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EMIGRATION CANYON NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 10–28, 2016

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Expect delays

OCT. 22, 2016

THE HAUNTED HALF

MARATHON

8:30–10:30am

NOV. 9, 2016

ECCC TOWNSHIP MEETING

7:00–9:00pm

DEC. 13, 2016

ECCC TOWNSHIP MEETING

7:00–9:00pm

Emigration Community Council typically meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Fire Station and are open to the Public.

Election Day Nov. 8, 2016

Ballots need to be postmarked no later than one day prior to the election day.



Letter from the Chair

Dear Residents of Emigration Canyon,

As we enter into this beautiful fall season this year, we have a great deal more to look at and consider than the leaves changing. With the passing of SB-199 last year and your votes to ratify the new governance model, we are now Emigration Canyon Metro Township. The next order of business is to elect the five members of our Metro Township Council.

To save you the confusion, we have asked the Utah State Legislature through ACCT and SLCo to delay Community Council elections until November of 2017. So all of your current ECCC members will stay in place until next year. On November 08, 2016, “Super Tuesday”, you will be voting for the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council and not the Community Council. Having said that, there are a number of community council members running for the Metro Township. If those members are elected to the Metro Township Council, they will need to resign from the Community Council. In which case, we are looking for volunteers!

The focus of this newsletter is to introduce you to the candidates for the new Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council. In the last election cycle, residents said the elections newsletter was very useful in helping them make their decisions. In fact, we saw a number of voters going into the polling booth with the newsletter in hand. We plan on another newsletter after the election to bring you the rest of the news happening in the canyon.

In addition to the candidate bio’s, we will share some useful links to the SLCo Mayor’s office and SLCo elections office for additional information on candidates, our new governance model and other pertinent info related to the election.

This is an exciting time in the history of Emigration Canyon, with our new Metro Township status, we will finally have direct control to make important governing decisions for the community we live in.

Voting this year is by mail. Early voting starts Oct. 25th. Ballots need to be postmarked no later than Nov. 7th. Vote by mail ballots may be deposited 24/7 at drop off locations. You may also drop off ballots on Nov. 8th at the EMG001 polling station during the hours of 7:00am–8:00pm.

EMG001 polling station:
Emigration Fire Station, 5025 E Emigration Canyon Rd , Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Cheers,
Rick Raile, Chair
Emigration Canyon Community Council

HISTORIC ELECTION PUTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN CHARGE OF FUTURE GOVERNANCE

SALT LAKE COUNTY, UT

Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams issued the following statement in response to election results from the six townships and numerous unincorporated islands, whose citizens participated in today's historic election:

"This is democracy at its finest. Citizens helped draft the legislation that set up this vote. They made their voices heard as to what choices they wanted for their own local representation. At the grassroots level, all sides campaigned based on what they believed was the best outcome for their communities. Now, going forward, Salt Lake County will support whatever decision the majority made. We will continue to deliver high quality municipal services at an affordable cost and we will work closely with all these new local governments to ensure they guide that effort going forward.

"I would like to thank the members of the Salt Lake County Council, as well as the dozens of citizen volunteers who've worked together for more than two years, to achieve this outcome. I look forward to working together with everyone as we move into Phase II, which will include local elections for metro township and city councils in November 2016."

Statement from Mayor Ben McAdams



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

WHAT IS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION?

Community Preservation is a new model of local governance. Its advantages are: more local control, better economic development, and excellent municipal services, while preserving communities' unique identities. It is made possible by the passage of **Utah Senate Bill 199**. Community Preservation provides:

- ▶ **PREDICTABILITY AND COMMUNITY STABILITY.** Borders will be stabilized and certainty will prevail over fears of "land grabs" by neighboring cities and worries about fluctuating revenues and service costs. Stable borders will allow bonding for infrastructure, such as sidewalks and road improvements, and the ability to invest in economic development without the fear of annexation.
- ▶ **DIRECT REPRESENTATION** for residents regarding how their local tax dollars are spent and on planning and zoning decisions.
- ▶ **A BROAD TAX BASE** that supports needs throughout the townships.
- ▶ **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DELIVERY OF EFFICIENT, HIGH QUALITY MUNICIPAL SERVICES** similar to the services provided by Unified Fire Authority (UFA) and Unified Police Department (UPD).
- ▶ **SELF DETERMINATION** for township residents to decide if they want to become a city or metro township; or for unincorporated area residents to decide if they want to remain unincorporated or annex to a neighboring city.





