santa for the event has been played by the same Eagle Mountain resident since the program was created in 2018.

URPA represents about 1,400 parks and recreation officials across Utah and annually recognizes City departments for their efforts benefitting parks, trails, open space and cultural events.

Eagle Mountain City's Recreation Department was also recognized with the *2020 Outstanding Department* award in its class. The number of volunteers needed to successfully run Eagle Mountain's sports and recreation leagues was a primary factor in the recognition.

"Every year we strive to do our best with the recreation programs," said Jason Hall, recreation manager. "It is great to be recognized for our efforts. I would like to thank all those other staff members and volunteers that help with the programs and made it possible for us to receive this award."

Eagle Mountain City continues to pride itself in its community engagement programs. The City commends these departments for their hard work and dedication to the residents of Eagle Mountain.

## Upcoming events

- Oct. 12 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Oct. 14- [Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours](#)
- Oct. 19 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Oct. 21- [Be Ready Eagle Mountain Active Shooter Preparedness](#)
- Oct. 23- [Halloween Town & Car Show](#)
- Oct. 26 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Recreation Junior Jazz registration

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## Know the code - Certain hours limited for those under 16



Eagle Mountain has provisions that limit minors under the age of 16 from being out during certain hours of the day. The details of which can be found here:

### 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].

### 9.05.020 Minors between the ages of 16 and 18 years.

It shall be unlawful for any person between the ages of 16 and 18 years to remain or loiter upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys or other public places in Eagle Mountain City after 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; and before 5:00 a.m., Monday through Friday; and between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., Sunday. [Ord. [O-13-2003](#) § 2].

### 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].

#### 9.05.050 Enforcement – Arrest provisions.

Every minor in violation of this chapter is subject to arrest or citation. Upon arrest, the minor shall be returned to the custody of the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care and custody of the child or taken into custody in an appropriate juvenile custodial facility. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person charged with the care and custody of a minor who is in violation of this chapter to knowingly refuse to appear and take custody of said minor if ordered to do so by a peace officer. [Ord. [O-13-2003](#) § 5].

#### 9.05.060 Violation – Penalty.

Every person in violation of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. [Ord. [O-13-2003](#) § 6].

## Park phase completion



*1 - Eagle Mountain City Administrator Paul Jerome speaks during the park phase completion ceremony.*

Eagle Mountain City recognized project phase completion in two of its parks in early October.

The small ceremony, hosted at Cory Wride Memorial Park, highlighted recent work that has been completed at the park, as well as the completion of Phase I work at Silverlake Woodhaven Community Park.

"We've worked hard to invest in public spaces our residents can be proud of," said Mayor Tom Westmoreland. "There is so much to appreciate about our parks, and we want to take time to recognize their progress."

Eagle Mountain City began construction on Phase II projects for Cory Wride Memorial Park in November 2020.

In addition to the playground, large pavilion, splashpad and festival field area that were completed during Phase I, residents will notice the addition of a 10-court pickleball complex, additional lighting, the construction of a restroom, and the addition of recreational fields that can accommodate football, soccer, or other outdoor sports with the completion of Phase II projects.

"Parks, especially a park like this, are more than a luxury. It's a reflection of who we are," said Westmoreland.

Eagle Mountain City also celebrated the completion of Phase I of Silverlake Community Park. The park, themed around the stars, sun and moon, includes a climbing dome, landslide, and swing. Eagle Mountain City Councilmember Melissa Clark said she was grateful the community came together to make the park a reality.

"The really cool thing about the two parks we're recognizing...is that we did it in the middle of a worldwide pandemic, and it says a lot about the people here today," said Clark.

The layout of Silverlake Woodhaven Community Park is patterned after the rays of the sun and features walking trails and other amenities to keep residents safe and engaged any time of the day.

Those in attendance were integral to the planning, construction, and maintenance of the two parks and were recognized for the effort to make the parks a reality.

"We're pleased with the progress of Eagle Mountain's parks," said Brad Hickman, parks director. "It's been great to see these amenities grow and change. Residents will find these public spaces attractive for years to come and we look forward to even more growth in our parks in the future."

There are additional aesthetic features such as labyrinths with rocks charged by the sun that glow during the evening and overnight hours. Eagle Mountain also modified the existing detention pond to fit a full-size recreation field.



## Wildlife - Oregon Juncos bring cold weather variety



They arrive in Eagle Mountain just as the snow arrives, having come all the way from their breeding grounds in the Northwoods of southwestern Canada.

