



# Elk Ridge Bugle Year 2005 Edition

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## Message from the Mayor...

Thanks go out to everyone who helped us through our little Water problem. It had the potential for being a 2-3 day loss. Fortunately We were able to replace a burned out circuit panel. We initially thought it Was much worse and the water level in the tanks indicated a major problem.

New topic: It's seldom too early to plan ahead! This year 2 council positions and the office of Mayor will be open for election in November. The positions are each for a period of 4 years. The council meets twice a month and is chaired by the mayor.

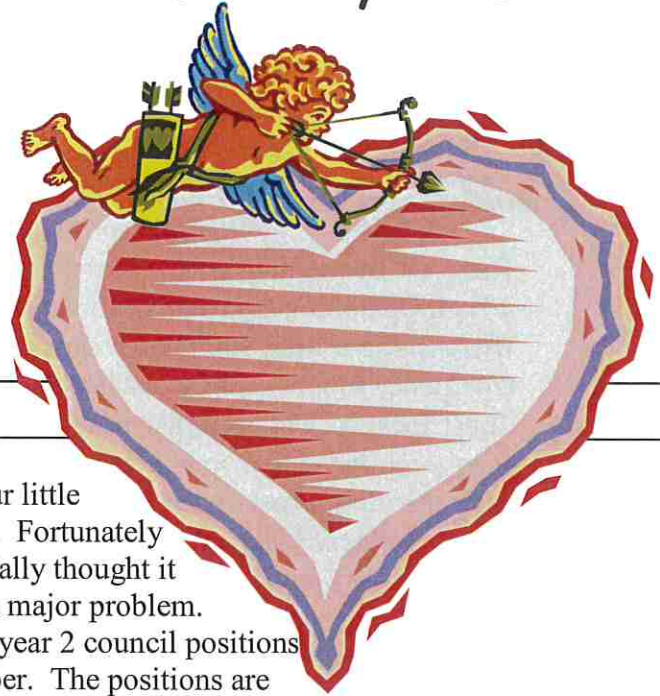
I encourage all citizens who are interested in how Elk Ridge develops to seriously consider running for office. It is a work well worth the use of your time & energies. We have an excellent staff & public works group to assist in the running of the city.

In my capacity as mayor I frequently receive guidance and counsel from parties concerned about many subjects, loose dogs and speeding top the list. I know our citizens have better ideas than I for they tell frequently of how they would like to see things done. Thus, I often suggest to these same citizens that they 'run for office' and am generally met with, "I don't have the time."

Consider this though, if ordinary citizens do not get involved in public service who is going to make the daily decisions & resolve the issues that accompany city government? If you find yourself at different ends of solutions offered to resolve our problems, how better to help than to become part of the solution instead of just one who sees the problems but declines to become involved.

From my 3 year experience on the city council & now entering my 4<sup>th</sup> year as Mayor I can testify to the importance of citizen involvement. Ordinary citizens just like you, housewives, fireman, retired persons, financial and management executives, lay persons, plumbers, laborers, and others have answered the call.

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I am delaying the 'state of the city' presentation until April. At that time I will lay out our current challenges and offer some resolutions along with anticipated costs. I delay the presentation so that interested parties can begin to formulate how they would better resolve our challenges and decide if they want to run for public office.

Elk Ridge faces significant opportunities in the coming years and each carries a price tag. Your involvement or the absence thereof will bear some responsibility for the outcome.

Please, run for office. It's an opportunity to return something to the community. Fresh ideas are always welcome and needs.

## VANDALISM

***Over the weekend the lights were taken from the pavilion, broken and scattered all over the park. The glass in the grass will be very difficult to remove, so no more running bare foot through the park. These occurrences are why we can no longer leave the bathrooms open or now no longer have lights at the pavilion. It is sad that a few 'bad seeds' can ruin it for everyone. Do you know where your children are? What they are doing? Who they are with?***





### ELK RIDGE PREPARES FOR EARTHQUAKE!!!

Why is the state capital being retrofitted? Why is the Salt Lake Tabernacle being retrofitted? Why does BYU have 2 building especially equipped with super air conditioning that will serve that will serve as a mass casualty morgue? You guess right. The state of Utah is getting ready for the BIG ONE! Elk Ridge is getting ready for the BIG ONE! *Earthquake readiness will be ever before you in 2005. Every month we will encourage you to move forward in your family preparations for a major earthquake.* Our agenda will be as follows:

1. There will be monthly articles in the Elk Ridge Bugle on earthquake readiness.
2. A Ham Operator class begins February 4<sup>th</sup> call Linda Jones 423-3126 to register.
3. There is also a 1 day Ham Radio class on February 19<sup>th</sup> Call Linda Jones to register.
4. Emergency supplies will be available as part of the Elk Ridge City Buys.
5. Guest speakers with expertise in surviving major earthquakes will address us.
6. Neighborhood chairman & group captains will encourage you to prepare your homes and cars against earthquake damage.
7. Two city drills will allow you to practice survival techniques.
8. Classes in First Aid and CPR will allow you to up-date your skills.
9. There will be suturing classes on how to sew-up a laceration.
10. Red Cross classes will train us in how to set up & manage an emergency shelter.
11. Fall & Spring CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) classes will be offered.
12. A neighborhood Dutch Oven Cook-Off will show off your outdoor cooking skills.
13. A guest speaker on sprouting will teach us how to have "greens" when trucks are unable to deliver our weekly fresh vegetables.

