

NOVEMBER - MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is a rare evening in our City Council meetings when we do not have several scouts in the audience. The City Council member conducting for the evening, asks each scout to stand, introduce themselves and their leaders, state their troop number and tell what merit badge they are working on. Most mention they are working on the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

It is exciting to have the scouts attend our meetings, learn about our form of government and hear some of the issues in the city. On the other hand, our community benefits so much from the service projects many of these young residents accomplish as they get older and more advanced in the scouting program.

I know there are countless Eagle Scout projects that happen in our community each year and I wish I could highlight each one and the good they provide for Murray City, here are just a few I've become aware of in past months.

In August, Samuel Lundberg, who lives in the Southwood Park area, organized a neighborhood meeting which was attended by over 100 residents in his area. He helped organize a Neighborhood Watch program where his neighbors will become active participants in helping fight crime.

The Boys & Girls Club in Murray dedicated a new garden area on September 1. Seth Staley, along with his scout troop, Healy Landscaping, Outback Trucking and American Stone, cleaned and landscaped an area by the Club to become the home of a bench to memorialize Micah Hansen, a very special 11-year-old boy, who died in a tragic drowning in April of 2014. Jenkins-Soffe Funeral Homes also helped with the coordination of this effort and gift.

This past October, four Eagle Scout candidates: Parker Cotrell, Josh Kaelberer, Jake Giaouque and Brycen Bodily brought together groups of 10-30 people to plant trees and shrubs in the Nature Center area that was burned last spring. Each group was assigned a section of the burned area and a total of over 350 trees and shrubs were planted. The Murray Parks Department assisted with the project. The plants were purchased with a \$20,000 grant received from the State of Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands. The service hours provided by the scouts and volunteers will be used as part of the labor match required for the grant.

It is certainly a privilege to represent all the residents of Murray, young and old. I know there are innumerable acts of goodness that go on each day in our city. In this month of gratitude and thanksgiving, I'd like to thank you for your daily contributions in making this such a great place to live. In my opinion, Murray is truly "A City Without Equal."

Sincerely,



Ted Eyre, Mayor