



Elk Ridge Bugle

APRIL 2008

Message from the Mayor

With Spring here and life renewing itself as expressed by the growth in the weeds, grass and flowers, it is time to wipe away the dust and grime of winter and make things look good.

Last month I was able to spend three days in St. George at the "Rural Water Conference" and go to workshops every day. I came back with stacks of information and helps that I would like to share some of it with you. Let me start with our water pricing structure and how and why it works so well for Elk Ridge. It is set up as a tiered structure and has been this way for the past six years. We start with a base price of \$40.00 for the first 12,000 gallons, then a four tier pricing structure that increases the cost as more water is used. This rate structure is designed to price ration water and encourage conservation practice by the user. Visit our city web site for the exact details on the rates at elkridgecity.org by pulling down the links menu. In short, the more you use, the more you pay. This pricing method is encouraged by the Rural Water Association as the most efficient and stable method that results in the proper revenue and encourages better water use habits.

A handful of bills at the state legislature this year dealt with water and water rights. These may be too lengthy to overview in this news letter but the direction that they went was to help municipalities state wide to keep and protect the water rights and future water rights that come into our stewardship.

The general direction of water concerns in the future will be along the following guidelines. First, conservation of a natural resource that can only be managed, not created, will become more prominent. Appliances and sprinkling systems will continue to change to maximize efficient use of



water. This will affect the amounts used for both indoor and outdoor use. Second, codes are presently being written and adopted in surrounding communities and states that mandate changes in the outside water use. They cut down on the amount of lawn allowed and encourage the use of native and drought tolerant plants. The codes also set times during the day that outside use can be applied. (We presently have time guidelines for outside use from 6:00 PM to 10:30 AM). And third, vulnerability and safety of our water system, as well as all systems in the country since 911, has been pushed to the front burner of concern. Being lax on safety issues can and will lead to problems. We bury all of our water storage tanks not only to keep them inaccessible and out of sight from the public at large but they will last longer being covered from the elements.

Being prepared for any emergency takes time and money. Our CERT team is one of the best in the state and the focus on training and practice is always an ongoing task. Our new Elk Ridge City Emergency Manager is Spencer Sheets who has been passed the baton from LaRon Taylor. As a community, it is extremely important that we stay in tune with the CERT efforts. We should never let go to waste the disaster preparedness that has taken place here. As a supplement to the CERT program, you are again invited to visit elkridgecity.org and pull down on the links to find and print on your own lists that can be valuable tools. The two titles to look for under Miscellaneous Documents are: Personal & Family Preparedness and Car Survival & Emergency Kit.

CITYWIDE DRILL
Saturday, April 19, 2008
9 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.

SIZE UP AT 10:45 AM AT THE LDS CHAPEL ON ALPINE DRIVE IN THE RS ROOM. Practice your emergency preparedness skills. This drill will focus on the **CERT** teams in your neighborhood, the communications network, the critical care unit, the Fire Department, and the Emergency Operations Center at the City Office and coordination with the LDS Church.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- AM – check family. Go to your emergency meeting place.
- Touch the turn-off valves for water, power switch to the electrical panel, and valve on the gas meter. **DO NOT TURN THEM OFF!** Do you know how to turn them off?
- Get your 72 hour kits. Check the contents to see if they are up to date and all products are there or have been refilled.
- Check your water supply – Do you have 2 weeks worth?
- On your front door put out the appropriate colored paper (from your emergency notification kit). **IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT THIS IS, CHECK WITH YOUR GROUP CAPTAIN.**
- Take your 72 hour kits out to the car. Report to your group captain. Offer to help
- Go to your neighborhood staging area and offer to help. **(IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE THIS IS, CHECK WITH YOUR GROUP CAPTAIN)**
- After the drill, take your 72 hour kits back to storage area.

We need “victims” for the drill in your neighborhood. Please call Dave Holman 423-2785, or Gayle Weber 423-3190 if you would like to help. You will need to wear grubby clothes you do not mind getting stained or torn.