This is when backyard bird feeders become a busy place as they gather in a feeding frenzy that lasts throughout the cold winter months. Some people call them snowbirds because they come with the snow. You can tell them by their distinctive black hoods, brown back and peachy sides.

There are different plumage variations exhibited among the different races of this delightful bird, their coloring differences depending upon their geographic location. According to the National Audubon Society there may be as many as 15 different races of Juncos.

Those with the unique black hood are the ones seen in the area. The color variations are due to inter-breeding. Juncos are not the only birds with recognized color variants due to inter-breeding. Juncos are part of the sparrow family, which are often seen flocking with these small birds.

While spending their winters in Eagle Mountain, Juncos feed upon the seeds of many of the native plants and grasses that thrive in our ecosystem. They supplement their diet with feeding trays that many residents here in Eagle Mountain make available.

Juncos especially flock to the feeders during heavy snowstorms which render some of the local shrubs inaccessible. If you enjoy providing seeds for our winter avian guests, you might think about placing the

seeds on a tray under the protection of a table or shelf where they can satisfy their penchant of foraging on the ground for seed.

They are great fun to watch as they jockey for position and squabble over seeds. They will also occasionally eat berries from fruit-producing shrubs.

Most wild birds are able to withstand our winter weather but they can't wrap themselves in a warm blanket or fix a cup of hot chocolate.

In order to stay warm, they burn energy very quickly. Some, quoted in a report by Wild Birds Unlimited of Salt Lake City, lose as much as 10% of their body weight on extremely cold nights. This fat must be replaced each day.

Residents can make their survival easier by providing a reliable source of healthy wild bird seed. Food and water is the most essential element providing them with the energy, stamina and nutrition they need for a healthy stay in Eagle Mountain.

## New business development



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Eagle Mountain continues to grow. Follow along each month as we track the progress of business development projects in the community.

## Municipal General Election Results



These are the latest results of the Municipal General Election:

### **Mayor**

Tom Westmoreland 1,845

Melissa Clark 1,607

### **City Council (Two seats available)**

Rich Wood 1,617

Brett Wright 2,018

Donna Burnham 1,701

Jason Allen 1,146

\*Results are not final and still need to be certified.

## Emergency prep - Winter driving tips



Ready or not, winter is quickly approaching.

Winter storms can be unpredictable and sometimes dangerous – especially if you're driving. In general, it's best to stay off the road when severe winter weather is predicted. If you must travel, here are a few tips on how to be prepared:

- Before beginning your trip, check the current road conditions and weather forecast. For statewide highway information 24 hours a day checkout the UDOT Traffic Website
- Keep your car's windows, mirrors and lights clear of snow and ice
- Buckle up
- Allow yourself plenty of time to make it to your destination
- Brake early and slowly and avoid slamming on the brakes
- When driving on ice and snow, do not use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers
- When merging into traffic, take it slow — sudden movements can cause your vehicle to slide
- Don't pass a snowplow or spreader unless it is absolutely necessary and keep a safe distance — treat these as you would emergency response vehicles
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season. This is good for emergency preparedness and it keeps the fuel line from freezing.
- Keep an emergency winter driving kit in your car - some items to include are:
  - First-aid kit
  - Essential medications
  - Flares or reflectors to signal help and warn other drivers
  - Flashlight and extra batteries
  - Cellphone and portable charger
  - Jumper cables
  - Snow and ice scraper, snow brush
  - Blankets or sleeping bag
  - Tire chains and/or tow straps
  - Snow shovel – small or collapsible
  - Bottled water and nonperishable snacks
  - Most importantly, drive smart!

## EM Library wins award



The Eagle Mountain Public Library has been selected for an award for its efforts to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The award, bestowed in October, was designed to recognize library staff for going above and beyond normal services.

"Staff was amazing at handling the rapid changes during the early stages of the pandemic," Library Director Michele Graves said.

The application for the award is reviewed by the Utah State Library and only a few libraries across the state received similar recognition.

The Eagle Mountain Public Library was specifically recognized for providing curbside book bundles to residents who ordered them ahead of time. They also began providing meals for children during the pandemic.

"We wanted to be able to offer service while we were not open to inside visits and curbside was the natural choice as many other entities began offering as well," Graves said.

The library continues to offer book bundles -- a link for which can be found at [eaglemountaincity.com](http://eaglemountaincity.com)-- which allows a selection of books and other materials based on a questionnaire filled out by the library patron. Library staff noted they've had fun introducing material to patrons they would not normally select for the curbside book bundles.

