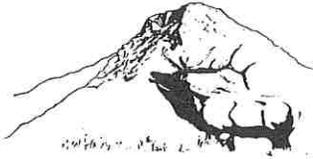
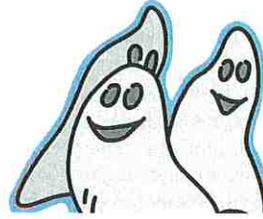

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Clear Line of Sight: I recently authorized letters to be sent to residents living on corner properties where obstruction of a clear line of vision exists. The ordinance was written to reduce accidents caused by the inability to see oncoming vehicles because of trees, shrubs, fences, etc. that obscured the line of sight.

Companion Issue: According to the city attorney, if an accident is caused by obscured line of vision the property owner could or might become involved in litigation for negligence especially if they knew the ordinance existed yet chose not to comply and eliminate the hazard.

City Help: In selected cases, the city will make available the use of the city backhoe and an operator to help relocate small shrubs and/or small trees in order to bring a property into compliance. In those instances where the city becomes involved the property owner will have to sign a *release from damages statement*. The small cost to the city for this work is offset by increased safety for our citizens.

Automobiles: Letters are being prepared for residents who have derelict vehicles on their property which violate the city ordinance. Those receiving letters will also be given a copy of the ordinance and conditions that apply and will have a specified period to come into compliance.

Explanation: Conditions that are unsightly, dangerous, or contribute to the deterioration of a neighborhood are of concern to everyone.

Fire Hazard: We all recognize that we narrowly escaped serious damage from fire this year. We are preparing letters which will be mailed in January to all vacant lot properties in which they will receive a copy of the ordinance regarding weeds and unkempt lots. They have a responsibility to keep the lots in safe condition.

A Problem: Many neighbors adjacent to or near empty lots are using the open space to dump unwanted brush, grass, rocks, etc. A wide swath grass cutter attached to a tractor cannot cut such areas without damage to the equipment thus grass and weeds reaches unacceptable heights and constitutes a fire hazard. Would you please reconsider when thinking about "dumping" on vacant lots?

Citizen Complaints: I often am encouraged to enforce ordinances that are being violated. Usually these folks are neighbors who don't want to confront the offending party because "we go to church together", or "they are otherwise the nicest people."

The Process: When I receive a complaint (and there are many) I generally make a first attempt to gain resolution by writing a letter to the offending party pointing out first the concern of their neighbors (no names are stated) and secondly that they are in violation of an ordinance and thirdly, would they please abate the problem. The offending party generally has thirty days in which to comply unless otherwise stated. Thus another two or three weeks can pass before any action is taken. In the meantime the person making the original complaint gets the impression that we are ignoring the situation. With exception of *significant* health and safety issues I am bound to follow the conditions outlined in the ordinance thus it becomes a lengthy process if the offending party chooses to challenge the citation.

An Exception: We recently caught an excavator illegally dumping dirt without the property owner's permission or the cities awareness. We immediately stopped the dumping, required the unauthorized dumped material to be removed and relocated at the excavators personal expense.

Egregious: We need the eyes and voices of our citizens to help us catch those who would diminish the quality of life in our city. An especially bad example was a septic tank cleaning truck crept into our city late at night and dumped his load into one of our sewer manholes. Unfortunately he was able to escape before the sheriff's deputy could get to the location.

On The Good Side: County road 1600 is finished. Its not quite what we had all hoped for but the choice was to get as far as possible with the money available or wait (how long) until more dollars could be gathered to extend the width even further.

Are You Aware: There continues to be a lot of effort going into emergency planning and the three-step program. More information will be provided as deemed appropriate. A lot of thanks are due to some very hard working people in our city. Volunteers anyone?

Hunting: Please be aware that the discharge of firearms in the City is prohibited. Hunting, whether by bow or firearms, is restricted. No hunting within 600 feet of a residence. No hunting on posted land. Hunting by written permission from the landowner is required where hunting is permitted. Deer season is upon us and the hills will be alive with the inexperienced as well as experienced. A bullet will travel a great distance. Any shot toward a residential area can have devastating consequences. Please exercise great care.

