



Elk Ridge Bugle

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Message from the Mayor...

I start this month's message with a regrettable entry. We have so many fine citizens living in Elk Ridge that it grieves me to acknowledge that we also have some who do not respect the personal property of others. Such is an unfortunate fact of life. I receive a monthly report on police problems that occur within our community and some are truly disturbing.

While still serious but on a lesser scale than many other problems is mischief and damage to private property. Certain real estate signs have been vandalized and construction site survey markers have been removed. Such activity causes unnecessary expense to the owners of said property. I am saddened to see this happen but I recognize that it is a small minority who is involved. This latest incident however, is not the first. I ask parents to talk to their children about this subject.

Elk Ridge is growing slowly and this is because of limitations on our sewer. It appears that it will be at least two years before a final agreement with Payson results in the use of their facility. In the meantime we are being approached weekly about development. We have allocated a small number of connections based upon a waiting list but have no ability to meet all hopes and expectations for at least another year and probably two.

We have one developer with 120 acres under contract waiting to enter our city and another with at least 90 acres harboring the same intentions. Other will follow. The City's responsibility is to manage this influx prudently.

As a direct result of the public meeting regarding high-density housing we are forming an ad hoc committee (members are already chosen) and will expect a report back from them in 120 days. We want to be sure that our master plan accomplishes what the community wants and that we meet all conditions and requirements of local and state laws. An occasional review is mandated by common sense. Things change, circumstance render old ideas obsolete and give rise to new considerations. It is our intention to be at the front of the process rather than as a result of some legal stipulation that we were not aware of.

The hunting season is upon us. Please remember that Elk Ridge does not permit the discharge of firearms within our city limits. Target practice and sighting in rifles are not accepted. Privileges of the past no longer prevail. There is no 'grand fathered right' to firearm use in your back or front yard. Safety is the concern of all of us.

Please remember to vote this year. There is much to be thankful for and voting is near the top of list.

The City of Elk ridge has difficulty in qualifying for grant money other than, that which is for fire and safety. We considered sending one of our staff members (Council) to special training to learn how to write grant requests. The cost was prohibitive and a suggestion was made to ask the community if there was anyone with such expertise and if they would be willing to apply for grants on behalf of the city. If you have such an interest and willingness, please contact the mayor.

Sincerely,
Vernon L. Fritz
Mayor

BURN DAYS IN OCTOBER 23RD & 24TH Only

A BURN PERMIT IS REQUIRED. YOU MUST COME IN
TO THE CITY OFFICE TO OBTAIN ONE, THEN YOU
CALL THE DISPATCH NUMBER.

