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## MAYOR'S MINUTE TOM WESTMORELAND

### A bright future ahead for infrastructure

As we enter the spring season, I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates on infrastructure projects that will enhance our City, improve your daily commute and continue to make Eagle Mountain a great place to live, work, and play.

#### Roads and Transportation:

We're making significant strides in improving our transportation infrastructure, starting with the completion of Old Airport Road. This new road, which will connect Pony Express Parkway across SR-73 to the new Sage Canyon Middle School, will be finished by August. It will include a full traffic light intersection, enhancing safety and connectivity in this rapidly growing area.

Another key development is the replacement of the roundabout at Pony Express Parkway and Eagle Mountain Boulevard with a traffic light to improve traffic flow. In addition, Mid Valley Rd. West from Cory Wride Park to Eagle Mountain Blvd., is scheduled to be built this year, ensuring smoother travel within our city.

We are also planning future connections to make your commute even easier. Plans are in place for a road linking Lone Tree Parkway to Old Airport Road, and we are designing Mid Valley Road East, which will extend from Pony Express Parkway to the Mountain View Corridor in Saratoga Springs.

Looking further ahead, the Mountain View

Corridor from SR-73 to Porter Rockwell Boulevard will be completed next year, while work on 2100 N. freeway from Mountain View to I-15 will begin shortly thereafter. We're also excited to announce that Pioneer Crossing will get an additional lane between now and next year.

#### Water and Sewer Improvements:

Our commitment to ensuring reliable water and sewer services continues with several major projects. The new, 4-million gallon water tank in the White Hills/Firefly area will be operational by June, bolstering our water infrastructure.

We're also moving forward with the construction of another 4-million gallon water tank in the City Center area, alongside a new water pump booster near Sage Canyon Middle School to improve pressure and service delivery.

Additionally, Wells 7 and 8 are set to be completed this year, while Well 5 will undergo important upgrades.

We're also in the final stages of designing the Sewer Treatment Plant expansion, which will not only increase capacity but also provide Eagle Mountain with a secondary water source for the first time, ensuring even greater sustainability.

#### Growth and Planning:

As we continue to grow, it's important that we

remain focused on planning for the future. The Parks and Trails Master Plan will be finalized, setting a roadmap for the development of new parks and recreational spaces. We will also be updating the Eagle Mountain General Plan to reflect the City's evolving needs.

Additionally, we are planning to reset the Eagle rock monument later this year to preserve and celebrate one of our city's iconic landmarks.

The future of Eagle Mountain is incredibly bright, and I am proud of the work being done to create a connected and responsibly-growing community.

These projects are just the beginning, and we remain committed to providing the best possible services and infrastructure for all of our residents.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make Eagle Mountain an even better place to call home.

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## EAGLE MOUNTAIN NEWS

### Discover Camp Floyd's hidden history

A few miles west of Eagle Mountain, past open fields and rolling foothills, history quietly lingers at Camp Floyd State Park.

Many locals drive past without a second thought, unaware that this site once housed the largest military installation in the United States. Now, the park stands as a living museum, offering visitors a glimpse into a nearly forgotten chapter of American history.

Camp Floyd State Park Manager Clay Shelley says that despite being just five miles from Eagle Mountain, many residents have never visited.

"We do vendor booths at Eagle Mountain City events and ShopFest, and people say they've never heard of us," Shelley said. "We're right in their backyard, but they don't realize the history we have here."

That history dates back to 1858 when President James Buchanan sent 3,500 U.S. Army troops to Utah to suppress a rumored Mormon rebellion. The conflict never materialized, but Camp Floyd, along with Fairfield, became a bustling community for military and civilian life. The nearby town of Fairfield swelled to nearly 7,000 residents, making it one of Utah's largest communities at the time.

But Fairfield was not just a military outpost—it was also one of the most unruly towns in Utah's history. The influx of soldiers and opportunistic settlers brought saloons, gambling halls, and a red-light district that gained a notorious reputation.

