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MAYOR'S MINUTE  
TOM WESTMORELAND

## Thank you for making Eagle Mountain truly extraordinary

As I write this message, I can't help but reflect on the whirlwind of responsibilities that come with serving as mayor of Eagle Mountain.

Today has been one of those full days – tackling City challenges, planning for the future and navigating the complexities of local politics. On top of it all, I'm feeling under the weather with a headache, body aches and sinus congestion.

My first instinct is to reach for some cold medicine and crawl into bed, but as I take this moment to write to you, I realize how important it is to express my gratitude.

Being mayor of Eagle Mountain is one of the most demanding, yet incredibly rewarding roles I can imagine. It is truly an honor to serve in this capacity at such a pivotal time in our City's journey.

I view my role as a sacred responsibility, and I'm deeply humbled by the trust you've placed in me. Every day, I get to witness firsthand how far we've come,

the obstacles we've exceeded and the bold vision that lies ahead.

As a city, we are still young, like a teenager brimming with potential but still finding its way in the world. It's a phase full of growth, energy and, yes, sometimes frustration. We are finding our confidence, facing challenges and, in many ways, struggling to fully embrace who we are and who we can become.

But like any teenager with talent and determination, we are poised to rise above. We are, as many have said, a diamond in the rough. I believe with all my heart that if we dare to believe in ourselves, we can shine brighter than any of us have imagined.

There will undoubtedly be moments of frustration and doubt, but if we continue to work together, we can make this city everything we dream it can be. Together, we will build the future we know is possible.

We are already leading the way in several areas, and I know there is even

more we can achieve.

For all those who have worked so tirelessly to bring our vision to life, I thank you. Your dedication and hard work are the foundation on which we build our success.

I'm grateful beyond measure for the blessings we have received. While not everyone shares my faith in God, I cannot ignore the many times I have seen His hand in our work.

I believe that it is with His guidance and blessing that we have come this far. It is with His blessing that we will continue to move forward.

This spirit of hope and determination reminds me of the Pilgrims, who set sail across the Atlantic centuries ago, car-

**CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**

**DEC. 7 12-5 PM**

**CORY WRIDE PARK**

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## EAGLE MOUNTAIN NEWS

# CVHS band marches to success on state and regional stages

Cedar Valley High School’s marching band continues to hit all the right notes, solidifying its reputation as one of Utah’s premier high school band programs.

The group recently concluded its competitive season by taking fourth place in the 6A division at the Utah Marching Band State Championships in St. George.

“We’ve had an extremely successful competitive season this year,” said Mitch Hall, Cedar Valley High’s band instructor. “Cedar Valley is a 5A high school, but because we have such a strong band program, we opted to compete in 6A. Placing fourth is a huge accomplishment for us.”

The band also made finals for the fourth consecutive year at a regional competition featuring top bands from California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and New Mexico.

Following their competitive success, the band celebrated by taking a trip to Disneyland, where they performed in the park’s iconic parade down Main Street as part of Disney’s Imagine Campus program. Cedar Valley was one of only two Utah high schools selected to perform, joining Maple Mountain High School.

“Performing in the parade is a magical experience for the students and for the band program,” Hall said. “The students were excited to

go backstage at Disneyland and then have all their eyes on us as we marched through the park, finishing down Main Street and around the Christmas tree at the entrance to the park.”

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Cedar Valley’s band program has seen exponential growth since the school opened in 2019. The program started with 80 students, including 68 in the marching band. Today, the program boasts over 300 students, with 235 participating in marching band – making it the second-largest marching band in Utah.

This dedication has earned the band numerous accolades, including an invitation for its Wind Symphony to perform at the Utah Music Educators Association annual conference in 2022.

Cedar Valley’s jazz band, percussion ensemble, and color guard have also garnered competitive success, drawing students eager to join the program.

