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Elk Ridge Bugle

Year 2005 Edition

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Message from the Mayor...

By the time you receive this newsletter our city may have been buried in a major snowfall. With heavy snowfall comes problems in the form of snow removal by city employees who work twelve hour days during peak periods. I know many of you will join me in thanking them for their labors.

However, as Mayor I receive the phone calls when things are not moving as quickly as we would like. By way of explanation, we set priorities regarding the order of plowing.

First and foremost the major streets must be plowed. That means major corridors into the city, bus routes, and finally side streets and dead-end streets get attention in the order of their priority. In particularly severe weather some side streets may not get plowed for a day or more.

I have instructed our drivers that twelve hour shifts are the limit. I have also instructed them to take their meals and occasional breaks even in severe weather. A tired driver is a dangerous driver. We have four men and two trucks when all are available and thus in most cases we can keep up with the snow.

We have over fourteen miles of roads in Elk Ridge. I have added nearly a mile of county road 1600 & Loafer Canyon road to the list. These roads are not the highest priority to the county.

It takes a snow plow 3 1/2 hours to make a single pass with the snow plow truck. Most roads require at least three passes and the wider streets as much as four passes. When snow is falling rapidly the main roads alone consume the available time and require more than the usual 3-4 passes. If the main roads are not cleared there is little value in side streets receiving a higher priority.

We live in a mountainous area & I appreciate the patience manifest by most citizens. But I also understand the frustration of those who cannot reach their homes during snow storms. I especially understand the irritation experienced by those who perceive that the snow removal workers appear to be traveling too fast and occasionally damage mailboxes. I intend to ride with some of them this next series of storms. I am told that when pushing snow the top speed is 25 mph, that the trucks

simply cannot go any faster with the blade down and dragging the asphalt. That figure is challenged each winter by citizens who perceive a faster movement. I will check it out personally.

For citizens living on a dead-end street a special problem exists. We can only get into and out with a smaller truck. We also must use the backhoe occasionally to clear intersections. One of the great annoyances to all of us is when the snow plow comes by and creates a wall of snow at the entry of our driveway. There is no practical way to avoid this. Our people do the best they can. In my opinion they deserve pats on the back not kicks in the behind. They have a difficult task & I'm glad they are the ones out there all night rather than me.

SNOW PLOW PRIORITY

- 1ST Park Drive
- 2nd Bus Routes
- 3rd Through Streets
- 4th Cul De Sacs
- 5th Dead End Roads

FYI: You can license your dog here at the City Office or you can do it at the Vet's.

IF YOU LIVE NEAR A FIRE HYDRANT, PLEASE CLEAR A PERIMETER OF 3 FEET.

The city is looking for new planning commission members. The term is 7 years. Please call the Mayor if you are interested.

Utah County Bookmobile Jan-May 2005

1:45 pm - 3:45 pm Wednesday's

City Office Parking Lot

January	12 th & 26 th
February	16 th
March	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th
April	13 th & 27 th
May	11 th & 25 th

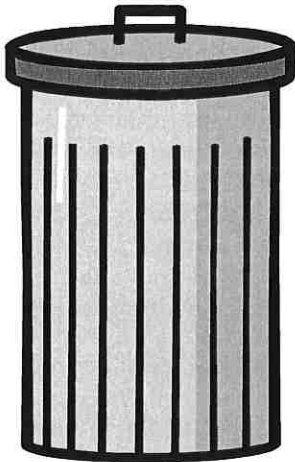
USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control	343-8637
Mosquito Abatement	370-8637
Sr. Health Hotline, IHC	357-4700
UTA Bus Information	375-4636
Ut. Co. Cancer Screening	370-8738
Ut. Co. Public Health	851-7000
Ut. Co. Sheriff Emergency	911
Ut Co. Sheriff Dispatch	343-4100
USU Ag Extension	851-8460

LOST & FOUND

The city office receives items found on the roads, city park & playground. If you have lost something please contact our office. We currently have some unclaimed items. Call 423-2300

Water, Sewer or Road Emergencies 283-3270 (pager)