Crime was rampant, with Main Street be-

coming the backdrop for frequent violence, including murders and shootouts. The town's lawlessness became so severe that Utah's territorial governor, Alfred Cumming, remarked that Fairfield's crime problem was beyond the local sheriff's control and suggested allocating funds from the territorial treasury to clean up the town.

Despite these efforts, Fairfield remained a hotspot of vice until the army withdrew in 1861, causing the population to plummet and the town's wild days to fade into history.

Today, visitors can explore that past at the Camp Floyd State Park Museum, located inside the original commissary building. Artifacts and exhibits detail the camp's short-lived yet significant role in the West. Next door, the restored Stagecoach Inn—once a vital stop for travelers and Pony Express riders—gives visitors a feel for what life was like on the frontier.

For those looking for a more immersive experience, the park offers a variety of educational programs.

School groups often visit for hands-on field trips, and families can participate in historical re-enactments, campfire programs, and even paranormal tours. The park hosts events year-round, including the Cowboy Way of Life Festival and an annual spring egg hunt for kids.

"We try to make history come alive," Shelley said. "We want people to experience what it was like to live here in the 1850s."

## EVENT CALENDAR

**MARCH 31** Pickleball Registration Deadline

**APRIL 1** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers

**APRIL 4** Yarn & Thread Club – Library

**APRIL 7** Play N' Learn – Library

**APRIL 8** Planning Commission Mtg – Council Chambers

**APRIL 9** UDOT Public Hearing – Snow Springs Elementary

**APRIL 12** Easter Egg Hunt – Cory Wride Park

**APRIL 14** Red Cross Blood Drive – Council Chambers

**APRIL 15** City Council Meeting – Council Chambers

**APRIL 16** Wildlife & Nature Education – Council Chambers

**APRIL 17** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park

**APRIL 18** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park

**APRIL 19** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park

**APRIL 20** Spring Community Cleanup – Cory Wride Park

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**APRIL 22** Planning Commission Mtg – Council Chambers

With just two full-time staff members, three seasonal employees, and a handful of volunteers, the park relies on community involvement. Shelley encourages residents to volunteer and bring their families to participate in educational programs.

"We have opportunities for everyone—moms, dads, kids," he said. "It's a great way to be part of something special."

As Eagle Mountain continues to grow, Camp Floyd State Park remains a quiet but significant landmark of the area's past. For residents looking for an afternoon adventure steeped

**Pony Express Carnival tickets are now on sale! Round up your friends and family and get ready for Eagle Mountain's premier festival, Pony Express Days. Tickets are \$35 each pre-sale and \$45 at the door. Grab yours now! →**





## KNOW THE CODE

### Short-term rentals

Eagle Mountain City has had several complaints regarding homeowners running AirBnB's, or short-term rentals from their homes. AirBnB's and short-term rentals are not permitted in Eagle Mountain. We encourage residents to refer to our Land Use Table 17.25.030 on the City website.

#### 17.25.030 Land Use Table

This land use table contains the various land uses that are permitted, conditional, special, and prohibited uses in the residential zones. Uses that are not listed in this table are prohibited.

P = Permitted (Permitted uses may still require approval through an application process as detailed in this chapter and other chapters)

C = Conditional (Due to their unique characteristics or negative effects that may not be compatible without conditions to mitigate or eliminate the detrimental impacts. Must comply with Chapter 17.95 EMMC)

S = Special (Special uses are permitted as long as they comply with the standards listed in Chapter 17.75 EMMC that are specific to that type of use)

Blank = Prohibited



## LIVING WITH WILDLIFE TODD BLACK

### Mule deer conservation inspires me every day

It's inspiring to see the level of commitment and collaboration that Eagle Mountain City has demonstrated in preserving its natural spaces and protecting wildlife.

Many of its ordinances and City Code, our ridge and slope ordinance, our development code, and the wildlife overlay zone in our City Code, are all geared toward keeping things as wild and open as possible.

