Eagle Mountain, like most cities, started out as not much more than open space.

It seemed for many people to be more wilderness than city and too far from conveniences to be practical. So, for the first twenty years of Eagle Mountain’s existence the focus was to add whatever improvements and amenities were possible. All of this served to make life better and more convenient, while property values increased. For a city that, geographically, is one of the largest in the state there is a lot of opportunity for investment and growth. This has resulted in Eagle Mountain being one of the fastest growing cities in the state, logging our biggest growth year to date in 2017.

What does all of this growth mean for Eagle Mountain? What is its fate and future? Will it become an extension of the Wasatch Front metropolis as it builds out like other cities have done? Will it lose its appeal and identity? Will it be engulfed by urban sprawl? These are legitimate questions and real concerns.

My personal vision for the future of Eagle Mountain is a little different than what we see in most cities. There is no doubt that my perspective is highly influenced by growing up in resort towns where people go to play and vacation. I firmly believe that being able to enjoy the beauty of nature and abundant recreational options, essentially in our own backyard, adds richly to life experiences. This is not only great for a healthy lifestyle and raising kids but it will also make Eagle Mountain more appealing to the types of businesses that we are targeting to expand here.

That is why the City Council, City staff, and I have moved to protect ridgelines, hillsides, and other significant open space. However, we are not finished. There is a lot more to be done in our General Plan to set aside more open space. A draft report of our updated General Plan should be ready for public review and feedback in the spring. We invite everyone to participate in the process.

Twenty years from now we do not want to look back with regret that the Eagle Mountain we once knew is all built out and changed forever. We want to preserve the best qualities for future generations. We want to keep, as best we can, the beautiful views and vistas; the night sky; the wild animals; the historic sites; and outdoor recreation. To help in this endeavor I am recommending to staff that we create a new board filled with individuals passionate about conservation, preservation, and improvement of Eagle Mountain’s historical and natural wonders.

For this month’s Mayor’s Choice for family reading I recommend the book, “Bud, Not Buddy,” by Christopher Curtis. It is a Newbery Medal winner and also received the Coretta Scott King Award. The story is about ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, who escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father.

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Library Clerk becomes U.S. Citizen with help from Library resources

After assisting patrons at the Eagle Mountain Public Library for over seven years, library clerk Sandy Cannon turned to library resources to help herself achieve a goal - U.S. citizenship. Cannon, who came to the United States from Mexico in 1999 was sworn-in as a citizen in January after studying for months using materials from the library’s “Citizenship Corner.” She even scored 100% on her citizenship test.

“This has been a long, stressful journey for her,” said Michele Graves, Eagle Mountain’s library director. “She has sacrificed much. Her perseverance and determination to get her citizenship has been inspiring for all of us here in the library.”

The most difficult aspect for Cannon through the citizenship process was when her elderly parents in Mexico were ill and she felt like she couldn’t visit them because leaving the U.S. meant taking the risk that she may not be admitted back in.

“I’m happy that I can go visit now,” Cannon said, “and stay longer.”

Using her own experience, Cannon has become a mentor to another library employee, from Brazil, who is currently preparing for the citizenship test. She is also involved in the free English as a Second Language (ESL) courses offered by the library. Volunteers are currently teaching classes in Spanish, Russian, and Portuguese, with the potential to expand to more languages.

Participation in the program has grown steadily over the past two years. Those interested in getting more information may visit the Library page of the City website.

“My job serving our patrons gives me a wonderful sense of community, working with a warm group of people who are like family to me,” Cannon said.

Cannon said the the Library is looking into offering citizenship classes and they hope to have something to announce soon.

News Briefs

Seniors Activities
All are held at City Hall unless stated otherwise. Details and updates are posted on the website calendar. Seniors activities are open to those who are ages 55+

Feb 19  Bingo/Potluck Dinner  5 p.m.
Feb 23  Voice Male Concert  Bus leaves City Hall at 5:30 p.m. and Chevron in Ranches at 6:00 p.m. Cost is $20, paid to Joye Roberts by Feb. 19.
Feb 26   Movie Night & Potato Bar, 5-7 p.m. Potatoes provided, bring a topping to share. Movie: Hidden Figures
Mar 1  Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

Email:  seniorcouncil@emcity.org

Woman of the Year Nominations
Nominations are being accepted through March 2 for the 2018 Woman of the Year Award, to be presented on March 24 at the Miss Eagle Mountain Pageant. Residents have the opportunity to nominate a woman who has made significant contributions to the Eagle Mountain community through leadership and service. Nominees must be an Eagle Mountain resident. Nomination Form

Grand Marshal Nominations
Nominations are being accepted through May 7 for the 2018 Pony Express Days Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal will be recognized at the Pony Express Days Rodeo, Grand Parade, Demolition Derby, and in July at the EnduroCross event. Nominee must reside in Eagle Mountain City, be in good standing in the community, have displayed outstanding pride and commitment to the community, be willing to carry out the functions of Grand Marshal, and be at least 18 years of age. Nomination Form

Community Events Volunteers
EM City is seeking volunteers to help with Pony Express Days and other community events throughout 2018. Pick the shift that works best for you. Volunteer Application

City Offices & Library Closure
The City offices and Library will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of the President’s Day holiday.
Protect your best friend... get a dog license.