The summer lunch program, specifically, was a partnership with the Utah Food Bank after two library staff members brought the idea forward. With schools not providing lunch over the summer months, the Eagle Mountain Public Library wanted to provide a way for area children to receive nutritious meals without the help of the local school.

"We know the community really appreciates the library and the services we offer," said Graves.

The library provided over 7,000 meals to local children during the summer months and have plans to continue the program next year.

Adapting to COVID-19 was a challenge for the Eagle Mountain Public Library but some of the changes incurred through the pandemic will lead to long-term changes in services.

"We are trying to be responsible [and] respectful of the public and COVID by not holding large gatherings in the library," said Graves. "We are doing things outside of the library and hope that the residents know we are planning on finding positive solutions to bring back in-library experiences."

Library hours are slowly expanding to their previously regular times.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, the Eagle Mountain Public Library will open for in-person visits from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Currently, the library is only open for curbside pickups.

## City jobs available



Eagle Mountain City is looking to fill several positions. Currently, the City is hiring for:

**FT Water Operator**

**PT Recreation Aide**

**PT Morning Custodian**

**Planner I**

**Seasonal storm water**

**Sports official (16 positions)**

**Streets Operator I or II**

For a full list of available City positions, visit <https://emcity.applicantpro.com/jobs/>.



## Upcoming events

- Nov. 9 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Nov. 10 - North Utah County Business Summit
- Nov. 16 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Nov. 25 & 26 - City offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- Junior Jazz sign-ups

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## Finding the joy in the holiday struggle



*1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland*

This time of year can feel similar to a long-anticipated holiday voyage where we set sail in search of hope, joy and great memories with friends and family.

As we board, expectations generally run high with good intentions to make this the best, or most meaningful, holiday season ever.

These expectations alone might add stress and workload like extra luggage we really didn't need. Then, just about the time we are ready to start the celebrations, a storm rolls in and rocks our boat so hard that partying becomes awkward. Or worse, maybe our boat crashes on a rocky shoal. Then what do we do? What do we do when the realities of life do not cooperate with our plans for joy and celebration?

This is where many of us too often find ourselves. Though each of us will experience varying degrees of disappointment and challenge, we still must patch it back together and make sense of it.

I recently found myself struggling to justify and feel the holiday spirit. It seemed to me there was too much heartbreak and loss all around me. I just wasn't feeling it.

As I reflected on the origins of holidays like Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas, I realized that they all started as major challenges. Without challenge and heartache, these special days might not be special, or might not even exist on our calendars.

The stories of the pilgrims, and William Tyndale before them, are stories of great sacrifice and hardship taken on willingly for the cause of liberty, truth and freedom of religion. Four hundred years ago, the

rugged and visionary pilgrims gave thanks to God when it seemed there was little about which to be thankful.

Many of them died that first year, yet they shared a cause greater than themselves and were grateful for the chance to make a difference. The light they lit still shines as an example for us today.

Hanukkah remembers a miracle of light that occurred in dark and trying times. A light that refused to flicker out.

In Christmas, we have a holiday that takes place in the darkest time of year and celebrates hope for even the smallest and least of us. We have seen the shaping of this holiday through the American Great Awakenings and stories like "A Christmas Carol" and "The Gift of the Magi."

It is not in our power to stop all suffering and ignorance. Nor can we eliminate the dark. But we can light a candle and we can bear another's burden. Whether sharing sorrow or sharing joy, it is still sharing. In the sharing we can lift ourselves while lifting others -- even if it is only in an exchange of "Merry Christmas."

I hope that our future will never be as hard as life used to be for our ancestors, but we will have our own difficulties to overcome.

The history of those that have gone before us shares a common theme. Ours, like theirs, is a story of grit and grace. We will find within ourselves the grit to carry on and persevere, to choose to be strong so that we can strengthen others, to know that our efforts are worthwhile whether we live to see the fulfillment of our goals, or it is left for others to finish.

We can choose to find the grace to forgive ourselves and forgive others. In doing so, we affirm that it is good and natural to rise up and lift up, to heal and to mend.

Merry Christmas!

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## Wildlife - Fall deer migration ensues



There has been much publicity and discussion around the topic of the 1,300-acre Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone, which was recently approved by the Eagle Mountain City Council.

Eagle Mountain is the first city in Utah to implement this type of zoning. This is a vitally important step in order to maintain a migration route for the local mule deer population which, according to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, numbers approximately 2,900 deer.