METRO TOWNSHIPS COUNCIL MEMBERS UP FOR ELECTION

Each metro township will elect township council members this November 2016. In the Emigration Metro Township they will be elected at-large.

Each township council will have five members. The township councils will have the power to enact local ordinances and oversee local municipal services. The chair of the council will sit on the Municipal Services District Board of Trustees.

Candidate bios are listed below in the same order provided on the ballot.

CANIDATES BIOS

JENNIFER HAWKES



I love leaving the city homeward bound, there is a peacefulness in Emigration Canyon that you do not find in other places.

I have over a decade of experience in Environmental Planning and Landscape Architecture. To me it is very satisfying starting a project and seeing it completed. I enjoy taking projects from a conceptual thought through construction. I have worked on a wide variety of projects including: trails, streetscapes, golf courses, parks, open space, commercial buildings and high end residential. I have interfaced and worked with SLCo, Cities, Planning Departments and individual clients. I hold a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from Utah State University.

I volunteered with others in the Canyon on the Emigration Canyon Roadway Improvement Committee. I organized and created the roadway assessment that was presented to the SLCo Council and met with SLCo and the Engineers throughout the Conceptual Design Phase. Currently I enjoy serving on the Community Council.

I have a special interest in the uniqueness of Emigration Canyon and want to see it preserved! My family and I have lived in Emigration Canyon for nine years and love it!

STEVE HOOK



I have lived in Emigration Township for 10 years. During that time I have been very involved with local issues. I have served on the Community Council (ECCC) for four years serving as Co-Chair, a member of the Advisory Committee to EID, and am currently serving on the Township Planning Commission. I have also served on several local and national boards during my professional career. I worked with an international accounting, tax and consulting firm for 30 years as a partner and CPA, serving clients all over the western U.S. During that time I worked and interacted closely with dozens of companies in government, and the public and private sector. I want to bring my financial expertise and board knowledge to our Metro Township Council. I have a B.S. from the University of Utah and an M.S. from the University of Missouri. I love to hike and ski the trails of Emigration Canyon every day. I would appreciate your vote.

BOB STAGGERS



I and my wife both retired as senior Army officers after more than 25 years of service and moved to Utah when she was offered a position as a professor at the University of Utah. We have since then lived in Emigration Canyon for the past 16 years.

My qualifications for membership on the Township Council include a B.S in Economics from Colorado State University, an M.S. in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School; 26 years as a senior army officer during which I gained valuable experience in leadership, organization, and management of people and large programs; and employment as a successful manager with Costco Wholesale (the one on 1800 S and 300 W) for 9 years gaining more experience in managing people and budgets. I also served as the first non-developer President of the Emigration Oaks Homeowners Association and later as Director for Roads for the same association.

The establishment of an elected Council for our Township will bring with it numerous opportunities for us to ensure our way of life remains as we want it. The fact that the Council will have zoning authority for the Township will allow us to better control growth in our canyon. Scarce resource management, such as water, must also be carefully monitored. I ask for your support in ensuring we make this new Council an open, effective tool for good stewardship of our home.... Emigration Canyon.

JOE SMOLKA

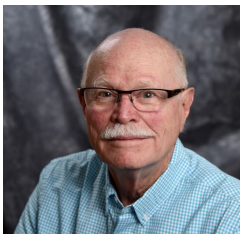


I have been a resident of Emigration Canyon for 33 years with family ties to the Canyon since the 1930's. I am a General Contractor and own Smolka Construction and have built and remodeled many homes in the Canyon. I'm actively serving on Emigration Community Council where I have served for 18 years. Of which I was the Chairman for five of those years. I have helped with many issues that face the Canyon such as bike and car safety, preserving open lands, master plans for trails and emergency preparedness as an Emergency Volunteer Coordinator.

