



# Elk Ridge Bugle

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**April 2009**

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### **Mayor's message**

What is new on the home front? Well, you need to be aware of the things around us that are being considered and planned for. For instance, the Nebo School District is planning for a bond election this June for about \$160,000,000.00. This is to build future Jr. High and Elementary schools over a ten year period. As the District puts out the correct information in preparation for the bond vote, I encourage you to read and understand that information so you can make an educated choice and I encourage you to vote (however you desire) when the time comes. Do not be complacent about this opportunity to be heard by your vote and the voice that it has. Please realize that the City will NOT receive any of this increase in your property tax if the vote is successful. It will all go to the School District.

Another item to be aware of is the work that is being done to design and protect a South transportation corridor that presently includes 11200<sup>th</sup> South. For the past two years, all of the Mayors, Engineers, County officials, Mountainland Association of Governments personnel, and interested parties have been working to identify possible corridors to protect. It is exciting to see what the future requires for transportation needs. The goal is to keep people moving smoothly and efficiently throughout the South end of Utah valley and to not be late in satisfying those future needs.

Heads-up also for the upcoming City Celebration the last week of June. We will be adding a fund raising raffle to the event. Save your dollars for this one as it promises to be worthwhile. More information will come to your doors as this celebration draws nearer.

Be aware that this year, two positions on the City Council will be open for election as well as the Mayor position. The reason you are hearing about this now is because June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for filing to run for these positions. You have 90 days to really think it over and decide if serving the public is something you desire to be involved in. I can honestly say that it is one of the most worthwhile activities and anyone who puts their heart into will find it extremely challenging and rewarding. It will take a commitment of your time and you must sacrifice and dedicate yourself to the job to make it work. The dates to remember are; June 30<sup>th</sup> - deadline to file, July 1<sup>st</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup> - campaign period, Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> - election day.

Thanks to Jason Bullard and John Houck and Fred Pierce for coming forward to serve on the Planning Commission. These gentlemen are willing to put in the time and gain the training in order to be active with the planning and growth challenges we face here in Elk Ridge. They fill the vacancies left by Russ Adamson, Dave Holman and Scott Bell. Thanks again to Russ, Dave and Scott for the dedication and time they have spent in serving the community. Scott Bell has served for approximately eight years as a Planning Commissioner, the longest serving Commissioner I think we have had.

**1st Annual  
Elk Ridge City  
Easter Egg Hunt**

**10 AM  
Saturday April 11, 2009  
Ingram Ball Park**

**Sponsored by  
Elk Ridge Fire/EMS**



Anyone wishing to  
contribute to the  
Fire Department to help with this project  
can contact *Glenn Hunt*  
*EMS Captain at 423-2078*



# Sheriff's Corner

As parents I don't think a day goes by that we don't think about the safety of our children. Where they are, what are they doing etc. No doubt we may

enjoy the time alone, but we also have a sense of relief when we hear the sound of the door slamming, and the familiar question, "What's for dinner?"

Our society seems to always be trying to find that sense of security knowing everything will be ok, no matter where we live or what activity we may be involved in. I haven't heard of any activity that does not have some level of risk, but having some basic knowledge will hopefully make us more aware when personal safety really counts.

The Sheriff's Office a few years ago started supporting, an endorsed a **Child Safety Program** called "**radKIDS.**" **radKIDS** stands for "**Resist Aggression Defensively**" This program helps children to become empowered, and learn to replace fear, confusion, and panic, with confidence, personal safety skills, and self-esteem. This is taught with personal one on one interaction with a Certified **radKIDS** instructor, and personally going through the self defense tactics learned over a period of a several weeks.

Also included in this program are several day to day life skills from, **Internet Safety, School Safety, Bike Safety, Vehicle Safety, Dog Safety, Bullying, Good Touch, Bad Touch, Drugs, and much, more. This is not a sit and listen to me. This is a hands on approach for children to physically go through the curriculum so that it's retained, and not brushed aside.**

With the support of the **Utah County Sheriff's Office, and the Elk Ridge City Council,** the **radKIDS** program will be available to the children of Elk Ridge this summer at "**NO COST**" to you. After much thought on how to implement the program in your city, the following will apply. There are certain guidelines that have to be followed.

Instructor's: Deputy Tindall Jen Robinson

**Location:** Elk Ridge City Park Pavilion  
**Dates:** June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 graduation day. (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

**Times:** 9:30 am to 11:30 am

**Class limit:** Fifteen student Limit (no exceptions)

**Ages:** 8 yoa to 12 yoa (one child per family, lets let every family have an opportunity)

Because of the anticipated interest to be able to attend the class, we are asking you to commit to every class. If more than one class is missed your child will not receive a graduation certificate, and they will have to attend another session when offered. Please come by the Elk Ridge City Office to sign up, and pick up a pamphlet for more information. More information can also be found on the **radKIDS.org website.**

### Dates to Remember:

**Dog Fair May 23, 2009 10:00 am to 12:00 (noon)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Safety Fair June 13, 2009**

### County License:

**Dogs & Cats Spayed or Nurtured\**  
**\$10.00/per year**

**Dogs & Cats Not Spayed or Nurtured**  
**\$30.00/per year**

### Vaccination Prices:

**Rabies Dogs & Cats \$10.00**

**Distemper Dogs & Cats \$10.00**

**Leukemia Virus Cats \$20.00**

### Fine's:

**Un-licensed Dogs & Cats \$86.00**

**Minimum Impound fee \$25.00/min**

### Payment:

Checks and cash only. If you are paying with cash, please bring **exact amount**, change may not be available. No appointments accepted, first come first served.

