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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Canyon Residents,

We hope you find this spring newsletter helpful and informative. We want you to be aware of a few important dates. June 5th is our annual Fire-days Celebration. There will be a pancake breakfast, activities for the children and lots of information on keeping our community safe. This event will be held at the Emigration Fire-station from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. There will also be a bike meet and greet sponsored by Salt Lake County.

Bulk waste pickup is scheduled for July 1st. The dumpsters will be picked up on on July 5th. Many thanks to those who participated in the Canyon-Clean-up. We had a great turn out and made our canyon a more beautiful place to live and play.

Community Council elections will be held in November. We will have a possibility of 4 to 5 openings for new council members. If you are interested, please contact myself or a member of the council to receive more information.

Other issues we are working on are emergency preparedness in the canyon, fire safety, hunting and sanitation issues.

IT'S OFFICIAL – NO MORE RIFLE OR MUZZLE-LOADING HUNTING IN EMIGRATION CANYON

With all approvals in place and the Utah State Division of Wildlife Resources weighing in affirmatively, Emigration Canyon is now closed to rifle and muzzle loading hunting.

Only archery hunting will be allowed in the Canyon.

Rife and muzzle loaders will not be allowed to hunt ridge line to ridge line in Emigration Township, with the exception of a very small, remote area at the top of the Township that adjoins public lands.

New signs will be placed at strategic spots on Emigration Canyon Road informing everybody of the new hunting restrictions. In addition, hunters will be advised of the new restrictions in the hunting guides, and related web-sites, that are published each year.

Thank you to all the residents that voiced their opinions on this critical issue. You really made a difference.

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 Emigration 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 CANYON FIRE DAY

Come meet your neighbors in the Emigration Canyon Community Council sponsored yearly event.

When: Saturday, June 5, 2010 | 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Where: Fire Station #119 | 5025 Emigration Canyon Road

- FREE pancake breakfast
- Learn about proper fire extinguisher use
- Learn about clean water and care of septic systems
- Activities for children

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

The council is currently working to form blocks and block captains in the canyon—to be better prepared in the event of an emergency. At fire day June 5th, we will have maps showing how we have arranged the blocks. We would like to have people sign up to be block captains there. We will also have a list of duties which are not many.

We are also getting Names of people interested in C.E.R.T. (community emergency response team) we are hoping to put on a class in September with the online part being done over the summer. We can have up to 40 in the class and have about 15 people so far. This is a great class for your own home and family. Thanks. Rick, Joe, Pat. ECC Emergency preparedness committee

INTRODUCING THE REORGANIZED SALT LAKE COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our intent is to help bikes and cars get where they want safely and efficiently and to provide a better experience for everyone, whether walking, bicycling or driving by building a culture of respect on our roadways, streets and sidewalks. To accomplish this we need community involvement and an open dialogue on bicycling and motorist issues.

At the first quarterly meeting of the reorganized Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee (SLCBAC) held on May 3rd the new Committee officers were introduced and a revised mission statement proposed (comments are invited). The proposed Mission Statement goal is to enhance the Salt Lake County bicycling experience for transportation and recreation and promote a culture of responsible bicycling for the well-being of all citizens. We hope to accomplish this by working closely with the local governments and community councils. Through education we want to engage all citizens, bicyclists and non-bicyclists, in a conversation to promote knowledgeable, legal and safe bicycling with an emphasis on sharing the road and courteous riding.

Your new SLCBAC Committee officers are myself, Chad Mullins, Chair; Jason Bultman, Vice-Chair; and Charlie Kulp, Secretary/Treasurer. Jason, an avid bicyclist, has extensive experience with the bicycling community having previously served as co-chair of the Salt Lake Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee. Jason launched the original SLCBAC Committee in 2004, and serves as the President of the SLC Bicycle Collective providing educational resources to the community for safer cycling. Charlie, also an avid bicyclist, has extensive technical expertise having recently retired from the County

Engineering Division and is also a certified cycling instructor.

Although not an avid recreational biker, as an older bicycle commuter I may bring a somewhat different perspective to the Committee. A few years ago I discovered the joys and benefits of regularly commuting by bicycle from Holladay to the University of Utah and downtown. For the past several years I have been studying Urban Planning at the University of Utah with a focus on transportation issues. I am personally committed to sharing the pleasures of bicycling with others by making bicycling friendlier and safer and creating more community awareness of the benefits of bicycling to personal health and community vitality and well-being. We need to make bicycling friendlier and more comfortable for everyone, not just the few. Many studies have shown that greater numbers of bicyclists on the road make the streets safer for everyone, so we need to provide an environment that nurtures beginning bicyclists and encourages more bicycle commuting.

We feel bicycling contributes to quieter, cleaner and more livable communities. We are very excited about working with the County community councils and municipalities and invite volunteers to help us with community bicycle planning and coordination, and bicycle outreach and community events. We need your energy and contributions. The first meeting of our newly formed SLCBAC Planning Subcommittee will take place at 4 pm Wednesday, June 23rd, in Room N3001 of the Salt Lake County Government Center North Building (NE corner 2100 South State). We are in the process of organizing another subcommittee for education, enforcement and events. Our next SLCBAC Quarterly Meeting, which includes departmental staff reports, will be held on August 2nd, 2010 @ 6pm in Room N3001 of the Salt Lake County Government Center. For more information and meeting times check the website www.slebac.org, email the "chair@slcbac.org" or call 801.468.3351. - **Chad Mullins, Chair** SLCBAC

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DON'T BE AN AUTO THEFT OR BURGLARY STATISTIC

Officer Richard Ashby, Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report a vehicle is stolen every 26 seconds. With warmer weather approaching there will be more thieves lurking around not only to steal your car but also any valuables you have left inside. Don't be an auto theft or burglary statistic this summer. Take some simple precautions and play it safe.

