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• Use the recommended grade of fuel and do not top off.
• Always keep a shovel and fire extinguisher close by.
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Fireworks Restrictions

Fireworks restrictions remain in place in Eagle Mountain City in brush/grassy areas and some neighborhoods. Please review the following information from Unified Fire Authority and view the interactive map showing restricted areas within Eagle Mountain City.

Dates and Times for Legal Discharge
You may discharge fireworks from July 1 to July 7 and from July 21 to July 27 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. (Please note: On July 4 and 24 the discharge is extended to 12:00 midnight)

The state is at high risk for wildland and urban interface fires. Please use extreme caution when discharging fireworks during the upcoming holiday season.

There are areas that are prohibited from the discharge of fireworks. Fireworks restricted areas are in close proximity to brush/grass covered areas, tall forested areas, open fields, etc.

Weather conditions: If high winds, precipitation, or other adverse weather conditions occur, fireworks discharge should be postponed or discontinued until weather conditions improve.

Aerial fireworks are designed to travel up to 150 feet into the air and then explode. Aerial fireworks need to be placed on a hard level surface outdoors, in a clear and open area prior to ignition. Anyone under the age of 16 is prohibited to handle or operate aerial fireworks. Ignition of aerial fireworks needs to be a minimum of 30 feet away from any structure or vertical obstruction. Aerial fireworks are prohibited in the restricted areas and within 300 feet of vacant lots and undeveloped land.

Ground based fireworks are prohibited in the restricted areas and within 50 feet of vacant lots and undeveloped land.

BLM Fire Prevention Order

The following restrictions are in effect for lands managed by the BLM West Desert District within the counties of Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, Rich, and Box Elder. Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above described public lands.

Prohibited Acts:
- Use of any steel core, jacketed, and tipped ammunition of any caliber between June 15 and September 30 each year.
- Use of any tracer or incendiary ammunition of any caliber.
- Possession or use of any kind of explosives, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnics or fireworks, or exploding targets.
- Use of any Sky Lanterns, Chinese Lanterns, Fire Balloons, Acetylene Balloons or similar device.
- Use of any Off Road Vehicle (ORV) that is not equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arrester. Spark arresters shall meet the 80 percent efficiency level standard when determined by the appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335 and J350. Refer to Title 43 CFR §8343.1.

Exemptions: Pursuant to Title 43 CFR § 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:
- Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.
- An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the activity listed in exemption 2.

Penalties: Pursuant to Title 43 § 9212.0-5, 9212.1 and 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at § 9212. I of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not more than $1,000 or imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months, or both. Restitution for total fire suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.

Are you registered? Register, or update your registration, at vote.utah.gov. Registration is required online or in-person at the Utah County Clerk’s Office by August 8 to vote in the Primary election or by October 31 to vote in the General election. Mail-in registrations must be received by July 17 to vote in the Primary election and by October 10 for the General election. If you have changed addresses, even within Eagle Mountain City, your registration will need to be updated.

How do I Vote by Mail? Follow the instructions on the ballot to select the candidate you are voting for. Once you have marked your ballot, follow the instructions for returning your ballot. Envelopes must be postmarked no later than the day before the election to be counted. Voter information pamphlets will be mailed separately from the ballot.

If desired, ballots can be dropped off in-person to the Utah County Clerk’s Office or the City Recorder’s Office at City Hall prior to Election Day.

Voting may also be cast in person by provisional ballot at City Hall on Election Day. Please be aware that it will take longer if you choose to vote provisionally on Election Day.

Questions? We expect some of you may have additional questions. Please visit www.emcity.org/election for more details on Vote by Mail or contact the City Recorder’s Office at 801-799-6610 or foxoed@emcity.org.
Q&A
with
City Administrator
Ifo Pili

Ifo Pili began working for Eagle Mountain City as a management intern in 2006. He has since served as the City’s economic development director, assistant city administrator, and in his current position as city administrator.

Can you share a little about your personal life?
I was born and raised in American Samoa until my sophomore year in high school. I attended BYU on a football scholarship and met my wife, Jenny who was on the BYU track team at the time. We have eight beautiful children, six girls and two boys. I received my bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s in public administration from BYU. I went on to play football professionally for a few years before coming to Eagle Mountain.

