



Elk Ridge Bugle

MARCH 2008

Message from the Mayor

What a wonderful winter this has been as far as the amounts of snow we have received. Our plows and backhoe have worked overtime to make sure that all of us could get through town. Our public works crew has done an exceptional job on the roads this winter and worked hard to keep up with the tremendous snow storms that have left their deposits here.

The wall of the new water tank has been closed in and the top is being worked on now. Also the booster station and two new PRV stations were built along with the tank. The reason that we have used the winter to make these improvements is because we have had to shut down and rebuild the lower well that supplies this city with most of the water. We are presently supplying the entire city with one well as the source until the improvements are finished. This is the best time to reduce to one well as this is the time when far less water needs are present. We will be on this single well until April. If spring shows up sooner than expected and the improvements are not completed, we will make sure that everyone knows about it and encourage you to be very frugal with what you need to use. Improvements to the well that is presently shut down are expected to be completed in the next six to eight weeks. The work has been right on schedule and our target to complete everything is in May or the first part of June. Try to hold off on the outside watering of your yards until we have the lower well back on line.

I have heard the rumor mill has been very busy with comments about the exposed tank and how ugly it is at this time. The tank will be buried and re-landscaped as it comes to a finish. For a period of time it will look like the hill has been altered but as the plants and weeds grow back in, it will take on a more natural appearance. This summer we will have a total of 2,000,000 gallons of storage for water, a new and larger pump at the Cloward well,



HAPPY SPRING

a new booster station to move water to our other tanks and the correct PRV stations to distribute the water with the right pressures. Even with all of these improvements to our system, it is still provident to find ways to conserve water as you live here.

Please refer to the following links for assistance. 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

REMINDER!

Parking on the street is not allowed until after March 31, 2008. This is to facilitate snow removal that may still be necessary. If vehicles should need to be towed away, it will be at the owners expense.

Planning Commission Happenings

Last month the commission recommended approval of the new Hillside Residential 1 Zone and Hillside Cluster Zone. We hope these changes will help better protect and preserve the hillside areas while allowing for low density development. They also recommended denial of changes to the Accessory Structures Code and had to postpone the public hearings on the proposed Senior Housing Overlay Zone and two senior housing developments (the plans were not complete.)

Up coming projects that will have public hearings

At this time the following projects are being reviewed by staff and could be sent to the planning commission for a public hearing at the end of March. We will post public hearings on the message board in Shuler Park, at www.elkridgecity.org and other locations required by state law.

- **Senior Housing Overlay Zone**

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. Age restriction is 62 and over with caretakers over 18.

- **Park View Corner - Senior Housing**

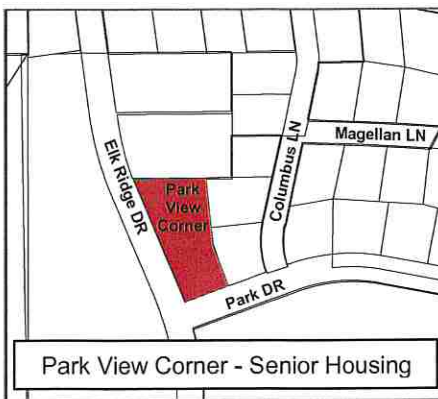
This project is proposed on the north east corner of Park DR and Elk Ridge DR. The proposed project includes 8 twin homes (4 buildings) as part of a senior housing development. An entry feature and landscaped park with gazebo are proposed.

- **Gladston View - Senior Housing**

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 Gladston DR. The proposed project includes 18 twin home units (9 buildings) with an entry feature, landscaped park area and a gazebo.

- **Horizon View Farms - Town Home Project**

This is a 74 unit town home project that was approved last year by the city council as part of the new Planned Unit Development to the north of the city along 11200 South. The developer is requesting a change to the project that requires going through the approval process again. They are proposing to make the units larger (3,000 sq.ft units instead of 2,000). This change would take some of the open space they had proposed with the first project, but the new design is still within the required 25% open space required by code.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Elk Ridge Fire Department would like to thank all the residents that took the time to clear the snow away from the hydrant on their property. Your hard work is very much appreciated by each of the fire fighters and it makes our job easier if we would have needed that hydrant.

For the next few weeks, the Fire Department will be going around our city and removing the piled up snow still in front of many of the fire hydrants. If you see us working on your hydrant, please feel free to come out and assist us, get to know our department members and help keep the neighborhood much safer.

Winter season is not done with us yet. We can expect more snow and keeping the fire hydrants clear is an ongoing task. We will be more than happy to assist those residents that cannot remove the snow due to illness, age, or your home is not occupied during the winter season. You can contact Bob Van Parys, Public Information Officer at 423-1257 and make arrangements for us to remove the snow from around your hydrant.

Again we want to thank everyone for their cooperation and assistance in this most worthwhile task.

**Utah County Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Day
March 15, from 9 am to 3 pm**

PROVO, UTAH (February 8, 2008) - - Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, and fluorescent light bulbs will be offered to dispose of these items safely at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, March 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection will take place in the northwest parking lot of UVSC. For details, please visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org or call 225-8538 (north) or 489-3027 (south).

TIMPANOGOS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
49TH ANNUAL SPRING PARAGE OF GEMS

MARCH 14, 15, & 16TH 2008
Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Free Admission

Spanish Fork
Fairgrounds
475 S. Main St.
Spanish Fork, Utah

For more information contact Frank Weight
489-404-, Bob Gillman 225-4115 or
Jo Rowan 491-2151

ALERT

Be aware that Cougars and Cougar tracks have been spotted in the Astor Ln, Hillside Dr., S. Clark Lane and Gooseneast areas. Be alert when you are out. If spotted, call dispatch and report right away - 376-3601.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

On Tuesday, February 26, the City Council unanimously passed a completely revamped Hillside Residential code for the areas south of town. Here are a few of the key modifications:

- Minimum base lot sizes were changed from 1/2 acre to 1 acre lots, and homes are required to be spaced further apart.
- Minimum clustered lot sizes were changed from 1/3 acre to 1/2 acre lots.
- Clustered lots now require approval of the city council.
- Clustered developments now require 40% of the land to be designated as open space compared to 20% in the prior code.
- Provisions were included to encourage minimal disturbance of steeper slopes, ridgelines, and drainages.

These changes are a direct result of the responses of Elk Ridge residents to the city survey conducted last summer along with citizen input in public hearings and public meetings. Thank you for your opinions, insights, and support in this effort.

Our City Planning Commission members and our City Planner, Shawn Eliot, deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts over the last 6 months in preparing this new code to better reflect our collective vision for Elk Ridge.

On Tuesday, February 12, Strawberry Electric made a proposal to Elk Ridge City that will save the city over \$70,000 on our water infrastructure improvements. We appreciate Strawberry Electric's willingness to work with us on this project. Thanks also to our Public Works Superintendent, Kent Haskell, for working hard on this deal and being instrumental in this positive outcome.

--The City Council