I'm impressed how the City has worked in the past and is continually working with a variety of partners like the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, the Utah Department of Transportation, Camp Williams, conservation organizations like The Mule Deer Foundation, and the Eagle Mountain Nature and Wildlife Alliance, to implement these conservation strategies geared toward the creation of the Eagle Mountain Mule Deer Migration route.

Projects geared toward the preservation of this migration route all started in 2021 with the UDOT and the Division of Wildlife Resources installing sev-

eral miles of fencing along SR-73, which essentially forced the migrating deer to cross at one pinch point location near the cell phone tower west of Cory Wride Memorial.

The following year, the City partnered with UDOT and UDWR to secure additional funding to install the first Thermal IR detection and driver alert/wildlife crossing system installed in Utah. This system detects a crossing event and then triggers signs to alert motorists of a crossing event.

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Since its installation in 2022, we have only had three deer vehicle collisions (DVCs) on SR-73 at the crossing. Anecdotally speaking, the system is working.

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Compared to where the deer cross on Pony Express Pkwy., there have been 11 deer-vehicle collisions during the same period of time, and these on a street where speed limits are 35 mph vs. 55 mph on SR-73.

At Pony Express, we still have the standard deer crossing signs that people pay little attention to, and are seemingly unaware of potential deer crossings. It's clear that technology, like the Thermal IR detection system, has already yielded measurable benefits and has likely paid for itself in terms of reducing deer-vehicle collisions and cost to motorist and insurance companies.

In the meantime, the City continues to chip away at our 25-mile-high fence mule deer migration corridor. This luge is designed to move the deer safely through the city from Camp Williams and the Oquirrh Mountains to the north where their wintering grounds reside at the south end of the Lake Mountain range.

We'll continue with the rest of the story next month. Stay tuned.





## BUILDING & PLANNING

### MIKE MALAY

## Prepare your home for the warmer months

**S**pring maintenance is a great way to protect your home investment, save on energy costs and prevent costly repairs down the road. Here's a checklist to help you get started, both inside and out.

**Interior tips:** As you prepare your home for the warmer months, start by checking your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they are functioning properly. Test each alarm, replace the batteries if needed and check the pressure on your fire extinguishers to confirm they are fully charged and ready for use.

Next, inspect your air conditioning system to ensure it's prepared for summer. Check all connections, replace the filter and schedule a service appointment if necessary to keep your HVAC system

running efficiently.

Don't overlook your electrical panel. Test the breakers and all Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs), especially in areas like kitchens, bathrooms and outdoor outlets.

Finally, look for any signs of water damage throughout your home, including around windows, doors and bathrooms. Catching leaks or mold early can help prevent costly repairs in the future.

**Outdoor tips:** It's also time to focus on the outside of your home.

As part of your home maintenance routine, start by inspecting your roof for any damage that may have occurred over the winter. Check the shingles, flashing and overall structure for loose or damaged materials that might need repair.

Next, clean out your gutters and downspouts, as debris can accumulate and cause water damage if left unchecked. Ensure downspouts are securely directing water away from your home.

Then, inspect your windows and doors, as extreme temperatures can cause seals to deteriorate. Look for cracks, gaps, or worn-out weatherstripping, and re-caulk or replace seals as needed to prevent air leaks.

Lastly, test your sprinkler system by running it to check for leaks, broken sprinkler heads or other areas needing maintenance.

Replacing any damaged parts now will ensure your lawn and garden receive proper water distribution throughout the season.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

## EM City does much to attract amazing businesses



### EVAN BERRETT

As an Eagle Mountain resident myself, I understand how exciting it is to see new stores and restaurants closer to home. More retail improves our quality of life and strengthens the City's tax base. We hear you, and the City actively recruits businesses residents want, but it takes more than just promoting the area. Properties must be ready, major employers are needed to boost daytime population, and challenges like infrastructure and capital costs must be addressed.

In a fast-growing city like ours, getting the right information to decision-makers is critical. We're also committed to supporting local entrepreneurs, not just bringing in national brands. However, I'm happy to report we are making great traction in recruitment and small business development efforts. We have many great things coming.

Have a business idea or know a business you'd like to see here? Let us know!