**CHALLENGE FROM ELK RIDGE CITY
EMERGENCY COMMITTEE:**

Go 5 days without a visit to the store or gas station! From Mon., April 14, 2008 through Sat., April 19, 2008 just live off of what you have at home. Do not use electricity, gas (to cook), water from the tap. Try to not go to the gas station. Take note of the things that run out and make additions to your supplies. Want to learn from others? We will have a time to share ideas at the LDS Chapel (on Alpine Drive) Relief Society Room at 11:30 am on Sat. April 19, 2008. Replace whatever supplies you used right away. Questions? Call Dave Holman at 423-2785

BURN DAYS
APRIL 1 – 30

A burn permit is required and can be obtained at the City Office

DUMPSTER

MAY 7 – 14

No building materials or appliances are allowed in the dumpsters

If you have any old computers, cell phones, other electronics or their batteries, there will be an Eagle Scout recycling project alongside the citywide cleanup dumpsters where you can safely dispose of these items. More information will be distributed to your homes later in the month.



Sheriff's Corner

My name is Deputy J. Tindall with the Utah County Sheriff's Office.

I recently accepted the position of being assigned to Elk Ridge as the primary deputy for your community. I've been in law enforcement for almost nineteen years and have extensive experience working with citizens and solving problems in the community. I have accepted this position with excitement, and am anxious to help make your community a safer place to live, and together it can be a great experience for all to enjoy.

Since I started last November in Elk Ridge, I have been very impressed with the citizens in Elk Ridge. I have met several of you in passing and have stopped a few others. I have also been very impressed by your city government. You can rest assured, they have a genuine interest in the community, and in the success of this community. I spoke with the Mayor Dunn and asked to write a small article in your monthly news letter. I explained to him the reason for this was to keep the citizens of Elk Ridge informed of what the Sheriff's Office was doing and to keep an open communication between the citizens, and the Sheriff's Office. I want everyone to know, we are here to serve you, and to assist you in whatever we can to make your community a safer, and enjoyable place to live.

I have also spoken with the mayor about the Sheriff's Office being more a part of your community. In the monthly news letter, I will be providing further information about Events, Safety Information, and Educational classes which we can all learn from. Prevention is the number one tool in fighting crime, and is most of the time, FREE!

This month as spring arrives I want to remind everyone about our speed and stop sign compliance. I know we get into a rush and sometimes we forget what is going on around us.

It happens to everyone, but the results can cause serious injury and can ruin lives.

Tip of the month: How to avoid a "CITATION."

The speed limit in Elk Ridge is **25 MPH** unless posted otherwise. (Save Gas)

The Speed Limit on Elk Ridge Dr., from Goosenest (3 Way Stop Sign) to the highway SR198 is **40 MPH**.

Enforcement on this road will start immediately. Please slow down coming down the hill. Radars have indicated 60 MPH.

Please when approaching a Stop Sign, take that extra second and make sure your vehicle is stopped completely. The term California stop is often used, but is still illegal. If your vehicle is still rolling and you are looking to see if it's safe to proceed, your reaction time is substantially less and could result in a traffic accident.

Please **COMPLETELY STOP! at all STOP SIGNS.**

I will be working with the city to make sure any traffic signs which have been moved etc. due to the recent weather are clearly visible. Please assist me in making your community safe.

Voice your proactive concerns directly to me at:

jt195@yahoo.com. Just include location of the concern.

All other calls please call dispatch at 851-4100, and report the incident there. I will return your email as soon as possible and you will remain anonymous.

Thank You!

Planning Commission Happenings

Over the last month the planning commission continued to work on the elements (chapters) for the general plan update. Previous newsletters stated that upcoming public hearings would be held for the creation of a new zone and 3 developments. The applicants of these developments are still working on them. Public hearings for them will be scheduled when they are ready (see the March 2008 newsletter for more info).