Dog licensing is required by city code. Dog licenses may be purchased at the Reception Desk or Utility Billing office at City Hall. Please note we can only accept payment by check. The licenses are processed through North Utah Valley Animal Shelter and are valid for one year. Please bring proof of rabies vaccination.

Spayed/Neutered: $15.00 for one year registration
Unaltered: $35.00 for one year registration

Common Pet Violations

6.05.110 Dogs running at large.
A. It is unlawful for the owner or person having charge, care, custody, or control of any dog to allow such dog at any time to run at large. The owner or person charged with responsibility for a dog found running at large shall be strictly liable for any violation(s) committed by the dog, regardless of whether or not the person knows the dog is running at large.
B. Trained dogs under the supervision of the owner may be at large while participating in field trials and obedience classes organized and sanctioned by recognized dog clubs, while assisting their owner or trainer in legal hunting or in herding of livestock, while assisting a peace officer engaged in law enforcement duties, or while being trained for the above purposes so long as such dogs are under direct and effective sound or gesture control within sight of such individuals to assure that they do not violate any other provisions of law.

6.05.120 Cats running at large.
It is unlawful for the owner or person having charge, care, custody, or control of any cat to allow such cat to run at large on the property of another. The owner or person charged with responsibility for a cat found running at large shall be strictly liable for any violation(s) committed by the cat, regardless of whether or not the person knows the cat is running at large.

6.05.130 Public nuisance.
The introduction, possession or maintenance of any animal, or the allowing of any animal to be in contravention of this chapter is, in addition to being a misdemeanor, hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The department, public health officer, and peace officers are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to summarily abate any such public nuisance by any means reasonably necessary, including but not limited to the destruction of the animal or animals involved.
A. Any animal which does any of the following shall be deemed a nuisance:

1. Causes damage to the property of anyone other than its owner or custodian;
2. Is a vicious animal as defined in this chapter and kept in a manner contrary to this chapter;
3. Causes unreasonable fouling of the air by odors;
4. Causes unsanitary conditions in enclosures or surroundings;
5. Defecates on any public sidewalk, park or building, or on any private property without the consent of the owner of such private property unless the owner or custodian of such animal shall remove any such defecation to a proper trash receptacle.

6.05.260 Number of animals.
No person may harbor or possess more than four dogs or more than four cats, four months of age or older, without purchasing a kennel license or a hobby breeder’s license and obtaining a conditional use permit for such facility from the city. Ownership of more than four cats without said licenses must be approved by the animal regulation coordinator for a legitimate business purpose.

Need volunteer hours? Neighborhood Improvement can provide clean-up project hours. City will provide garbage bags and dispose of garbage. Contact 801-789-6690 or neighborhoodimprovement@emcity.org to schedule.

If you have questions about whether or not something is allowed by city code, visit www.emcity.org/code for a searchable code site or click on the link for City Code at the top of the city website home page.
Q&A with new City Council Members Donna Burnham and Melissa Clark

Donna Burnham and Melissa Clark were elected to serve four-year terms on the City Council, beginning January 2018. Council Member Burnham served previously on the City Council for two terms and Council Member Clark served on the Parks and Recreation Board.

What are your priorities as a council member for the first year of your term?

My priorities are:
• Get a road approved to connect the new high school with Eagle Mountain Blvd.
• Land a tech business with high paying jobs
• Improve our code to protect from unnecessary blasting

How would you encourage residents to be involved in local government?

Residents can be involved in so many ways. You can either attend or listen to council meetings, especially those that directly impact where you live. You can volunteer to serve on a city board or committee. You can volunteer at city events. You can start with sending an email to or phoning a council member or the mayor and sharing ideas and concerns. Attend town hall meetings.

What is your “ideal” vision of the City in 10 years?

In ten years, I would love to see a hospital and a satellite college or university here in Eagle Mountain. I would also like to see jobs, high paying jobs, so more of our residents can commute within the city to work. With all of these things, I would love for Eagle Mountain to maintain it’s sense of community.

What brought you to Eagle Mountain and what is your favorite part of living here?

When we came out to Eagle Mountain we found bikes, trikes, and kids’ toys in the yards and a library. We were sold. My favorite part of living in Eagle Mountain is the sense of community that we have. When tragedy strikes, we pull together. When we have city cleanup projects, we are overwhelmed by the response.