You may wonder why they migrate, where they are going and why it is so important.

Every spring, mule deer, as well as the local pronghorn population, head to the mountains in search of summer ranges and then head back to the valley in winter to avoid the deepening snow. These movements are related to the availability of shelter and food that is crucial to their existence. Their shelter and diet needs vary greatly depending on the season, geographic region, time of year and elevation.

According to the Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service: in winter, the mule deer diet consists of 74% shrubs and trees and 15% forbs (herbaceous flowering plants that are not grasses) and 11% grass-like plants. This percentage varies depending on the current season and plant varieties available.

There are some 788 species of plants that are eaten by mule deer, including some shrub seed pods, nuts (including acorns) and berries. They have also adapted to, and enjoy, some of the landscape plantings.

It is wise when planting in open areas to choose plants the mule deer do not like such as daffodils and lavender. Check your local nursery or other gardening resources for information on plants that are deer-proof.

During recent weeks, the Eagle Mountain Nature and Wildlife Alliance has teamed up with the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and local resident volunteers for habitat restoration in the wildlife corridor. They are restoring native shrubs and trees that have been degraded by wildfires or human activity. These shrubs and trees are vital to the diet and shelter of the mule deer and other important wildlife species.

Science Daily reports that there are many risks that mule deer face during migration caused by climate change and human disturbance.

Climate change's effects on seasonal growth patterns constitute a risk for these deer on the move. It is difficult to change their historic or learned migration paths. Human activities such as natural resource extraction, highways, fencing and urban development all have an impact on deer populations and migrations through habitat degradation and fragmentation.

Eagle Mountain's desire is to maintain this pathway and its vital amenities in the best possible condition for all wildlife here in Cedar Valley.

## Eagle Mountain City boards need volunteers



Eagle Mountain City has vacancies on three of its advisory boards.

If residents are interested in serving on any of the following boards:

**The Eagle Mountain Public Library Advisory Board**

**The Senior Citizens Advisory Council (55+)**

**The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

Please complete the forms through link: <https://emcity.jotform.com/213144754942053>

You can also find an application by visiting the Resident Portal and clicking on "Volunteer Opportunities."



## New business



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Eagle Mountain continues to grow. Follow along with new businesses locating in the community and track their progress every month.

## Emergency prep - Holiday safety reminders



In the true spirit of the season, and to help keep family and friends out of harm's way, here are some tips and helpful hints for *The 12 Days of Holiday Safety*:

*On the First Day* ... prepare your home for the holidays – and safety. Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector, smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.

*On the Second Day ...* make a plan. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another and discuss what you would do in different situations. Share your family plans with overnight guests.

*On the Third day ...* leave the lights on. Thieves usually don't approach homes that appear to be occupied. Leave on outside lights at night and when you leave during the day; leave on some lights inside the home to give the appearance that someone is home.

*On the Fourth Day ...* decorate with safety in mind. Never leave burning candles unattended and keep them away from children and pets, decorations and wrapping paper.

*On the Fifth Day ...* make your tree safe. Christmas tree fires can be devastating for what is normally such a beacon of happiness. If you have a live tree, make sure that it has water every day, and ensure that any lights you use are checked for breaks or exposed wires. Choose an artificial tree that is labeled fire-resistant.

*On the Sixth Day ...* keep lights bright. Make sure you use indoor lights inside your home and outdoor lights outside. Check the light strings and extension cords, throwing out any that are frayed or have exposed wires, loose connections, or broken sockets. Turn off all holiday lights before you go to bed or leave your home.

*On the Seventh Day ...* choose appropriate toys. Always follow age recommendations when choosing toys for children to avoid choking hazards. Check for toy recalls and be sure to read all warning labels and instructions before you allow your child to play with a new toy.

*On the Eighth Day ...* get ready for severe winter weather. Blizzards, ice storms, and high winds can develop quickly. Listen to local radio or television stations for severe weather warnings and advice.

*On the Ninth Day ...* prepare your car for an emergency. Install winter tires and make sure windshield washer fluid is always topped up. Prepare a kit to keep in your vehicle in case of an emergency. Use this [LIST](#) to help you.

*On the 10th Day ...* prevent illness. Effective handwashing is a skill that you can easily learn, teach to others, and use every day to protect your health. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water.

*On the 11th Day ...* learn first aid. Knowing first aid and CPR could save a life. Trainings are currently offered online and in-person through the [American Red Cross](#).

