



Elk Ridge Bugle March 2007

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Message from Mayor Dennis Dunn...

Many of the concerns on the feedback forms had to deal with the **price of water**. Our base rate for water here in Elk Ridge is forty dollars a month. The rates change with the amount used. This is called a tiered structure. The more you use, the more it will cost. In the summer this can be a shock to the pocket book and cause a person to reflect as to why lawn even has a purpose in life. I find myself wondering where I can put some more cement and make it look nice and be useful. I have found something though that has made my use of water more reasonable when it comes to my garden. It is a drip system that cuts water consumption in the garden by about 80%.

My yard is now being assessed as to what xeriscaping will do to help lower my water use. Xeriscaping could save 40 to 80 percent of the water I now use.

Xeriscaping means using native plants that requires minimal maintenance and can survive with very little intervention. Let me share some facts with you that will help you to determine if a change in your water use habits is something that you need to consider.

1. 60 – 70 % of Utah's urban water consumption goes into watering lawns.
2. Water use could be reduced by 40-80% by using native plants.
3. Bathroom facilities account for nearly 75% of the water used indoors.
4. Utah's urban residents use more water per capita than any other population in the United States.
5. Toilets consume 35% of the water used in the home.
6. Showers use 33%.
7. If you reduced your shower time by 1 minute, you will save 2,000 gallons a year. An average family of 4.5 would save 9,000 gallons annually.
8. Faucets consume 5%. Not letting it run while brushing teeth will save 35 gallons a week per person.
9. Laundry and cleaning consumes 20% of the indoor use. Wash only full loads.
10. Dishwashers use 2%. Waiting until you have a full load will save 30 gallons a week.
11. Shrubs, flowers and other decorative plants require 25-50% less water than the lawn.
12. Utah is the second driest state in the Union, Nevada is the driest.
13. Well-maintained Kentucky bluegrass, which is the most common turf used in Utah, takes about 18 gallons a square foot, per year. Drought-tolerant plants can take about 3 gallons per square foot per year.

To visit the Division of Water Resources, visit them online at www.conservewater.utah.gov and look over the conservation ideas. For information on Utah native plants and where to purchase them visit-

www.slowtheflow.com www.unps.org www.xeriscape.org www.hort.usu.edu
www.highcountrygardens.com

If you have done something that has worked for you, please share it with us and we will do our best to pass it on via the city web site.

Message from Councilman G. Nelson Abbott...

As many of you may be aware the city recently updated our website. On our site you can read minutes from previous council and planning commission meetings, research city code or contact your elected officials via email. We as a city council would like the residents to use this tool to stay informed. Did you know you can subscribe to receive via email the agendas for planning and city council meetings? Simply send an email with your name and email address to staff@elkridgecity.org.

ALLIED WASTE SERVICES INFO

Garbage Day is TUESDAY. Allied Waste Services observes the following 7 Holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, July 24th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas. Call them at (801) 785-5935 with questions. *Extra cans must be requested from the City Office.*

Fire Department Spotlight – Mark Johnson: Mark has lived in Elk Ridge for 14 years with his wife and 4 boys. He is presently employed with the Utah Sheriff's Department and is one of our City Councilmen. He is the Maintenance Engineer for the Fire Department and has served the department for 13 years. His hobbies include fishing and riding his motorcycle. Elk Ridge is a safe place to live and that is the way he wants to keep it. Many thanks to his long service to the City.

Fire Department News: We would like to welcome Doug Stout and Richard Jones as our 2 new EMT's. **Fire Hydrants:** If you have a hydrant on your property, it is your responsibility to clear a 3' path to it. This is very important and can cause considerable delay for the Fire Department to hook up to it if it's covered with snow. Please take the time to keep the hydrants clear and ready to use.

TIMPANOGOS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY 48TH
ANNUAL SPRING PARADE OF GEMS
MARCH 16, 17 & 18 2007
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10 AM TO 7 PM
SUNDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM
SPANISH FORK FAIRGROUNDS
475 S MAIN STREET
FREE ADMISSION
*SEE MR. BONES! THE LIFESIZE WALKING T-REX
SKELETON! FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY*

F *All Money, including grant money, is specified to a certain department and cannot be legally transferred from one department to another. (ex: roads to water or vs.)
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I *Baseball sign-up for Elk Ridge ONLY ended 2/23.
*Garbage Cans must be out by 7:00am or there is no guarantee of pickup!

CITY DISASTER DRILL

The town of Elk Ridge will be having a city-wide disaster drill at **9AM on March 24th**. Everyone will want to participate in this drill so they will understand what procedures will be used in an actual disaster. **Preparing now will save lives then**. We would like everyone to report to their Group Captains as soon as possible after the drill begins. If you have any questions about the organization, or procedures to be followed, please contact LaRon Taylor 423-2843, Linda Goodwin 423-3721, Mike Turner 423-0907 or Gayle Weber 423-3190.

Thank You!

MARCH CITY CALENDAR

1st	Planning Commission
11 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
13 th	City Council
15 th	Planning Commission
17 th	St. Patrick's Day
24 th	City Disaster Drill
27 th	City Council