## EVENT CALENDAR

- NOV 28** Turkey Trot – Cory Wride Park
- Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed
- NOV 29** Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed
- DEC 3** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers
- DEC 7** Christmas Village – Cory Wride Park
- DEC 10** Planning Commission – Council Chambers
- DEC 14** Silent Santa – Council Chambers
- DEC 24** Christmas Holiday – City Offices Closed
- DEC 25** Christmas Holiday – City Offices Closed
- JAN 1** New Year’s Day – City Offices Closed

“We love being a part of the community,” Hall said. “The earlier we receive invitations for events, the more likely we are to make them happen. With as many people involved—students, staff, and parent volunteers—it takes time to coordinate logistics, but we always try to do what we can.”

The band remains deeply tied to the Eagle Mountain community, regularly performing at events such as Pony Express Days, ShopFest Utah, and the Christmas Light Parade in Fairfield.

Eagle Mountain City wants residents to know the community’s plans for the future. We’re providing easy access for all of our major areas of focus. Learn more about Eagle Mountain’s strategic priorities by visiting the [Priorities & Plans](#) page on the City website.



## KNOW THE CODE

### Winter parking

As winter settles in, it's important for Eagle Mountain residents to be mindful of on-street parking rules during snowstorms. From Nov 1 through March 15, vehicles, trailers, and other items cannot be parked on city streets whenever snow accumulates. This regulation helps ensure that snowplows can safely and efficiently clear the roads, keeping our streets accessible and safe for everyone. Violations may result in fines or towing, so please park responsibly and avoid pushing snow into the roadways. Let's work together to make this winter season smooth and hassle-free!

10.10.050 Parking prohibited when snow accumulates It is unlawful to park vehicles, trailers, or other property constituting obstructions to traffic on the streets of Eagle Mountain City from November 1st to March 15th of the succeeding year whenever snow accumulates on streets in the city. Vehicles and other obstructions that are parked in violation of this article on streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City, especially as snow removal and safety are impeded, are subject to fines according to the consolidated fee schedule as adopted by the city council and/or towing and removal by the city to facilitate maneuvering snowplows and snow removal operations. It shall be unlawful to place, plow, or dump snow in the streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City. Violations are subject to fines according to the consolidated fee schedule as adopted by the city council.



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## Protecting the journey: Mule deer migration work continues

When Eagle Mountain City adopted the Wildlife Overlay Zone in 2020 to protect a wildlife corridor and mule deer migration route, it likely had little idea how implementation would unfold.

Four years later, the picture is becoming clearer, and measures are already in place to support a migrating mule deer herd. The herd travels from the northwestern corner of Utah County, beginning at the Oquirrh Mountains and the Army National Guard training facility at Camp Williams, passing through Eagle Mountain, and ending at their wintering grounds on Lake Mountain.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources approached Eagle Mountain in 2018 to address growing numbers of deer-vehicle collisions and to protect the critical mule deer migration route.

As a result, new regulations were passed, the installation of fencing began and the state's first-ever thermal infrared detection system was installed at the SR-73 wildlife crossing.

While the project has made significant strides, this will remain a long-term endeavor due to the project's limited funding and extensive scope.

The effort will continue to move forward until the 50 miles of eight-foot-high wildlife impermeable fencing is installed and two wildlife bridges/overpasses, one wildlife underpass and at least six at-grade crossings on City streets are completed.

The mule deer project team finds itself in a unique situation, having been tasked with implementing this project in an establishing city.

rating with the project team and the City to fence the north end of the mule deer migration route.

More upgrades are planned and budgeted to replace the remaining outdated fencing with a secure, wildlife impermeable fence, helping Camp Williams meet both its security and conservation goals.

The recent designation of the Great Salt Lake Sentinel Landscape brings new opportunities for collaboration and resources to support the project. This designation strengthens conservation efforts across the region.

With the added support and partnerships facilitated by this national partnership, the project team can access broader funding and expertise to advance its goals. This collaboration ensures that conservation and military readiness can coexist, benefiting the community, wildlife and Camp Williams.

As development continues to grow through vital wildlife corridors, the collaboration of local governments, state and federal agencies, installations, and other partners working to find mutually beneficial solutions can help mitigate impacts to humans and wildlife.

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The team's strong working relationships with landowners, Camp Williams, MDF and the UDWR are helping push the project forward.

The project team has taken on the challenge and is progressing faster than expected by securing grants and other funding options, alleviating the City's financial burden.

