



Elk Ridge Bugle

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From the Mayor

This winter, so far, has been better than normal for the amounts of snow fall. We have received amounts that have kept the snow plows running and doing more follow-up cleaning of the roads this year than in the recent past. When the storms come one after the other we pay attention to keeping the streets as clean as possible. It is between the storms that the plows return to the streets to widen and dress out the piles that encroach in the travel ways. If we did not pay attention to the widening of the travel ways, the snow amounts would eventually have a narrowing effect that could cause the roads to become one way travel. This effect has been the experience in Woodland Hills this winter. You can expect the plows to return to the streets to widen them as time and weather permits.

Please remember that if you are lucky enough To have a fire hydrant on your property, it is your responsibility to keep it clean of snow and shrubs in case the fire department needs to use it.

This winter has started out to be very good to us as far as snow amounts go. It is wonderful to see the more normal deep amounts, even though it keeps us busier when it comes to cleaning the roads. With this much snow, it seems such a waste to let it just sit there and have to wait for it to melt. Why not put it to some creative use?

It is time to introduce the first annual
"Elk Ridge Snow Sculpting Festival".

Here are the rules:

1. The contest must be in an area in your yard that can be seen from the road.
2. Sculptures must be safe in design and structure. Children should not be able to climb or enter any structure.
3. Snow and ice are the chief mediums to be used. Wood, wire, string, rope, metal and PVC type material can be incorporated into the design.
4. Lights and or food coloring (vegetable dyes) can be used to enhance the work.
5. The theme for this contest is; "Love Is..."
6. Subjects should not be offensive or inappropriate.
7. You can work as a group of people or as a family.
8. Winners will be chosen by popular vote using the city e-mail site at staff@elkridgecity.org Just send us your selection. One vote per person please.
9. The deadline for the contest is 5:00PM, Saturday February 23, 2008.
10. Have fun and good luck.

SNOW IS HERE, AND LOTS OF IT!

Parking on the street is not allowed from December 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. This is to facilitate snow removal when necessary. If vehicles should need to be towed away, it will be at the owners expense.

ELK RIDGE YOUTH SOCCER!

Spring soccer sign-ups are due before February 15th. After that you will be charged a \$10 late fee. Space is very limited! If you aren't sure if you pre-registered last fall, e-mail Kara Cook at wkcook@hotmail.com (or call at 423-9128).

COACHES NEEDED DESPERATELY!!!!

ELK RIDGE YOUTH BASEBALL

Early baseball sign-ups are due before February 29th. After that, applications will only be accepted if there is space; and you will be charged a \$10 late fee. Coaches are needed. E-mail Kara Cook at wkcook@hotmail.com (or call 423-9128) if you have any questions.

SOCCER REFEREES

We are looking for a few referees for youth soccer. You must have an e-mail account that you check frequently. You must also be 3 grades older than the teams you would like to ref for. If you are interested, e-mail Kara Cook at wkcook@hotmail.com for details..

Youth Ballroom Dancing

Attention all teens!!! Come learn to dance!!! Ballroom dancing is the new cool! You will learn polka, cha-cha, waltz, swing, night club two step, fox trot, salsa and country dancing. Meet youth from all over !! BYU ballroom dance students will provide instruction starting at 8:00 pm. After each class there will be a dance. Dates: February 23, March 29, April 5, April 19, May 17, and May 31. Place: Mapleton's Memorial Hall (.). Fee is 30.00 (covers all classes & dances). To reserve a spot, e-mail us at utahvalleygroove@yahoo.com or call Allison at 801-423-2287.

LOST

**Yellow – Autumn Camouflage – larger tarp to fit Polaris Ranger Six Wheeler.
\$20.00 reward for recovery.**

If you have any information please contact Tammy Gardner 423-6480

Planning Commission Happenings – February 2008

Part of our continuing effort to keep citizens informed involves information of items for upcoming meetings. The planning commission is made up of volunteers that truly work hard to do what is right for the community and follow our laws. Part of the approval process for new development, changes to city codes and the general plan, is to allow an opportunity for the citizens to participate. We hope that with this monthly communication, information at www.elkridgecity.org along with the required notices by mail and newspaper, we can better interact with you in planning Elk Ridge.

For the month of February 2008, two planning commission meetings are scheduled.