Voice your proactive concerns directly to me at: [jt195@yahoo.com](mailto:jt195@yahoo.com). Just include location of the concern. All others please call dispatch at 801-851-4100, and report the incident there. I will return your e-mail as soon as possible and you will remain anonymous. Thank You!

**Dog Fair Location:**

**Elk Ridge City Park,** next to the city offices under the pavilion. Please have your pet(s) secured via, leash or kennel

This is a great opportunity to get your pets vaccinated, and/or registered as per law. A Veterinarian will be on hand to offer the needed vaccinations, parvo, rabies, etc.

This year, enforcement of dogs/cats running at large, unvaccinated, and unlicensed will be increased. The services which have been listed, are your chance to get this done close to home, which saves you time and money.

We want to be your local law enforcement, but we do need your help making the community a safer place for all to enjoy.

**Fire Department Newsletter  
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Spring is here and so is burn season. Utah County has opened the burn season from March 14<sup>th</sup> thru April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have yard waste to burn, you must go to the Elk Ridge City office and obtain a burn permit that will allow burning for that day only. However, this permit does not give you carte blanche authority to burn on that day or another day. Please follow the directions on your burn permit before you start your fire as burning may not be allowed. We are willing to work with people as best as we can to allow this opportunity, but please follow the guidelines on the permit so we don't lose the privilege.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department was called out for a possible home fire. The fire engine was leaving the station with its emergency lights flashing and entering onto Park Drive. A white truck was coming up Park Drive and did not even make an attempt to allow the fire truck on the street. The driver just continued on his/her way and totally disregarded our emergency vehicle. This act was clearly a blatant disregard for our emergency vehicle and is a violation of Utah driving laws. Whenever emergency vehicles have their lights flashing, it is a driver's responsibility to yield the right-of-way by pulling to the side of the road and stopping. This applies to traffic in the emergency vehicles lane and the oncoming lane. Your safety and ours is put at risk whenever actions like this take place, please be vigilant and remember that emergency vehicles with flashing lights are asking for the right-of-way so the roadway may be clearer to allow for passage we may be going to your home.

*The following poem was written by Elk Ridge resident Janet Blouin in honor of her husband, Joe Blouin, who turned 80 a few months ago, and their daughter, Judy Olivieri, who just celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

The Elk

In the wee hours of the morning,  
We observed a wondrous sight.  
A herd of elks was grazing  
Underneath the bright moonlight.

Some were walking slowly,  
There were others on the ground  
Getting rest before the sun came up,  
Not making any sound.

They were in the field below us,  
Some were in our neighbor's yard.  
We counted fifty-seven, and it  
Really was quite hard

Not to run and get a camera  
Just to capture this great scene.  
But as we thought about it,  
We knew it would be mean

To scare them with the flashbulbs  
And disturb this lovely herd,  
So we stood there at the window  
And just watched without a word.

We finally saw the "BIG ONE"  
He was acting as a guard.  
And he stood there watching over  
Those still resting in the yard.

When he finally felt it safe enough  
He, too, lay down to rest,  
But he kept his head up looking to  
The east and to the west.

The stars were bright, the night was cold,  
The moon was shining full.  
And happily we went to bed  
Knowing we had seen the "BULL".

Mrs. Blouin thought that perhaps this would bring back fond memories, to the citizens of Elk Ridge, of the times when large herds of elk roamed freely in our area.

Thank you Mrs. Blouin for sharing with us.

If you have a fond memory of Elk Ridge, or a funny antic dote, please share it with us. We



would like to include it in the monthly news letter when space allows.

### **INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

On June 23, 2009 a special bond and leeway election will take place. The proposed bond is to fund the building of various new schools including a NEW SALEM HILLS JUNIOR HIGH! The Nebo School District has financial projections that show the bond (money used for the actual construction) will not raise property tax at all. The leeway (money used to fund employee's salaries, etc.) will only increase property tax per house by \$13 for the whole year. That is about a \$1 a month to have a new Jr. High practically next door to our elementary school. Please watch for more information about this important bond election. Anyone who would like to participate in a grassroots effort to help educate citizens about the upcoming vote should contact the Foothills PTA board. Angela Spencer (801) 423-3415 or Jodi Dietz (801) 423-2506.

### **BOND AND LEEWAY ELECTION** **JUNE 23, 2009**

Increasing student enrollment and needed improvements to existing schools have prompted Nebo School District to hold a bond and leeway election on **June 23, 2009**. You are encouraged to become informed about the bond and leeway by attending an information meeting or visiting with school officials.

Detailed information meetings will be held at the following locations:

- **Wednesday, April 22 - 7:00 pm**  
Springville High School  
Auditorium
- **Thursday, April 23 - 7:00 pm**  
Spanish Fork High School  
Auditorium
- **Wednesday, April 29 - 7:00 pm**  
Salem Hills High Auditorium

- **Thursday, April 30 - 7:00 pm**  
Payson Jr. high Cafeteria

Your school principal should be able to answer questions you may have about the bond and leeway. Additional information will also soon be posted at [www.nebo.edu](http://www.nebo.edu).