



# THE EAGLE'S VIEW

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## EVERY JANUARY I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING PERSPECTIVE WITH RESIDENTS ON THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR.

As I prepare to share the annual State of the City with you, my appreciation grows for our department heads and our employees every year as I review the impressive work they have done. So it seems appropriate to begin with a big "thank you" to our employees who work so hard to serve residents and to continually increase the value that we offer the public.

As Eagle Mountain continues to grow, the City is under constant pressure to stay in front of the various demands placed on all operations. Our population growth, and managing the impact on city operations has been a consistent focus throughout our history. 2016 was certainly not any different. In 2016 Eagle Mountain celebrated its twentieth anniversary as a City. Our population now sits at just over 31,000 people with approximately 7,800 homes within our borders. In 2016 our population growth was 9% as a result of the 673 new homes that were built.

Along with residential growth, commercial growth brought some exciting developments to Eagle Mountain in 2016. Revere Health, Jiffy Lube, Ace Rents, and Dominion Questar opened their doors for business. Other commercial projects were issued permits in 2016, including Alpine Credit Union and Premier Family Medical in the Porter's Crossing commercial development. In City Center, lovers of pebble ice rejoiced with the opening of Holiday Oil's new gas station and convenience store. Permits were also issued and construction is underway on the Gotta' Dance studio and Pony Express Dental on Eagle Mountain Boulevard. Fire Station 251 was rebuilt in City Center in 2016, restoring City Center to local coverage for emergency services. As retail business increases its rate of growth, we were mindful to offer opportunity for our home-based and small business community by bringing back the Street Fair. It was a huge success in 2016 and we intend to bring it back for 2017 as well.

In keeping with our budgeting principle of maintaining healthy fund balances for emergencies and using revenues for investing

in projects that would benefit residents with limited increase to long term expenses, and where possible decreasing long term costs, in 2016 we believe we took a big step forward in reducing water on our roads by completing the design work for our medians on Pony Express Parkway, and beginning the landscape construction. While there is more work to be done on the roadside landscaping and the medians for Ranches Parkway, this project will reduce water use, pumping cost, road maintenance cost, and most of all, car wash expense for our residents.

You may have also noticed that every square inch of trail surface received a seal coat to keep our trails fresh and in good repair. Utilizing utility fund proceeds, we installed bathrooms at Walden Park, Pioneer Park, and Smith Ranch Park this year. Those funds also paid for a new pavilion at the Nolen Park splash pad to provide shade from the sun. For the mountain bike enthusiasts, there is also a new pavilion at Mountain Ranch Bike Park. Design work for Cory B. Wride Memorial Park phase 1a. is now complete and bids awarded for construction in December. (Construction on phase 1a. has started with completion expected in June of 2017).

Our Cemetery monument was completed with lighting, signage, fencing, and landscaping which creates a beautiful facility for a final resting place for loved ones.

Our focus on increasing our road maintenance capabilities continued this year as our streets department paved 134,523 square feet of asphalt (2,021 tons). As preventative maintenance, our crews also covered over one million square feet of pavement with High Density Mineral Bonding in Evans Ranch, Silver Lake, Meadow Ranch, and Valley View. Other transportation projects include the long awaited completion of Bobby Wren Blvd. and a collaborative effort with UDOT to complete two new traffic lights on Cory B. Wride Memorial Highway at Sunset Drive and Mount Airey Drive.

In an effort to increase the efficiency of our operations and deliver better utility service to residents, we invested in equipment and systems this year. Design work for a new 2.5 million gallon water tank got underway to better serve residents north of Cory B. Wride Memorial Highway. A water transmission line was also added to bring water from Pony

Express Parkway to Meadow Ranch. To better manage the water system, we contracted with a firm to model our water system and to find opportunities for efficiency. This has resulted in 9% efficiency in our pumping costs with an expected gain of around 15% once all changes are implemented. Our wastewater system invested in an electronic management and monitoring system (a SCADA system) to increase efficiency and reduce risk. You may be interested to know that 149,270,724 gallons of waste were processed through this system in 2016.

There are far more accomplishments to share than can be included in this brief summary, but the net result is an impressive amount of work completed in our short trip around the sun. As we look

forward to this year we will continue our focus on transportation infrastructure improvements along with park, trail, and open space improvements. We will complete our City General Plan update to carefully consider the impact of future growth and the way our community will age and develop.

Our goals will continually be driven by our desire to find ways to serve our residents with the highest quality services and offerings at the greatest value, delivered through the most efficient means.

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## Snow Removal

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

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

- PRIORITY 1 – Arterials roads (Eagle Mountain Blvd, Ranches Pkwy, and Pony Express Pkwy)
- 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.

