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Elk Ridge Bugle

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DENNIS DUNN

As promised in the last newsletter, I have put together a sampling of the comments from the feedback forms that were returned to the office. About 27%, or 132, of the forms were returned which is considered good for this type of project. When you read through these comments, I hope that you discover just how diversified we are as a community. These quotes are verbatim. Nothing has been changed or paraphrased. What you read is what was written. Some of this will offend you, some will make you laugh and some, you will agree with. As we open the process of writing the General Plan, I encourage you to make yourselves more aware of the opportunities you will have to be heard and be a part of the public process.

MY IMPRESSION OF ELK RIDGE IS:

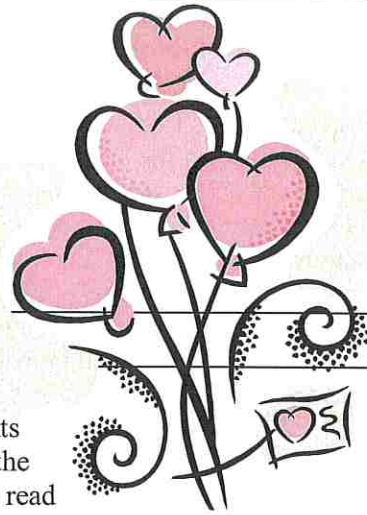
“Beautiful place”, “A quiet place to live”, “Friendly city”, “Wonderful place to live, keep it rural”, “It’s a great place to live”, “Lot’s of elbow room”, “A place that should be incorporated into Payson”, “Too many uncared for yards”, “A split community-somewhat”, “Secure and safe”, “Very safe and secure with lots of good people”, “Great views”, “Too expensive to live here”, “The best kept secret of South Utah County”, “We do wish that people would finish their yards nicely”, “Great people”, “A friendly warm community”, “Growing fast”, “A great place to live-generally”, “A city with potential of growth”, “We are so happy to live here”, “It’s a beautiful place to live but not convenient as far as stores and jobs”, “It’s amazing”, “For the most part, very favorable”, “Tale of two cities, old run down side, new nice looking side”.

THE BIGGEST ISSUES FACING ELK RIDGE ARE:

“Development”, “Rapid Growth”, “Going faster than the speed limit”, “Over development”, “Growth”, “A Broader tax base”, “Water and Sewer”, “How to get citizens to be proactive”, “Expensive water”, “Traffic, junk in yards, speeding”, “People move in and want to keep Elk Ridge small and not let anyone else move in”, “If growth must occur, keep the country atmosphere”, “Our children are being held hostage by dogs that the owners let run at will”, “Dogs getting into garbage”, “Cost of water, lack of commercial tax base”, “Water and sewer”, “Direct access to the freeway”, “People need to get off of their ‘These are View Lots’ high horse”, “Secondary water”, “Keeping the roads in good shape”, “No cemetery”, “Last thing we want is high density, low income families moving in and destroying what we have earned for ourselves”, “Could use a few handy businesses”, “Supporting the growth with water and the ever increasing needs of a city”, “Lack of sidewalks, trashy yards and vehicles outside homes”, “Managing the growth that I see coming, yet keeping the ‘Small town’ atmosphere and open area”, “Don’t put walking trails in front of my house”, “Parks for kids and a cemetery”, “Need more street lights”, “No sales tax base, increasing need for services with growing population”, “Manage growth so that it compliments and enhances our existing developments”, “Lack of coordinated vision”, “Making sure our hillsides are preserved while allowing some development”, “Educating community how city government works here and how to be involved”, “Loss of open space”.

HOW CAN ELK RIDGE GIVE LIFE TO ITS HOPES AND DREAMS?

“Set a time limit on people completing their yard”, “Remain a small city, this is why we moved up here”, “I’d like to see yards with weeds out and up-keep on houses”, “No one knows what the people of Elk Ridge really want”, “We want Elk Ridge to stay small, that is why we moved up here”, “Find a place for a city cemetery”, “Get along with one another”, “Maintain a good infrastructure”, “If growth must occur, keep the country atmosphere”, “Develop a cemetery and pressurized water system for non-potable water”, “Maintain its charm and beauty”, “Everyone trying to work together even through disagreements”, “We need businesses here that can increase the tax base”, “Honor the speed limit and stop signs, be less selfish and more considerate”, “By having friendly, caring residents who help each other and care about their yards, and are willing to contribute and be responsible”, “Do not allow town homes”, “By sticking to the master plan”, “Fostering world peace, but that is a rather large agenda for tiny Elk Ridge, so we’ll let the bright folks like Rocky Anderson do that”, “My dream is for Elk Ridge to stay small”, “Residents, get off our ‘duffs’ and volunteer more”, “Support elected officials”, “Through controlled growth and public participation and understanding with compromise”, “Proactively look at growth plans that protect the environment and culture found in E.R.”, “Have a safe and secure living



environment", "I have no hopes and dreams", "We need a special ATV trail around Elk Ridge that families can enjoy", "Clean up the old part of town", "Make roads 4-wheeler friendly like Nephi City does".