Election: On the 23rd of September eight candidates presented themselves to the public for questioning. This number will be reduced by two on the October 7th primary election.

MESSAGES FROM OUR CANDIDATES

NELSON ABBOTT

My name is Nelson Abbott and I am running for city council. I have been a resident of Elk Ridge for six years. In short this is my position on the following issues. **ATV's:** Absolutely against anyone riding them within city limits. **Water:** We have enough, but our rates remain high. We need to look at the rating structure and make adjustments where possible. We still have debt that needs to be paid for the creation of the resources. I want everyone to be able to afford to water their lawns. **Roads:** We have issues that need to be resolved. Many have complained about the burden that is put on them by the city requiring them to come up with money to pay for curbing. I think we need to start a savings account to cover the cost of curbing within the city. Each month everyone without curbing would be charged a fee of \$10. until they deposited enough into the account to cover the cost of putting curbing in. If you want to know where I stand on other issues that are near and dear to you, just ask me.

ALVIN (AI) HARWARD

Let your voice be heard. Come out and vote on election day. In Elk Ridge, let's use common sense government. If it's right let's do it. If it's wrong let's change it. I would like to hear your views. Call me at 423-8119.

MARY RUGG

Hello, I'm Mary Rugg. I have lived in the Elk Ridge community for nearly 6 years. During that time, I have held a position on the School Community Board and spent many volunteer hours trying to make our schools a better place for our children. It's a beautiful area, up here on the mountain. My husband and I feel very blessed to be raising our family in the Elk Ridge community. If elected, I would like to work towards improving our current situation, in the following areas:

*Water Rates & Water Consumption – Our rates were initially raised to pay for outdated infra-structure and wells, but also raised with the hopes of reducing water consumption. The latter has not been completed. A change in our current price tiering could help to amend this situation. Providing more information, in our monthly statements (current to prior years water consumption) would also be beneficial.

*Road Development – This issue needs to be handled in a more productive and sound way, with priority in mind and with the purpose of thoroughly fixing a problem.

*ATV's – It is in everyone's best interests to strive to work together, for community unity. With all viewpoints expressed, I believe that a compromise can be reached.

It's important that the entire community be informed of the happenings within Elk Ridge. I feel we could accomplish this with a more informative monthly newsletter that provides us with factual information and not opinions limited to a select few. I know I can make a difference that will prove to benefit the community of Elk

Ridge. I also realize that there are more issues to be dealt with and not merely the ones I have stated. I ask you to support me with your vote, because I can and will do the best job possible to keep Elk Ridge a place that we all want to continue to raise our families.

MARK W. JOHNSON

I have been a volunteer for the fire department for about 9 years, also serving as an E.M.T. for 3 of those years. I have worked part time for the city for 9 years, during which I have worked with the water, sewer and roads. I am running for city council because I want to continue to serve my community. I am a hard worker and will do my best in whatever assignments are placed before me. I know that as a council member I will not be able to make everyone happy all of the time, but I will listen to all

concerned citizens and do all I can to do what is right for the community.

JANNA BARRY

Hi my name is Janna Barry and I am running for City Council for a number of reasons. I have lived in Elk Ridge for over 6 years now. I have enjoyed living here but I am very concerned with our current situation of our utilities and city ordinances. I am not wealthy and live on a fixed income. If elected I will go right to work and help our town in every way possible. I believe that our town needs to plan for the future. I am ready to help in anyway I can. I am open to any ideas and suggestions that anyone has. Please email me with any questions or comments that you might have. My email address is jannabarry@aol.com. Thank you for your time and vote.

SEAN L. NIELSEN

It has been a great opportunity to serve as a member of the Elk Ridge city council over water. I am conservative at heart and I believe in individual responsibility. My voting record reflects my views and I stand behind my record. As always, I encourage anyone who has questions, concerns or comments to contact me. During my time in office there have been many great improvements in the water department. Two improvements include an updated water impact fee study and capital improvement plan. These two studies work together to help prepare Elk Ridge for future needs and growth. Understanding and using these two reports is one area of great importance. We are moving in the right direction in the water department. By electing me for city council we will continue moving forward using these studies along with other information to plan for, and finance future projects. One item of great substance I would like to address once re-elected is the lack of confidence in the water source here in Elk Ridge. Our source and storage capacity exceed our current needs based on the current number of connections! We should be confident when contemplating the future of Elk Ridge! Elk Ridge is a fantastic place to live and I will continue to work to make Elk Ridge better! Please get out and vote. We will make a difference in our community. When you vote for me you will be voting to prepare for the future.