14 February 2008 - Thursday 7:00PM - Public Hearing

- **Critical Environment - 1 Zone Re-write**

The planning commission has worked hard on tightening up the hillside zone to better protect the natural environment and to encourage open space. The city has had a moratorium against any new development in the zone since September to allow the commission to re-write the code (two developments were already in the process prior to this and are allowed to go forward). The new code keeps the base density at one-acre lots and puts more requirements on setbacks from various natural and geologic features. It strengthens the ability to keep grading and vegetation removal to a minimum and better defines where and how roads can be built.

Another part of the code is the proposal of a Hillside Cluster Overlay Zone. This would use the regulations of the CE-1 zone as a base, but allow smaller lots, down to half an acre, clustered on the flatter lands in return for 40% of the development as open space. The overall density of a development would remain one-acre lots. Amenities such as park space, flatter natural open space, or development themes can be added which could allow up to 25% more density (a 20 acre development would be allowed 20 half acre lots for a base and up to 5 additional lots for amenities).

- **Accessory Structures Code - Public Hearing**

Currently an accessory structure (detached garage, shed, etc.) can be located within 5 feet of a property line (common for most cities). Concern has risen over allowing these structures to have windows that face neighboring properties. The proposal is to change the code to not allow openings on the sides of an accessory structure that abut property lines.

- **Senior Housing Overlay Zone - Public Hearing**

This is a new zone that would allow senior housing as part of a twin home development with a home owners association that takes care of maintenance. This zone can only be used near main roads. Its use can only be allowed by the city council (a developer is not entitled to use it like they are if an area is zoned a regular residential zone). A developer must show the types of structures and amenities they are proposing for a development. The planning commission and city council can require development themes and higher quality design and construction materials. Only persons 62 and over with caretakers over 18 can live in this housing.

- **Park View Corner - Senior Housing - Public Hearing**

This project is proposed on the north east corner of Park DR and Elk Ridge DR. The proposed project includes 8 twin homes (4 buildings) as part of a senior housing development. An entry feature and landscaped park area is proposed.

- **Gladstan View - Senior Housing - Public Hearing**

This project is located on the old hole number 8 of the Gladstan Golf Course (the city of Payson relocated the green and sold this hole for development). It is the hole that is on the west side of Elk Ridge DR just below (north of) the new homes just built on Gladstan DR. The proposed project includes 18 twin home units (9 buildings) with an entry feature, landscaped park area and a gazebo.

General Plan Update

In the fall the planning commission went door-to-door distributing a survey for the general plan update. We received a huge response, thank you for your thought and input. If you haven't already read the results, please go to www.elkridgecity.org and find it at the bottom of the main page.

Fire Department

This month's Fire Department article is on the existence of radon, a colorless, odorless gas that is emitted into our home. According to an article in the January 6th Daily Harold edition, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality stated that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. All 50 states have excessive radon levels and one in four homes in Utah may have radon levels exceeding EPA standards.

So what should we do? The best thing is to test your home and if radon levels are above the EPA standards, install the required equipment to rid you home of this gas. You can go to the Elk Ridge website and go to Emergency Services to view the whole article on radon gas and the preventative measures that should be taken if the radon gas level in your home is above EPA standards.

This is a very important health concern for all Elk Ridge residents. Now is the time to act and make your home radon safe. If you have any questions, you can contact Bob Van Parys, Public Information Officer, Elk Ridge Fire Department at 423-2300.

Now we request your help in writing the new plan.

The plan has 9 elements or chapters. They include: Community Vision, Land Use, Circulation, Public Facilities, Economic, Environmental, Housing, Annexation, and Implementation. The planning commission is forming sub-committees for each element of the plan and would like to have any citizens interested in working on a committee to get involved. It will most likely involve 3 meetings for each element. If you are interested in being on one or more of the committees, please call the city hall at 423-2300 and volunteer. We are trying to be proactive at the beginning of the process in order to try to avert surprises in the end.

Is Your Child On Medicaid??

Join the Utah County Health Department for a **Head-to-Toe Celebration** in honor of Children's National Dental Health Care Month. Every Monday afternoon in February, the UCHD will offer: a well child check-up, teeth varnishing, vision check, lead poisoning test (mandatory for Medicaid clients), fluoride prescription, free toothbrush kit and other fun prizes! Appointments are necessary, so please call 851-7038 or 851-7024 to schedule your Head-to-Toe Check-up!! See you there!