What are your priorities as a council member for the first year of your term?

My biggest priority during my first year of my term will be to listen, learn, and lead. I have been assigned to be council liaison to both the Planning Commission and the Economic Development Board. Both are huge priorities to me because they both have such a big impact on our everyday lives and frankly, our financial well being. My passions will also forever be with the Parks and Recreation board and the Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance, because both of those play such a tremendous role in the quality of life that we have all come to love.

How would you encourage residents to be involved in local government?

When I first started getting involved with city issues, it was to voice my opinion about something that was going to impact me directly. The more I got involved the more that I found that all of the items that come up in city government are interconnected. To get
involved, sign up for text updates, emails, and visit our city Facebook page. Ask questions, email and call the mayor and city council. Serve—whether it is at your neighborhood scout troop, the library board, your kid’s school PTA, or on one of the Eagle Mountain advisory boards or commissions, get involved. We can keep this awesome small town feel if we all work together to maintain it as neighbors.

What is your “ideal” vision of the City in 10 years?

I would like to see the growth we experience in the next 10 years be made with common sense. I feel like the city has been doing a decent job of that so far and would like to continue that trajectory. I see a beautiful haven in Eagle Mountain that has room for different goals and dreams. If someone wants to build their dream house and that means a place with an acre or two, great. If someone wants to be able to get into their first house and can afford a cute starter home, awesome. If someone wants to create a business, fantastic. I want streets that are safe and well-maintained, I want low taxes so we can all still afford this beautiful place. I want hills and trails and wildlife so that when we want to go exploring we can do it right here in our own backyard. I want great parks with amenities that match the needs of our population. I want world class schools and opportunities that include choice for parents to decide what is best for their kids. I want local shops and businesses that hire our residents and local teenagers and feed our tax base. I want a few nice businesses to invest in their future here in EM so that we can truly have a live, work, and play community. I want a place that my kids will call their hometown and want to come back and raise their families here too.

What brought you to Eagle Mountain and what is your favorite part of living here?

We came to Eagle Mountain because we had family here and we could afford a place to rent here. We stayed and bought a home here because we fell in love with the sense of community and beauty all around us.

Pony Express Rodeo Queen Contest

The Pony Express Special Events team is accepting applications for the 2018 Pony Express Rodeo Queen Contest.

Contestants must be between the ages of 15 and 25 on the date of the contest, March 24, 2018.

Info and Application
City Notifications
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Public Meetings
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www.emcity.org/notifyme

Choose HOW you want to be notified.
(email or text - phone calls emergency only)

What you LOVE about Eagle Mountain
PHOTO CONTEST

Submit your favorite photo showing us what you love about Eagle Mountain!
Submit photos to events@emcity.org
Submission Deadline: February 16, 2018 (1 entry per person)

Top 10 winners will receive a canvas print of their photo that will be displayed at City Hall throughout the month of March.
Winners will be notified via email by February 28, 2018.

UTAH VALLEY JOB FAIR FREE for Job Seekers
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Utah Valley Convention Center 220 W. Center St. • Provo, UT

Like our Facebook page at fb.me/UtahValleyJobFair and mark that you’re coming to the Job Fair https://www.facebook.com/events/182304263434545/ for your chance to win $100s in prizes.

This is the place to find a NEW or BETTER JOB!
Bring many copies of your resumé, dress professionally and be prepared to talk to hiring representatives.

UtahValleyJobFair.com

City HOTLINE
801-789-5959 (AFTER HOURS OR URGENT)

OPTION 2: PARKS
OPTION 3: WATER
OPTION 4: SEWER
OPTION 5: STORM DRAIN
(street flooding or illegal dumping in drains)
OPTION 6: STREETS
Eagle Mountain City is excited to bring you our

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 24, 2018
Nolen Park (7862 N. Tinamous Rd) 10:30 a.m. SHARP

Come and get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Please bring your own camera and bag/bucket for the eggs.
Please check eggs before you leave the park. They might have a prize ticket in them!

*No parents allowed on the field*
Age Groups: 3-5 years, 6-9 years, 10-12 years

For more information: emcity.org/easter
Event related questions: events@emcity.org
2018 Pony Express Days
emcity.org/ped

Rodeo
May 25, 26 & 28

Bike Ride and Pancake Dinner
May 28

Family Fun Night & Movie In The Park
May 29

Carnival, Vendor Booths, & Entertainment Stage
May 30 - June 2

Grand Parade, Demolition Derby & Fireworks
June 2

Registrations now open for: Vendor Booths, Food Vendors, Grand Parade and Entertainment Stage.

Please visit emcity.org/PED to register.

Questions? Please email the events staff at events@emcity.org