**DUMPSTER
FOR
CHRISTMAS
TREES
JANUARY
7TH-12TH**

DATES TO REMEMBER

5 TH	Fire Department Meeting	7:00 pm
6 th	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
11 th	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
12 th	EMS Meeting	7:00 pm
17 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	OFFICE CLOSED
19 th	Fire Department Meeting	7:00 pm
20 th	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
25 th	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
26 th	EMS Meeting	7:00 pm

8-1-4: STATEMENT OF CHARGES; DELINQUENCY:

- B. *Failure To Pay; Returned Checks:* The statement shall specify the amount of the bill for the water service and the place of payment and date due. An account is considered delinquent if it is not paid by five o'clock (5:00) P.M. on the last day of the same month that the bill is sent (or on the following day if the last day falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday). A service charge may be charged on returned checks. The delinquent amount is due by the last day of that month. Unless payment is made in full by the last day of that month, service will be discontinued. (Ord. 89-11-14-4, 11-14-1989; amd. 2003 Code)
- C. *Discontinued Service:* If the water service is thereafter discontinued for failure to make payment, then before the water service to the premises shall again be provided, all delinquent water charges must have been paid to the city treasurer or arrangements made for their payment in a manner satisfactory to the city. In the event water is turned off for nonpayment of water charges, then before the water service to the premises shall again be provided, the customer shall pay, in addition to all delinquent water charges, such extra charge for turning the water on and off as the city council may have established by resolution. Furthermore, in addition to such payments and penalties, a delinquent customer may be required to make and file a new

12/14/04

Dear Council Members and Mayor Fritz:

First I would like you to know that I appreciate the opportunity that I have to perform various tasks and duties in behalf of the people of this beautiful community. Second and regretfully this past year as I mowed the lawn within the park, I have taken notice and have first hand experienced many piles of dog excrement. Not only does the lawn mower whip the feces out and around the playgrounds and soccer fields which results in various and unpleasant happenings to myself; it also results in unpleasant experiences for children and the parents that frequent our city park, playground and walking trail. Therefore, it is hereby requested that an ordinance is approved and enforced that prevents dogs from entering our park. As we already have a leash law this should not be a problem! I know that children and parents alike have stepped in and fell in these unpleasant piles of fecal matter. They have entered vehicles and their homes with this very unpleasant odor and feces on their feet and at times on their hands and clothing. I will gladly post the signs if you will approve and purchase them. (Short and to the point)

Thank You

Sincerely

Paul Eddy

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

We would like to spotlight Cindy Ellis this month. Cindi & her husband Ty have been residents of Elk Ridge for a little over 10 years. They have 2 daughters & 5 grandchildren. Cindi's occupation is being a Grandmother & she loves it. Her other hobbies & interests include: Ham Radio, gardening, hiking, fishing, camping and anything to do with the outdoors. Even though she considers herself a 'boring person' she is far from it. She was on Elk Ridge City Council for 3 1/2 years, & worked at Mt. Loafer Elementary for 5 years. She currently is on the PTA board for Mt. Loafer. She & Ty were also involved in the search for Garrett

Fire Department Grant

The fire department received a grant from the Utah Fire Rescue Academy. We have purchased fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, and battery-operated smoke detectors. We are offering these items to Elk Ridge residents at NO CHARGE. There are Equipment Request forms at the Town Office that need to be completed & submitted to the Fire Department. Requests will be granted on a priority level (i.e. older homes that do not have smoke detectors installed as per

**Elk Ridge Fire Department
Equipment Request Form**

Please fill out form completely and return to the Town Office. All requests will be filled on a priority level.

Name _____ Address _____

Home phone # _____ Work/Cell # _____

Please check any item that you are interested in receiving:

- Battery-operated Smoke Detector
- Carbon Monoxide Detector
- Fire Extinguisher

(You may check more than one item, but please be aware that you may not receive all items selected.)

Age of Home/Year Built _____

Do you currently have any smoke detectors installed in your home? ____ Yes ____ No

Does each bedroom have a smoke detector? ____ Yes ____ No

How many bedrooms are in your home? _____

Do you have a carbon monoxide detector on each floor? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you have a fire extinguisher on each floor? ____ Yes ____ No

Please state the reason for your request:

