As the city with the most developable land in the state and experiencing a market driven demand for housing, Eagle Mountain has unique challenges in managing growth and maintaining a high quality of life.

In other words, a strong economy is producing construction, and though there is a lot of good that comes from it, the process can be disruptive for existing residents. Construction often means dust, trucks on the road, gravel spills, blasting, noise, etc. Though none of these things are unique to Eagle Mountain, the city’s growth is expected to continue for some time. Other cities might only rarely experience construction activity like this or have it restricted to one area. Those cities can work through the temporary situation, relying on state or federal agencies to enforce requirements, supplemented with few hours from city staff.

As we have addressed construction-related concerns over the past year and looked for ways to make the process safer and less disruptive, we have sought direction from outside agencies, developers, and residents, and made our code more restrictive but we still weren’t quite where we needed to be. A large part of that was because we lacked the equipment, personnel, and expertise to be timely, accurate, and effective with our enforcement.

It is not practical for the mayor or staff to be on every construction site. When we did have concerns or received a report of a possible violation, we had to pull staff from other assignments.

It became clear that we needed to do more and take the lead in setting proper standards and providing expert enforcement. To do so we have created a new position - Code Compliance Officer, to monitor, inspect, and enforce health and safety standards relating to construction. These will include things like dust, noise, storm water, blasting, mining, and other potential hazards. Our compliance officer will be certified and equipped to direct and enforce our standards and will be a direct line of contact for reporting of issues.

Since there is little experience to glean from other cities and this is a specialized position, it will take

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some time to have our Compliance Officer fully certified and up to speed on all of the projects around the city. As we fine tune and work out the process of reporting concerns we will keep residents posted on the progress.

For December I would like to do something a little different with book recommendations. There are so many great Christmas-themed books it is hard to choose just one so I have included several. Some of them are obvious classics but others may not be so familiar.

A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
The Chimes, Charles Dickens
The Cricket on the Hearth, Charles Dickens
The Battle of Life, Charles Dickens
The Haunted Man and the Ghost’s Bargain, Charles Dickens
The Mansion, Henry van Dyke
The Other Wise Man, Henry van Dyke
Home for Christmas, Henry van Dyke
The True Saint Nicholas, William J. Bennett
The Greatest Salesman in the World, Og Mandino
The Gift of the Magi, O. Henry
How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel

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As part of the Utah Department of Transportation’s (UDOT) commitment to keep stakeholders informed of transportation improvements in their communities, the Mountain View Corridor (MVC) team created a video to provide information on the overall project as well as the phased construction approach being used to build the corridor. This phased approach is part of the overall MVC plan to address short-term regional transportation needs while providing a long-term solution for the future.

For more information please visit the Mountain View Corridor website.
For Everyone’s Safety – Winter Parking

Excessive vehicles on the street can obstruct emergency and snow removal vehicles, and impair vision of pedestrians, especially children.

RVs, boats, trailers and large commercial vehicles block views from oncoming traffic, crosswalks, curves and turns.

Article II. Winter Restrictions

10.10.040 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 1 to March 15 of the succeeding year whenever snow accumulates on streets in the city.

10.10.050 Vehicles subject to removal.

Vehicles and other obstructions on streets and roads of Eagle Mountain City parked in violation of this article 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 snow plows and snow removal operations.

10.10.060 Depositing snow in streets prohibited.

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

10.10.070 Enforcement

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

Snow Removal Information

Eagle Mountain City handles snow removal on city streets. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) handles snow removal on Cory B. Wride Memorial Hwy (SR-73) and Redwood Road (SR-68).

The City strives to maintain safe traction for vehicles. Due to the high cost in snow and ice removal, dry pavement and curb to curb plowing should not be expected. Eagle Mountain City has seven snow plow trucks with salt spreaders. Streets are plowed in order of priority.

PRIORITy 1 – Arterial roads (Eagle Mountain Blvd, Ranches Parkway, and Pony Express Parkway)

PRIORITY 2 – Collector roads, school zones, hills and curves

PRIORITY 3 – Residential, alleyways, cul-de-sacs

PRIORITy 4 – Unimproved roads

Home owners are responsible for snow and ice removal on sidewalks and driveways. No snow or ice should be removed from private property onto roadways. The street plowing process may create a build-up of snow in front of driveways. It would be neither cost nor time effective for city snow plow drivers to stop and assist in clearing this build-up in front of driveways. We ask for the understanding and cooperation of home owners with this.

If you have a question about snow removal on city streets, please call the Streets Department at 789-6677. If you have a question about snow removal on SR-73 or Redwood Road, please call UDOT’s Region 3 office at (801) 227-8000, or visit their website at www.udot.utah.gov.

Snow Removal Priority Map
As the winter months approach, construction activities for the Redwood Road project will be suspended beginning mid-December and will resume in spring 2019. The current traffic configuration on Redwood Road and Pioneer Crossing will remain in place through the winter. The Redwood Road speed limit is reduced to 35 mph between Lake View Terrace Road and Village Parkway until the end of the project. Weekly email updates will also pause until work starts again in the project area.

If you need to contact the project team during the winter months, please email redwoodsaratoga@utah.gov, call 801-997-5682, or visit udot.utah.gov/redwoodsaratoga.

Pioneer Crossing

Clarification of Library Co-op Policy

Utah County does not have a countywide library system. Each city that has a library is funded by their own tax base. Because of this, the North Utah County Libraries have developed an agreement to allow residents of each community access to their libraries. However, this agreement is for materials use only.

The Eagle Mountain Public Library is a member of the North Utah County Library Co-op which means:

• Your library card can also be used to check out materials at American Fork, Highland, Lehi, Pleasant Grove, and Saratoga Springs libraries.

• Programs, such as story time, summer reading, music and movement, etc., are not part of the cooperative agreement. Please do not visit the libraries outside of Eagle Mountain to participate in these programs.

• You must be in “good standing” with the Eagle Mountain Public Library in order to obtain privileges at another Co-op library.

• Each library’s policies apply to their materials in terms of: due dates, fines, etc.

• Materials checked out at any Co-op library must be returned to that library.

• Eagle Mountain Public Library is your home library and as such, check with us first when looking for an item. If our library doesn’t have what you’re looking for, check with another Co-op library.

• You can put items on hold at the Co-op libraries; however their card holders may get a higher priority than you.

Donation boxes are available at the Eagle Mountain Public Library (1650 E. Stagecoach Run) and the Eagle Mountain Senior Citizen Center (1632 E. Heritage Dr.)
Eagle Mountain Community Theater, part of the Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance (EMAA), will hold auditions January 4 and 5. Performance dates will be Feb 12, & 14-16. Rehearsals begin January 12. Details and sign up.
NEW 2100 NORTH TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION

To accommodate construction, 2100 North at I-15 will be reduced to one lane in each direction beginning as early as Dec. 10, 2018 into 2020. To keep traffic moving, the interchange will be converted to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). Drivers should plan ahead for additional delays during peak hours or use an alternate route. Please use caution and follow the construction signs.