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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Canyon Residents,

I hope each one of you has been able to enjoy the beauty of summer and the changing seasons in the canyon.

As most of you are aware, our community council has been dealing with several significant issues. The first issue is the address change. Each resident whose address is changing should have received a letter from the county stating your new address.

The second issue is the change in the sanitation ordinance. Councilwoman, Jani Iwamoto has written an article in this issue regarding the updated ordinance.

We would like to thank Megan Hillyard for her efforts in locating community containers as an option for those who are unable to remove their garbage containers from the public right of way. As of this date the county has secured one location in the back of the fire-station. We continue to look for options in the Pinecrest/Killyons area as well as the Sunnydale area.

Other issues we are working on are emergency preparedness in the canyon, fire safety and prevention and safe hunting zones. As always, we continue to work with Salt Lake County and the Mayor's office to keep you informed of issues that affect our quality of life and safety in the canyon.

We have a great group of people on the council and invite you to attend our monthly ECCC meetings. They are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the fire station. You can read the agendas and minutes of each meeting on our website: www.emigrationcanyon.org.

Best Regards,
Jessica Hook
ECCC Chair

EMIGRATION ADDRESSING CHANGE TIP:

If any of your service providers (banks, cell phone carriers, internet service etc...) are unaware of the Emigration Addressing Change, please have them contact Teresa Curtis in County Addressing directly: 801-468-3255, TCurtis@slco.org. This way Teresa can provide the agency with the necessary database information. Thank you.

NEW CANYON WASTE-COLLECTION ORDINANCES

The encroachment of garbage cans on the right-of-way has been a long-standing concern which has divided the Emigration Canyon community. At the January 13, 2009, Emigration Community Council meeting, many residents attended to register their complaints about the garbage containers being permanently left in the roadway in their neighborhoods. Since the Salt Lake Valley Health Department has been charged with the responsibility of enforcement of this matter, a representative of the health department took part in the meeting. It was expressed that there was difficulty enforcing this matter due to a general lack of consequences other than taking this matter directly to the District Attorney's office as a criminal matter.

Megan Hillyard, community relations officer for Mayor Corroon and I promised to look into this matter. Originally I believed it should be the responsibility of the Salt Lake County Sanitation Division -- it did not make sense to have this with the District Attorney's office as a criminal matter. Since that time, I have worked with the County on a proposed ordinance and enforcement mechanism, while Ms. Hillyard and the Mayor's office worked on providing containers to help those who found it difficult to move their garbage cans back and forth.

The new ordinance, "Encroachment on Public Right-of-Way", states that containers with garbage and other solid waste being collected by Salt Lake County Special District No. 1, or any other solid waste collection providers, shall not be set out upon the street for collection prior to the evening of the day before collection and must be removed from the street as soon as practicable after being emptied and in every case removed the same day as they are emptied. There are also mandates as to proper location. The above-stated part of the ordinance is basically a reflection of what was in place prior to drafting the new ordinance. What has changed is how it will be enforced.

The new ordinance charges the director of the Sanitation Services Division of the Salt Lake County Public Works Department (Pam Roberts), or his or her authorized agents, and the Salt Lake County Sheriff's office with enforcement of the ordinance.

Enforcement is complaint driven. Upon receiving complaint(s) Sanitation will respond as follows:

First Complaint: The account owner will receive a written notice of the terms of the ordinance.

Second Complaint: Sanitation will issue a second written notice to the account owner and will supplement that with a phone call outlining the ordinance requirements.

Third and Subsequent Complaint: The matter will be turned over to the Sheriff for issuance of a citation. Upon issuance of the citation, the matter will be handled by the Justice court. (similar to a parking ticket)

Upon Conviction: Sanitation will remove the container and will return only upon submission of a new application and payment of a delivery fee.

Although the media focused on the "3 Strikes & You're Out" method or a possible fine of \$750.00, the actual process is driven by a desire for voluntary compliance. This enforcement mechanism made more sense than having a violation go to the District Attorneys office for criminal prosecution (via the Health Department). A regulation without practical options seemed imprudent. The intent is to make enforcement practical. The focus is in no means punitive in nature.

