

# ELK RIDGE BUGLE

## September 2005



### *Message from the Mayor...*

There are few defining moments in life. The subject at hand is not one of them but it is of sufficient import that I want to use this space to let the community know what is happening and what lies ahead.

My concern is that the City has no commercial or industrial base from which tax revenue may be derived. We are left then with property taxes to run the city. Everything costs more today that it did when we last raised property taxes in 2001.

Fortunately, we have had sufficient set-asides in our future capital projects accounts that could be returned to the general fund to get a balanced budget but that option is nearly over.

Regarding taxes, I firmly believe that when the citizens are aware of the circumstances and consequences of an issue they will support a modest tax increase if warranted.

In each of the last two years Councilman Sly and Prestwich voted in favor of and Council members Rugg, Harward and Johnson voted against a tax rate increase. Referring to their votes is not a criticism, but is a matter of record. Each Council member voted what they believed to be in the best interest of the city. I however, disagree with the rejection of a modest tax increase. You cannot run a 2006 budget on 2001 revenues.

The police services contract costs nearly \$50,000 a year and will go up each renewal period. As mentioned before however, the state standard for coverage is one officer per thousand residents. We have ½ officer for 2,300 residents. I often am approached about increasing police presence but in the absence of funds we cannot do it. The rejection of the proposed tax increase directly affects the funds available for increased services.

The fire department and emergency responders costs well over \$50,000 a year. Thank goodness for their success in getting grants to help out. Unfortunately most grants are rejected for Elk Ridge because we are the third highest mean income city in the state.

It's my belief that the Mayor and Council share a joint responsibility in anticipating the future needs of the community and must take steps to meet those challenges. Some of those challenges are to keep the city solvent while providing all necessary services.

As regards to the administrative budget we have redefined the job description of one employee and reduced the hours from 25 hrs/wk down to 20 hrs.

We are planning to reduce other costs where practical without severing highly desirable programs such as the Bookmobile which costs \$2,880/yr. Summer help on the park will be subject to review. Travel to conventions has been reduced for the current year and other cuts are being considered. My point in addressing this issue is that the Council generally responds to the wishes of the citizens.

We have an election coming in November and will hold a "Meet the Candidates" night on October 25<sup>th</sup>. I encourage your attendance. Two Council and the Mayor's positions are open.

### List of Candidates

Mayor:

Vernon L. Fritz  
Dennis Dunn

City Council member:

Gary G. Prestwich  
Raymond L. Brown  
Nelson Abbott

NO PRIMARY  
ELECTION IS  
REQUIRED THIS  
ELECTION.

*Note: Whoops! We thought we'd have the road and sewer work done by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August but the bid was so good we decided to extend the line another 300 feet. That's why we are a little longer than planned. The cost advantage was worth the delay. Thank you for your patience. Mayor Fritz.*

OVER THE WEEKEND (AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>) SOMEONE SEVERLEY AND DELIBERATLEY DAMAGED THE TUBE SLIDE IN THE PARK. THIS ACT OF VANDALISM WAS PERFORMED BY SOMEONE STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK OFF A 6 FOOT SECTION. IT WAS RIPPED FROM ITS CONNECTIONS AND THE PLASTIC BROKEN. THE COST FOR REPAIRS WILL BE OVER \$500. WE WILL NEVER KNOW WHO DID THE DIRTY DEED BUT HOPE THAT PARENTS WILL MAKE IT A POINT OF DISCUSSION. WE HAVE A PARK BENCH THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY THE SAME KIND OF ABUSE.



### Share the Harvest

Do you ever have produce from your garden before you have a chance to eat it? Put it to good use! "Grow a Row, Share the Harvest" is a statewide effort encouraging community members to donate fresh produce to the local food bank. Donations can be taken at 815 S Freedom Blvd. in Provo Monday - Friday 8am-4pm.

#### Dates To Remember

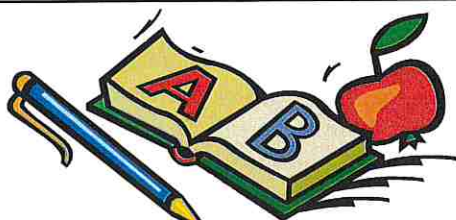
- 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission
- 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 7<sup>TH</sup> Fire Department
- 13<sup>th</sup> City Council
- 14<sup>th</sup> EMS
- 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission
- 21<sup>st</sup> Fire Department
- 27<sup>th</sup> City Council
- 28<sup>th</sup> EMS

\*All Meetings are at 7:00 pm. At the September 13<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting the Large Annexation will on the Agenda.

