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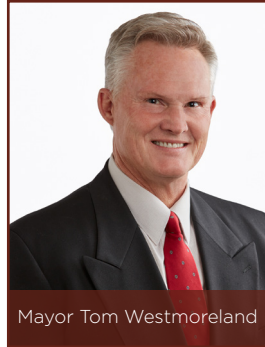
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Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Small Area Plans: Putting people first

Eagle Mountain City recently contracted with a design firm to begin the process of creating

Small Area Plans. The concept was presented to the public for input. Many shared their thoughts and made suggestions. Thank you to all those who participated.

where businesses were strung out along a high traffic road. This was replaced by the mall, which made driving and parking easier but was still lacking in practicality.

Then came outdoor malls and commercial centers that attempted to combine the conveniences and experiences of driving and walking.

These represent progress, but there is still much that can be improved -- evidenced by struggling and unattractive commercial centers.

Why Small Area Plans?

Small Area Plans are intended to create commercial centers that will contribute to a thriving local economy, help traffic flow, act as inviting gathering places and enhance quality of life by providing a positive user experience.

To achieve these goals, residential housing must be close by. In some cases, they can be part of the commercial plan.

What is a Small Area Plan?

A Small Area Plan is an area that is designed to combine commercial, entertainment and residential components into a complimentary package.

By implementing Small Area Plans that incorporate highly functional commercial layout, and usable and inviting open space, we can avoid the hazards of urban sprawl.

To be successful, Small Area Plans must function well in the daytime and nighttime. They must be convenient and inviting. They must be gathering places for events and entertainment so that shopping is not the only draw.

Putting people first is the key to successful planning.

Historically, planning for the local economy consisted of a main street

Instead of planning around roads and buildings, we must start with the human being as the center of all planning. In doing so, the individual and family can have a pleasant user experience.



Eagle Mountain News

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 2:** Girls Softball Registration closes
- July 4:** Independence Day - City offices and library closed
- July 5:** Senior Meal & Craft
Special City Council Meeting
- July 6:** Senior Lunch Bunch
- July 7:** Super Showing: Movie in the Park featuring the Super Mario Bros. Movie
- July 8:** Concert in the Park - Darling & Debonair and Beck Brothers
- July 11:** Planning Commission Meeting
- July 12:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 13:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 15:** Youth Soccer Registration closes
- July 17:** Senior Bingo & Potluck Supper
- July 18:** City Council Meeting
- July 19:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 20:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 24:** Pioneer Day - City offices and library closed
- July 25:** Planning Commission Meeting
- July 26:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 27:** Senior Meal & Craft
- July 29:** Summer Bash & Laser Show
- July 31:** Senior Ice Cream Social
Adult Softball Registration closes
- Aug 1:** City Council Meeting
- Aug 4:** Movie in the Park
- Aug 8:** Planning Commission Meeting

Left: Recently released renderings illustrate a future playground planned for Smith Ranch Park.

Smith Ranch Park expansion slated for 2024 completion

Construction related to the Smith Ranch Park expansion project began in mid-May.

In addition to expanding the area of the park, a new playground, skatepark and ninja course are also included in the project plans.

“After this is developed the whole park will be about a 16-acre park,” says Brad Hickman, director of Parks and Recreation with Eagle Mountain City.

The park is situated adjacent to Pony Express Elementary School.

According to Hickman, the park was designed with the nearby Tickville Wash, and its native vegetation, in mind. Accommodation for local plant and animal species allows the native areas that border the wash to remain largely undisturbed.

Any areas of the wash that are affected by construction will be replanted with native vegetation upon construction completion, according to Hickman.

Recently released renderings of the park include a walking path that borders the Tickville Wash, connecting the east and

west portions of the park.

Currently, Smith Ranch Park is known for its Exceptional Kids Playground, which is designed for children with adaptive needs. While this playground is planned to be removed as part of the expansion, Hickman says that the new playground will also feature accessible equipment.