- **Always close your windows** and lock your car doors. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a thief.
- **Park your vehicle** in an area that is visible to the public and well lit at night. Even though parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk of door dings, criminals are attracted to cars parked out of the way because it ensures less attention will be drawn to them.
- **"THE CARDINAL RULE" DO NOT leave valuables in plain sight** in your vehicle. Car burglars love to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort. A rock through the window is all it takes to get to those items. In my eleven years in law enforcement I have yet to take a report on an auto burglary case where at least one of the stolen items was in plain sight. Remove loose valuables from your vehicle whenever possible. This includes; purses, wallets, cellular phones, sunglasses, CD cases, day planners, laptop computers, backpacks and briefcases.
- **If your car is stolen or burglarized**, report it to the police immediately.

- **If you must leave valuables in your car, put them in the trunk.** If these are items you recently bought while shopping, keep the receipts with you. Do not place items in your trunk where you are planning to leave your vehicle. Thieves scan parking lots and watch for people putting valuables in their trunk then leave the vehicle parked. When they know there are valuable items in your trunk they are more likely to take extra risk and effort to break in. Remember, with many vehicle makes, the trunk release is easily accessed inside the passenger compartment and are often functional even when the vehicle is turned off.
- **Do not leave electronic garage door openers in plain sight** in your car, particularly when it is parked in your driveway. If a thief can get to it, it could be used to gain access into your home.

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION AHEAD

Salt Lake County Public Works Operations will be performing a chip seal on Emigration Canyon Road and a portion of Wasatch Boulevard in June 2010. A chip seal consists of oil sprayed on the road followed immediately by spreading and rolling rock chips into the surface. The road is swept each day for a week to pick up loose rock chips. At the end of the week, a fog seal will be applied to seal the rock chips in place.

Due to the loose rocks, the speed limit through the project area will be reduced to **15 mph** from the start date through the date of the fog seal.

In Emigration Canyon, one lane will be closed for construction, so significant traffic delays are expected. Bikes are not recommended during the week of construction.

June 7th & 8th - Chip Seal
Emigration Canyon Little Mountain Rd. from Pinecrest Fork to State Road U-65

June 9th - Chip Seal
Emigration Canyon from Salt Lake City limits to Maryfield Dr.

June 10th - Chip Seal
Wasatch Blvd. from 8914 South to 10190 South

June 13th - Fog Seal
All Emigration Canyon projects, Wasatch Blvd. from 8914 South to 10190 South

June 14th - Chip Seal
Wasatch Blvd. from 10631 South to 10770 South

June 18th - Fog Seal
Wasatch Blvd. from 10631 South to 10770 South

Note: Line Striping and crosswalks will be complete the week after the Fog Seal completion date

SEPTIC SYSTEMS: A GUIDE

FINDING SERVICE FOR YOUR SYSTEM

A county representative will be at Fire Day on June 5th to share information regarding reputable septic service companies. We will also post a list on the web site EmigrationCanyon.org under the EID section. -Kathy Christensen

FINDING FUNDING FOR YOUR SEPTIC REPAIR

There are two government sources of money that can potentially help homeowners manage septic system problems: Grants and loans. Grants are money that does not need to be paid back and a loan is money the homeowner must pay back over time. There may be other programs that I am not aware of as yet. We are looking into various programs to help homeowners, but we know now of the homeowner with septic problems has three options for obtaining financial assistance:

The first of which would be a loan from the Utah Division of Water Quality. Their loans may have 0% interest for up to 10 years. To qualify, your total household income can be no greater than 150% of the State median adjusted income. For 2010, this works out to be a household income of about \$56,517. The money can only be used for the repair or replacement of individual malfunctioning systems. Certification by the Salt Lake County Health Department is required.

A second option would be through the USDA Rural Development Program. They have Section-504 Loans and Grants to help very low-income owner-occupants of single-family homes in rural areas. The funds may only be used for repairs and improvements that remove health and safety hazards, which

would include septic systems. To be eligible for one of these grants, the homeowner or one of the owners needs to be 62 or older and must own the property and must personally occupy the dwelling on a permanent basis. A homeowner is only eligible for a grant if the household would not be able to pay off a loan over twenty years. Grant funds are taxable income. The maximum grant amount is \$7,500. The maximum for a loan is \$20,000. If a home is repaired with a Section-504 grant and is sold within 3 years of grant approval, the full amount of the grant must be repaid. There are income and asset limitations associated with the Section 504 loans and grants but these must be calculated on an individual basis.

The third option for homeowners is to work through the Emigration Improvement District and set up a Special Service District. This would allow a group of homeowners (homes do not have to be adjacent to one another) to get access to low interest loans to repair and/or replace their septic systems. It would allow them to contract together for the inspection, maintenance and pumping and thus get a better price. If you are interested in this approach, please contact Fred Smolka at 801-582-6176. -Kathy Christensen

“Septic system inspections not only protect the value of your home but also the health of your family, neighbors, and entire communities.”

WHY SHOULD YOU INSPECT YOUR SYSTEM?

- Make sure your system functions properly,
- Protect the health of your family and neighbors
- Extend the life of the system,
- Catch and troubleshoot problems in their early stages before they're serious and expensive to correct
- Protect wells and other local drinking water sources from contamination,
- Protect life in local rivers, lakes, and coastal waters and prevent the need for costly rehabilitation efforts
- Comply with environmental and health regulations
- Protect your investment in your home and property
- Fulfill legal or lending institution requirements for property transfers