The Elk Ridge Emergency & Disaster Preparation Committee recently listened to a guest speaker who had lived through the Northridge, CA earthquake of 1994. He walked us through the events of this 7.5 earthquake and opened our eyes to the reality of coping with such a disaster. Experts in our state expect a major earthquake along the Wasatch front in the next 0-7 years. The state is encouraging its city emergency managers to increase their efforts to have their cities prepared to meet the challenges that such a disaster would present. To this end, our committee is dedicating itself in this coming year of 2005 to help the families in Elk Ridge become as earthquake ready as possible.

### ELK RIDGE CITY BUY

Orders are now available at the city office for fruit & seafood. The e-mail address list has been lost and time has not allowed for re-entry. Please submit your e-mail address to [citybuys@csolutions.net](mailto:citybuys@csolutions.net) for future buys. Please turn in your fruit & seafood order to your Block Captain, Neighborhood Chairman, Marilyn Petersen (address on order form), or the Elk Ridge City Office by **Wednesday, February 23, 2005**. This is the buy that you write a \$1.00 check to Elk Ridge 3 Steps and pay for your purchase when the truck delivers. We will have another City Buy order available in the March Newsletter with fire extinguishers and earthquake preparedness items. Please contact Marilyn Petersen 423-2505 with questions, suggestions or willingness to help with City Buys.

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**The city is accepting applications Planning Commission Members. The period of commitment is 5 years. Contact the Mayor if interested.**

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**The city is looking for a new Town Historian. Contact the Mayor for details.**

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**FOUND: A metal patio bench. If you lost your bench in the last storm, Please call the city office at 423-2300.**

**Welcome home TSGT Miriam Hoschouer Scott & MSGT David Scott! Thank you for your service in the Army in Falujah, Iraq, Kosovo, Bosnia & Germany. They will arrive home February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm (Delta). God Bless America!!**



Utah County Bookmobile Jan-May  
2005

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm Wednesday's  
City Office Parking Lot

February 16<sup>th</sup>  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
April 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
May 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Please remember to keep a 3 foot clearance (snow, bushes, debris, etc) around fire hydrants near your home. This will help save time for the firefighters in case of an emergency!!

### Water, Sewer or Road

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

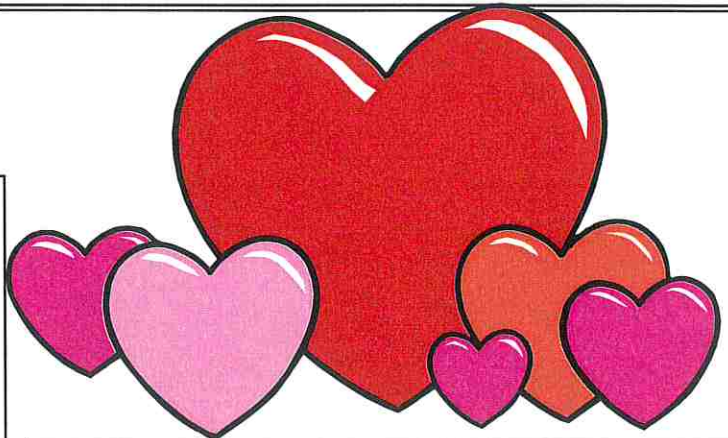
We would like to spotlight Heather Abbott this month. Heather has been with the Fire Department since April 2004. She completed her EMT training in September 2004. She and her husband, Nelson, have lived in Elk Ridge for the past 6 ½ years and loves Elk Ridge because it is so nice and quiet. They have 3 children: Mike (7), Morgan (5), & Josh (2 ½ ). She loves to read, sew and walk—especially when she can find the time! Her favorite food is pizza and she loves to buy movies. She wanted to be an EMT because it sounded interesting and fun. We are really glad to have her on the team!!

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT



#### DATES TO REMEMBER

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fire Department Meeting	7:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	EMS Meeting	7:00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Department Meeting	7:00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	EMS Meeting	7:00 pm



#### SPRING SOCCER

Salem has had many requests for a spring soccer league, so we will give it a try. The season will run about the last week in March through April and until about the first week in May. As in the fall, Elk Ridge teams will play Salem teams and some games may be in Salem. We will be using the same jersey, so if you have one you will not need to purchase one. Otherwise, please note the additional charge for the jersey. We can't run this soccer league with out help from parents. If you're able **PLEASE** sign up to help coach (there are coach benefits!).

Please make sure you sign up before the deadline! Registrations will be as follows:  
Sign up dates:

Registration – Now until March 4<sup>th</sup>

Cost:

Grades 1-4 \$10.00

Reversible Jersey \$10.00 (will be used from year to year)

\*No Kindergarten

