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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Canyon Residents,

As most of you are aware, our community council has been dealing with several significant issues.

The first issue is the placement of community sanitation containers and the enforcement of the revised sanitation ordinance. Please read the update on community containers by Megan Hillyard.

The second major issue is hunting in the canyon. We wish to thank Joan Gallegos, co-chair of Emigration Community Council for spearheading the effort to close rifle hunting in the canyon. Please read Joan's article on hunting. A representative from Department of Wildlife Resources will attend our Next Community Council meeting February 9th in regards to Rifle hunting in the canyon.

We also would like to congratulate Joan on her election as Vice President of Association of Community Councils Together, (ACCT).

Other issues we are working on are emergency preparedness in the canyon, fire safety and prevention. 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're 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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING COURSE

In an effort to have our community be better prepared in a disaster, I arranged for CERT Class to be taught partly online and partly at the fire station here in the canyon.

If I have not talked to you about this please call me or just sign up. The cost for the class is \$30.00 which covers supplies. If you know anyone who would be interested in taking this class with us have them contact me.

To sign up on-line visit www.unifiedfire.org beginning Tuesday, 1-26-10. Be sure to click on our Fire station Dates Feb 16-23 and March 2 - 16. Classes will be 6:30 to 9:30 on those dates

If these dates do not work for you call me. Then take the class at www.citizencorps.gov/cert/IS317/ After completing print a certificate and bring to the Feb 16 class. This course will take 6-8 hours.

Thanks,
Joe Smolka
Day: 801-560-3543
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SALT LAKE COUNTY UPDATE

This was a year unlike any other – certainly the most difficult financial year in the County’s recent history. And 2009 was a year that the Emigration Township and other unincorporated areas in Salt Lake County were under a microscope to address important issues. But it was finances, the budget, which got most of our attention in 2009.

But it was finances, the budget, which got most of our attention in 2009. Overall the budget was trimmed from \$811 million in 2008 to \$659 million in 2010 – a \$152 million reduction. The County Council’s goal was to approve a conservative, but fiscally responsible budget. There were no easy decisions.

Every cut, every trim and every dollar means people and programs are on the line. The key elements preserved were public safety, elderly services and youth services. Among the difficult decisions was the reduction in County employee salaries and benefits, the elimination of 310 positions, a county-wide tax shift and some substantial and painful reductions in all County departments.

Budget cuts, staff reductions and the \$13 million tax shift did more than balance the budget. These measures allowed Salt Lake County to maintain its County’s triple-A rating from all three bond rating agencies. This rating saves the County millions of dollars through lowest possible interest rates. While there are more than 3,000 counties in the nation, Salt Lake County is one of just a couple of dozen to hold this coveted rating from all three bond-rating agencies.

Fitch Ratings, Moody’s Investor Service and Standard and Poor’s all noted Salt Lake County’s good financial performance, conservative financial management policies and historically strong management.

I joined other county officials in meetings last month with Moody’s and Fitch. At these meetings we discussed the critical issue of declining sales tax revenues. Sales taxes fund a substantial portion of our municipal services (police, fire, road maintenance, snow removal, sidewalks).

Our sales taxes declined almost 30 percent. It’s a nationwide problem.

To open the new year, the County Council approved two anti-discrimination ordinances. Both made it illegal to discriminate someone based upon sexual orientation and gender identification in employment and housing. These two ordinances ensure that people will be able to provide for two basic functions – putting a roof over their heads and food on the table.

The Council also approved the anti-tethering ordinance prohibiting a dog from being tethered for more than 10 hours; it’s a step in the right direction toward humane treatment of our domestic pets.

We all hope for a better 2010. My family and I are fortunate to live where we do and I am grateful to represent this wonderful community. Again, please feel free to call me at (801)468-2937 or via email at jiwamoto@slco.org.

Jani Iwamoto
Salt Lake County Council

RIFLE HUNTING IN EMIGRATION CANYON

Due to actions by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) at their January Board meeting, rifle hunting is presently allowed in Emigration Canyon within 600 feet of our homes. Although this action is very disturbing and threatens the safety of our residents, we do have a commitment from the DWR Board to work with us to close the canyon to rifle hunting. Furthermore, our elected representatives Senator Ross Romero, Representative Christine Johnson, Salt Lake Councilwoman Jani Iwamoto, and Mayor Peter Corroon will be closely following this issue to ensure that the DWR acts in our citizens’ best interest.

Within the next few weeks, DWR staff will be contacting you to attend meetings to determine what boundaries need to be in place to close rifle hunting in Emigration Canyon. The ECCC council needs to hear from YOU! so an appropriate and safe boundary can be drawn prior to next Fall’s hunting seasons. As many of the rifles used to hunt elk and mule deer can travel up to 3 to 5 miles, this certainly must be a consideration in drawing safe boundaries. In addition, so that hunters can easily recognize the no rifle hunting boundaries in our canyon, we will need to draw the boundaries to include easily distinguishable roads or other landmarks.

The ECCC will also be sending you notice of these meetings, in addition to the invitation from the DWR. Please come to these meetings to make sure your viewpoint is heard. Now is the time to get involved in this issue crucial to our public safety!

