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Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. We are finding that not as many people are reading it as we had hoped. Several things are going on in the canyon now. First is the fire station at the corner of Pioneer Fork Road and the main canyon road. This building is to be about 7000 square feet and have a community room in it. The architect should be signing a contract for design this week.

Salt Lake County Public Works Engineering Division has been surveying the canyon road from Emigration Place to just above Emigration Oaks. They are planning to put in a type 2 bike lane. Salt Lake City is working on a plan to finish the bike lane from Hogle Zoo to the Donner Monument. Next year could see a lot of construction on the main road.

JOE SMOLKA
ECCC CHAIR

Emigration Canyon Trails Master Plan Open House Meeting

On the evening of October 12, 2004 a public Open House was held at Camp Kostopolos to review the existing information related to the Trails Master Plan process. 127 individuals signed-in at the meeting. Comments received that evening, as well as those continuing to come in, will be typed as they are received, and then summarized and categorized by Landmark Design for purposes of determining key issues, ideas and concerns. The resulting information will be provided to the Emigration Canyon Trails Advisory Committee, and will be available for review on the project website (<http://www.ldi-ut.com/>).

Please submit your comments to Mark Vlastic or Jan Striefel at Landmark Design by Sunday, October 24th, 2004:

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Elections

Elections will be held at Camp Kostopolos on November 2nd. The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. In addition to the county, state and national elections, local elections will be held for seats on the Community Council. There are six seats open. In addition to those that have sent in a request to run for one of the council positions, there will be a place for you to write-in a name of someone you'd like to see serving on the council. *If you are interested in running for a seat on the Community Council, please email Rick Spearman at Rick.Spearman@qwest.com*

Please read the candidate statements we have received that are included below. Then make a knowledgeable vote. The advise and comments the council members send to the county does make a difference.

This is a big election year. Don't forget to show up at the polls and place your vote!

ECCC Candidate's Statements

I'm, Gary Bowen. I was appointed to ECCC three years ago to fill the term of a council member who moved from the Canyon. My grandparents bought property at 5414 Emigration Canyon Road in 1929. Among my fondest childhood memories are the summers of the 1940's I spent with my grandparents at their Canyon Home. I've worked the past three years to maintain and enhance the uniqueness of Emigration Canyon within Salt Lake County. I believe Emigration Canyon can be a village and a wildlife park on the fringes of urban Salt Lake City without impinging upon the private property rights of the Canyon's property owners. My cell phone is 801-673-8877. I want to continue to serve the Emigration Canyon Community. "

Thanks,

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Kathy Christensen

I have served on ECCC for the last four years. My area of responsibility has been with water issues and working as a liaison between Emigration Oaks and ECCC. I have faithfully attended all the meetings of ECCC and EID so I am familiar with the issues and have tried to help them each understand what issues the different groups are trying to deal with and how they affect each other. I also serve as a member of Emigration Oaks board.

However, my main claim to fame is my work with Salt Lake County Wildfire Crews. I originally contacted them to see if we could arrange to have them clear dead trees in common areas in Emigration Oaks. After getting a commitment from the EO board to pay for the project and the clean up afterward, I made arrangements for the work to be done. For the last two years, I have also made appointments for the firefighters with homeowners to do clearing around homes so in the event of a fire in the canyon, there is defensible space around homes. I hope to continue to do this for any homeowner in the canyon who wants to make their home more fire resistant.

My name is Catherine (Rin) Harris and I have served on the Emigration Canyon Community Council for four years. My husband and I have lived in Emigration Canyon for almost fifteen years, first in the main canyon and currently in the Emigration Oaks subdivision. We have two young children, and I work as an anesthesiologist at the University of Utah and at the Intermountain Surgery Center.

My interest in serving on the community council is two-fold. I enjoy being part of the citizen input that helps to keep Emigration Canyon one of the most scenic and desirable places to live in Salt Lake County. Second, I want to help raise awareness of the many complex issues of development, water use, traffic, and population growth that concern all of us. The Community Council serves not just as the voice of the Emigration Canyon, but helps to keep residents aware and informed of current issues.

