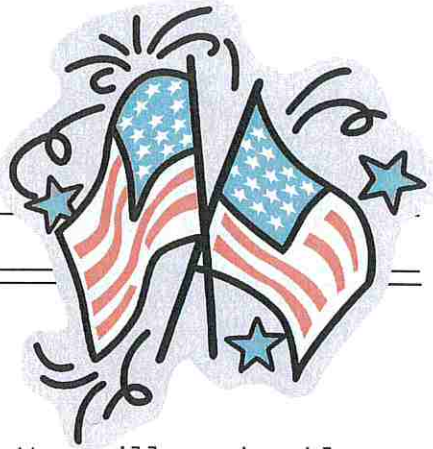




July 2005

Elk Ridge Bugle



Andrea Muhlestein - Editor

Message from the Mayor...

Keep July 15th - August 15th in mind if you plan to run for public office. We have two Council and the Mayor's positions up for election in November. Both are four year terms.

As we approach budget time it is necessary to consider needs vs. revenue. A small city with a limited tax base and virtually no commercial or industrial tax resource struggles to meet basic needs.

Each year, as part of the budget process, the Council must determine whether to raise, lower, or maintain the status quo regarding property tax rates. In August we will have a public hearing and taxes will be on the agenda. As Mayor it is my responsibility to identify needs and attempt to find resources to cover those needs. For the most part, property taxes represent our most significant source of revenue.

We have a portion of the budget called the "General Fund." In order to repair certain roads during the past two summers, we had to dip into the General Fund to meet repair necessities. In 2003 & 2004 we spent in excess of \$125,000 each year. This year the figure will be closer to \$100,000. This should be our last year of extensive work which will see almost all of our roads in good condition. Our normal source of road funds should then permit us to keep up with routine maintenance.

The City tries to meet its obligations in a prudent and cost effective manner but we will always be behind the eight-ball in one area or another. Costs continue to rise each year.

An area that is making greater demand upon our resources each year is police services. Our current contract with the Sheriff's department runs in the neighborhood of \$50,000 annually.

The normal ratio of police services per thousand residents is one deputy per thousand. Elk Ridge squeaks by with about 1/2 deputy per twenty-three hundred

residents. We will not be able to maintain that ratio for much longer. It is anticipated that we will need a full-time officer in the next couple of years. With increased population comes other troubles but not all of our police actions are for our citizens. We have outsiders entering the city and making mischief. When we go to a full-time officer the cost will be high. Over \$100,000 annually if we contract with the county sheriff, much more if we staff it ourselves.

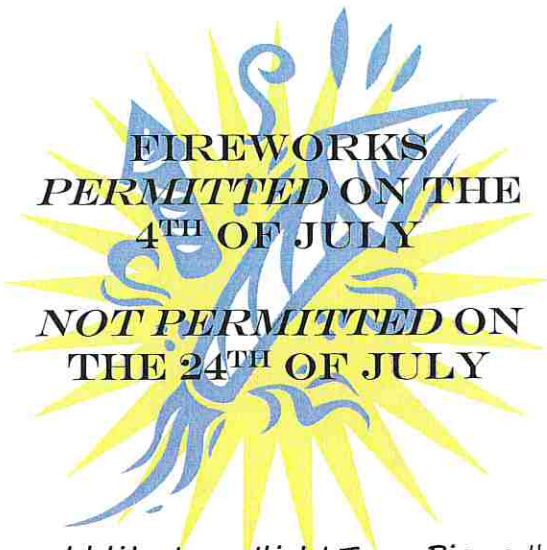
It will be my recommendation to the Council that we consider setting money aside for future police service needs to include a police car and at least one to two full or part-time officers plus benefits. The Council will consider this subject in the near future and a decision will be made in August after a public hearing.

An additional item which is FYI more than anything else: Blind corners can cause accidents. Please trim all vegetation on corners to make a visually clear line of sight between 36 inches on the low side and 7 feet on trees. Check with city for the actual requirements in the ordinance.