I helped with the hunting boundaries and am currently working with Salt Lake County engineers on rock fall and drainage issues on Emigration Canyon Road. I am also a member of the Firewise Committee.

You might know me if you attend Fire Day. I am the one who cooks the pancakes. I know the issues in the Canyon and a lot of the background behind them. I know the other candidates and can work with them to make a smooth transition to this new form of governing.

GARY BOWEN for EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ("ECMTC")



I'm a member of the Emigration Canyon Community Council and Salt Lake County's Municipal Services District ("MSD") Advisory Board. MSD manages the Canyon's municipal services. Currently governed by the County Council, in 2017 the Metro Township Councils will take over governance of MSD. My MSD Advisory Board assignment gives me a head-start on understanding the duties and responsibilities of the ECMTC. I'm a Canyon advocate and friend to Salt Lake County's Mayor, Council, and staff since becoming a year-round resident of the Canyon in 2005. With fond childhood memories of my Grandparents' Canyon summer home, my primary goal as a member of ECMTC will be to preserve the "Village Spirit" of our lovely Canyon that we all enjoy. I'll lobby Salt Lake County for our fair share of the MSD Budget. We don't need, nor do we want commercial development; however, our proximity to urban Salt Lake City makes our Canyon Village a popular destination for bikers and recreational visitors. The Canyon's recreational usage is growing, under-supervised, and underfunded. I will champion Salt Lake County to grant some of its large Parks and Recreation Budget to maintain roads, trails, toilets, and other needs of recreational visitors to our Canyon Home. Salt Lake County's current Parks and Recreation expenditures in our Canyon is zero dollars!



DAVID BREMS

David Brems is a 37 year resident of Emigration Canyon, architect, planner, adjunct professor and current chairman of the Emigration Canyon Planning and Zoning Commission. Married to Johna Devey, David has design/constructed two personal, sustainable residences, raised two children and survived major Emigration Canyon fires, evacuating twice, volunteering in 1988 to fight the fire.

A Utah native, University of Utah graduate (BS Psychology, Masters Architecture) and a founder of GSBS Architects, Brems leads complex notable projects including the Utah Olympic Oval, SLC Public Safety Building, and Natural History Museum of Utah.

Brems served two terms as a Salt Lake County Planning Commissioner representing Emigration Canyon and participated in the creation and adoption of the Foothill Canyons and Overlay Zone, the primary protection tool guiding canyon development. Brems contributed to the recent 10 year Emigration Canyon Masterplan update.

David Brems believes property rights and canyon interests are best balanced with strong, thoughtful standards, ordinances and codes, which lead to appropriate canyon density and development. David's extensive experience and deep understanding of the design and development process allows him to find solutions to both benefit individual property rights and protect our beautiful canyon.

David is an avid hiker; skier, and road cyclist in Emigration Canyon.

RICK RAILE



On October 1, 1994 I moved into beautiful Emigration Canyon with my wife Martha, daughter Racine and son Nick. We love the rural nature of the canyon with all of the wildlife, natural landscape, recreation opportunities and the amazing dark skies. In my 22 years in the canyon, I have come to realize that if we want to preserve the natural beauty of the canyon we have to come together to fight to keep it that way.

I joined the Community Council in 2005 after a tough challenge to raise money with Utah Open Lands to purchase Perkins Flat so it could remain wildlife habitat in perpetuity. I have enjoyed chairing the council since 2010 and have come to deeply appreciate the members of our community council for all of their hard work and their desire to serve the residents of the canyon.

During my term as chair, we have finally been able to bring attention to our legacy bicycle/motorist safety issues to the county through the road study you might know as ECRIC. A number of safety issues have been addressed through the ECCC and CERT, which I serve as co-EVC.

Mayor McAdams asked me to chair the legislative committee for SB-199 to give us our Metro Township status through the Utah State Legislature. I would appreciate your vote to be on the new Township Council to continue the work I have started. Let's live in nature and have all of the latest technology to enjoy as well!