IDENTIFY ANY ECONOMIC NEEDS IN ELK RIDGE:

"More parks and trails", "I'd like to see a cemetery in the near future", "Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street lights", "Enough revenue to cover the infrastructure", "A broader tax base", "None", "A C-store", "Commercial", "A small C-store would be nice", "I would be disappointed in any commercial development", "Best move is to consolidate with Payson City", "A second park with a playground. Continue on with the trail system", "We need a commercial tax base, but that is a tough nut to crack", "Emergency needs, road repair and maintenance", "A gas station and small market", "Jogging trails", "a better tax base", "Decrease water rates", "I could use more money, does that count?", "By the way, we don't need sidewalks or street lights", "Possibly a restaurant or two", "Police force", "We deserve a commercial tax base to lower our water rates", "We will probably need another well if we continue to grow", "Lets get the commercial area going", "Find and get grants, impact fees, perhaps attracting (carefully) businesses", "City offices should be expanded", "Citizen involvement", "Closer, higher paying jobs".

WHAT ARE THE GREATEST ECONOMIC BARRIERS TO ELK RIDGE?

"A closer strip mall would be nice, and save gas", "Distance from large cities", "None, keep industrial/commercial development out", "Develop a town center where we can keep our money in Elk Ridge", "I don't want development", "Businesses are needed for a tax base, but not in my neighborhood", "The age old problems 1.Sewer 2.Water 3.Anti-growth citizens", "Those of us who don't want any - keep it residential", "Distance from I-15", "Lack of interest by the community", "I really enjoy not having any retail facilities. I know this keeps the city from benefiting on tax revenue", "Location up in the hills. We residents can't have our cake and eat it too. If we want to keep business development out, we just have to 'bite the bullet' and be willing to pay higher taxes", "Lack of tax base", "Resistance from the locals", "Water - If you contact the State Hydrologist, he might suggest an angle drill through the fault for artesian flow", "The commercial side of Elk Ridge needs to be started", "The high cost of current vacant land", "Where to allow it and keep the current small city feel and look of the city", "People being open to the future of Elk Ridge development", "People like me that do not want stores / apts. / condos / tract homes".

THE STATURE OF ELK RIDGE COULD BE ENHANCED BY:

"Open space, walking trails", "Every property well tended, sidewalks", "keeping open space", "Incorporation into Payson where we belong", "Quit trying to make it a huge bedroom community", "Curb and gutter on all streets, not just new developments", "The city trail(s)", "Not getting on the 6:00 news over moronic issues", "A cemetery, a c-store, soft commercial", "Cleaning up messes in yards", "Residents taking better care of their homes", "Beautifying the entry way into town", "Keeping it as a living only community", "Separate water system for irrigation only", "Less dependency on Salem and Payson", "Sidewalks, curb and gutter", "An indoor pool, RV trails", "The new web site is an excellent change", "Forcing people to do their yards in a timely manner", "Make trashy people clean-up and maintain outside of their property", "No rental units or condos", "People cleaning up their yards", "I love the city park, looks great", "Righteous unselfish living, but I don't think the town government can mandate that", "Upgrade our community spirit and pride", "The beautification of Elk Ridge as a whole, then it will attract beautiful results", "Broadminded residents. There are 'pockets' of residents who want everything their way, not what is best for the town", "Planting trees along Park Drive", "Fewer whiney people", "Neighbors need to stop complaining", "Community center", "Everybody should work together", "Perhaps a rec. center", "Clean up the community", "A roundabout at the top of Elk Ridge Drive".

FEBRUARY CITY CALENDAR

- 1ST Planning Commission
- 2nd GROUNDHOG DAY!
- 13th City Council
- 14th VALENTINES DAY!
- 15th Planning Commission
- 19th PRESIDENTS DAY! *Office Closed*
- 20th City Council
- 21st Community Buy Orders Due

The Community Buy Committee is ready to do a Spring BERRY & SEAFOOD order. Orders are online @elkridgecity.org or the City Office. They are due 2/21/06! Call Julie Christensen 423-3504 with questions.

GREAT NEWS! Dave Jacobsen donated \$500 from Allstate Insurance Co. to our Disaster Prep. Committee for supplies.
DISASTER DRILL - MARCH 24TH 9:00 A.M.
CERT TRAINING - The class is free, the equipment & materials are provided at cost. MAY 5TH 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM, MAY 12TH 8:00 AM - Noon @ the upper LDS Chapel. Call LaRon Taylor 423-2843, Mike Turner 423-0907 or Gayle Weber 423-3190 with questions.

ATTENTION: 2 PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED
A.S.A.P. Call Mayor Dunn if your interested. 801-423-2300.

Foothill Elementary School needs volunteers to help with the reading program. 1 hour per week minimum or up to 4 hours per week. Call Principal Schollenberger @801-423-9172.