Dates to Remember

- July 4th OFFICE CLOSED
- July 6th Fire Dept. Meeting
- July 7th Planning Commission Meeting
- July 12th City Council Meeting
- July 13th EMS Meeting
- July 20th Fire Dept. Meeting
- July 21st Planning Commission Meeting
- July 24th PIONEER DAY
- July 25th OFFICE CLOSED
- July 26th City Council Meeting
- July 27th EMS Meeting

*All meeting are at 7:00 pm unless otherwise specified.



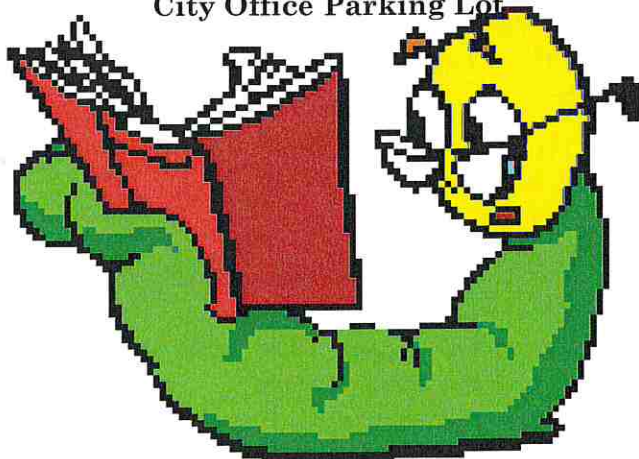
CITY BUYS – Thank you for your participation in our recent City Buys. If your order is sitting on your desk call Marilyn Peterson 423-2505 to see if you can still submit it. Those who placed orders will be notified concerning delivery. We will do a bulk food order in September, nuts in October, Seafood and Berries sometime this fall and more earthquake and emergency supplies in November (in time for Christmas gift giving). If you have particular items you would like to see offered or want to help, please contact Marilyn Petersen at the above number or at citybuys@csolutions.net. Special thanks to Jim Nicolet for getting our orders onto the city web page!! We will continue to call upon his skill to put all future orders on the city web page.

We would like to spotlight Terry Pierce this month and also say THANKS for all the time he has given Elk Ridge City. Terry and his wife, Margie, and their four children: Ian (13), Trevor (12), Kaylie (6) and McKelle (6) have lived in Elk Ridge for a little over three years. Terry has been on the fire department from day one!! Terry is an Air Traffic Controller and has had to commute to Salt Lake City. They are sad to have to leave Elk Ridge because they love it here, but it has turned out to be a necessity to move. Terry enjoys anything outdoors -- hunting, fishing, camping, tennis, 4-wheeling, etc. We want to wish them luck in their move and hope they will be happy in their new setting. Thanks so much for your friendship and for opening your home to the fire department!!

Fire Department News

BOOKMOBILE

July 13th & 27th
 August 10th & 24th
 4:00 – 6:00 pm Wednesday's
 City Office Parking Lot



FYI: THE DUMPSTER AT THE PAVILLION IS NOT FOR PERSONAL USE! Payson and Spanish Fork have Transfer Stations that you can haul your

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

1st Place Winners Art Competition

Bryn Riley (Tiny Tots)	Sophia Neria (4 years)
Elise Riley (Grades 1-2)	Meagan Smith (Grades 3-4)
Amanda Smith (Grades 5-6)	Ashley Smith (Grades 7-9)

Golf Tournament Results

1st Place Team

Tom Mann Jerry Boyer Jed Nelson Nick Nelson

2nd Place Team

Jan Newman Richard White Dave Tuckett Dennis Christensen

3rd Place Team

Wayne Frandsen	Bryce Frandsen
Gary Prestwich	John Wood
Karl Wood	

4th Place Team

Jordan Clark Steve Clark Mike Harward Alvin Harward

Women's Long Drive Winner	Onna Stephens
Men's Long Drive Winner	?? Need Card
Closest to Hole	Richard White

***PLEASE PICK UP YOUR GIFT CERTIFICATES AT THE CITY OFFICE. MONDAY –FRIDAY 8:30-3:30.**

****SOCCER REGISTRATION**
 K-4TH NOW THROUGH JULY 29TH
 Register at the City Office**