<http://slco.org/community-preservation/utah-senate-bill-1>

KATHY CHRISTENSEN



I was born in Utah but raised in Pennsylvania. I attended the U of U. I am married to Jack Christensen who is the manager of Emigration Oaks and worked for IBM and then Siemens. I graduated from college with a degree in psychology and a minor in math. I taught mathematics in Junior High School until shortly after I became pregnant with our first child. After all four of our children were in school, I returned to the University of Utah where I got a degree in Computer Science and then worked in the industry for the next 13 years.

I have lived in Pennsylvania, California, Minnesota, and Utah. For the last almost 20 years, my husband and I have lived in Emigration Canyon. I have served on the Community Council for almost 18 years and on the Homeowners Board for Emigration Oaks for 12 years.

I have been the Firewise Chairman for Emigration Canyon for 15 years. I have organized the Firewise Day for the last 16 years. I am the person on the Council who makes sure I have a food handlers permit and gets the food license so we can serve the breakfast. I approve and supervise the people who present information for Firewise Day. I take care of the advertising. I store the materials from one Firewise Day to the next. I am responsible for making sure we qualify to keep our yearly Firewise Community status. This Firewise Community status should give everyone a fire insurance discount. I write articles for the Newsletter so our residents will be reminded to keep their yards lean and green and fire resistant.

I have written two FEMA grants that gave us half a million dollars to clear out dead wood and overgrowth from around our homes. This has taken uncounted hours working with homeowners and cutting crews.

My primary reason for running for the Township Council is my concern for fire issues and the need for someone on the council to keep this in mind as we make decisions for the canyon.

HAUNTED HALF MARATHON

OCT. 22ND, 2016

The Haunted Half Marathon will be traveling through Emigration Canyon Oct. 22. We want to inform you of important road restriction and closures.

Police officers will be stationed at major intersections to direct runners and vehicles.

The race begins at 8:30am at the summit of Little Mountain. From 8:30–9:00am both inbound and outbound lanes will be closed from Little Mountain down to the junction at Pinecrest.

From 8:30–10:30am the outbound lane of traffic will be closed to all vehicles and used by the runners only.

If you need to leave the Canyon between 8:30–10:30am you will only be able to drive up the Canyon and connect on to I-80.

All lanes of traffic will be open no later than 10:30am.

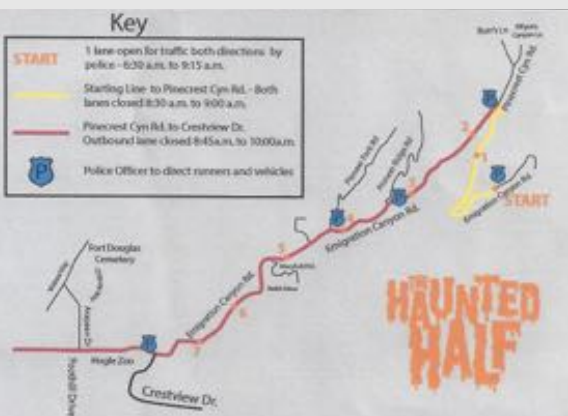
See map below for closures locations. For more information about this event please visit www.thehauntedhalf.com.

Emigration Canyon Community Council
2001 S State Street Room S3017
Salt Lake City, UT 84190



ALL RESIDENTS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE WITH SLCo. YOU CAN VOTE BY MAIL AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 25th.

For more information please visit:
www.slco.org/clerk/elections/



VOTE BY MAIL ELECTIONS

The 2016 Primary and General Elections will be conducted mainly by mail. For any election conducted by mail, the following applies:

- ▶ Ballots will be mailed at least 3 weeks before election day.
- ▶ Postage-paid return envelopes will be provided.
- ▶ Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than **the day before Election Day, Monday November 7th.**
- ▶ Ballots may also be returned to Vote Centers and Drop Boxes.
- ▶ You can track your returned ballot online to ensure that it was received at: vote.utah.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Community Preservation Website
www.slco.org/community-preservation

Emigration Township
[www.emigrationcanyon.org/
welcome.asp?org=ecc](http://www.emigrationcanyon.org/welcome.asp?org=ecc)

SLCo Elections
www.slco.org/clerk/elections/