MICHAEL ASHTON

On November 19th, I'll have lived in Elk Ridge for 10 years. I've been encouraged to run for City Council several times during that time and I've finally decided that the time is right to do so. I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Currently, I work as a Corporate Systems Engineer for Altiris. Other prior jobs include working as a Technology Consultant for the consulting arm of Sprint, and I.T. Director for a software development firm, as well as other technology-centric jobs. Additionally, I served 8 years in the Utah Air National Guard. My interests for the city include reducing water costs, managing growth in and around Elk Ridge, spending city resources responsibly, and planning for the future for our water, sewer and roads need!





Michael Murray is doing an eagle project. He is putting together an Elk Ridge directory with all the phone numbers and addresses of the residents of Elk Ridge. If you do not want your number to appear in the directory please contact him at 423-1519. **IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT HIM BY OCTOBER 31ST YOUR NUMBER WILL APPEAR IN THE DIRECTORY.** Also to be included in the directory will be an Elk Ridge yellow pages. If you have a home business, Michael will be contacting you and for a small fee (\$5-\$10) you may have your business advertised with graphics of you own or have him design one. If there are any questions please call Michael Murray at 423-1519.

SALEM RECREATION

JR. WRESTLING (Grades K-5)

Registration for the Jr. Wrestling Program will be held on Monday & Tuesday October 6th and 7th from 9-5. Registration fee is \$30. for early fee and \$35. for regular fee.

JR. JAZZ BASKETBALL (Grades 3-12)

Registration for the Jr. Jazz League, Don's Basketball Camp and trip to Delta Center to watch Jazz play will be held on Wednesday November 6th and Thursday November 7th from 9-6 at the Recreation office, or during regular business hours.

Jr. Jazz League & Don's Camp	\$35.	
Jr. Jazz League Only (3 rd -6 th grade)	\$30.	
Jr. Jazz League (7 th -12 th grade)	\$35.	
Dons Camp Only	\$15.	Add \$5 to Camp and
Optional Dons Camp T-shirt	\$6.	League fees if you
Optional Ticket to Jazz Game	\$10.	register after
		November 7 th .



We will continue to have an all girls league for 5th-8th graders.

Trip to Delta Center & Basketball Camp

All Jr. Jazz Basketball League participants will be given the option of purchasing a ticket to attend the Utah Jazz vs. Denver games on Saturday March 27th 2004. Cost of \$10. includes game ticket and transportation to and from the Delta Center. Dates for the Basketball Camp will be announced. We **always** are in need of coaches. If you are interested or if you need additional information, please contact Salem recreation office at 423-1035

You don't have to retire to start having fun. Volunteering keeps you active in mind and body while doing immense good for someone else and our community. Call Norman Smith at 798-1609 to learn how you can (with only a few hours commitment) contribute. Tutors at all schools and the Family Literacy Center are urgently needed for the fall term.

CERT TRAINING INFORMATION

IMPORTANT!!! CERT (Community Emergency Response) TRAINING will be held in Elk Ridge at the upper church Oct. 11th 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and Oct. 25th 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (drill and terrorism training). Classes are free. Materials will cost \$35.00 which include helmet, vest, goggles, dust mask, gloves and manual. Register by calling the Elk Ridge city office at 423-2300. Sign up early. Boy Scouts taking this training will receive 3 merit badges: Fire Suppression, First Aid, and Emergency Preparedness. This training also fulfills some of the requirements for girls in the Y.M. Program. Call Gayle Weber for information 423-3190. Bring a lunch. *Side note: All cities must have a terrorism plan by Sept. 2003. CERT TRAINING is vital to our people in the event terrorism comes to Utah.