SANITATION UPDATE

Last week the Emigration Planning Commission was presented with an update on the status of community container (i.e. dumpster) sites throughout the canyon. Salt Lake County is working diligently to identify and construct community container sites in areas of Emigration that are most impacted by the new Encroachment of Right-of-Way Ordinance (which prohibits residents from leaving waste or recycle bins on the street more than 24 hours after pick-up day). The following is a summary of the presentation:

So far, 6 sites have been identified:

- a. Emigration Fire Station
- b. Sunnydale Lane Area
- c. Pinecrest Turnout #1 (asphalt pad on east side of road just after turnoff from Emigration Canyon Road)
- d. Pinecrest Turnout #2 (Qwest equipment location)
- e. Killyons/Pinecrest fork (privately owned land)
- f. Killyons Area (site where cans currently sit)

Progress of each:

- 1- Emigration Fire Station:
 - a. Conditional use permit was approved
 - b. Tentatively scheduled to open in late March
 - c. Site intended for use by residents in the immediate area (Emigration Oaks and nearby residents on Emigration Canyon Road); however, other Emigration communities would be able to utilize this site if they choose until other options are developed
- 2- Sunnydale Lane Area:
 - a. Area on North side of Emigration Canyon Road and owned by SLC Corp (area is on the east side of a utility road that is cut to service gas equipment)
 - b. Salt Lake County is in the process of inquiring whether SLC Corp would enter into a long-term lease for use of the land. Negotiations should be complete by the end of January
 - c. Requires a Conditional Use permit, which is in process
 - d. Site intended for use by Sunnydale residents (including Standel and Cove). Again, residents will have the option to use individual cans (but must be responsible for removing them from the street after pick-up day) OR using the community container once it is available.
- 3- Pinecrest Turnout #1:
 - a. Owned by Salt Lake County
 - b. Requires Conditional Use permit (in process)
 - c. Currently determining distance from creek and feasibility under FCOZ (Foothill Canyon Overlay Zone) Ordinance
 - d. Site intended to serve Pinecrest and Killyons
- 4- Pinecrest Turnout #2:
 - a. Still determining ownership (possibly in right-of-way)
 - b. Still determining logistics - may be too small for a container
 - c. Site intended to serve Pinecrest and Killyons
- 5- Killyons/ Pinecrest Fork:
 - a. Privately owned with a potential willing seller/donor
 - b. Close to creek (FCOZ considerations?)
 - c. Above Burr's Lane Fork - would potentially only service Killyons
 - d. Requires substantial prep work to construct site (very brushy area)
 - e. Most likely not a first preference because we do not currently have the budget to purchase land to create a Sanitation site
- 6- Killyons Site (where cans currently sit)-
 - a. Close to creek (FCOZ considerations?)
 - b. Power line problems - the current power line situation would need to be reconstructed. Our initial bid from Rocky Mountain was somewhat costly, but we will pursue a more detailed cost-estimate
 - c. Very convenient for Killyons residents, but since it is above Burr's Lane Fork, it would only service Killyons residents
 - d. Status: continuing conversations with Rocky Mountain power to determine the expense of developing the site

Our plan is to continue to work as quickly as possible to find convenient solutions in the targeted areas (Sunnydale and Killyons/Pinecrest). Although it is impossible to attach a specific timeline to this process, we were pleased with the progress we were able to make over the past four weeks and anticipate solutions in the near future.

For more information, contact Megan Hillyard: MHillyard@slco.org | Office: 801-468-3351 | Fax: 801-468-3535

EMERGENCY-PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

After watching the news about the earthquake in Haiti and seeing the food, water and other supplies sitting at the airport with no way to get it to the people that need it, I was reminded of the words of Jeff Graviet, the SL County Emergency Director, "getting supplies to the airport is easy, the last mile is hard". He went on to tell us how we can make the last mile easy instead of hard.

To make this happen in Emigration Canyon we are getting organized into "blocks". A block would be 7 homes with one Block Captain. We would have 7 Block Captains that would report to a Team Leader. The Team Leaders would report to the Area Coordinators and the Area Coordinators would report to the Emergency Volunteer Coordinator (EVC). The EVC will be in contact with the County Emergency Services. This will be a line of communication that will get the needed information to the people that can help and supplies to those that need it.

There are four things that make a big difference in a disaster:

- 72 Hour Kits
- Family Plans
- C.E.R.T. trained people
- Organization

Rick Raile, Pat Struhs and Joe Smolka are working to organize the canyon into blocks of 7 homes and will be needing block captains. If you are interested in being a Block Captain please contact us.

ADDRESSING

With the address changes, there have been some problems, but things are getting better. About 70% of the canyon has posted the new addresses on their homes. If you have not posted your new address please do so. This will help emergency responders to find your home.

Utahns Needed for 2010 Census Count

Attention retirees, college students and individuals seeking part-time work to earn extra cash: The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring Census Takers to help count Utah's growing population for the 2010 Census.

Applications are being accepted now for jobs that will start at the end of April. As a Census Taker, you will provide assistance to individuals who do not complete and return their 10-question form by mail.

Census Takers will earn \$14 an hour, work flexible schedules, and receive payment for authorized mileage

You must be at least 18 years old, furnish ID documents requested during test registration, and pass a background check. Individuals who speak, read and write another language in addition to English are necessary to assist residents who have questions about the Census form and its importance.

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to count each person residing in the United States. For Utah, which has had one of the fastest-growing population during four of the last five years, an accurate count is critical. Not only is the Beehive State likely to gain an additional Representative to Congress, Utah could also increase its portion of federal funds for necessities such as education, health programs, transportation and water systems.

Be a part of the nationwide population survey while earning extra money and helping to ensure your community is accurately counted in the 2010 Census.

For more details, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs> or call the local census office in Salt Lake City at 801 736-5060.801.583.4833