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Elk Ridge Bugle

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Message from the Mayor submitted by an anonymous person *Citizen letters*

Because of the divisiveness of the subject of ATV's, motorcycles, dune buggies, jeeps and trucks etc. We, the citizens of Elk Ridge are separated into concerned groups... Not unlike most other Utah County Communities. Why are most concerned with this activity? For some: It's the NOISE, SMOKE, DUST, MUD & SAFETY ISSUES Including traffic code violations. For others: It's the FREEDOM, JOY, RECREATION & RELAXATION for the riders & drivers.

Both side are wrestling with a non-issue. The problem is not a problem. We are a society of laws. The state of Utah has a codebook on traffic concerning ALL motor vehicles - ATV's are included. The state code affects the City of Elk Ridge as well. If we choose to be contrary, citations have a stunning effect.

On our "off highway vehicle registration certificates" next to the X is a place to sign our name when validating the certificate. To the left of that X & our signature is a statement or pronouncement as follows; "Not registered for use on public roads or highways." If our vehicles are not registered for off highway use, it is another violation.

Most, if not all, riders/drivers are using property belonging to private property owners without their permission. This is called trespassing - A violation of the Utah County Code 23-3-3. Some are going into federal forestry lands where ATV's are not permitted. Some are starting bonfires, drinking and dumping trash. One horseman fears fire destruction of his fields, stock and buildings. These are violations of the Code of Federal Regulations 36 CFR. However: bonfires when properly maintained are permitted, but not during fire closures. There is a fire closure now in effect in Utah County. Forestry service closures soon follow.

The bottom line is: There is no legal place to ride or drive our ATV's in the City of Elk Ridge except on our own private property. Even then, the annoyance of smoke, dust or noise is subject for complaint by our neighbors. The city of Elk Ridge alone cannot change these laws and rules of the road.

One way out is for the city to buy or have donated a tract of land for ATV use. The management, upkeep & liabilities are preventative.

Another alternative is to go to Elk Ridge City Hall and pick up a copy of "Highlights from Utah Off-Highway Vehicle Laws & Rules" brochures. Then determine which legal ATV park or trails you wish to visit. Load of your truck/trailer, take the family and have a wonderful day.

From The Mayor:

Sentiment runs in a straight line based on written comments - Enforce ATV laws. Concerns is safety, noise and private property damage.

Vernon L. Fritz



3 CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR ELECTION - THESE ARE 4 YEAR POSITIONS

JULY 15TH THROUGH AUGUST 15TH

**EACH PERSON SEEKING TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE
SHALL FILE A DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY IN PERSON WITH THE CITY
RECORDER OR THE TOWN CLERK DURING OFFICE HOURS AND NOT LATER
THAN 5:00 PM BETWEEN JULY 15TH AND AUGUST 15TH, 2003.**

SCHEDULE OF CHIP AND SEAL ROADS FOR 2003 ELK RIDGE

APPROXIMATE START DATE JULY 17TH

1. EAST PARK DRIVE 4250 FEET ELK MEADOWS TO THE BORDER OF ADDRESSES 700 AND 701
2. NORTH PARK DRIVE 2040 FEET GOOSENEST TO ELK MEADOWS
3. GOOSENEST 2600 FEET CUTTER CREEK TO 1600 WEST
4. ELK MEADOWS 2450 FEET TO HIGH SIERRA DRIVE
5. SALEM HILLS DRIVE 2508 FEET
6. *CANYON VIEW DRIVE 1050 FEET TO OAK LANE
7. *ALEXANDER DRIVE 810 FEET
8. MAGELLAN 1790 FEET
9. CORTEZ 398 FEET MAGELLAN TO PARK DRIVE
10. E HUDSON LANE 1550 FEET FROM ESCALANTE EAST
11. ALPINE DRIVE 1300 FEET SALEM HILLS TO ESCALANTE
12. *OAK LANE 766 FEET
13. OAKRIDGE DRIVE 2270 FEET EXCEPT BY CHURCH
14. COLUMBUS LANE 960 FEET
15. LEWIS WAY 265 FEET

*2ND PRIORITY, DEPENDS ON SUPPLY OF MATERIALS.

ROAD REBUILD LIST JULY OR AUGUST

AUTUMN CIRCLE	219 FEET
CORTEZ, MIDDLE SECTION ONLY	300 FEET
PARK CIRCLE	227 FEET
N. POWELL, CUL-DE-SAC ONLY	200 FEET
OAK RIDGE DRIVE (only the section by the church)	340 FEET
N PARK WIDENING 5X130 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION WITH OAK RIDGE	

VOLUNTEERS

"If a person can't read, he may as well be blind."
This may not be true, but it comes close to expressing the frustration when someone can't read. Encourage that someone to enroll in a reading program in your town now. Call Norman Smith at 798-1609 for your local information.

Volunteer tutors are also needed through the summer and during the school year. Please help!

WATER, SEWER, OR ROAD EMERGENCIES

If you have any kind of an emergency regarding water, sewer or roads, please call
413-888-3370

***CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF
PAUL GRIMES AND MARY JO STOUT FOR
BEING NAMED THE CITIZENS OF THE
YEAR!***

WINNERS!

Art Contest

Tiny Tots	McKay Ashton
4-K	Elise Riley
1st-2nd grades	Sarah Riley
3rd-4th grades	Jessica Killpack
5th-6th grades	Sam Hodges
7th-9th grades	Tyler Short
10th-12th	Jessica Jones

Tennis

Singles	Karl Ward
Womens	Joann Ingram
Doubles	Tyler Haskell & Omed Beltram

Floats

1st	Coombs Family
2nd	Stevens/Fitzgerald Family
3rd	Reece Family



*Winners for the 3 on 3, Golf and running will be announced when information becomes available.