This year marks the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Eagle Mountain City Senior Citizens Council.

The group has come a long way from its first meeting with a handful of members in 2007 to activities today that fill the city council chambers. In fact, plans are in process for the former public safety building adjacent to the City Center fire station to be renovated for use as the city’s first senior citizens center. Construction is scheduled to be completed next year.

The Seniors Council provides regular monthly activities for community members ages 55+, including bunco, bingo, canasta, dominoes, lunch bunch, game night, and movie night (see calendar on page 2). They also hold a special activity each month and complete service projects. This month I will have the privilege of helping them deliver Thanksgiving baskets to some of our local seniors. Other service projects they’ve done this year include making pillow cases for the pediatric unit at Utah Valley Hospital and making Easter table favors for Alpine Nursing Home.

You can almost always see the Seniors Council in action at city events, including the Community Clean-up, Trick-or-Treat Village, and Pony Express Days. Make sure to say hello and thank them for their service.

On Monday, December 4 the Seniors will host their annual Christmas Dinner Party at City Hall, including a catered dinner and entertainment for $5. This is a great opportunity for seniors in the community who have not been involved to get to know other seniors and learn more about their activities.

On behalf of Eagle Mountain City we are grateful for all that the seniors contribute to our community and hope they continue to grow and thrive in coming years. We’d like to thank the current members of the Seniors Council - Joye Roberts, Sandy Ring, Mary Kaufman, Eva Bassett, and Tonette Roberts for their fantastic leadership.

On another note, the municipal election was held on November 7. Final results will be officially verified at the canvass during the City Council meeting on November 21. Based on unofficial results I’d like to congratulate Tom Westmoreland as mayor-elect and Donna Burnham and Melissa Clark as council members-elect.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Volunteers Join SITLA to remove 8.4 Tons of Trash Near Eagle Mountain

By the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)

The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) organized a four-day trash cleanup from an area east of Eagle Mountain and south of Kiowa Valley subdivision, hauling away 8.37 tons of trash and 28 discarded tires.

SITLA Environmental Compliance Officer Sonja Wallace coordinated the effort and reported 50 volunteers filled eight roll-off dumpster containers. SITLA staffers joined with volunteers from the Division of Wildlife Resources Dedicated Hunter Program and Utah County Jail Work Diversion group to remove trash and repair fencing.

“Unfortunately, much of the trash we collected from these school trust lands is related to undisciplined target shooting,” stated Wallace. “Shooters bring their trash for target practice and leave behind the shattered remains.” Toxic metals from spent shells and shooting debris leach into the soil, creating environmental hazards and degrading property.

The lands targeted during the cleanup are held in trust for Utah’s public schools. When market conditions permit, SITLA intends to develop the property and deposit proceeds into a $2.37 billion permanent endowment for Utah’s public education system.

All Utah K-12 schools, including schools in Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs, receive annual funding from this endowment. Alpine School District received a record $7 million from the Permanent School Fund last year.

Following the cleanup, SITLA closed the area to all use, including shooting, mountain biking, and off-highway vehicle riding. The main dirt road through trust lands, which is part of Eagle Mountain’s off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail network, remains open.

Newly-closed trails and roads will be re-seeded and signed with “no trespassing” and “area closed” signs to remind visitors to respect school trust lands. All work should be completed before year end.

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+.

- **Nov 20**  Thanksgiving Service Project, 5-7 p.m.
  Soup & Rolls Served.

- **Nov 27**  Bingo, 5 p.m.
  Bring a dish to share.

- **Nov 30**  Canasta, 1 p.m.

- **Dec 4**  Christmas Party
  Mingle time, 5-6 p.m.
  Dinner, 6-7 p.m.
  Entertainment, 7-8 p.m.
  Tickets: $5 at door -
  email your RSVP
  Email: [seniorcouncil@emcity.org](mailto:seniorcouncil@emcity.org)

Socks for Souls Drive

Each year Mountainland RSVP volunteers organize a service project. This year RSVP is collecting new pairs of socks in any size and color and distributing them to those in need. The Socks for Souls sock drive will accept any donations from individuals or groups! Socks can be delivered to any location near you listed on our website: [www.mountainland.org/socksforsouls](http://www.mountainland.org/socksforsouls) or to Mountainland RSVP, 586 East 800 North, Orem, UT 84097, or call to arrange to have them picked up. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) works with volunteers age 55+ to meet important needs in our community.

Military Care Packages Drive

Eagle Mountain City’s Military and Veterans Board (MVB) is planning to distribute care packages to military service members from Eagle Mountain who will be gone during the holidays for a significant deployment.