#### UTAH COUNTY 2005 SATELLITE VOTER REGISTRATION

Persons may register to vote in Utah County at any of the following locations.  
**SATELLITE REGISTRATION DAYS FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION OCT. 4<sup>th</sup> 2005**  
 Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

LOCATION	STREET ADDRESS	CITY/TOWN
American Fork Fire Station	96 N Center Street	American Fork
Highland City Office	5378 W 10400 N	Highland
Lehi Legacy Center	123 N Center Street	Lehi
Orem City Center (North End)	56 N State Street	Orem
Payson Middle School	851 W 450 S	Payson
Pleasant Grove Comm. Center	41 E 200 S	Pleasant Grove
Utah County Admin. Bldg	100 E Center Street	Provo
Santaquin Elementary School	25 S 400 W	Santaquin
Saratoga Springs City Office	1307 N Commerce Dr. #200	Saratoga Springs
Spanish Fork High School	99 N 300 W	Spanish Fork
Springville High School	1205 E 900 S	Springville



### BOOKMOBILE

Wednesday's 2:00 - 5:00  
 City Office Parking Lot

- September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
- October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>
- December 14<sup>th</sup>

#### UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FAIRS

Men Can Call 851-7038 to schedule the following:

- Complete Exam \$90
- PSA/PAP Blood Test & Digital Rectal Exam \$52
- Physical Exam \$25
- Fasting Cholesterol Check \$13
- Skin Cancer Screening Free
- Colon Cancer Screening Kits Free

The Celebration of Light will be September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. **WOMEN ONLY. NO CHILDREN PLEASE.**

Free Breast exam, Pap smear, and mammography voucher for women ages 50-64 who qualify. (by appointment)

- Bone Density screening \$5
- Fasting Cholesterol Test \$13 (by appointment)
- Vision Screening
- Skin Cancer Screening
- Body Mass Index Screening
- Colon Cancer FOBT (Fecal Occult Blood Test) Kits

And Many more fun and educational booths, door prizes and refreshments.

Especially for Seniors will be September 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

- Fasting Cholesterol Test \$5
- Bone Density Test \$5
- Free Skin Cancer Screening
- Vision Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Colon Cancer FOBT (Fecal Occult Blood Test) Kits
- Prescription Assistance Information
- Balance Testing
- Diabetes Information and Services

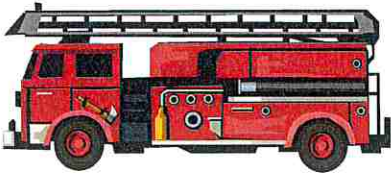
\*Refreshments & Much More!!  
 Utah County Health & Justice  
 Building 151 S University Ave.  
 851-7038

**Emergency Preparedness Fair**  
 on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00  
 to 1:30 at the lower Elk ridge building.  
 There will be presentations on:

- Food storage
- First aid
- Gardening
- House safety
- Earthquakes
- 3 day kits

Eagle Project for Spencer Quass

## Fire Department News



We would like to thank the citizens of Elk Ridge for their help in controlling our fire problem. We have had no more incidents since our last letter. Thank You!! Remember that if you are in need of medical assistance, we have a great team of EMTs that are always willing to serve and help any way they can. We have received some grants for the Fire Department and EMS Team which will greatly help serve the citizens of Elk Ridge. Thank you Marie-Jo Stout and KD Taylor for helping us get those grants!!

### Fire Department Spotlight

This month we would like to spotlight **Craig Olson**. He and his wife Jenny have 2 kids and have lived in Elk Ridge for 7 ½ years. Craig has been on the Fire Dept. for 7 years. He is our Fire Chief and does an excellent job on expanding the fire department's training in areas such as Wildland Fires, Extraction (taking apart vehicles to get victims out), and Firefighting certification. He also works hard at acquiring equipment for the Department. He is especially grateful for the help from his officers who make up his team. Craig has been a paramedic for the city of Provo in the past and brings a lot of experience to our EMS team. He is currently a Fire Fighter Engineer for Provo Fire Department, Timpanogos Cave Ranger/Medic, Utah County Fire Wildland Crew Member, and teachers at the Fire Academy for UVSC. Besides work, he enjoys camping, fishing, running ( he has ran in 3 marathons and 3 triathlons). He especially enjoys Southern Utah looking for cliff dwellings. He would like to see the Fire Department's size increase and hopes that Elk Ridge will continue to be a nice place to live. We would like to thank Jenny Olson for her support and sacrifice so that we can have Craig as our Fire

### CITY BUYS

- QUICK FROZEN FRUITS & SEAFOOD – Order forms will be available on or before September 10<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>. Delivery will be late October or early November. Pay \$1 to the city with your order. Pay Bithell Farms at delivery of orders.
- NUTS – Information has not been received, but I anticipate orders being available the end of September. Last year orders were due the middle of October with delivery 4 weeks later. Orders for above buys will be available at the city office, on the city web page [www.elkridgecity.org](http://www.elkridgecity.org) for from Marilyn Peterson 370 W Haley's Lookout. Completed orders may be turned in to the city office, Marilyn Peterson or your neighborhood captain or chairman. Those placing orders will be notified concerning delivery. Call Marilyn with questions 423-2505.
- FOOD STORAGE TIEMS – You can get all food items (14 pages) in cans, bags or buckets. Carol Morrell 423-3987 is putting this order together. Orders are due Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Ask for her discount if you are willing to help unload the truck and make calls. Get it NOW. Food prices are going up and gas prices are affecting shipping costs. Call Carol Morrell 423-3987 to obtain list and place order.
- A SPECIAL THANKS TO RON LECKIE FOR MAKING NEW LEGS FOR OUR SIGNS. WATCH SIGNS FOR REMINDERS.



**Water, Sewer or Road Emergencies 283-3270**

