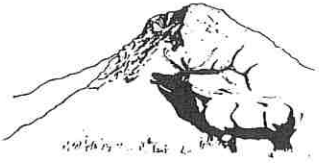


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# Be My Valentine

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Message from the Mayor...

Only a month has gone by and many things have happened, or at least started to come into focus. Continued talks with Payson are encouraging. Hook-up to their sewer system could come this fall. We are working hard to make that happen. I will keep you informed each month as to the progression of things so that you are not in the dark.

One of the concerns I have as Mayor is the hope that we develop a community personality that is pleasing and comfortable for each of us. A coach would call this 'team spirit'. To encourage each of you to find a starting point I would like to share a set of guidelines that have worked for me for the past thirty-five years. **POST THIS SOMEWHERE SO YOU CAN READ IT OFTEN.**

## TEN SIMPLE RULES OF DEALING WITH PEOPLE

1. **KEEP THE SKID CHAINS ON YOUR TONGUE; ALWAYS SAY LESS THAN YOU THINK.**
2. **MAKE PROMISES SPARINGLY BUT KEEP THEM FAITHFULLY, NO MATTER WHAT THEY COST.**
3. **NEVER LET AN OPPORTUNITY PASS TO SAY A KIND AND ENCOURAGING WORD ABOUT ANYBODY.**
4. **BE INTERESTED IN OTHERS. RECOGNIZE EVERYONE AS A PERSON OF IMPORTANCE.**
5. **PRESERVE AN OPEN MIND IN ALL DEBATABLE QUESTIONS. DISCUSS, DON'T ARGUE.**
6. **SAY NOTHING OF ANOTHER UNLESS IT IS SOMETHING GOOD.**
7. **ALWAYS RESPECT THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS; CRITICIZE HELPFULLY, NEVER SPITEFULLY.**
8. **DO YOUR WORK, BE PATIENT, AND KEEP A PLEASANT DISPOSITION.**
9. **PAY NO ATTENTION TO ILL-NATURED REMARKS; SIMPLY LIVE SO NOBODY WILL BELIEVE THEM.**
10. **SPEND SOME TIME EACH DAY PONDERING...AND ALL THINGS WILL COME GRACEFULLY.**

As I have looked about town I am pleased to see people helping each other with making it through the winter season. With spring just six weeks away, please keep an eye open for the opportunities that will present themselves. There is always something you can do to lighten the burden of another.

Our big spring job for the city is to clean-up the rocks from the chip-n-seal that has managed to creep into your grass and yards. This will require sweeping and vacuuming the roads and gutters. You will be told the dates when it is scheduled.

If you've ever wondered how we plow the roads the way we do, I will share the trade secret with you now. 1<sup>st</sup> Park Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bus Routes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Through streets, 4<sup>th</sup> Cul de sacs, 5<sup>th</sup> Dead end roads. If the snow storm is falling at a heavy rate, the plows will return to the first roads in order to keep traffic moving.

### **NO MORE BOOKMOBILE**

The cost was \$2,880. per year. The average number of books checked out per year was 1,000. There is a possibility of some negotiations with Payson or Salem for the use of their libraries. We will keep you posted.

We still have 3 Baby Jesus'. 2 small and 1 Large. Come to the city office to identify your baby. If unclaimed we will send them to the D.I.

**WATER, SEWER OR ROAD  
EMERGENCIES 283-3270**



## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Two problems: Dogs & ATV's. All it takes is responsibility. It has been recommended that we have one police officer for each 1,000 citizens. We have approximately 2500, so that would require 2 ½ officers. The cost would be \$200,000 a year. We have been operating with ½ officer costing \$40,000 per year. The major portion of our calls to the sheriffs department are about dogs & ATV's. Here are some ways that we as citizens can make a difference:

1. It is against the law to let your dogs run at large and chase deer.
2. If you are not out with your dog, keep them on a leash, chained up or in a kennel.
3. If you are a neighbor of a dog owner, call the neighbor instead of the police. Let them know what your complaint is (leaving unwanted deposits on your lawn, harassing you etc.). If you get no action, then call the sheriff.

The same things apply to ATV riders. Call parents, try to communicate. None of us are perfect and we all make mistakes now and then. We could all stand to be more tolerant and be better neighbors. Stop for Stop signs, obey the speed limit, clean up your yards etc. Let us all help each other and make a difference.

Thank you,  
Al Harward, Councilman

### UPCOMING CITY BUYS

Fruit & Seafood, First Aid Kits, Fire Extinguishers, 72 hour kits & Wheat grinders. Go to [www.elkridgecity.org](http://www.elkridgecity.org) for an order form. For more info call Marilyn Peterson 423-2505. Orders are due by 2/22/06.

*Fire Department Spotlight: Kevin Watson. He and Jane have been married for 15 years and have 3 children. He has been on the Fire Department as a firefighter for 4 years. He works as a Sheriff's Deputy for Utah County. He enjoys riding motorcycles with his boys and camping. He also works for the city as a part-time snow plow driver.*

*Fire Department News: Thank you to Kelley Perkins for all of her hard work as the Public Information Officer. She is resigning as PIO, but will remain an EMT. A Black leather coat was left at Linda Jones' home from the Christmas party. Please call me 423-3126 to claim your item. We have one opening left on the EMS team. Your training will be paid for. Please contact Linda Jones or pick up an application from the city office.*

**JOB OPENING:** Public Information Officer for the Fire Department. For a detailed description of position duties and more information, please call Kamile Peterson 423-2205. You can also submit a letter of interest to [staff@elkridgecity.org](mailto:staff@elkridgecity.org).

### SALEM RECREATION

**Spring Soccer:** K-8<sup>th</sup> End of March – May. K \$15. 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> \$20. Reversible jersey \$10. Sign up deadline is 2/24/06.

**Urban Fishing Registration:** Ages 6-13. Classes will be held at Salem Pond starting about April 6<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$15. Deadline is 3/12/06. Fee includes fishing tackle and shirt. We are looking for Adults that would like to help instruct and teach youth how to fish. Please call 423-1035 if interested. Training meeting will be 2/7/06 @6:00 pm.

**Baseball Registration:** K-11 March 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00-7:00, March 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00-12:00. Registrations on or before March 11<sup>th</sup> will received a \$10. discount off the regular fee.

		<u>Reg.</u>	<u>Early</u>
T-Ball co-ed	(K only)	\$30	\$20
Coach Pitch	1-2 grade (boys & girls)	\$35	\$25
Mustang	3-4 grade (boys)	\$55	\$45
Falcon	3-4 grade (girls)	\$50	\$40
Pinto	5-6 grade (boys)	\$55	\$45
Filly	5-6 grade (girls)	\$50	\$40
Pony	7-8 grade (boys)	\$60	\$50
Fox	7-8 grade (girls)	\$50	\$40
Colt	9-11 grade (boys)	\$65	\$55
Phoenix	9-11 Grade (girls)	\$55	\$45

*\*Non-Residents add \$5*

Eligibility is determined by present grade (2005-2006) you are in at the time of registration.

**Umpires:** are needed for Mustang, Pinto, Pony, Falcon, Filly and Fox Leagues. Both men & women are encouraged to sign up. Please call the Salem Recreation Office at 423-1035.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

2 <sup>ND</sup>	Planning Commission
14 <sup>th</sup>	HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
14 <sup>TH</sup>	City Council Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission
20 <sup>th</sup>	PRESIDENTS DAY OFFICE CLOSED!
28 <sup>TH</sup>	City Council

