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Elk Ridge Bugle

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Message From the Mayor

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped the City so much this year. Most folks are not aware of the many hours of volunteer work by ordinary citizens. The Fire Department, EMT, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Water Board, and certainly of great importance, our office staff and public works employees. Having sat on three different City Councils, I can tell you that right now we have some of the best councilpersons working for the city that I can recall. Men and women who give of themselves both past and present are to be appreciated for their labors and concern for the community as a whole.

I would also like to take a few lines of this letter to let you know what I hope will be the direction we take during the remaining three years of our administration.

Goosenest

There are mixed feelings about running City water and sewer into this section of the City. With the Goosenest Water Company supplying the needs of this neighborhood there is not a sense of urgency for this service but I'd like the community to understand that eventually it will happen. My commitment is to give at least a two-year warning if possible. Obviously there are some things that are beyond the City's control but I think it prudent for those so affected to start thinking about it. It will be an expensive project. I believe when the time comes that water and sewer installation should occur simultaneously. When that happens the road would be rebuilt also. Until that time we will continue normal maintenance.

Water Source

During the year 2002 we had the Loafer Canyon Well producing at 650 gpm, two weak wells at 45 gpm each, and the well we just replaced which delivered 175 gpm for a total of 915 gpm. The Cloward Well (replacement well) in the north end of the city is finished. It comes in at 1250 gpm usable water, which dramatically improves our resource to double our former capability. This well provides tangible evidence of how the increased water rate has benefited the city. Before I leave office though I hope we are able to have a third well and tank of which a good part will be paid for by impact fees on new development.

Another item if the Well in upper loafer canyon went dry or if the delivery line were ruptured, there would be no way to get water into the upper tank. The upper tank services the area around High Sierra. Redundancy in our water source represents a 1st step toward providing water to all segments of the community even in the event of a well going dry. An additional problem is the size of the delivery line from North Elk Ridge to the lower tank. It will permit only 400 gpm consistently so if the Upper Loafer Canyon Well went dry 400 gpm would be insufficient to meet our needs. I will propose either up sizing that line or adding a third well or source of water within the next couple of years. Instead of a well we might join Payson in drilling another well or buying water from them in case of an emergency.

Loafer Canyon Road

Loafer Canyon Road still has a way to go but my recommendation is that until we resolve our sewer limitations (probably two to three years out) there will be not further work in that area. At present we are near capacity with the Salem system of which we own 18%. Given that we have nearly one hundred approved lots in town we are limited regarding further annexation or development. As you may know we are preparing a proposal to Payson, which could divert a large part of our current sewer connections plus that of nearly all new development. We are only in the beginning phase of discussion on this subject.

Traffic Patterns and Signs

We are studying traffic patterns and signage. Some first steps have been taken. Naturally this has caused some disagreement in some sectors of the city. We continue to study the issue. Please understand that there are many voices some for and others against. The current recommendations are being made by a retired police officer with six years of traffic enforcement experience. Where change is proven to have been a mistake we are open to suggestions. I ask for your patience as we work our way through this process.

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Traffic signs will be on the January 14th council agenda.

There are several streets that are in serious need of work. There are also isolated locations that need attention regarding storm drainage. We are taking steps to address those problem areas during this new year as well.

Winter

Schedule for the Utah County Bookmobile
Salem Hills Drive & Maple Lane 3:30-4:45 p.m.

January
14th

February
8th 22nd

March
5th, 19th

April
5th, 19th

May
2nd, 16th, 30th

Volunteer

Where do you live? Close to Salem, Mt. Loafer, Barnett or Taylor Schools? How much difference do you think it would make for a little schooler if you shared one or two hours a week to help him learn to read? He would love you forever! Doesn't cost much but it pays a lot. It would cut down your taxes, too! If you educate a child in school it costs a lot less than if you have to keep him in jail later for not learning how to read! For openings near you, call Norman Smith at 798-1609.

Water, Sewer, or Road Emergencies

If you have any kind of an emergency regarding water, sewer or Roads, please call this pager number. 283-3270.

CPR Class

There will be a CPR Class on Friday the 31st of January. There is a small fee for supplies. Contact Kamile Peterson 423-2205

Planning Commission

The city would like to thank Robert Goodwin & Bruce Lindow for their time and efforts with the planning commission. Their terms on the commission expire in February 2003. If you are interested in being a part of the Planning Commission please contact Mayor Fritz.



News from 3-steps

The Emergency Preparedness Program for Elk Ridge.

Christmas and New Years are over and it is time to become concerned about our level of preparedness for emergencies. The city is becoming organized. We have a citywide board, neighborhood chairs, and will soon have all neighborhoods organized into small groups of approximately 10 families under group captains.

One of our first priorities will be training. On January 7, 2003, we will have an introductory orientation for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at the Elk Ridge City offices at 7:00 p.m. Ken Moravec of Advertdisasters, a CERT trainer will present an overview of CERT and the services provided to communities.

Our first CERT training will take place on January 25, 2003, in Salem.

Dates: January 25th 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and February 1st 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Place: Chapel at 60 South Main St., Salem

Cost: \$35.00 this cost is for materials. The training will provided at no cost.

Registration: Call the Salem City Office at 423-2770 and register. Registration is limited to 80 people so please call as soon as possible.

Please bring a sack lunch. The Salem community has offered to provide a simple dinner at no charge. Boy Scouts taking this training will receive 3 merit badges: Fire suppression, First Aid, and Emergency Preparedness. The training also fulfills some of the requirements for girls in the young women's program.

The training on the 25th will be an all day marathon. The following Saturday, the 1st, will be a drill to establish the level of proficiency acquired during the training. So that we can keep track of our city's participation please call Gayle Weber at 423-3190 after you have registered. We will arrange transportation from Elk Ridge to Salem for those who are interested.