Public Hearings in April

The best place to get your opinion heard is at the public hearings held by the planning commission. Once code is made law, land owners have a right to develop within the confines of that law. The most important part for citizens to get involved is in the development of new and amended code. You can get involved by coming to the meetings, email the city office (staff@elkridgecity.org) or write a letter. Remember that most meetings are not well attended except when something is controversial where the majority voice is against proposed action. It is quite important if you are in favor of something that your voice be heard too.

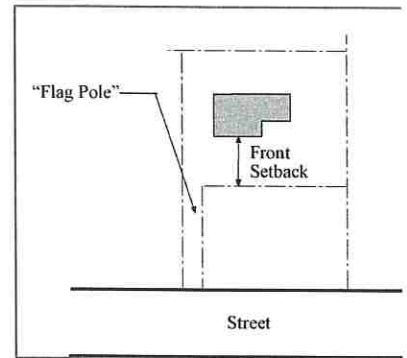
On Thursday, 10 April 2008, at 7:00pm the planning commission will hold public hearings for the following amendments to the development code:

- **Building Height**

The city of Elk Ridge is proposing to rescind development code 10-7A-8-C; 10-7B-8-C; 10-7C-8-C; 10-7D-8-C; 10-8A-8-C; 10-8B-8-C; 10-9B-8-C and amend development code 10-12-5 and 10-12-37 all of which regard building heights. The proposed changes reduce the allowed main structure building height from 36 to 34 feet, make the average natural grade of the terrain the ground starting point of the building height measurement, and define the highest point of the roof depending on type of roof. Also proposed is the allowance for additional height on one side of a structure through a conditional use permit. Accessory structures (sheds, detached garages) height are not proposed to change, but the ground starting point is now aligned with the natural terrain requirements. The proposed changes are for safety concerns with the fire department and for reducing excessive fills and heights.

- **Flag Lots**

A flag lot is a building lot that looks like a flag on a flag pole. The flag portion sits behind other regular lots fronting a road and is where the home is built. The stem portion connects the flag to the street and is wide enough for a



driveway. Other than the driveway, flag lots do not have frontage on city streets. The city of Elk Ridge is proposing that all references to flag lots be removed from the code and that flag lots not be allowed within Elk Ridge. Currently there are not infill areas within the city that require flag lots. Most recent applications for flag lot development have been to maximize land development and are not in keeping with the intent of most flag lot ordinances. Members of the planning commission and city council have not favored flag lots.

- **Sensitive Areas Map**

The city of Elk Ridge recently approved the new Hillside Residential 1 Zone (hillside area south of the city). This zone has protections for natural drainages, ravines, ridgelines, wildlife corridors, fault lines, and steep slopes. As part of the new code a Sensitive Areas Map is referenced. The code was passed with the map in draft form. It is proposed that the map be approved.

The map will be used for reference for developers when subdividing to help avoid sensitive and hazardous areas.

ELK RIDGE SPORTS

A BIG THANKS to our spring soccer coaches: Barb Adamson, Paul Auman, James Mayfield, Anita Ault, Michelle Stevens, Kevin Fisher, Janna Barry, Scott Young, and Mike Brockbank! Let them know how much you appreciate them sacrificing their time for the benefit of your children. They are great!

BASEBALL- We still need a few players in the 3rd& 4th grades for both boys and girls. E-mail Kara Cook at wkcook@hotmail.com if you are interested..

Baseball tryouts (for 3rd &4th grade boys only) are tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 10th at 6:30 at the Elk Ridge park. Players will be contacted with details or changes.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT- If there are any coaches who still have equipment from past sports, please return it ASAP to Kara Cook at 91 W Hudson Lane. I wasted lots of time and money purchasing new soccer equipment because bags were missing and I did not know they were sitting in your garages! Thanks for your help.

Fruit and nut order

"It is time for the Spring nut and fruit order. All orders are due by April 14th. Make checks payable to Julie Christensen or Jennie Wilcox. You may download order from the Elk Ridge website or pick one up from the city office, Julie or Jennie."