*On the 12th Day ...* know the risks. Across the U.S., we face a number of hazards both inside and outside our homes. Knowing the risks where you are can help you better prepare and eliminate stress, especially during the holiday season.

## Election Results



These are the certified results from the 2021 Municipal General Election.

### **Mayor**

Tom Westmoreland 2,611

Melissa Clark 2,403

### **City Council**

Brett Wright 2,877

Donna Rivera Burnham 2,420

Rich Wood 2,383

Jason Allen 1,696

## Rapid Infiltration Basins boost EM's sewer capacity



Eagle Mountain City's sewer treatment plant expansion is primed to take on additional capacity, improve operations and better manage wastewater in the community. But there was a final piece required to finish the project: a set of rapid infiltration basins (RIBs).

To bring Eagle Mountain City's expanded sewer treatment facility into compliance with state regulations by deadline, the City was tasked with building the remainder of the expansion project itself. No contractors, no specialists, just hard work.

"This in part was required for our expansion and our current RIB that failed that needs rehabbing," says Public Utilities Manager Mack Straw.

Following the treatment process at the wastewater facility, wastewater is sufficiently treated to state standards and returned to the area's aquifers. To drain the water into the aquifers, the rapid infiltration basins act as a retainer for treated wastewater and provides time for the water to either evaporate or return below the surface.

Thirty acres of land was set aside to construct the basins. Building them, however, became a large undertaking.

"We have some of the most dedicated and hardworking employees," said Straw. "They are very skilled and truly care about Eagle Mountain City and its residents."

For two months, employees in the City's Wastewater, Streets and Storm water departments worked to construct the basins. This involved the removal of dirt, the building of pipes and properly constructing the basins for leveling and capacity.

"This is an amazing undertaking," said City Administrator Paul Jerome. "It was basically an insurmountable task."

Eagle Mountain City received engineer estimates the RIBs project would cost more than \$1 million. Using existing staffing resources, the City was able to save nearly \$500,000 when completing the construction of the basins.

"That was really an amazing thing to see how all of our people stepped up," said Mayor Tom Westmoreland.

With four basins, Eagle Mountain City now has the ability to cycle their usage and perform rehab work to the basins on a yearly basis. The ability to conduct annual maintenance will prolong the life of the basins and save taxpayer dollars in the long-run.

"It's exciting to see things like that get done in Eagle Mountain even under less than ideal conditions," said Westmoreland.

Fencing and some minor cleanup will finalize the RIBs project, which should be completed within the next few weeks. Completion of the Rapid Infiltration Basins doubles the capacity of the City's sewer treatment facility.

"We've got great guys. We truly do. Some of the best," said Mack Straw.

## City jobs available



Eagle Mountain City is looking to fill several positions. Currently, the City is hiring for:

**Part-time Rec Aide**

**Senior Accountant**

**Sports Official (Recreation, Junior Jazz)**

**Streets Operator I or II**

To find the job that best fits you, click [here](#).

## Upcoming events

- Dec. 4 - [Christmas Village](#)
- Dec. 7 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Dec. 11 - [Silent Santa](#)
- Dec. 14 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- Dec. 23-25 - City offices and Library closed
- Dec. 31 - City offices and Library closed

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## Starting new in '22



*1 - Mayor Tom Westmoreland*

It is a popular tradition to make resolutions at the beginning of a new year: to set goals to be better, accomplish more and reset priorities.

Personal goals might be to eat better, lose weight, get more exercise, advance our education, improve our income, take more vacations, spend more time with family, be more self-reliant, etc.

The last two years have been difficult. Changes and challenges we never thought we would see have been cast upon us. The result is that we have become busier, more distracted, more stressed, more reactionary, less connected, less patient, less trusting and more divided.

With inflation on the rise and wages that can't keep up, Russia threatening Ukraine, China threatening Taiwan, hospitals remaining full, a virus that remains unchecked, government doubling down on restrictions, supply chains remaining unpredictable, a housing shortage, and whatever the next thing is to be added to the list of concerns.

All of these things affect us personally in some way. But they must not dictate who we are and what our priorities ought to be. We must not allow ourselves to live in turmoil.

We must not let depression, anxiety, or anger take over. We must resolve individually and as a city to first take care of ourselves. Just as when we fly commercially, we understand that we must put on our own oxygen mask first and only then care for those around us.

This past year, I learned the term “gain of function.” As the world seeks gain of function for its own reasons, I realize that personally and as a city, we must also respond with our own “gain of function.”

