



Elk Ridge Bugle

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A Message From The Mayor

May I express my appreciation to the outgoing Council and Mayor for their contribution to our City. Only those who have served faithfully can grasp how many hours are spent on behalf of the community. Such is a service born of concern and a willingness to serve.

It will be the policy of the new administration to build upon what they have started. Of course there will be a learning curve as we pick up the reins and prepare for the next four years and certainly there may be an adjustment in some priorities, things will not be static.

It is our intention to take the first three months to study and analyze the City's financial resources and needs. Only after we understand this aspect of governing can we put together a meaningful plan for the future.

It is our goal to emerge from the first quarter with a plan that demonstrates what services must be prioritized, what we have to work with, and what we expect to accomplish in the short and long term. Also a primary objective during and following the analysis will be citizen involvement as we work our way through this study. I hope you will feel free to talk to each councilman and express your concerns.

During the three-month study period you will hear of work being done on every aspect of our finances. Please understand that just because a subject is being studied does not mean it will be implemented. Anyone becoming concerned about a topic under discussion is invited to call me at the Mayor's Office to get the facts.

I expect every proposal on every issue regarding finances to pass a test that says:

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| 1 st | Do we need it? |
| 2 nd | Can we afford it? |
| 3 rd | Do we have a choice? |
| 4 th | What priority does it merit? |

Further, I would like to create a committee to address nuisance and animal control, to receive complaints, analyze the matter and recommend a solution to the Council. Serious issues may be litigated if necessary but only as a last resort.

Another committee will have as its only objective to seek grant money and advise the Council of such opportunities.

The Mayor's Office is a public office and is open to citizen inquiries and input at any time. It may well be that I will not have an answer immediately but your concerns will be addressed in a timely manner.

Got a good idea? Tell us about it. See something you don't like? Share it with us. Of particular interest are safety items. One of our first safety priorities is going to be the three-way intersection of East Park Drive, North Park Drive and Elk Meadow Drive. I will propose rebuilding, widening, and engineering of that area.

We, the City Council and Mayor, look forward to serving you and hope you will attend our Council meetings on issues that affect each of us.

Vernon L. Fritz
Mayor

Mayor Fritz and City Council to be Sworn In

On January 8th, 2002 the newly elected Mayor; Vernon Fritz and City Council Members; Lee Freeman, Russell Sly, Gary Prestwich, and Todd Jackson will be sworn in at the City Council Meeting to be held at 6:00 pm. All citizens who would like to be present are welcome to attend. The regularly scheduled City Council Meeting will follow.

A CHANGE TO THE WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

On December 11th the City Council approved a change in Elk ridge City's snow removal ordinance. The previous ordinance restricted parking on City streets from November 1st through March 31st from 10:30 pm to 7:00 am. The ordinance now reads that no vehicles (see ordinance for further clarification) will be permitted to park on city streets from November 1st through March 31st 24 hours a day.

This change was made due to the fact that the streets need to be cleared of snow all hours of the day not only during the night. Please make a conscious effort to remove your vehicles from the city streets. A violation of this ordinance is considered a parking infraction and will warrant the issue of a citation.

Also, we receive numerous telephone calls from citizens on the morning after a snowstorm, complaining that their streets were not plowed. The priorities for the City is first to clear the bus routes so that Nebo School District will pick up our children after this is completed, the other streets are cleared in order of volume of traffic that travels on the street as well other dangerous situations, such as slopes. Our drivers are usually out a 4:00 am in order to clear the bus routes before the morning runs. We understand that some streets don't get plowed until late in the morning or early in the afternoon. However, we would ask that you be patient while waiting for your street to be cleared.

We have also received calls from citizens complaining that the US Postal Service will not deliver their mail because of the snow in front of their mailboxes. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to clear the snow in front of their own mailbox, not the City of Elk Ridge. The snowplow drivers try to get as close as they can to the boxes, however, in doing so, they have hit a few mailboxes, and of course we then receive calls complaining that mailboxes are down. The city snowplow drivers are to clear the streets not the mailboxes.

If there are any other concerns that have not been addressed, please contact the City Office at 423-2300.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

BFI will be placing a garbage dumpster at the City Office for the disposal of Christmas trees on January 14th and 15th. The dumpster will be provided at a cost to the City as it is not a part of our contract with BFI. THE DUMPSTER IS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES ONLY!!!! If other debris is put into the container the additional cost to the City will be substantial. If the dumpster is misused it will not be provided next year, so please use it well.

City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

January 8th 6:00 PM
January 22nd 6:00 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

January 3rd 7:00 PM
January 17th 7:00 PM

TECHNICAL REVIEW

January 3rd 2:00 PM
January 17th 2:00 PM

FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 2nd 7:00 PM
January 16th 7:00 PM

EMT DEPARTMENT

January 9th 7:00 PM
January 23rd 7:00 PM

* COMBINED EMT/FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 30th 7:00 PM