We have declared war on potholes.

Seemingly overnight potholes can show up in the road without any warning.

They tear up our cars and set our nerves on edge as we swerve to avoid them and are shocked with a jarring impact when we don’t see them. If the wear and tear on our vehicles and nerves isn’t bad enough, they can cause hundreds of thousands of dollars of repair costs on our roads each year.

Our roads already take a pounding from daily traffic. Changing temperatures cause the road material to expand and contract. Before long tiny cracks start to appear. That is why crack sealing is part of our annual maintenance. Potholes form when water works its way down into the road material and temperatures drop below freezing. The freezing water expands and causes a swell. When the tar that holds the road together freezes it becomes brittle. The brittle road pushed up by ice from underneath and slammed by tons of force from vehicles above is like a window getting hit by a baseball. That is why they appear so suddenly and randomly. Then like a tear in fabric, if left untreated they can quickly spread and become a much bigger problem.

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The common method used to treat them has been to send out a crew with asphalt and fill the holes. The problem with this is the same reason we don’t build roads in the winter - it doesn’t work very well in winter conditions. This method is better than nothing but often needs to be repeated until the weather warms.

Now we have a new weapon to bring potholes into submission. Last year we tested a product and were so impressed with the results that we purchased our own equipment, specially designed to deal with the recurring problem. Though we call it road patch it is more like Gorilla Glue for roads. It is not as finicky about temperatures so it can go down a soon as the road is dry. It is so tough it can be used to repair whole sections of roads and will last long enough to be a permanent repair.

We hope you will notice improvement with potholes as we implement this new process.

The Mayor’s Choice for March reading is “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee. For younger readers, “.”

Woman of the Year
The Woman of the Year award will be presented at the Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant on March 16. Nominations will be accepted through March 14 at 10:00 p.m. Nominees must be a resident of Eagle Mountain.

Nominations Wanted
The Cupcake Charity is seeking nominations for someone deserving in EM who is in financial need due to extensive medical expenses, death/funeral, or other hardship. The Cupcake Charity will select a recipient who will receive proceeds from the Pony Express Days 5K in the form of bill payment. Nominations accepted through April 5, 2019 at 10:00 p.m.

New Website
Be sure to check out the new City website. We hope it will provide a more user-friendly experience. It is designed to be more responsive on mobile and other devices.

Park Pavilion Rentals
Reservations and rental fees are required for use of city park pavilions by large groups or special events from April 15 to October 15. Outside of this time frame, use is first come, first served.

Earthquakes
Earthquake damage can extend for miles from the epicenter of these traumatic shifts in the earth’s crust, resulting in collapsed buildings, bridges and overpasses, cracked roadways, downed power lines, broken gas lines, fires, explosions, and landslides.

Preparing Your Home
Secure major appliances to both the floor and the wall. Move large objects and breakable items to lower shelves. Fasten pictures and mirrors securely to walls. Install flexible pipe fittings to minimize breakage of gas and water lines.

During an Earthquake
If you are inside a building stay there. Hide under a table or desk, or crouch in a corner or against a wall. Use a doorway for shelter only if you know it’s strongly supported. Stay away from windows and bookcases.

Check your home for structural damage. If in doubt, call a qualified professional to inspect it. Inspect water pipes and electrical lines at your home. Check appliances and utilities. If you smell gas, open a window and leave then turn off main gas valve then call the gas company. Open cabinets carefully.

For more helpful information, visit FEMA’s Earthquake Safety Checklist.
Updated Parking Codes – Eagle Mountain has adopted the state’s traffic code for No Parking zones and obstructing Traffic. Please make yourself familiar with these codes to avoid tickets and towing.

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:
   (i) on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of the curb of a street (double parking);
   (ii) on a sidewalk;
   (iii) within an intersection;
   (iv) on a crosswalk;
   (v) 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;
   (vi) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
   (vii) on any bridge or other elevated structure, on a highway, or within a highway tunnel;
   (viii) on any controlled-access highway;
   (ix) 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:
   (i) in front of a public or private driveway without owner’s permission;
   (ii) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
   (iii) within 20 feet of a crosswalk
   (iv) 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;
   (v) 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;
   (vi) at any place where a traffic-control device prohibits standing.

