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Message from the Mayor...

Finally, the bonds of winter have been thrown off. Spring reigns and summer lies ahead. Though it has been a good winter for snow pack none-the-less the return to warm weather is welcome.

This month's message centers around the fact that it is an election year. I have often stated that there should not be an occasion where there is only one candidate for any office. That remains my conviction. The office of Mayor and two Council positions will be open this next election period. Prior to that time however there are two openings on the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission sets the tone and direction for the growth of the city by making recommendations to the Council. They study the issues, concerns and direction they and the citizens believe should be taken in order to make Elk Ridge the kind of community each of us want to live in. Theirs is an advisory position. Not every recommendation is adopted but they are often the motivating force behind the ordinances and rules that help the Council and the Mayor govern.

Registration for declaring one's candidacy for elective office is July 15th with a cut off date on August 15th. If you even think you have something to give to the community please consider running for public office. It is a work well worth the investment of your time. The period of each office, Mayor and Council, is four years. Some one once asked me what qualifications were needed to be Mayor & I said "breathing". I got into trouble for that off-handed humorous remark. In reality all public service positions require honesty, integrity and commitment.

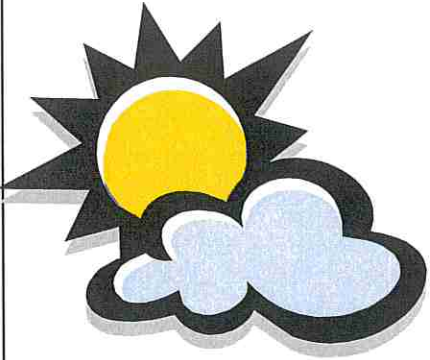
For my part, I have served on the appointed Board of Adjustments, the elected positions of Councilman, and currently, Mayor. I can honestly tell you that for the most part it has been a work that I have enjoyed. It is not always easy, it has moments when one wonders at the sanity of anyone wanting to place themselves in a position to be criticized but if I were to choose whether to do it again or not, I would not hesitate. I would run for office and look forward to the challenges.

If you don't like the way the current administration does things, get involved. If you have a better way of running the city, run for office. The best results in an election come about because of involvement.

I stated last month that I was holding off on the 'State of the City' message until April 26th in order that the issues affecting the city can be heard by all, both candidates and interested citizens. Starting time is 7:00 pm. Again, lets have a rousing election with a healthy amount of participation in which issues and questions can be fielded.

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>		
3 RD	Daylight Savings Begins	
6 th	Fire Department Meeting	7pm
7 th	Planning Commission Meeting	7pm
12 th	City Council Meeting	7pm
13 th	EMS Meeting	7pm
20 th	Fire Department	7pm
21 st	Planning Commission Meeting	7pm
26 th	City Council Meeting	7pm
27 th	EMS Meeting	7pm

There will be a dumpster here at the city office April 26th – May 3rd



BURN DAYS!!
April 8th – May 8th
Get your permit at the city office.

3 Metal Posts and a Banner announcing the Timpanogas Gem/Mineral Show were taken from the entrance sign area. These belong to Vila Wakkure who had permission to put them there. Please call her at 423-0122 if you have any information.

Utah County Bookmobile Jan-May 2005
1:45 pm – 3:45 pm Wednesday
City Office Parking Lot
April 13th & 27th
May 11th & 25th



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