Our gain of function might be best reduced to the basics of a healthy society as grit and grace. It is the grit and resolve to not forget who we are, and the basics of life that we all need, and the fortitude to not abandon who we are or what is most important.

As a society, we can be committed to a lifestyle that is family first and making sure that every resident has options for their best mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, social and financial well-being. All the while affording ourselves and others grace and relief when we fall short of our goals.

In some ways, we can afford to slow down and be more aware of our surroundings, smell the roses and enjoy all that is good. Then take time for others and connect.

As a City, we will continue to invest in roads, trails, parks, open space and events that bring us together and make living in Eagle Mountain more pleasant. We will continue to make all of our systems more robust, make the city safer, more enjoyable and more financially sound. We will find ways to be more efficient and at the same time more understanding of the needs and perspectives of every segment of our community.

Then when challenges and changes do come our way, we will be prepared to work together to meet those challenges. In doing so, we will shine as an example of how to come together to do and respond well in the face of challenges.

In closing, I would like to share some inspiring thoughts from others:

Eight things to quit in 2022

1. Trying to please everyone
2. Fearing change
3. Living in the past
4. Overthinking
5. Being afraid to be different
6. Sacrificing your happiness for others
7. Thinking you're not good enough
8. Thinking you have no purpose

(From Zig Ziglar quoting “Billy Cox Motivation.”)

*“If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.”*

(Zig Ziglar)

*“The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.”*

(Stephen Hawking)

**The following story is translated from Russian into English and accounts for the awkward structure. The story is an account from a Jewish, German baker that survived the camps of WWII.**

Angel, a Jew, owner of the most famous bakery in Germany, often said: "Do you know why I'm alive today? I was still a teenager when Nazis in Germany killed Jews mercilessly. Nazis took us to Auschwitz by train. Last night in the ward was deadly cold. We were left for many days in cars without food, without beds, which means without the possibility to warm up somehow. It was snowing everywhere. The cold wind frozen our cheeks every second. There were hundreds of us on those cold, horrible nights. No food, no water, no hiding. The blood is frozen in the veins. Next to me was an elderly Jew who was very loved in my city. He was all shaking and looking terrible. I wrapped him with my hands to warm him up. Hugged him tight to give some warmth. Rub his hands, legs, face, neck. I begged him to stay alive. I cheered him up. This is how I kept this man warm all night. I myself was tired and frozen. Fingers crossed, but I kept massaging this man's body to warm him up.

So many hours have passed. Finally, the morning has come, the sun has started to shine. I looked around myself to see other people. To my horror, all I could see was frozen corpses. All I could hear was the silence of death. Frosty night killed everyone. They died of cold. Only two people survived: the old man and me. The old man survived because I didn't let him freeze, and I survived because I made him warm.

Allow me to tell you the secret of survival in this world? When you warm the heart of others, then you will warm yourself. "When you support, strengthen and encourage others, then you receive support, strengthening and encouragement in your life."

(Shared by Tanya Kalchenko, of Skadovsk, Ukraine.)

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Know the code - Much ado about ADU's



One of the most common requests the Planning Division receives at Eagle Mountain City on a daily basis is regarding Accessory Dwelling Units or ADU's. City code regarding ADU's recently changed, so even if you are familiar with ADU's, this is a good refresher.

### **What is an Accessory Dwelling Unit?**

ADU's are popular for property owners that want to create a second living space for family members (sometimes referred to as Mother-in-Law apartments, or Granny Flats), those who wish to rent out a space in a basement, or a detached structure to help pay the mortgage.

ADU's are an important and creative way to provide affordable housing to young singles and families just starting off that are not able to afford the ever-rising cost of rent and apartments but still wish to move out of their parent's home (even if it is just to the backyard).

Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADU's, are defined as "An independent habitable living unit, with a kitchen, bath facilities, and it's own entry." ADU's may be:

- 1) Internal ADU's, located within or attached to a Single-family detached dwelling unit; or
- 2) Detached ADU's, which are located within a separate or detached structure (such as above a detached garage or in a small standalone structure)

### **Where are ADU's allowed?**

ADU's are allowed in all single-family-zoned property in Eagle Mountain. Internal ADU's are permitted in all single-family detached homes and Detached ADU's are permitted on all lots of 8,000 sq. ft. or more.

### **ADU Development Standards**

The following standards apply to ADU's in Eagle Mountain:

- One Per Lot A maximum of 1 ADU is allowed on a Residential lot.
- Occupancy The owner of the lot must live on the property (except for bona fide temporary absences) in either the primary dwelling or within the ADU. Inhabitants of the ADU must:
  - o Be related by blood, marriage, or adoption; OR
  - o Consist of no more than 2 unrelated individuals
- Code Compliance ADU's must conform to all International Fire and Residential safety standards
- Location and Type the following standards apply to ADU's
  - o Internal ADU's

§ Basement Internal ADU's located in the basement of a Main home must have a separate exterior entrance located on the side or rear of the building

§ Attached Internal ADU's that are on the main, upper floor, or within an addition shall meet the minimum setbacks for the building and shall have a separate exterior entrance located on the side or rear of the building.

o External ADU's are permitted on lots that are in excess of 8,000 Square Feet and must meet the following requirements:

§ Height Be no taller than 35' and contain no more than 2 stories

§ Size Must contain at least 400 Square feet of living space. They may be up to 50% of the size of the main living unit up to a maximum size of 1,200 SF

- 1,200 Square Foot Detached ADU only permitted if the primary dwelling unit is at least 2,400 SF in size
- The maximum size of a detached ADU permitted for a 5,000 square foot home is 1,200 Square Feet
- The maximum size of a detached ADU permitted for a 1,800 Square Foot home is 900 Square Feet.

§ Setbacks Detached ADU's shall have the same setbacks from property lines as the Primary Dwelling Unit.

§ Street Frontage Detached ADU's are only permitted on lots that have at least 70 feet of frontage along a street.

§ Appearance Detached ADU's shall match architectural style, building material, and color of the primary dwelling unit to maintain the appearance of a single-family residence. If the Detached ADU is located within a detached garage, the appearance of the ADU shall match that of the garage.

§ Utilities Detached ADU's may have a separate utility meter, but must remain in the name of the owner of the property

o Standards for all ADU's

§ Parking Off-street parking for one vehicle in addition to required parking of two parking spaces for the primary dwelling unit shall be provided. Parking may not be in front of garage doors, and must be on a hard surface (Concrete or Asphalt). Occupants of ADU's may not park on the street.

§ Address ADU's shall have the same address number but be referred to as Unit B

§ Short-term rentals: ADU's may not be rented for a period of less than 30 consecutive days

### **How to get an ADU?**

Interested parties that meet the above criteria may apply for an ADU on forms available at <https://eaglemountaincity.com/community-development/planning/>

Planning Staff will evaluate the permit and if it is found to be in compliance, an ADU will be permitted and an approval letter will be issued.

### **Questions?**

Eagle Mountain Planning Staff is happy to answer any questions about ADU's and assist property owners with the applications for ADU's, and may be reached by emailing [Planning@Emcity.org](mailto:Planning@Emcity.org) or by phone at 801-789-6615.



## Wildlife - Sagebrush and your hare



Have you ever wondered if a hare is just another name for a rabbit? Actually, they're different species.

In Utah there are three species of hares and three species of rabbits. The hares consist of the white-tailed jackrabbit and black-tailed jackrabbit and the snowshoe hare. The rabbit group consists of the pygmy rabbit, the mountain cottontail and the desert cottontail.

According to Paul Klimack, *Research Assistant, USU Extension Services*, hares live above ground in a small leaf-litter depression, which is often on a hill or other slight elevation so they can watch for predators.

Rabbits tend to live in burrows underground, which is sometimes the abandoned den of some other animal. Hares are precocial and rabbits are altricial. Precocial means the offspring, at birth, are open-eyed and furred and thus are capable of a high degree of independent activity. Altricial means that offspring are helpless at birth and require parental care for some time afterward.

### *Desert Cottontail*

Here in Eagle Mountain, the most common species seen in the area is the desert cottontail. The desert cottontail is protected, which means it can be hunted only during specific seasons.

The cottontail rabbit is smaller than most hares in overall size. Their ears are shorter, and the hind feet are noticeably smaller.

During the late afternoon and throughout the night the desert cottontail is most active. Their main diet consists of grasses and sagebrush, of which we have an abundance in our local sagebrush steppe ecosystem.

The desert cottontail experiences a 10-year population cycle, which last reached its peak in 2016. After reaching this peak, the population declines for about five years, then starts climbing again. If that cycle stays true, it is anticipated the next peak will take place in Eagle Mountain around 2026.