Donation boxes will be located at Blackridge Elementary through November 17 and City Hall through November 27.

Following is a list of items accepted:

Library Closure

The Eagle Mountain Public Library will be closed Saturday, December 2 due to preparations at the City Hall building for the Christmas Village event.
Bag the Leaf Collection Program Ends Nov. 24

Eagle Mountain city is again offering our Bag the Leaf program for fall. Residents are encouraged to clear leaves and other debris from the tops of catch basins abutting their property during the fall leaf collection period to help prevent localized flooding conditions during the fall and winter months.

The success of the City’s leaf bag collection program depends on the cooperation of our residents. Without your contributions, the City would not be able to provide an efficient and cost effective leaf collection program. This is an opportunity for all of us to keep Eagle Mountain city clean, safe and beautiful.

Following are details about the program:

• The City will provide free leaf bags to residents. Pick up bags at City Hall.

• Bags are available through November 22 while supplies last. Residents may report bagged leaves for pick-up through Nov. 24.

• Curbside pick-up weekdays. You may email Larry at ldiamond@emcity.org when you have bags ready for pick up (may take a week or more for pick up due to demand).

Program guidelines:

• City-provided bags as well as other small to large plastic garbage bags may be used.

• Bags shall not exceed 40 pounds and must contain leaves only. Heavier bags will not be collected.

• The City will not collect any bag(s) that contains household waste, green waste, branches, limbs, rocks, animal waste, dirt, sod or other restricted bulky waste. If a bag contains any unacceptable materials, crews will place a notice on your bag(s) and leave them for you to remove.

• Place your bag(s) curbside. Bags should not be placed in the street, gutter, ditches, or any drainage way.

• Leaves should not be raked into the street. Homeowners/renters will be subject to fines for placing debris in the roadways.

If you have questions, please contact Larry at ldiamond@emcity.org.

Tree Trimming

Fall is a great time to trim trees to maintain their health and to make sure the sidewalks and streets are safe for pedestrians and drivers when growth returns in the spring. To improve safety of pedestrians and vehicles, and reduce potential property damage and liability, trees should be trimmed so that traffic signs are visible and so the canopy is a minimum of 14 feet high above streets and 8 feet above sidewalks and on corners (clear vision triangles). For expert pruning techniques and ideas follow these tips from the International Society of Arboriculture. If you have large trees that seem to be too daunting a task, please contact/hire a local arborist.

Dumping

Dumping is a criminal offense. If you witness dumping in progress, gather as much information as you can (i.e. location, license plate, make & model of vehicle) and call the sheriff’s office dispatch at 801-794-3970.

If you see an area where someone has dumped garbage in the city, call Neighborhood Improvement at 801-789-6690.

Parking

Sidewalks and park strips must remain free and clear from any vehicles. Partial parking on sidewalk and park strip is not allowed.

10.10.010 “No parking” zones
It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle or leave any vehicle standing unattended on park strips, sidewalks or a city street marked as a “no parking” zone either by signage or by curb marking.

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 1st to March 15th of the succeeding year whenever snow accumulates.

*Neighborhood Improvement Officers are available to give group presentations. Call 801-789-6690 to schedule.
City Council meetings are typically held the first and third Tuesday each month. However, in November and December there is only one meeting due to the election and holidays (Nov. 21 and Dec. 5). Agendas and meeting documents are posted on the City website calendar by the Friday before the meeting. Meetings are recorded and posted on the City’s YouTube channel as soon as possible after the meeting.
Eagle Mountain’s Annual Thanksgiving Day

TURKEY TROT
Run now, Gobble Later

November 23, 2017

Entry is FREE. Registration required: emcity.org/turkey

Check in from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.
Race starts at 8:00 A.M.
Check-in is at Mid Valley Road. Parking will be in the parking lot at Cory Wride Memorial Park. Race will start and finish at the same location, Mid Valley Road and Pony Express Parkway.

Prizes will be awarded for:
1st, 2nd and 3rd Finishers 13 & up
1st, 2nd and 3rd Finishers 12 & under
Best Costume 13 & up
Best Costume 12 & under
Secret Prize
(You will be given a ticket to redeem at the prize table)
Christmas Village
At City Hall
Tree Lighting and Holiday Boutique

December 2, 6-9 p.m.

Santa | Blacksmith Demo | Petting Zoo
Live Reindeer | Live Nativity
Hot Cocoa & Donuts

Please join us for our all new Christmas Village, where you can meet Santa and his Reindeer.

If you bring Santa a letter complete with name and address, you will receive a return letter in the mail.

Music provided by Eagle Mountain Symphony Orchestra