I organized and moderated the first EID candidate night in 2001. I have served on several community and Salt Lake County organizations. I am also a member of the committee created to provide citizen input in the Emigration Canyon Master Plan for Trails. The Community Council will play a vital role in getting important information to canyon residents about this issue, as well as acting as a forum for residents to express their concerns and opinions. I would like to serve another four year term on the Council so that I may continue to contribute to the community.

Thank you, Rin Harris

My name is Wendy Wixom. My parents moved our family into my grandparent's summer cabin in Emigration Canyon when I was almost three years old. I moved away for college and the first few years of marriage. I have since purchased the home and moved back into the canyon with my family. As a family, we have lived here now for 11½ years.

I was appointed to the ECCC earlier this year to replace the vacancy that was left by Rick Noblis. In addition to attending the meetings and giving my input, I have been responsible for the Canyon Newsletter.

I have enjoyed serving on the Community Council and would like to continue my service. I desire to maintain the beauty and serenity of the canyon while also making the canyon a wonderful place for our families to have fun and make great memories.

Emigration Improvement District

A few weeks ago the expansion project to add an additional well, a million gallon reservoir, and connect 42 canyon residents outside of the Emigration Oaks subdivision to the EID's water system was completed. Other homeowners and owners of lots within the areas served have committed to join later. The project was completed within budget and is functioning well. All that remains is the re-seeding of the reservoir site and planting a few trees, which will take place within the next few weeks.

The EID board has now initiated the first detailed evaluation of the concept to design and build an extension of the waterline that would run from Pinecrest down the main canyon road, making water available to a larger part of the community. Some of the issues that will be considered are: 1) adequacy of and/or need for water sources, 2) storage options, 3) beginning and ending locations of the pipeline, 4) project costs, 5) project funding options, 6) connection options. This study is in its very early stages of formulation and as details are determined we will make them available.

The History of Emigration Canyon – Gateway to the Salt Lake Valley

It is our understanding that there are only 350 soft cover copies left of this book at the Utah State University Press. If you are still interested in purchasing a first edition copy, there are books available at Ruth's Diner, Sam Weller's, Benchmark Books, Mormon Handicraft (now located at This is the Place Monument) and Ken Sanders Rare Books. They are around \$22.00.

Our understanding is that once those books are gone they may do a second printing. In order to confirm, or establish as much accuracy as possible, we would like to gather any information from others in the canyon on the basis of errors or exclusions. If anyone has read something that needs to be corrected, or was left out, please contact Stan Fishler at 583-4833. Some corrections may not be utilized but would be in the files for future use. If a hardcopy is desired, Utah State University will take prepaid orders. Stan Fishler may be contacted regarding this.

Don't forget that these books make wonderful Holiday and Birthday gifts. Order your copies early from one of the retail outlets mentioned above.

Canyon Info Online

Trails information has recently been added to the website. If you are interested in following the trail progress, you may log onto the website at www.emigrationcanyon.org.

Click on the Emigration Canyon Community Council button. When the screen comes up, there will appear a column of various options for review at the left. One of those reads, "Trail Info". If you click on that link you will be taken to a page where you can click on the various trail related articles/information the council has received.

Contrary to what some may think, or even prefer the "Links" option is not a list of golf courses. This page contains information that might more directly benefit all of the canyon residents. Among those options you will find information about wildfire protection, firewise assessment, fire risk reduction, a guide to landscaping with available water, as well as links to the websites of the Salt Lake County, the Salt Lake Valley Health Dept, and the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances.

Among the ECCC options, you will also find you may sign up to receive the newsletter and other general information via email. The purpose of making this newsletter available via email is to reduce the great expense to the Emigration Canyon Community Council. The email list will be kept privately by the ECCC, and will not be made available for other purposes. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter via email, please contact Andy McNeil with your email address at amcneil@lwdrealestate.com or sign up on the website link of the Community Council under "Mail List."

The homepage of this website also contains links to access information about the Emigration Improvement District (EID), The Emigration Township Planning Commission, the Emigration Canyon Historical Society and the Pioneer Fork Road Owners' Association, in addition to other canyon related links.

So, next time your surfing the web, wondering what to research this time, check out www.emigrationcanyon.org.

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