What brought you to Eagle Mountain City and what has made you stay?
I came to the city as a management intern as part of finishing up my master’s degree. I chose Eagle Mountain because while I was playing football, I owned a condo here in the off-season and it was just convenient for me. However, I immediately fell in love with the city. It was exciting to be a part of this relatively new city, this blank slate. The people, the staff and all the possibilities, made me stay.

What would you say has been the most challenging thing you have dealt with as a city administrator?
Layoffs during the recession

What do you see as your most significant accomplishment with Eagle Mountain City?
I hope my most significant accomplishment is still to come.

What is a typical week like for you on the job?
I can honestly say that there isn’t a typical week. That’s one thing I love about this job.

What do you think is the biggest misconception people have about city government?
I think people sometimes don’t differentiate between Federal, State and City government issues. They often make sweeping judgements on the roles of government and how government should function based on ideology that may apply on the Federal or State level, but inapplicable to City government.

What is your vision of Eagle Mountain 20 years from now?
I know we have exciting times ahead. We’ll inevitably have many more homes, businesses and amenities. We’ll probably double or triple in population over the next 20 years, but amidst the growth, I really hope to see Eagle Mountain stay true to the home-town feel and quality of life we have today.

Pop Quiz – Favorites

Food: Anything that has had a heartbeat

Sports Team: 2019 Eagle Mountain High School Football team

Movie: Braveheart

Book: Atlas Shrugged

TV Show: Yukon Men

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OPTION 2: PARKS
OPTION 3: WATER
OPTION 4: SEWER
OPTION 5: STORM DRAIN
(street flooding or illegal dumping in drains)
OPTION 6: STREETS
Vincent Liddiard - 2017 Pony Express Days Grand Marshal

Longtime Eagle Mountain resident Vincent Liddiard was nominated and selected to serve as the 2017 Pony Express Days Grand Marshal. Liddiard moved to Eagle Mountain in its infancy in 1997 to be near extended family and became excited by the potential of the city. Fond of the open space and quiet, he and his wife Mariann made a home here for their five boys and started many years of service to the community.

An Army civilian, Liddiard serves as the Chief of Staff at Dugway Proving Ground. He has served the community as a city council member, mayor pro tem, Pony Express Days volunteer/announcer, economic development board member, scoutmaster, and is currently the coordinator for the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) with the Utah County Sheriff’s Office, a role that he sees as his most significant contribution to Eagle Mountain City.

“I chose to bring the VIPS program to Eagle Mountain as a way to provide additional emergency capabilities to the city in a cost effective manner that would also promote the close-knit community feel,” Liddiard said. “I wanted to make sure that as Eagle Mountain grows we would have a safe place to live. I appreciate greatly the service of the men and women who protect, and defend us.”

Liddiard has had many memorable experiences through his participation with VIPS.

“I will never forget when two of our volunteers found a lost child just as the sun was setting,” Liddiard said. “I have responded to bomb threats, caught loose horses on the highway, responded to fatal accidents, directed traffic for fun runs and special events, responded to an airplane crash, SWAT incidents, and a variety of other “routine” events that have built my appreciation and respect for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical responders.”

The most poignant experience for Liddiard was when after having worked alongside Sgt. Cory Wride, he responded to help with traffic control after Sgt. Wride was killed in the line of duty.

In the 20 years that Liddiard has called Eagle Mountain home he describes seeing it change in a variety of positive ways, including increasing in diversity, housing options, road access, businesses, name recognition, and yet still retaining what he calls a “very neighborly feel.”

Of course having been in Eagle Mountain since its beginnings, Liddiard has a collection of “old-timer” stories. He remembers his first city council meeting being held in a trailer by the fire station, shopping at the city’s first grocery store – MORCO Express, four trailers put together with one or two check stands, and the first LDS church stake center building being dedicated by then-president Gordon B. Hinckley.

Liddiard cites many benefits of community involvement. “When you serve in the city you become more aware of the people around you. The people I serve with are happy. It helps me to work with them, and I learn from them...I have made many great friends through service in the community. I hope that my boys see the joy I have in service and find ways to serve in their own way.”

There is no end in sight to Liddiard’s service. He plans to continue volunteering in the VIPS program and with Pony Express Special Events.

Eagle Mountain City congratulates Liddiard on being named Grand Marshal and appreciates his contributions to the development of our community.