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Elk Ridge Bugle

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Message from the Mayor...

On December 9th, the City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding establishing a storm Drainage fee for the residents of Elk Ridge. The Time will be 6:05pm. The City has long experienced A problem with storm run-off water in the areas where Curb and gutter exist. The water in the Oak Ridge area Runs into private property which is illegal and we must Address the issue.



In the not so distant future we will be required to complete the development of the retention pond at the head of county road 1600. Phase 1, from the retention pond to the junction of Oak Ridge and Park Drive will cost approximately \$340,000.

It is recommended by our engineers that a per property fee of \$8.00 be assessed on a monthly basis to provide funds to maintain existing systems and accumulate funds to complete Phase 1 of the overall project.

We invite your attendance and comments. If you wish to address the council please call not later than 12:00 December 9th, to get on the agenda.

Beginning in January 3 new council persons will be sworn in and a new chair will be seated on the Planning Commission. Councilman Nielsen, Lee Freeman and Todd Jackson will be replaced by Mary Rugg, Mark Johnson and Alvin Harward. The current Chair person on the Planning Commission, Kelly Adams will be replaced by a yet to be named commission member. All and each of these citizens are deserving of our thanks for the work they have performed and regarding the new people, for the service they will be doing on our behalf. I am particularly appreciative of the out going Council persons and Planning Commission Chair person. These citizens have donated years of service to the city and we are better for their work.

May we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Vernon L. Fritz

Disaster Emergency Communications Update

We are making good progress on emergency communication plans in case of a disaster. Your neighborhood Chairman will be filling you in on details, but the general plan is as follows: Neighborhoods will use walkie talkies as a communication tool. You will use the channel number that corresponds with your neighborhood number (which also corresponds with ward numbers). For example, channel two would be used by those living in neighborhood two (second ward). Be sure you eliminate any privacy codes on your channel so you can communicate with others in your neighborhood. Group Captains will call their neighborhood chairman on the status of their group using their neighborhood channel. The neighborhood chairman will take the calls and forward pertinent information on to the City Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which will be at the city hall. The Incident Commander at the City EOC will deploy available fire and first aid resources from the city and excess demand will be handled by the various CERT teams out of their neighborhood staging areas. Amateur Radio operators should first help with their immediate groups, then report to the nearest CERT staging area to aid in relaying messages. They will use a frequency of 144.665 mhz. Both walkie talkies and amateur radios should be kept clear except for emergency communications, and messages should be as brief as possible. More details will be sent from your neighborhood chairman and CERT team leaders. If you have questions, or would like to become more involved in your neighborhood 3-step or CERT programs, Linda Goodwin 423-3721, Gail Webber 423-3190, Claudette Echols 423-1127 or LaRon Taylor 423-2843.

**BOOKMOBILE
DECEMBER 10TH
11:00 – 1:00
Salem Hills Dr & Maple Lane**

LOOKING FOR GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

Plan to purchase **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ITEMS** for your families. They are available with this months City Buy. We strongly encourage you to consider purchasing communication equipment (walkie talkies and am/fm multi-powered radios.) Our city has just completed its Communications Pan and walkie-talkies and ham radios are the basis of our ability to communicate with our groups, neighborhoods, city offices, and state agencies in the event of an emergency or disaster if the power is out. Handouts will be arriving at your door with information on this months City Buy. The following items are being offered: walkie-talkies, am/fm radios, broad band radios, garden seeds, flashlights, sleeping bags, mylar blankets, light sticks, hand and foot warmers, body warmers. Most items will be at the city offices for viewing. If you need more information please call Claudette Echols at 423-1127. If you have not received a handout with complete information on this City Buy please contact your neighborhood captain or neighborhood chairman. It is their responsibility to deliver this information.



You know you are getting older when you have to ask your grandson to help you with the computer. That white hair up there, even if there is not a lot, is evidence of years of experience. No one can take that away from you. You have a lot to share. Our younger generation can learn a lot from you. Give a few hours a week of your valuable time and see it blossom in the smiles of a child learning to read. You might help at your local elementary school in the mornings or the Family Literacy Center in the afternoons. Call Norman Smith at 798-1609 for details.

**NO PARKING ON THE CITY STREETS AT ANY TIME
HOURS FROM 12-1-03 TO 3-1-04. VEHICLES WILL
BE TOWED TO GARAGE AND STORED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.
AUTOMOBILES, TRAILERS, TRUCKS, BOATS,
SNOWMOBILES AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION**



