

Message from Gary Prestwich...

It is illegal to ride an ATV in the public streets of Elk Ridge per Utah State Law. It is illegal to ride an ATV on the private land south of Elk Ridge without the owners consent.

UTAH STATE LAW FOR OHV'S
(Off-Highway Vehicles)

AGE AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

No one under eight years of age is allowed to operate any OHV on public lands, roads or trails in Utah. Resident operators eight through 15 years of age may operate, provided they possess an Education Certificate issued by Utah State Parks and Recreation. Resident operators 16 years of age or older may operate an OHV if they possess either a valid driver's license or an OHV Education Certificate.

HELMET REQUIREMENTS

Properly fitted helmets, having at least a "DOT Approved" safety rating for motorized use are required for all OHV operators and passengers under the age of 18 years. All OHVs are required to have certain equipment in working order while being operated in Utah, including:

- Brakes sufficient to stop and hold the machine;
- A headlight and taillight while being operated between sunset and sunrise;
- A muffler and spark arrester (snowmobiles are exempt from the spark arrester requirement).

REGISTRATION

Any OHV being operated or transported on public lands, roads or trails of the state of Utah must display a current OHV registration sticker.

These stickers must be attached to the OHV in a visible location as follows:

- ATVs and motorcycles - On both sides of the gas tank or on each fork.
- Snowmobiles - On both sides of the pan or hood.
- All other off-highway vehicles - On the front and rear of the vehicle.

PROHIBITED USES

Currently registered off-highway vehicles may only be operated on public lands, roads and trails that are signed or designated open to OHV use, or on private property with the consent of the owner or person in charge.

It is illegal for any person to use an OHV in connection with acts of vandalism, harassment of wildlife or domestic animals, or in the commission of a crime. It is also illegal for anyone to operate any OHV in such a manner as to damage the environment by excessive pollution of air, land, or water, or to abuse the watershed, impair plant or animal life, or create excessive noise.

It is the operator's responsibility to know which routes are open to OHV use. Remember that congressionally designated Wilderness areas are off limits to all mechanized travel.

Respect private property by obtaining permission from the landowner before entering.

**ELK RIDGE RESIDENTS – I
NEED YOUR HELP!**

During the week of May 16-24, our Park Basketball Court is getting a make-over! The end result will be a sports court resurfacing just in time for summer and our annual city celebration 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The court will need to be "OUT OF USE" during this week. Please encourage your children to be respectful of this request. The City needs your help to make this project move quickly and successfully. I am looking forward to the final result and the anticipated fun that this will provide for our family community. Thank you all for your help in this matter!

Mary Rugg
Parks Department

*The theme for this year's city celebration
is
"The Beauty of America"*

**National EMS Week
Open House Wednesday
May 11, 2005
Elk Ridge Fire House
7:00 – 9:00 pm**

- Free Blood Sugar Tests
- Free Blood Pressure Tests
- Emergency Preparedness Information

**Utah County Bookmobile Jan-May
2005**

**1:45 pm – 3:45 pm Wednesday's
City Office Parking Lot
May 11th & 25th**



**Water, Sewer or Road Emergencies
call 283-3270 (pager)**



ELK RIDGE BUGLE

Andrea Muhlestein - Editor

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Message from the Mayor...

We bid farewell to a 21 year employee on the night of April 26th. Ernie Folks has served under 7 mayors and helped train each of them. We wish her and husband Ray all the best and express our thanks for the service rendered. Her imprint will last long and favorably on the city of Elk Ridge.

The message this month will be short. I hope parents will read this portion carefully.

We recently received a call from a concerned mother. Her daughter had been playing in the park area by herself when a teenage boy approached her and made an inappropriate solicitation. The girl reported it to her mother but the mother chose not to give the name of the perpetrator. Please, as parents if you absolutely know the name of a person acting as a sexual predator report it to the police.

Obviously we would not want a 'suspicion' without a firm basis to be the rationale for reporting a problem for the damage to one's reputation could be terrible and long lasting.

The law offers some degree of protection for the underage offender but at the same time makes them aware of a potential perpetrator in the event a serious violation occurs.

The city does not have the ability to police the park area so it is always wise to have a child accompanied by a companion.

We continue to make forward strides in improving the park. Keep your eyes open and you will see it.

- We have an opening on the Board of Adjustments. The board meets only upon occasion when an issue comes up, often less than 2-3 times a year. Interested persons please contact the mayor 423-2300.
- The following number is the national DO NOT CALL list and will block your cell phone for 5 years. Call 1-888-382-1222 from your cell phone to protect yourself from being hassled.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4 th	Fire Department Meeting	7:00
May 5 th	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00
May 8 th	MOTHER'S DAY	
May 10 th	Council Meeting	7:00
May 11 th	EMS Meeting	7:00
May 18 th	Fire Department Meeting	7:00
May 19 th	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00
May 24 th	Council Meeting	7:00
May 25 th	EMS Meeting	7:00
May 30 th	MEMORIAL DAY	

Fire/EMS Dept. Spotlight: Karen Taylor. KD & her husband, Jerry, have lived in Elk Ridge for 23 years. They have 4 children & 6 grandchildren. She has been a member of the Fire Dept. for 5 ½ years & an EMT for 3 years. She recently retired as a firefighter & we appreciate all the time & sacrifice she has give to the City. She works as the Associate Dean of the School of General Academics at UVSC. Other hobbies include: music, singing in the Payson Civic Chorale, guitar, piano, sewing & outdoor recreation. She would like to see Elk Ridge have a more organized system of growth (street design, central city planning instead of developers planning). She would like to Elk Ridge to have its own post office & cemetery.

Fire Dept. News: We would like to welcome Justin Hayes to the Fire Dept. Our dept. is currently undergoing training & certification in a federal program designed by the Department of Homeland Security, called National Incident Management Systems (NIMS). This will train all emergency response teams in the same procedures & protocols nationwide.

Congratulations to Jacob Johnson age 12 for passing the test and receiving his Amateur Radio Call sign and is anxious to get on the air!