This new ordinance is applicable to those in Salt Lake County Special District No. 1, but was done because of the concern in Emigration Canyon which poses health, safety and environmental concerns.

In addition to this effort, the Mayor's office has been working closely with the Sanitation Division (Director Pam Roberts and Lorna Vogt) to find ways to ease the effects on residents who have and continue to have difficulty with compliance. The Sanitation Division has been, and will continue to look into the possibility of installing community dumpsters at several accessible locations. This method of garbage pickup has proven successful in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The first dumpster location will be at the Emigration Fire Station. The ordinance becomes effective even as we continue our efforts to identify additional accessible locations.

The ordinance is complaint driven. There may be concerns that authorities might be actively seeking to issue citations. No one from the Sheriff's office or Public Works Department will be scouring the canyon issuing citations.

I want to thank the Mayor's office (Megan Hillyard) and the Public Works Department (Linda Hamilton, Director) and its Sanitation Division, specifically Pam Roberts and Lorna Vogt, for working to resolve this issue and to find alternatives. These are difficult economic times and therefore, I want to further thank them, along with Sheriff Winder and Chief Deputy Shane Hudson for taking on this additional responsibility with not only a positive attitude, but doing so within their already strapped budgets. I also want to thank your wonderful community council, lead by Jessica Hook, Joan Gallegos and Joe Smolka. They work so hard serving this wonderful community.

Please feel free to contact me at j.i.wamoto@slco.org or (801)468-2937. With regard to any complaints, please direct your inquiries to the Sanitation Division, attention Allison Dodge at (801)562-6450. Once the ordinance has passed, it is in that Divisions purview. Thank you

RIFLE HUNTING PROHIBITED THIS FALL IN THE CANYON

Due to the increased number of houses in Emigration Canyon, rifle hunting will be prohibited this Fall. No new laws have been enacted to restrict hunting, rather the existing cabin safety zone will be enforced. The cabin safety zone, found in Utah Code R657-5-13-4c, states that “discharging a rifle, handgun, shotgun firing slug ammunition, or muzzle loader within one mile of a cabin, house, or other building regularly occupied by people” is prohibited.

Studying the number of housing units along with the one mile cabin zone barrier, resulted in the ECCC recommending to Mayor Corroon that the canyon be restricted to rifle hunting. Mayor Corroon has concurred with the ECCC’s recommendation and has requested that the Division of Wildlife Resources enforce the ban on rifle hunting in the cabin zone. Please be aware that this restriction does not apply to bow and arrow hunting in the Canyon.

RE-ADDRESSING EMIGRATION CANYON: THE 9-1-1 PERSPECTIVE.

Joe Borgione, Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center

The Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) is one of two primary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in the Salt Lake Valley responsible for answering 9-1-1 emergency calls. The other is Salt Lake City. All 9-1-1 calls placed within Salt Lake County, with the exception of Salt Lake City, are answered at VECC. This includes calls that come from the residents in Emigration Canyon.

Each land line telephone number has assigned to it an emergency services number (ESN) that is a reference to which PSAP the number is assigned. Along with the PSAP information is the registered address of the phone number. When a 9-1-1 call is placed, the address information is displayed on a computer screen at the appropriate 9-1-1 call center. This address information is verified within the computer assisted dispatch system (CAD), the call is processed, and the appropriate emergency response personnel are then dispatched.

In a perfect world, every address of every telephone number is resolved within the CAD database of addresses. Occasionally, a call will come in and the address assigned to the telephone number is not resolved within the CAD. VECC has better than a 99% ‘hit’ rate; in other words more than 99% of the calls are resolved and the call is dispatched smoothly. A call from a telephone where the address is not resolved by the database is still dispatched, but the response may be delayed. Any addresses that do not hit are reported to the Technical Services division at VECC, researched, and corrected.