“It’s going to be replaced with several other features that will be all-abilities,” Hickman says. “It’s going to be really friendly and usable for those with disabilities.”

The new playground will include play areas specifically designed for younger children, as well as play areas designed with older children in mind.

Unlike other municipal parks, the playground at Smith Ranch Park has been custom designed. Residents can expect a unique play experience as a result.

A skatepark has also been included as part of the park’s expansion. The future skatepark is partially funded by a \$200,000 grant secured by Eagle Mountain City through the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation. It will be the second skatepark within city limits.

The new skatepark will cater to residents of all skill levels, including those who are just beginning through advanced skateboarders. This state-of-the-art design will allow residents to progress their skills over time.

“We worked with the skate park community...and got feedback from them,” Hickman says. “And we got some feedback from some really involved parents in the community.”

For residents who are looking for a greater physical challenge, an X-treme Ninja Course is included in the plans for the park’s expansion. The course is planned to cater to a variety of athletic abilities.

The course will also include a timer so that participants can track their speed as they make their way through each obstacle.

Every aspect of Smith Ranch Park has been designed specifically with Eagle Mountain’s family-focused and physically active community in mind.

Hickman says that he anticipates construction will be completed on the park by spring 2024.

SPLASH PAD SAFETY

For the health and safety of all residents, no food, drink, glass or pets are allowed on, or near, the interactive water features at Eagle Mountain’s splash pads. Residents should be aware of potentially slippery surfaces and should not run or climb on any interactive water features. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



Tree-lined streets offer beautification, shade, raised property values and cleaner air. Trees also bring the responsibility of tree maintenance.

Trees in park strips that abut adjacent properties are the responsibility of the homeowner. Many trees in residential areas overhang onto the streets and sidewalks, making it difficult to travel. This causes damage to school busses and other high profile delivery vehicles.

Eagle Mountain City asks residents whose property abuts the park strip to trim trees so that traffic signs are visible and the street side canopy is 14-foot high. Trees overhanging sidewalks should be pruned to a height of 8 feet.

17.60.040 General landscape provisions.

The following landscape provisions shall be adhered to by all land uses unless otherwise noted:

A. Park Strips. Park strips adjacent to residential dwellings shall be landscaped and maintained by the property owner whose property abuts the park strip.

B. Landscape Maintenance. All landscaped areas shall be maintained by watering of landscaping, removal of weeds, the cutting of lawn or any other activities required to maintain healthy and aesthetically pleasing landscaping. Topping of trees as a pruning technique is prohibited.

C. Tree Clearance. Trees which project over any sidewalk shall be pruned clear of all branches between the ground and a height of eight feet for that portion of the foliage located over the sidewalk.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

The wildflower superbloom



Todd Black
Wildlife Biologist

If you have been living under a rock or have had your head buried in the sand for the past month, you are missing a once-or twice-in-a-lifetime event happening right now in Eagle Mountain.

Due to the exceptional winter moisture and all the moisture we received in April, May and June, the wildflowers throughout the state and here in the Cedar Valley are off the charts.

The sheer abundance of wildflowers that are blooming, their wide distribution across the state and brilliance in colors and the variety of individual species is astounding.

Recently, a resident sent me several pictures of the Sego Lily, Indian Paintbrush and Scarlet Globemallow. She said there were thousands of them behind her house, and that she had never seen wildflowers like this in her 25 years of living in Eagle Mountain.

There was no argument from me. Over the years, I've seen several places where it appeared as though spring rains had watered a certain spot at exactly the right time. The rain produced a bunch of wildflowers in that small spot.

This year, however, we have seen an explosion of wildflowers of every kind and every color. I spot them no matter where I go across the state.

The bloom this year is what botanists have termed a "super bloom." This term is used to describe an above-average number of wildflower blooms at the same time. The super bloom this year is so big that it can be seen in satellite images from space.