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:
   (i) within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; or
   (ii) 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 6000.

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.

10.10.020 Obstructing traffic prohibited

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

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

1) parallel to and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb; or
2) as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.
SafeUT App Helps Those in Crisis

The SafeUT smartphone app offers 24/7 help for suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety, loss, bullying, or substance abuse.

Suicide affects every family and every community. Thanks to a smartphone app, help is available 24/7 for young people, their parents, guardians, and others who experience depression, anxiety, loss, grief, bullying/cyberbullying, self-harming behaviors, suicidal thoughts, or drug or alcohol problems.

SafeUT answers crisis calls, texts, and chats—from the young person reaching out or from others. It provides free real-time crisis intervention for people in need.

We encourage parents to help their youth download the SafeUT app and talk to them about the importance of reaching out if they're worried about someone they know.

Some of the warning signs for someone dealing with suicidal thoughts include:

- Hopeless/helpless thoughts
- Social isolation
- Talk of being a burden on others—how others would be better off without them
- Giving away prized possessions

“Today’s world is very different from the world many of us grew up in,” said Jessica Strong, Community Health and Outreach Manager for Intermountain’s Primary Children’s Hospital. “Young people are at greater risk in many ways. If we see warning signs of suicidal thoughts, we need to take them seriously.”

For more information on the SafeUT app and/or to schedule a suicide prevention training, contact Caryn Nielsen with Communities That Care at 801-888-9147 or cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com

Bird House Art Project

Eagle Mountain City and the Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance are excited to announce a community art project that your family can contribute to. Residents are invited to pick up a free birdhouse kit from City Hall, decorate it, and return it so that it can be included in a public art installation. Only 150 birdhouse kits are available. One birdhouse is allowed per family. The bird houses are easy to build, fun to decorate, and your family will be listed as contributors to the public art project.

Want to participate? Details

What’s Happening?

Following is a snapshot of some community events in March. Please visit the city website calendar at www.emcity.org/events for additional events, more details and updates as warranted.

- **Seniors Bunco**
  - Time: 1:30 PM
  - Location: Senior Center
  - The Seniors (55+) will hold their monthly Bunco activity. Please bring a $5 prize. There will be a St. Patrick’s Day theme. Bring light snacks.

- **Food, Fun & Reading (Food Sense Class)**
  - Time: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
  - Location: Library
  - USU extension offers Food, Fun & Reading: A Program for Preschoolers - 1st graders and parents. Free event - no registration required.

- **Seniors Bingo & Potluck Dinner**
  - Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
  - Location: Senior Center
  - The Seniors (55+) will play Bingo and hold a Pot Luck Dinner at the Senior Center. Please bring a dish to share. This activity is free. Prizes!

- **City Council Meeting**
  - Time: 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
  - Location: City Hall

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
  - Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
  - Location: City Hall
  - Agenda and supporting documents typically posted on the City website calendar by the Friday before the meeting.
Somtum Thai & Lao Food is open for business in City Center - 1388 Eagle Mountain Blvd, (801) 789-2008.

Mayor Tom Westmoreland, Council Members Colby Curtis, Melissa Clark, and Donna Burnham, Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce Board Member Diane Bradshaw, City Administrator Ifo Pili and Economic Development Director Aaron Sanborn joined the owners, the Linthalath family of EM for a ribbon cutting to make it official.
Congratulations to our City Events Manager Dawn Hancock and Events Assistant Suzie McCorristin for receiving the first place award for “Best Event Idea” out of 30 events shared from the Association of City Event Coordinators.

The award was given for the Silent Santa event, where community members with special needs have the opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with Santa.

This year, Silent Santa is scheduled to be held on December 13 and 14. Information about how to register will be shared about a month prior.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this event last year.
To stay up-to-date with City news, events, and more - follow Eagle Mountain City on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. You may also subscribe to email/text notifications, including emergency alerts at www.emcity.org/notifyme.