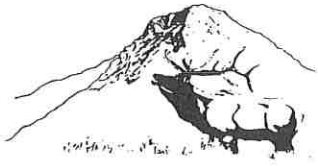


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Elk Ridge Bugle

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Message from Mayor Dennis Dunn....

Spring is just around the corner and that means that the flowers will be coming up. It also means the weeds will be appearing right along with them.

I have a favor to ask of all the residents of Elk Ridge. It is, to take pride in the community, and to go the extra mile in keeping your surroundings looking clean and proper. Needless to say, the chip-n-seal project from last summer was a disaster. It has caused problems for many of us and can only be remedied with help from you. The city will start with cleaning the rocks off the road. Our plan is to sweep out the gutters, sweep off the roads and then gather up the rocks with both a backhoe and a vacuum truck. This will take some time and must be coordinated with your efforts in gathering up the material that is causing you grief. We will let you know the dates of this project when it is scheduled.

I have in my office an EASY button. When I push it, none of the problems disappear; none of the reports type themselves, none of the complaints are taken care of, in fact, a recording comes on and says "That was Easy", other than that, NOTHING happens. Things happen only when people choose to do something. Most complaints that come to me are in the category of petty and trivial. Some are valid but most are not. Most complaints are neighbors that have been offended or that are offending someone else. In school we used to call this being rude. In fact, I am sure that it is still called being rude. It's time to read the list I sent you last month and ponder the meaning of life. Take some time and critique yourselves. Of course, I am speaking to only a few of the citizens here; the rest of you can read if you want to. So, if you see some weeds that have taken residency on the side of the road, whack-em down. If you see some rocks in your grass, pick-em up. If someone else helps you, put your arm around them and say thanks. I would much rather see you helping each other. Another thing that you should be aware of is that we have had some burglaries in town. Please lock up your homes and autos. Do not leave your valuables in plain sight and it is also a good idea to not leave your garage doors open.



Scouting for Food

Saturday, March 25th is the annual Scouting for Food drive! Boys Scouts will deliver plastic bags to homes the week before the food drive. Please, fill the bags with donations (non-perishable food and hygiene items) for Community Action Food Bank. Leave the bags on your porch Saturday morning for boy scouts to pick up. Community Action Food Bank (official food bank for Utah, Summit and Wasatch counties) is a partner with the Utah National Parks Council for the Scouting for Food drive. Community Action Food Bank has six food pantries. The Provo Food Pantry serves about 1,500 local families each month. It takes about 65 canned food and dry good items to feed a family of four for one week. Your help is greatly appreciated!
If you have any questions about donations, call Jim Thomas, Community Action Food Bank Director, at 373-8200 ext. 216.

Dates to Remember

- 2nd Planning Commission
- 14th City Council
- 16th Planning Commission
- 17th ST. PATRICKS DAY
- 23rd Kindergarten Registration 7:30 – 4:00
- 25th Scout Food Drive
- 25th Emergencv & Disaster Prep. Fair



Cougar Tracks have recently been spotted twice around the Alpine Drive Area.

WATER. SEWER OR ROAD EMERGENCIES 282-2270



EAGLE PROJECT – KACEY GUNNERSON

Kacey is creating much needed triage kits for the Elk Ridge Emergency CERT Teams. The only items left on his list that are needed are:

- 4x4 gauze pads
- Rolls of 3/4" adhesive tape

If you can donate any of these items, please deposit them at the drop box located at the city office. Contact Kacey Gunnerson at 423-3300 if you have any questions.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED SO GENEROUSLY FOR THESE KITS!

Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Fair

Have you asked yourself what you would do if a disaster were to strike you home? Without power, who would you contact, where would you go for help and what would you do? The city of Elk Ridge is combining with the Payson East Stake to present a huge Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Fair on **Saturday March 25th at 2:00 pm in the Stake Center.** Ward

Will be presenting subjects such as survival skills, emergency cooking, water Storage, 72 hr kits, food prep. 1st aid, sanitation, tools and escape plans. The city

Will show you what we are to do in the first minutes after a disaster strikes, and will include information on various subjects such as 3 step groups & neighborhoods, staging areas, CERT,



Emergency Shelter, EMT, Fire, Critical Care and EOC. There will also be special Presentations on emergency prep., gas & electrical hazards, generators & heat and Earthquake hazards. You attendance could save lives when a disaster strikes, so Please reserve this day on you calendar! If you have any questions, or would like to

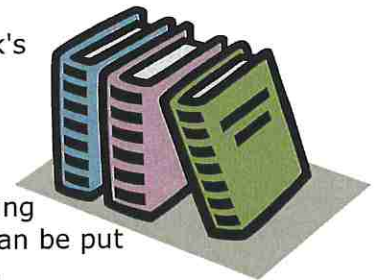
help with the event, please call LaRon Taylor 423-2843.



There has been some concern expressed regarding the removal of the bookmobile service. This was a unanimous council decision. It was decided that after review of the cost effectiveness of the bookmobile that the citizens were not getting the best value for their tax dollar. It cost the tax payers here in Elk Ridge, \$2.88 per book. The contract was \$2,880.00 per year and only 1000 books were checked out.

Access to local libraries is something every citizen has here in Elk Ridge. The fees that are charged for using Payson's, Spanish Fork's or any of the schools libraries around us are a better value a bargain compared to the cost of an underused bookmobile.

There is at this present time an effort, that includes all of the Mayors in Utah County, to put together a county library card that gives all residents access to all libraries in the county. I have a meeting tonight on that very subject. It is our desire that a county program can be put into action. Information will continue to be given as things progress.
Mayor Dunn.



2006 Get Active Utah! Fitness Challenge

Log your physical activity "miles" each day, week, or month at utahwalks.org. On that website you will find step-by-step instructions on:

- How to convert any fitness or activity minutes/hours to miles
- How to get started
- Where to find trails.

You can join as a group or as an individual. Utahns who reach the goal of 200 miles logged between March 4th & June 5th will receive a Get Active Utah T-shirt. You will receive a pin for 100 miles logged. For additional information you can visit checkyouhealth.org.