It's not just in Utah, either. All across the west in Nevada, California, Idaho, Arizona, Montana and into western Colorado and Wyoming, states are experiencing this burst of color across the landscape.

To top it off, there is so much moisture in the ground, the wildflower superbloom will likely continue through July, especially in the Rocky Mountains, where spring is still yet to come in many places above 9,000 feet in elevation.

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What I personally find intriguing is how many seeds and bulbs are sitting just below the ground. They're patiently waiting for the moon, sun, stars and weather to all come into alignment before exploding into bright, colorful blooms. It's just like the fireworks on the Fourth of July.

As previously stated, this super bloom is a once-or twice-in-a-lifetime event. It is likely we won't see wildflowers bloom like this again for a long time.

So get out there, folks, before the wildflowers have all dried up. Be sure to get the free iNaturalist mobile app and see how many different species you can identify here in the Cedar Valley. Happy flower hunting!

FIREWORK RESTRICTIONS

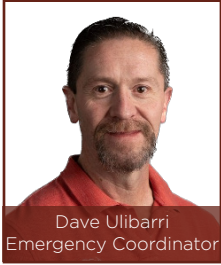
As the July 4th and 24th holidays approach, Eagle Mountain residents may wish to ignite fireworks in celebration. Each year, Eagle Mountain City adopts firework restrictions in cooperation with the Unified Fire Authority. Scan this QR code to learn where fireworks are allowed and disallowed in the community.

Fireworks may be detonated between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. from July 2-5 (July 4 hours extended to midnight) and from July 22-25 (July 24 hours extended to midnight).





EMERGENCY PREP



Dave Ulibarri
Emergency Coordinator

Summer safety supports summer fun

Having fun on your summer vacation might be your top priority, but staying safe and being prepared should be a close second.

Safety and emergency preparedness come in all forms. You'll want to plan for everything from bad weather, staying healthy, budgeting correctly and making sure your ride is safe.

Here are some important summer safety tips to put on your to-do list before you head out for summer fun:

- If traveling internationally, check for U.S. Dept. of State travel warnings and [CDC travel health notices](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/health-notice/).

- Know the health risk at your travel destination. Learn about local warning systems, evacuation routes and shelters.
- Designate an emergency contact and share travel plans, important documents and travel information.
- Pack a travel health kit that includes prescription and over-the-counter medications, sunscreen and insect repellent, first aid supplies, and health insurance cards.
- Identify a safe place your family can meet, if separated.
- Keep a list of emergency contacts with you when you travel. Include a home emergency contact, U.S. embassy or consulate, and health care facilities.
- Learn which weather disasters are common in your destination.
- Get a maintenance check on your car before traveling. Make sure your gas tank is always half full, lights are in good work-

ing order, and that brakes and tires are replaced, if needed.

- Have an emergency supply kit in your vehicle. Learn more about what to include in your vehicle emergency supply kit from [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)

By taking a few simple steps ahead of time, you can be sure that your family summer vacation is both memorable and safe. Proper emergency preparedness will grant you greater peace of mind as you travel and will allow you to focus your attention on having fun rather than worrying about what may go wrong. Safe travels!

**MOVIE IN
THE PARK
JULY 7**

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Milestones in economic growth

Twenty seven years ago, Eagle Mountain was founded with 250 residents. Today, we sit at about 60,000 residents.

Key indicators such as population, median income and median age tell the businesses we all want to see in Eagle Mountain once we can support them. Recent reports indicate that Eagle Mountain now meets the requirements for many popular businesses found throughout the state and nation.

Eagle Mountain City has been working toward, and preparing for, this outcome. The City is excited to see several developments beginning to unfold. As City staff work with property owners and developers to plan sites, we expect to see waves of businesses begin to share their intentions. This economic growth will not only make shopping easier, but traffic patterns will shift and tax revenues will grow.

There is much to look forward to over the next couple of years.