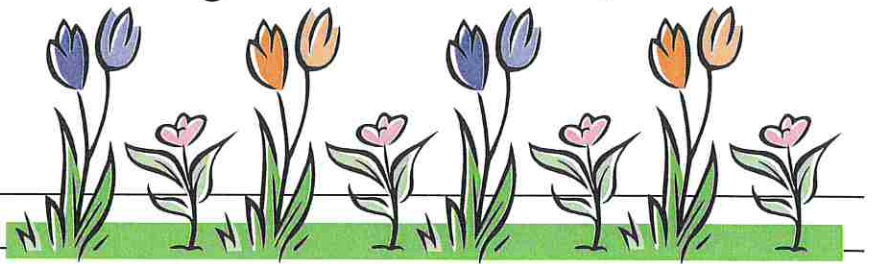




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Elk Ridge Bugle

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Message from Mayor Dennis Dunn...

As a young boy growing up in Provo in the 50's and 60's, I would hike to the top of Timpanogos each year. I always spent time looking at Utah Valley and pondered what it would look like in the future. Back then from the top of the mountain, each city was a separate bundle of lights. That bundle has expanded to embrace the entire valley now and any dark holes are filling in. Elk Ridge was a dark area back then.

What do you think about all of the changes going on around here? I want to share some facts with you that should help with putting a balance to the activity that is being experienced by all of the communities in the valley.

Last month, in one day, Salem sold a total of 620 building permits. Last year in 2006, Lehi generated 1,283 permits totaling 30.7 percent of the Utah County total. From Springville, south to Goshen, from January through September of 2006, permit-authorized construction totaled 1,016 units. Utah County led the state in single-family home construction with 4,180 homes and for the first time in the history of the state, surpassed Salt Lake County, which recorded 3,646 permits. So, what does this mean? It means you live in the county that has the highest population increase the state with 19,352. Salt Lake County was second with 18,089; Davis was third with 8,269 and Washington County with 7,772. It means that 25% of the growth in this county has taken place in the South end of the county and we can expect those numbers to continue. It means that we are not alone any more. If you have ever wondered where all this growth comes from, all you need to do is answer these three simple questions. Where did you come from? Why are you here? And, Are you a part of this growth? Since 1991 the state has had 704,435 births, 184,979 deaths, and 366,445 net migration increases. That totals 885,901 in new population. The 2000 census for Utah was 2,246,553 and the Census Bureau projects the 2050 population will be 5,368,567.

Elk Ridge is continuing to see activity in the growth and development prospects. All of these prospects are coming from property owners that desire to develop the property rights that they have a constitutional right to exercise. Many of these development interests are from Elk Ridge citizens. The economy has been robust enough to support the actions and interest thus far. Sustaining and follow through of these concerns will require an economy that can support interest rate changes, employment rates, availability of building supplies and inflation rates that will not turn into insatiable and unstable conditions.

That future that I wondered about and what it would look like, well it's here.

City Calendar for June 2007

- 7th Planning Commission
- 12th City Council
- 14th Army Birthday - Flag Day
- 17th Father's Day
- 21st Planning Commission
- 21st Early Registration for Soccer
- 22nd Early Registration for Soccer
- 26th City Council
- 29th Mayor's Annual Dinner
- 30th CITY CARNIVAL

ELECTION INFORMATION
3 CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS
OPEN. MUST FILE BETWEEN JULY
1ST-JULY 16TH

Berry Order for June 2007 can be obtained on the Elk Ridge website or @ the City Office. **Due Date is June 13, 2007.** Turn in orders & money to Julie Christensen 423-3504, Jennie Wilcox 423-0248 or the City Office.

PARK AND CITY OFFICE RESTROOMS ARE CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER UNLESS YOU HAVE RENTED THE PAVILLION. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN USE THE RESTROOM BEFORE THEY COME TO PLAY OR LET THEM KNOW THEY WILL NEED TO COME HOME.

Fire Department Spotlight - Chief Craig Olson. Craig has served as the Elk Ridge Fire Chief for 4 years. He has been in the fire service for 12 years with the Provo Fire Department and 9 years with our Fire Department. During his 4 year tenure as Fire Chief, Craig was instrumental in obtaining our fire engine, new structural and wild land fire safety clothing, air systems for the firefighters, new extrication equipment for use in auto accidents, the purchase of 2 brush trucks, a new cascade air system to fill the air tanks used by the firefighters and new improved equipment for our Emergency Medical Technicians. His leadership has greatly enhanced the safety of our community. With his increasing duties as a Provo firefighter and instructor for the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, Chief Olson relinquished his duties as Fire Chief on April 30th, 2007. The City of Elk Ridge owes him many thanks for his dedication to our community and to Elk Ridge Emergency Services. The new Elk Ridge Fire Chief is Seth Waite.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following public hearings will held in June 2007. See enclosed Elk Ridge Development Map for locations of subdivisions. There will be 3 public hearings held on June 7, 2007 at the City office in the council room concerning the following:

1. At 7:30 p.m. a public hearing will be held concerning the applications of Karl Shuler for Preliminary Plat of Elk Haven Subdivision, Plat A; and John Money for Preliminary Plat of Elk Haven Subdivision, Plat B. Any interested parties may appear at said hearing and voice his/her opinions on the request. If you have any questions, call the City office at 423-2300.
2. At 7:40 p.m. a public hearing will be held on final plat approval for Elk Ridge Meadows PUD, Phase 3.
3. At 7:50 p.m. a public hearing will be held on amending Elk Ridge City code regarding minimum improvements required prior to building permits, Section 10-12-24.

JOB OPENING - OFFICE CLERK

We are accepting resumes for a part-time office clerk to work M-F from 8:30-1:00. Computer skills required: Word, Excel, Caselle experience a plus & internet. Duties will include data entry, records management, filing, building permit tracking, newsletter and assisting with Utility billing. Submit resumes attention Mayor Dennis Dunn at the city office, fax 423-1443 or email staff@elkridgecity.org. Due by June 20th

**New trees were planted at the park in honor of Arbor Day. Other landscaping plans are still underway. Please talk to your children about respect for public property and remind them that the Tennis Court is for tennis, not skateboards.*

**Point of concern: the slope that drops from the upper park to the field. It is a fun place for children to climb around on, although, we are trying to landscape, maintain, clean-up and retain the wall. Climbing on the rocks and the slope is discouraged*



If there were commercial space available, have you ever thought of opening a retail business in Elk Ridge? Call the city office @423-2300 or email us @www.elkridgecity.org. We would like to know how many of our citizens have ever thought

YARD OF THE WEEK AWARDS

We will be looking to award people every week. You will receive a Cold Stone Creamery Gift Certificate and get to have the 'Yard of the week' sign put up on your front lawn. Recommendations can be called in 423-2300 or email staff@elkridgecity.org

ELK RIDGE FALL & SPRING YOUTH SOCCER!

Elk Ridge will be putting together their own youth soccer teams. We will play against Salem teams, like in the past. You can sign up at the city office or at Kara Cook's house 91 W Hudson Lane. **Early registration will be June 21st & 22nd.** After the 22nd, you will have to pay the regular fee.

Fall & Spring Soccer	Early Fee	Regular Fee
Kindergarten	\$25	\$35
1 st -6 th grade	\$35	\$45
Fall Soccer Only		
Kindergarten	\$15	\$25
1 st -6 th grade	\$20	\$30

