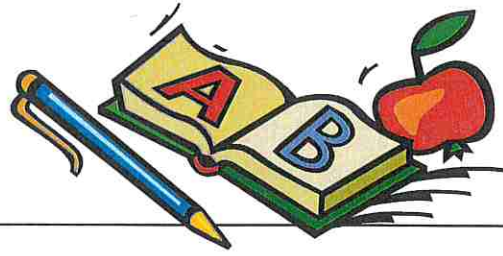




# Elk Ridge Bugle

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### **Be A Volunteer!!**

*"Give the gift of yourself – it costs nothing but a little time! The school near you has a great need for adults who can give practice to children learning to read. This is an invaluable skill for them and you are staying active and fit. Contact your nearest school or call Norman Smith at 798-1609."*

### **FYI:**

The Election's office main number is now equipped with a recording on the phone system that allows the public to access election information. The phone numbers are 851-8127 and 851-8128. We are hoping to better serve the public with this phone system and free our office of a large number of phone calls received.

### **ELK RIDGE 3 STEPS CITY BUYS**

Many things are happening with city buys right now. Instead of order forms being delivered to your home, you will receive them by Internet to your email address. (Block Captains gathered addresses as they passed out our last paper order). I would like to post it on the city's web page as well, but need help as I have no experience with this. I may use [www.elkridgebulletin.com](http://www.elkridgebulletin.com) until I can get it going on the city's web page. If you DO NOT have access to a computer, you can pick up a paper order form at the Elk Ridge City Office. Information will be included in each month's Bugle. There will also be signs at the entrances of Elk Ridge stating City Buy Orders Available, this will let you know its time for you to check out the order. If you did not get your email address submitted, have questions, or would be interested in helping with this process please email [citybuys@hotmail.com](mailto:citybuys@hotmail.com). Turn orders in to the City Office, Block Captain or Neighborhood Chairman by due dates.

1. **Emergency Lighting & First Aid Supply** order forms should have been delivered to your home they are due back Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
2. **Bulk Food** order possibility available in September. More information later.
3. **Seafood, Berry & Fruit** order will be available NEW PROCESS (explained above) on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and will be due Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This one requires only \$1. check with

order form and payment to Bithell Farms at delivery

4. Working on a **Nut** order probably available and due during the month of October.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Department Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED
- 8<sup>th</sup> EMT Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Fire Department Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> EMT Meeting 7:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept./EMT Combined Meeting 7:00 pm

### **BOOKMOBILE**

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday's from 2:00-4:00 at the  
City office parking lot.

*Any Emergency for Water, Sewer or Roads Call  
**283-3270***

**THANK YOU** to those who volunteered their time and gave service to make a beautiful, colorful flower display for the Brown's!!



*Message from the Mayor....*

Well, summer's nearly gone and we managed to get through another water year without major problems. That's the good news. The bad news of course is that it appears we are still in a drought. How many more years will it last? No one knows.

On to another subject. September is the time of year I'd like to extend the City's thanks to citizens who have dedicated so much time and energy to making Elk Ridge the great place to live that it is. We obviously have several groups who respond to major and minor problems in the form of fire, medical, and/or injury. Each September I want to recognize a different group for their services. This month it is to those dedicated citizens who work with the 3-step program and disaster response preparation.

We live in an earthquake zone. Who knows when a major quake will occur. If and when it does how will we as a community respond? Let me share with you some things that have been done. We have over 95 Cert trained citizens who in no way replace first responders but can act as eyes and ears for their neighbors to determine need.

If a major disaster occurs our first responders will not be able to visit each and every house, that is the task assigned to the Cert & neighborhood volunteers. They will be able to identify serious needs and relay that information to the medical personnel who are capable of providing treatment.

The City in cooperation with Dr. Gabler with the use of City funds & his donation of materials have put together a significant medical supply stash which can be used until government help arrives. We cannot wait for a disaster to occur before we evaluate our needs. We have acted to that end now, before a problem occurs.

Other News: The new tax rate passed by the Council in August lowers our revenue from last year by about \$16,000. That is money that in my opinion was needed to run the City but we will live with it. It is rare that we have an opportunity to lower taxes. By so doing however, we will provide fewer services that have a high profile. One of those programs that will suffer is the Emergency Preparation effort just described. If a major disruption of power occurs such as during an earthquake we have no means by which to light and power an emergency treatment center.

I had hopes of purchasing a generator to add to our supply of materials and equipment. That seems to be on hold for a while. I wonder however, if there is a citizen who would like to donate a generator or an Eagle Scout candidate who would like to raise the money and donate the item to the city. The cost would be around \$500. We also would like to complete a storage facility. Any volunteers?

The list of participants in our Emergency program is long but I will list the names of those who have been with us longest.

Linda Goodwin	(Director)
Gayle Webber	(Training)
Linda Jones	(Communications)
Claudette Echols	(Neighborhood Chairman)
Kamile Peterson	(Liaison w/ Fire Chief)
Doris Fritz	(Publicity)
Margaret Leckie	(Secretary)
Ron Taylor	(Communication)
Dr. Glenn Gabler	(Medical)