



# Elk Ridge Bugle

## Year 2002 Edition

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Thanks Elk Ridge! Watering at night seems to be the rule rather than the exception. So far our pumps are keeping up with the drawdown each day but the hottest weather is yet to come so we can't let our guard down.

We will be comparing water consumption by household after the water meter readings during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July. Judging by the beautiful brown lawns I'm seeing around the City, it appears most folks are trying to conserve. Thank You.

We have run into a snag with the State in getting our funding approved. We received verbal approval on May 11<sup>th</sup> but even after repeated calls and a letter they have yet to release the funds and until they do we will not start drilling. Hopefully we will hear from them soon.

The long range plan is to eventually have three strong wells of which the one in Loafer Canyon is currently primary, the replacement well by number 5 will be a back-up well, and a third and future well near the golf course will constitute the third leg. With three strong wells, our future water needs will be met and indeed, we may be able to sell some water to recover our costs.

It is anticipated that heavy impact fees on developers who want to join our community well will pay for the third. At present, there are no firm plans to annex any land and we have only inquiries about development. Until the sewage issue is resolved, there will be no further development.

A worrisome event occurred a couple of weeks ago. It was reported to me that we nearly lost the lives of two youngsters while riding their 4-wheeler. They were not traveling particularly fast nor were they being reckless. The fact is however, that were they not wearing helmets they might well be dead right now. Their 4-wheeler rolled over in a modest turn and landed on top of them. We were lucky this time. Powerful, moving vehicles are not a wise choice as a plaything for children. They simply don't have the judgment or the physical skills to handle 4-wheelers when something goes awry. I hope we don't have to bury one of our children to get the message.

What a lot of hard work went into the Fourth of July celebration on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Lots of work went into this project and Councilman Todd Jackson and his wife Vivian are to be congratulated for their efforts. Many other helping hands pitched in to make it a success. As

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always, give a big job to a man or woman who is already busy and they'll figure out a way to get it done.

Tyler Cruz, Kent Haskell's right hand man will be gone during the months of July and August. He's fulfilling his National Guard training requirements. Thankfully, we have a couple of good backups to help out. Look around and you'll see Mark Johnson pitching in to fill the gap.

Questar: By the time you read this, I expect most of the two ends of the line will be finished and a good part of the passage through town. Sorry for the inconvenience but its called progress I guess.

We have two committees in the formation process right now. One is to address nuisance issues and the other is to be a citizen council in which the members of the community may voice their concerns about any subject. The committee will then evaluate the concern and bear a message and suggestion to the City Council for resolution. I think it's a great idea. I'd like you to think it was mine. It wasn't. Someone in the City came up with it. In addition to those two committees, Linda Goodwin is working on emergency preparedness for the City and Cindy Ellis is pursuing grant money. Any volunteers? Call the Mayor.

Several folks have dropped into my office to say hi and to discuss some of their pet concerns. I hope more of you will do the same. I learn best when I'm listening rather than talking. Unfortunately, if you come into my office you'll get a little of each.

I continue to enjoy the job as Mayor and want to thank you for your consideration even when things don't go the way you might prefer. It has been said that if you never annoy someone you probably are not doing anything. Given that fact that I have yet to have anyone shout at me, I have some concern. On the other hand perhaps we as a new administration are doing something's right too.

*Vernon L. Fritz*  
Mayor

### 3 STEPS To Family and Neighborhood Preparedness

**3 Steps** was developed in Utah as a program for emergency preparedness, which concentrates on neighbors helping neighbors to be prepared. With the cooperation of the City of Elk Ridge we will be organizing neighborhoods into small, all-inclusive, community-based groups of about 8 to 10 families. As these groups begin to get organized, you will be able to work together to obtain emergency supplies and organize appropriate emergency response for your own neighborhood.

#### **The Goals of 3 STEPS are as follows:**

- Organize neighborhood into groups of 8 to 10 families with captains over each group.
- Help each other obtain the supplies, knowledge and skills necessary to deal with an emergency.
- Facilitate Neighborhood Watch through the groups.
- Build a sense of community and a spirit of love and sharing within the groups that will make working together before, during and after an emergency easy and successful.
- Encourage as many neighbors as possible to get emergency training such as CERT, then practice together and review semi-annually.

#### **Elk Ridge has a 3 STEPS Emergency Preparedness Committee:**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Linda Goodwin</b>	<b>423-3721</b>
<b>Emergency Response Training:</b>	<b>Gayle Weber</b>	<b>423-3190</b>
<b>Communications:</b>	<b>Linda Jones</b>	<b>423-3126</b>
<b>Training &amp; Emergency Supplies:</b>	<b>Claudette Echols</b>	<b>423-1127</b>
<b>Liaison with Fire Department:</b>	<b>Kamile Peterson</b>	<b>423-2205</b>

It is our goal to have in place by September an emergency response training program which may include the following: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Basic First Aid, and CPR. Classes will be offered on a regular basis as notified through this newsletter. If you have skills in any of these areas and would be willing to volunteer to teach, please contact **Gayle Weber at 423-3190**.

#### **Dogs.....**

We received a call from a citizen who has observed several dogs chasing deer in the hills around Elk Ridge. This is a reminder that all dogs are to be contained to your property, and are not permitted by law to roam unleashed.

Please be diligent with this matter. You may remember that last month we had a small boy attacked by an unrestrained dog while walking with his father on Park Drive.

We ask that you report any unrestrained dogs that you see to the Utah County Sheriff at 375-3601. Thank you.



#### **\*\*\*NO FIREWORKS\*\*\***

**Elk Ridge City has banned the use of Fireworks of any kind within city limits this year due to the EXTREME fire danger.**

**You know of anyone using fireworks, please call the Utah County Sheriff's office 375-3601 and they will send someone out. The Fire Chief, Seth Waite, will be out patrolling the City on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of July.**

**Just look at our neighboring states and you will understand why this ban is necessary.**

**Please cooperate to make this year a safe and fire free year. Thank You.**