Camp Williams and the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape program have been collabo-



## BUILDING & PLANNING MIKE MALAY

### Protecting your home from the cold

Proper preparation not only helps you save money and energy but also provides peace of mind during harsh weather. Here are some important tips to get your home ready for winter:

1. Clean the Gutters: Make sure your gutters are free from leaves and debris. Clogged gutters can lead to water damage, so clear them out before the first snowfall.
2. Inspect the Roof and Attic: Check your roof for any damage and ensure your attic has adequate insulation to handle heavy snow loads.
3. Weatherproof Windows and Doors: Replace worn weatherstripping and apply caulk to seal gaps around windows and doors, keeping freezing air out and warmth in.

4. Prepare Your Pipes: Prevent frozen pipes by locating your main water shutoff. Drain water from sprinkler systems and garden hoses, and cover outdoor faucets.

5. Service Your HVAC System: Change your furnace filters regularly to improve airflow and efficiency. Inspect and clean your heating unit to ensure it's functioning properly.

6. Prepare Your Patio and Deck: Store or cover outdoor furniture and equipment. For wooden decks, consider applying a sealant to protect them from moisture.

7. Ensure Snow Removal Tools are Accessible: Keep snow removal equipment like shovels and snow blowers handy, along with de-icing agents for winter storms.

8. Test Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monox-

ide Detectors: Check that alarms are functioning and replace batteries as needed. If alarms are over ten years old, consider replacing them.

9. Reverse Ceiling Fans: Set your fans to rotate in the opposite direction to create an updraft that pushes warm air down.

10. Trim Tree Branches: Trim branches to prevent them from breaking under the weight of heavy snow, which can cause damage to your home.

Taking these steps to winterize your home can help you save money, prevent accidents, and keep you warm and dry throughout the winter months.

If you need assistance or from the Building Department, feel free to reach out at [buildinginspections@eaglemountain.gov](mailto:buildinginspections@eaglemountain.gov).

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Looking to Eagle Mountain's future

Eagle Mountain is a city where connection and community come together to create a place we all love to call home. As we look toward the future, we want to ensure it's one that reflects the values and aspirations of our residents.

Whether you've been here for years or just moved in, your insights and ideas can help guide our planning and decision-making. We're committed to preserving what makes our city special.

One of the key tools in shaping our community's future is the General Plan, which acts as a roadmap for long-term growth and development. It outlines goals, policies and strategies to balance our community's needs with careful planning. An essential part of this process is the

Future Land Use Map, which helps identify how different areas of the city will evolve over time.

Visit the [project website](#) to share your perspective on future community development.





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rying a bold vision of freedom and opportunity. Their journey was not easy, and many of their dreams seemed unattainable. They faced hardship, loss and adversity. In their darkest hours, they made the daring choice to embrace a new way of living, one grounded in the values of hard work, freedom and the belief in a higher purpose.

They dared to dream big. They believed that, with God's guidance, they could create something that would endure and change the world. It wasn't easy, and there were setbacks, but the Pilgrims' vision became the foundation of the America we know today.

As much as we owe them for the opportunities they created, we, too, must carry that vision forward: higher, further and with renewed energy.

So, as we approach the holiday season, I ask you to join me in rekindling that Pilgrim spirit within us all.

Eagle Mountain is a unique place with rare opportunities. Yes, some may see it as a dusty, far-flung city on the edge of the desert. But I see it differently. I see a community of people who are unique, talented and determined. It's

a community of people who have chosen to live here because they believe in something greater. We are pilgrims in our own right, carving out a future for ourselves and our families in this special place.

I know many of you face your own struggles and challenges, and I see so many of you reaching out to help others, lending a hand when it's needed most. That's the spirit that makes this community so remarkable. It's that spirit of giving, hope and unity that will carry us through any challenges that come our way.

As we approach Thanksgiving and the Christmas season, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Thank you for being part of this journey, for giving of yourselves to help make Eagle Mountain the best place to live in the state.

I hope this holiday season brings you peace, comfort and renewed hope for the future. Together, we are building something extraordinary.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you all!