



## Message From the Chairman

We are looking forward to the completion of the new fire station. It should be completed the first part of October or November which means that the elections will be held at Camp Kostopolis this year. Also there are 6 seats up for election on the community council. Notice to run is due by the first part of October. Contact Joanne Butler if you are interested (582-1882). With the completion of the fire station it reminds us of how poor the canyon address system is. The address assigned to the fire station is 5025 Emigration Canyon Road and it is directly across from 3400 Emigration Canyon Road. With this important building so out of sequence with the canyon numbering system it poses a problem for emergency response. All county buildings have to adhere to the Salt Lake County Basin Meridian system of addressing. The main canyon road is on the old Mile-Marker system of addressing. The question before us is, is now the time to change the addresses in the main canyon to come in line with the County Meridian system of addressing so our homes can be found in an emergency situation or do we leave it as it is now? There are several streets in the canyon that are not named and could be signed to help people to locate our homes.

Thank you,  
Joe Smolka  
ECC Chairman

## Township Survey

This spring and summer Salt Lake County, in cooperation with cities in the County, completed a survey of residents of Townships as well as residents of the unincorporated County regarding governmental organization. The purpose of the survey was to assist the legislature in determining whether to continue authorization of Townships while limiting rights of annexation by surrounding cities. The survey inquired whether citizens: a) desired to join an existing city; b) preferred establishing a new city; c) wished to remain a township; d) wished to remain part of the unincorporated county without township status. Generally, the survey results showed citizens wished to remain either in townships or as part of unincorporated Salt Lake County. Millcreek Township was the most closely divided area with about 56% of the citizens indicating they wanted to remain the same. Copperton Township was the area most strongly favoring the present form of government with 98% wishing to remain the same.

Emigration Canyon had a 25.3% return of the 1527 surveys mailed to property owners. There was strong support for the present form of government with 82.4% indicating they wanted to stay the same. Only 77.5% responded that their preferred form of government was a township. This result may have been due to some confusion about the survey questions or about 6% of our residents don't know they live in a township, but still are satisfied with the present form of government.

Irrespective of that little anomaly, Emigration Canyon residents were strongly supportive of the Township form of government. The next step in this process will be for the Association of Community Councils and the County to agree on appropriate legislation to put into place the desire of the citizens. When that legislation is ready to present to the legislature, your community counsel will evaluate it and report its recommendations.

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## **Salt Lake County Finalizes County-Wide Water Quality Stewardship Plan**

After three years of data collection, compilation and analysis, 125 stakeholder meetings, 51 official comments, incorporation of 200 individual suggestions, and many unofficial discussions, a FINAL Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP) document is now available. The County will be distributing hard copies of the WaQSP in September; however, the entire plan is available on the County water resources website at: [http://www.waterresources.slco.org/html/waterQualityStewardship/WaQSP\\_Final.html](http://www.waterresources.slco.org/html/waterQualityStewardship/WaQSP_Final.html).

Additionally, printed copies of the WaQSP Executive Summary are available at 2001 South State Street, Suite N3100, Salt Lake City, UT 84102. CD copies of the Plan will also be available from the County in September.

The Emigration Canyon Community Council, represented as a stakeholder within the Jordan River Watershed Council, submitted comments on the Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Stewardship Plan in May, 2008. The Emigration Township community is contained within the Upper Emigration Creek sub-watershed boundary and our citizens can be impacted by any actions, both positive and negative, that concern the watershed and Emigration Creek.

The Plan is a guidance document for present and future watershed and water quality stewardship planning throughout the county that includes a broad and directional framework for future recommendations. The Plan is to be updated every 6 years. The Emigration Canyon Community Council has requested direct participation in the development, review, finalization and implementation of any site specific programs that may be included in Upper Emigration Creek sub-watershed management planning. Implementing elements of the plan, anticipated to begin in 2009, may affect canyon residents through the development or amendment of land use ordinances, implementation of funding mechanisms and site specific watershed

and stream restoration and enhancement projects. There are no specific implementation plans developed to date.

Land use ordinance activities could include potential regulatory development and implementation of overlay protection zones, land use setback requirements, upland vegetation management, riparian zone management and wastewater management.

Funding mechanisms will not necessarily be developed to carry out any implementation of the plan. Funding could include charges for watershed degradation through surcharges on building permits, water connections, encroachments or annual property tax assessments (i.e. assessment for septic system use or countywide tax assessments) government grants, fees, and contributions.

Watershed and stream protection projects could include erosion control, stream bank stabilization, channel restoration, sediment source control, grade control structure development, stream bank revegetation, land access and easement acquisition.

These measures are but a few potential activities that could be proposed in the future and will require early coordination and close cooperation among landowners, property managers, the Emigration Canyon Community Council, the Emigration Improvement District and jurisdictional county, state and federal agencies.