Over the years Emigration Canyon has been a challenge to dispatch due to the unique nature of addresses. Some addresses fit the county grid while others do not. Some addresses resolve in the CAD database while others do not. With the opening of the Unified Fire Authority Station #119 in the canyon, it became necessary to closely examine the addressing system in the canyon and rectify any problems and discrepancies.

Addressing responsibilities within Salt Lake County are assigned to the Addressing Office, a division under the Public Works Department. With the importance associated with public safety, the Addressing Office met regularly with VECC personnel over the course of the re-addressing project. This collaboration ensures addressing standards and requirements are met at the County level and that public safety needs are met as well. As a result, the residents of Emigration Canyon are assured their assigned addresses will resolve in the VECC database.

In addition to standardizing addresses, Salt Lake County will be (re)placing street signs within the canyon. This is another step forward in improving public safety response. Salt Lake County and Valley Emergency Communications Center are dedicated to providing fast and efficient 9-1-1 call dispatch services for the residents of Emigration Canyon.

For any questions or additional information, please contact the author at **801-840-4013** or jborgione@vecc9-1-1.com

PROTECTING OUR WATERSHED

By Kathy Christensen

Emigration Improvement District is in the process of asking for grant money from the Clean Water Act to clean up Emigration Canyon Creek. Our hope is that we will have a creek so clean our children can catch fish, wade, or catch minnows.

Our first goal is to help anyone in the Canyon who would like help to repair, renovate or rehabilitate their septic system. If you or your neighbor would like to participate with EID in this project, call Kathy Christensen at 801-581-0897 or email kchriste@xmission.com.

FREE VOUCHERS FOR FALL CLEAN-UP

Did you forget to do that thorough spring cleaning of your house and yard? For once, procrastinators will be rewarded! Salt Lake County Sanitation is offering residents a fee waiver for one load of bulk and/or green waste material to the Salt Lake Valley Landfill. Certain conditions apply, such as:

- all loads must be covered and secured
- loads must originate from the user's residence
- voucher is not valid for loads brought to the landfill in vehicles larger than a pickup truck or pickup truck size trailer, or for commercial or business use waste
- hazardous wastes will be not be accepted
- driver's license showing proof of residency is required, along with the voucher.

Please contact ECCC co-chair Joan Gallegos at 801-582-3079 if you would like a voucher(s). This program is planned for twice a year, once in spring and once in fall.

THE BOOK

In 2003, Utah State University Press published "The Book," also known as "The History of Emigration Canyon, Gateway to the Salt Lake Valley," Jeff Carlstrom, Stanley A. Fishler and Dr. Cynthia Furse researched the libraries in Utah and California, interviewed more than 100 individuals, worked with the Ute Native Americans, obtained photos and information from private libraries and wrote the history of the Canyon. Marilyn Smolka edited the book. Several historians people reviewed the book before it was published. We also approached Bob Avery of the University of Utah Department of Communications, who with his students, to make a DVD about the Canyon. All of the efforts to publish "The Book" was one of the most fulfilling experiences of our lives!

There are only 6 copies of "The Book" and 88 DVD'S left. People move in and out of the Canyon and they tell us that this book is of great value to them. We have decided that a second edition of the book should be made available. The Emigration Canyon Historical Society is a non-profit organization, operated by volunteers with no paid staff, who utilize the money raised from the sale of the books to cover only those items necessary to operate the Society and to place markers in the Canyon. In the second, we will be making some changes in the book, adding and updating events since 2003. Because of the cost of publication we will also be making other changes: using an ongoing process by publishing books as requested and making available different book covers: soft, hard, and leather, with the cost for the book varying. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE BOOK, PLEASE CONTACT US.

The second project we will be also doing is the placing of markers at several historical sites in the Canyon. We have sufficient funds from the sale of the books to place four or five markers. The funds from the sale of the books will be used to both formatting the book and to pay for the markers themselves. We are also considering the placing of small markers at the most significant sites along the road. We will be working with both Salt Lake County officials and neighbors near those sites before taking any action.

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