To report a hazard or other emergency related to snow removal on City streets, please call the Streets Department hotline at 801-789-5959, option 6. If you have a question about snow removal or to report an issue on Wride Highway or Redwood Road, please call UDOT's Region 3 office at (801) 227-8000, or visit their website at [www.udot.utah.gov](http://www.udot.utah.gov).

## Snow Parking

Please be aware that per City Code 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. This ordinance is in place to protect the safety of residents and their property, as well as the city's snow plow drivers. Please plan ahead for alternative parking options when snow is forecast. If you receive a notice, please contact the Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, Mike Malay at [mmalay@emcity.org](mailto:mmalay@emcity.org) or 385-329-6266 with any questions. We wish to work with our residents to resolve issues in a timely manner and ensure everyone's safety.

## 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+.

- January 19 Game Day, 1:30 p.m.
- January 23 Cards, games, Wii Bowling, etc. , 5-7 p.m. Bring a snack to share.
- January 26 Canasta, 1:30 p.m.
- January 30 No Activity
- February 1 Dominos, 1-3 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.
- February 2 Lunch Bunch, location TBA

Questions? Call or text Sandy Ring, 801-372-4659 or email [skkovanda@gmail.com](mailto:skkovanda@gmail.com) or Joye Roberts, 801-995-0520 or [robertsdeannaj@gmail.com](mailto:robertsdeannaj@gmail.com).

### Utility Bill Pay Incentive

The Utility Billing department would like to increase participation in our online bill pay program. As an incentive, we are offering periodic drawings to get 50% off your bill for one month (discount will be applied to current bill). There will be two winners per drawing. Each winner may only win once per calendar year. You must be paying online to be eligible.

Our online bill pay system can be used free of charge. To sign up, go to [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com). If you have questions about how to sign up, [click here](#). City employees and elected officials are not eligible for the incentive.

Congratulations to Kenneth Foster and Brent Sanderson, the first drawing winners!

### Living Well with Chronic Conditions

When: Thursdays- March 16 through April 20; from 10 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Kids on the Move Building (adjacent to Orem Community Hospital), 475 Hospital Drive, Orem, UT 84057

Why: FREE six session evidence-based workshop designed for those dealing with a chronic or limiting health condition. The program has also been proven to be effective for caregivers.

Register: [http://livingwell.utah.gov/ws\\_find.php](http://livingwell.utah.gov/ws_find.php) or call 801-851-7035. Contact: Carrie Bennett, [carrieb@utahcounty.gov](mailto:carrieb@utahcounty.gov).



L-R: Mayor Pengra, former council member Mark Lofgren, former council member Nathan Ochsenhirt, former council member John Painter, John Walden, Scott Kirkland, Candace Bateman (representing late mayor Rob Bateman), former mayor Debbie Hooge, former council member Diane Bradshaw, former council member Diane Jacob, Council Member Colby Curtis, former mayor Don Richardson, Council Member Tom Westmoreland, Council Member Stephanie Gricius, former council member Ryan Ireland, former council member Donna Burnham, Council Member Ben Reaves, former mayor/council member Heather Jackson, Council Member Adam Bradley, former council member Richard Steinkopf, former mayor/council member David Lifferth.

## City Founder John Walden Dies at Age 68

Eagle Mountain City would like to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of John Walden, who died January 14 shortly after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Mr. Walden was recognized in December at the City's 20th anniversary commemoration for his contributions to the city as a town founder and developer. At the anniversary event, Walden recounted that after purchasing 8,000 acres and establishing the beginning of the city, he took his daughter and grandson to a vantage point, listing things he saw there in the future such as an airport, hospital, and university. He quoted his daughter as replying, "Dad, if there is ever a shortage of dirt, you have plenty." Eagle Mountain City is grateful for Walden's vision and investment in our city.

## MISS EAGLE MOUNTAIN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

*You could be the next Miss Eagle Mountain!*



**ORIENTATION:**  
January 21, 2017  
10am @ the Eagle Mountain City Offices

**QUESTIONS?:**  
contact Jessica Bodily  
at 801-875-0355 or  
[jessbodily04@gmail.com](mailto:jessbodily04@gmail.com)

**PAGEANT:**  
April 22, 2017

Open to young women ages 17-24 who live, work or attend school in Eagle Mountain City.  
THE MISS EAGLE MOUNTAIN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT IS A PRELIMINARY TO THE MISS UTAH AND MISS AMERICA ORGANIZATIONS.

Miss Eagle Mountain Presents  
The Princess Academy  
Saturday February 18, 2017  
From 10:00am-12:30pm  
At Eagle Mountain City Hall

The day will be filled with many magical events: crafts, nail painting, a picture with Miss Eagle Mountain, a luncheon, and much more!  
Tickets are \$10  
Ages 4 and up

Registration: [www.emcity.org/princess](http://www.emcity.org/princess)