Should you have any questions regarding Emigration Canyon Community Council activities concerning the Plan contact Kris Hohenshelt at 582-5693 ([khohen@live.com](mailto:khohen@live.com)), Joe Smolka at 582-1089 ([tab5k@yahoo.com](mailto:tab5k@yahoo.com)) or any other member of your Community Council.

## **Open House and FireWise Day at New Fire Station**

We have all been watching the construction of the Fire Station. Emigration Canyon Community Council would like the residents of the canyon to be able to tour the Fire Station when it is completed and most important meet the Fire Fighter/EMP (s) who will be staffing the station. We have tried to schedule an open house but the completion date keeps changing. Therefore, we are planning a sliding schedule for the open house, but hope for a date around Halloween— costumes will be permitted but not required. We will post several signs informing the community of the date and time as the completion nears. Please come and meet the people who will be serving our community.

## **Rocky Mountain Power Update**

Rocky Mountain Power has finished its inspection of the electrical network leading into and within Emigration Canyon. The engineers are studying the results of the inspection and working on a plan to improve service. Improving service within Emigration Canyon is still an active project and Rocky Mountain Power will give an update as improvements are made.

## The History of Emigration Canyon

The Publication of the history of Emigration Canyon was achieved after eight years of research and writing by Jeffery Carlstrom, Cindy Furse, Stanley A. Fishler and Carolyn Smolka. The Utah State University Press published it.

The book is divided into a number of time periods: the Natural History and the Native Americans, Trappers and Mappers, prior to 1845; Last Creek/Emigration Canon Pioneer era, Wagon Road, 1849-1969; Early History period to 1845; First Emigration: The Donner-Reed Party, 1846, Pioneers: 1847-1869; Wagon Road 1849-1869; Building the Foundations of SLC 1847-1860; Wagener Brewery 1865-1914; Sheep 1870-1970; Homesteaders 1869-1909; Summer Cabins 1909-1930; Pinecrest Inn 1913-1949; Year-Round Community, 1930-1950; Ruth's Diner; 1949-Present; Leave us Along 1950-1980; Camp Kostopulos 1971-present; Pains of Progress; 1980-present.

The book has many early photos, maps and memorabilia.

The soft covers and hard covers have been available for several years at books stores, University Press and the Internet. The "Society" has some 134 soft covers and 6 hard covers. We doubt whether Utah State University will reprint this book. The soft covers are \$27.47, which includes state taxes; the hard covers are \$52.33, which also includes state tax. In addition, we also have available some 103 DVD's on the Canyon made by Bob Avery and his students at the University of Utah, for a donation of \$10.00 to the Historical Society. THE NET OF THE SALES OF THE BOOKS AND THE DVD'S WILL BE USED TO BUILD HISTORTIC MARKERS IN THE CANYON. We plan at least six such markers and we have raised enough funds through the sales of books and DVD's to pay for two such markers. Contact for a book and/or DVD is Stanley A. Fishler, 583-4833.

## Community Council Elections

If you are interested in running for the Emigration Community Council, please submit a brief letter of intent and e-mail it to Joe Smolka or hand deliver it to Joann Butler (582-1882) by Tuesday, October 14th. We have six seats up for election. Elections will be held on November 4, 2008 at Camp Kostopolis.

There will be also be an election for the Emigration Township Planning Commission on November 4, 2008. Two commissioners should be elected. The regular sign-up date was so early in the year that it passed without notice. No one signed up to stand for election. David Crompton (incumbent) opted to not run again. Fred Smolka (incumbent) registered as a write-in candidate. If a person is not registered as a write-in candidate, he/she cannot be elected regardless of how many votes they receive. Watch the road for signs for other write-in candidates.

## Emigration Improvement District

The District currently provides water services for 249 homes in Emigration Canyon, including 31 homes on the newly installed main canyon line. 129 property owners are participating in paying for the main canyon infrastructure from Skycrest Circle up to Killyons Canyon. Several additional connections are underway. Some who connected had trouble crossing the creek using directional drilling. They sought and received permission to "cut and fill" to get across. If you have not yet connected, there is still a little time before winter sets in. When ready please contact Fred Smolka to have a meter installed. The meter should be set before your plumber does his work so that he can test his work and check for leaks. If you have not signed up to participate yet, we still welcome new participants.

The District installed 37 fire hydrants and 208 meter boxes along the new water line. Originally the plan called for

meter boxes only for the homes that participated in paying for the system. However, the trustees wisely decided to install meter boxes for all homes and lots that appear to be buildable to avoid cutting into the road in the future. We may see a few new cuts, but for the most part the meter boxes are in.

Those along the main canyon road who have connected have expressed their pleasure at the quality of the water. The hardness measures 12 to 15 grains vs. over 30 grains in the wells along the main canyon. Clothes are getting cleaner and dishes are not showing spots from the hard water. Most homes continue to use water softners.

More information: [www.emigrationcanyon.org](http://www.emigrationcanyon.org) or call Fred Smolka at 582-6176