### *Pygmy Rabbit*

Occasionally, you may see a pygmy rabbit here in Eagle Mountain – distinguished by its much smaller size, weighing only ½ to 1 pound. It can be found hiding in our local sagebrush, which is the primary source of its diet. The pygmy rabbit is protected and may not be hunted.

In the distant past, the rabbit population peak was problematic for Eagle Mountain residents, since they can be damaging to some crops, trees and shrubs. ([See i84005 Update](#)) With the anticipated peak a few years away, there is ample time to consider rabbit-proofing vegetable gardens as well as trees and shrubs.

As mentioned, this population peak is short-lived and they can be humanely dealt with. The saying ‘an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure’ applies nicely in this circumstance.

While you’re out hiking our many trails, we hope you enjoy occasional sightings of some of these small creatures with whom we share this unique area.

## New business development



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Eagle Mountain continues to grow. Follow along each month as we track the progress of local development projects.

## Emergency prep - Resolve to be Ready in 2022



The New Year is a great time to reassess and ramp up your emergency preparedness plans.

Resolve to be Ready is an annual initiative encouraging individuals, families, businesses and communities to make preparedness a part of their New Year resolutions.

Taking steps to plan for the unexpected can mean you are more equipped to protect yourself and others if a disaster happens.

Resolve to be Ready with these ten tips.

1. Create an emergency plan. Know your evacuation routes and have a place designated for your family to meet in case you get separated.
2. Make an emergency kit. These portable kits should include food, water, medications, prescriptions, cash, radios, flashlights and other necessities. It is also recommended that you have hand sanitizer and face masks included in your kit, to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Keep an emergency kit in your car in case you are stranded.
3. Keep your pantry stocked. Food is often in short supply during disaster events. It is important to have several days' worth of food safely stored in your home to support yourself and your family. Don't forget to include food for your pets!
4. Get to know your community. Learn about disaster planning in your community and what resources are available to you in case of emergency. Join a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to get trained on basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.
5. Sign-up for emergency alerts for your area. It's important to know how to get information when a disaster happens. Local radio and television stations provide information on evacuation routes, temporary shelters, and other emergency procedures.
6. Check your insurance policy. Understand what your policy covers in case of major disasters. Contact your insurance company for detailed instructions on what you will need to make a claim for insurance. Learn more about flood insurance and what is available to you under the National Flood Insurance Program.

7. Take Inventory of what you own. Snap pictures of your property and make an inventory for insurance purposes. Having a clear record of what you own will make the insurance process easier.
8. Protect your valuables. Store precious belongings, such as photographs or heirlooms, in damage proof containers so you don't risk losing them permanently. Also keep copies of your critical documents safe and secure in case of emergency.
9. Plan for your pet. Build a separate emergency kit for your pets. This can include creating a list of shelters that accept pets if you need to evacuate the area.
10. Budget for a disaster. Financially prepare for the New Year. Find out how with the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit. Start to grow an emergency fund today so you can cover any unexpected changes in your day-to-day life. Visit [Ready.gov/resolution](https://www.ready.gov/resolution) for more information on how you can Resolve to be Ready.

## City positions available



Eagle Mountain City is hiring. Here is our list of available positions.

**PT Library Clerk**

**PT Rec Aide**

**Planner II**

**Senior Accountant**

**Sports Official**

**PT Utility Billing Clerk**

Click here to find the job that's right for you: [Job Listings - Eagle Mountain City Jobs \(applicantpro.com\)](http://applicantpro.com)

## New "Rumor Stop" answers persistent questions



When is Eagle Mountain getting a rec center? Who is the latest major employer with plans to locate in the city?

Persistent questions have a propensity to turn into rumors. Eagle Mountain City wants to provide a place for those questions to receive an honest and up-to-date answer.

In December, the City launched "Rumor Stop." This new feature on the Eagle Mountain City website allows residents to review some of their most persistent questions and receive an honest answer with the latest information.

Apart from some of the more common questions, however; the City has also built a feature into the "Rumor Stop" page that allows residents to submit rumors of their own and receive an answer in a timely manner. Residents are encouraged to review the rumor submissions that have already received an answer prior to submitting their own.

Eagle Mountain City aims to better engage resident concerns and provide accurate information for the latest rumors that may be swirling.

Residents are encouraged to visit the new [Rumor Stop](#) page.

## Upcoming events

- Jan. 4 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Jan. 11 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)

- Jan. 18 - [City Council Meeting](#)
- Jan. 25 - [Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- [radKIDS and RAD Women schedule](#)

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