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Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Dear Canyon Residents,

ECCC has several community efforts that I would like to highlight. First item of importance, ECCC unanimously **supports maintaining the Perkins Flat land as open space**, and the Council is in the process of revising a draft letter that will be sent to the County Council, Emigration Township Planning Commission and the Mayor's office.

Second, on **May 9, 2005 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, the County Parks and Recreation is hosting an Open House on the outcomes of the Emigration Canyon Master Trails Plan.** They will host the open house in the **County Council Chambers, room 1100, 2001 S State, north building.** Parks and Recreation chose this location in order to offer the community (the County residents) a formal presentation with the ability for County residents to ask questions, offer his or her perspectives on trail locations and preferences. Since this ultimately affects your community, this is your opportunity to become an informed resident as well as it will offer you the chance to share your opinion. The Emigration Trails Master Plan is still in the planning phase. The next phase is to take the County residents verbal, (and most important) written feedback, and then Parks and Recreation will assess your comments and determine any additions and/or revisions to the plan. The following phase will be for Parks and Rec. to submit a final version to the Emigration Township Planning Commission, and it will move from the planning commission to the County Council for approval.

Last, we encourage as many residents as possible to **join ECCC on Fire Day, which will be held on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am at Sunnyside Park.** We live in an extremely beautiful environment, and it is particularly vulnerable to fire danger. Fire Day is a community awareness project, and we need your support. ECCC is attempting to secure grant funds that will help us to gain money we would like to apply toward fire mitigation activities within our neighborhoods. One criteria for any funding is to provide community awareness events. Let's come together as neighbors around this important topic. Join us at Sunnyside Park, bring your children, have breakfast and mingle amongst your neighbors, learn what other neighborhoods are doing to proactively address fire mitigation. Read on to learn how your children can uniquely participate in the day's activities.

Sincerely,
Jan Cook

Emigration Canyon Trails

Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation is holding an Open House about the proposed trails in Emigration Canyon. It will be held **Monday, May 9 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the County Council Chambers at 2001 South State Street (the north building) Room 1100.** There will be a formal presentation at the beginning of the open house, followed by Q&A from the audience. Canyon residents and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Emigration Canyon residents are a minority in the county. If you have

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opinions about the trails, be sure to come and make your opinion be known. It is our recommendation that if you can only attend a part of the meeting, try to make it for the presentation at the beginning.

Canyon Roads

We wanted to make canyon residents aware of the road construction that will occur on the canyon roads this summer.

The City hopes to begin construction of the bike lanes and widening of the canyon road from the mouth of the canyon to the current bike lane. Should their project go as planned, they will begin construction the beginning of May.

The County is also planning to begin their bike lane construction from about Skycrest Circle to just above the lower entrance to Emigration Oaks this summer. Should all go well with their plans, they will begin the end of May or first of June.

This means there will be a lot of construction on the canyon roads this summer. During construction there will only be one lane available at the mouth of the canyon. Residents may want to consider traveling through Parley's and coming the upper route to their homes during the construction process.

DSL Update

Kent Erickson, a canyon resident, has been working with Steve Glatt at Qwest to try and get DSL installed along the main canyon road. As a result, it looks like Qwest should begin installations the first of May.

Kent asked Steve about service to the Sunnyside Lane area. Steve has put that area in for approval and expects to receive approval soon. He thinks it will be about two weeks behind the first installations.

Kent also asked Steve to look into the Pinecrest/Killyon area. Steve is investigating that area at this time and looking at possibilities.

Kent's efforts are greatly appreciated by all canyon residents who might soon be able to have access to DSL. Thanks Kent!

Canyon Fire Day & Breakfast

Fire Day will be **Saturday, June 4. It will be held at Sunnyside Park, 840 S. 1600 E., from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** There will be a free breakfast for Emigration Canyon residents. It is one of the few times you can meet and mingle with other canyon residents. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:30 or until the food runs out. Muffins, sweet rolls, juice, coffee, milk, and pancakes for the children will be provided.

The Salt Lake County Wildlands Fire Crew will be there. If you would like their advice about how to make your home more fire resistant, it would be a good time to make an appointment and one of them will come to your home to give you a free assessment. Or perhaps you could show one of them a picture of your home and surrounding environment as well as provide them some measurements. The Wildlands Crews have been very helpful to residents of the canyon. The last couple of years they have helped us to thin the scrub oak from around homes and carry out the debris so that in the event of fire our homes will have defensible space.

Kathy Christensen, our Firewise Chairman, has been talking to farmer Kevin Garn, who has a herd of goats, about how his goats may help manage and reduce under brush that creates fire vulnerability. She invited him to join us. Kathy requested (if possible) he bring a goat with her baby or babies.

We invite neighborhood children to *draw pictures of one way their families can make their home more fire resistant this summer.* Children should bring their pictures with them to Fire Day. Children who submit a picture will receive a prize. We expect to see Smokey Bear—bring your camera and snap a picture of your children with the famous bear, or with the handsome firemen. **We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 4.**

Upcoming Events for the Canyon this Summer

There are several key activities going on in the canyon this summer, and we thought we'd outline a list of upcoming events in the newsletter. We hope this helps you to mark these activities on your calendar, and be a reminder for you to attend these canyon events.

May

DSL coming to parts of the main canyon

Monday, **May 9th**, Trails Open House at the County building **6:00 – 9:00 pm**. Come hear the organized presentation by Landmark Design and Parks & Recreation. The presentation will take place at 6:00 pm followed by Q&A from the audience

1st half of the month – Bike Lane construction begins at the mouth of the canyon

2nd half of the month – Bike Lane construction begins by Skycrest Lane

June

Saturday, **June 4th** – Canyon Fire Day & Breakfast at Sunnyside Park, 840 S. 1600 E, **8:30 – 11:30am**.

We need your email address

If you are not receiving the monthly minutes from ECCC, we most likely do not have your email address. Please send Wendy Wixom, ECCC Secretary, an email, requesting your email address be added to our list. Wendy's email address is smilingmama@yahoo.com. You have ECCC's commitment to only communicate Council activities and important community information, and we will not give your email address to anyone.

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