



# ELK RIDGE BUGLE

## September 2007



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### Message from the Mayor...

Well, summer is on its way out and the cold weather is on our doorstep. What a short, hot summer it was. We have about two miles of new road in the city and will be challenged with more snow to remove this year. To remind you, our snow plows clean the bus routes first, then the through streets, and last to be cleaned are the cul-d-sacs and dead-end streets. Please be patient during the bad storms as the plows will stay on the bus routes in order to keep our children as safe as possible getting to and from school.

One of the changes this year is the sewer line coming from Payson. It is now here and we will soon be sending all of our effluent to them instead of to the Salem plant. This change has been at least three years in the making and puts Elk Ridge in the secure position of having sewer for the rest of our growth and build out. Elk Ridge presently owns 18% of the Salem plant and Salem has been very kind in not presenting us with 18% of the upgrade bills for the past year. This has saved us from raising the rates until now. We have also been loosing revenue for the past 4 years in sewer because the costs have surpassed the income. The average loss has been \$5,000.00 per year. Because this is an enterprise fund, it must work as one and return to operating in the black. It is now time to make the adjustment. It means that our sewer rates must be adjusted from \$20.50 to \$24.00 a month starting October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. That is next month. Payson will receive \$22.00 of the fee and Elk Ridge will retain \$2.00 for maintenance of the trunk lines within our city. Another benefit from this change is that our trunk lines will be jetted, (cleaned) on an annual schedule. This will assure us that our lines will be in healthier condition and work more efficient.

To give you a comparison of rates, the following table will show you where we stand in relation with most of communities here in Utah Valley.

City	2005 Monthly Rate	City	2005 Monthly Rate
Mapleton	\$ 40.76	Santaquin	\$22.90
Eagle Mountain	\$ 36.78	Salem	\$21.50
Lindon	\$ 28.66	Highland	\$20.62
Cedar Hills	\$ 27.69	Elk Ridge City	\$20.50
Payson	\$ 27.00	American Fork	\$20.00
Pleasant Grove	\$ 26.53	Alpine	\$19.40
Lehi	\$ 25.50	Spanish Fork	\$17.68
Springville	\$ 24.85	Orem	\$17.43
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$ 24.40</b>	Provo	\$17.13



The increase will still put us below the 2005 average yet bring us to where we need to be to stop losing financial ground.

We have had many requests during our spring clean-up for the dumpsters to return in the fall. Well, get ready because the dumpsters will be here for the **NEW FALL CLEANUP WEEK**. Look for the **dumpsters at the East side of the city building starting Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup>. Let's make Elk Ridge look clean and beautiful.**



*In the words of a purple dinosaur... "Clean up, Clean up, everybody, everywhere, clean up,*

**COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE**  
 To benefit the Saboba Medical Center in Ghana, Africa  
[Sabobamedicalcentre.com](http://Sabobamedicalcentre.com)  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
 If you would like to participate please contact George Thaut



### *Community Action Week: Celebrating Self-Reliance, October 1-5, 2007*

Do you have an adequate food storage? Have you planned for your retirement? To celebrate its 40th anniversary, Community Action Services and Food Bank will hold Community Action Week: *Celebrating Self-Reliance*, from October 1-5, 2007. Community Action Week will feature a variety of activities to build self-reliance, sponsored by local partners. If you want to learn more about this one-of-a-kind celebration or would like to get involved, please visit [www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org) or call 801-373-8200.

As the second largest food bank in the state of Utah, Community Action Services and Food Bank serves Utah, Wasatch and Summit counties. Community Action also provides several other programs that help families in crisis: homebuyer and mortgage counseling, family development, the HEAT program, youth mentoring and outreach to the elderly.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS By Bob Van Parys

- Dry conditions still exist. "EXTREME FIRE DANGER "Please be vigilant to all possibilities of wild land fires. All outside fires are still prohibited.
- Fire Prevention Day for Elk Ridge City will be October 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Department. Events will include:
  - \* Safety Trailer to teach our children to escape from a smoke filled room.
  - \* Parents and children will develop their escape plan and practice their plan.
  - \* Live demonstration of fire extinguishers.
  - \* Watch video on home fire and how to escape from your home
  - \* Blood pressure tests
- September is the month to replace batteries in your fire alarms. See article on smoke alarms in the [elkridgecity.org](http://elkridgecity.org) website under Emergency Services.

### Disaster Preparedness

For our fall disaster preparedness day at 9:00 AM, Saturday, September 29, we will be covering Pandemic preparedness. All of you will be receiving a brochure from us that will cover this issue, but only the individuals involved in our various disaster preparedness committees will be attending the training seminar on that day. If you are involved in CERT, Neighborhood Chairs or assistants, Group Captains or assistants, Communications, Critical Care, or Emergency Shelters, City Fire Dept or EMTs or office, you will want to put this date on your schedule. If you are not included in this group but would like to attend (or if you would like to become involved in our disaster preparedness program) we can make room for you if you call LaRon Taylor 623-8735. Thanks, Your Friendly Disaster Preparedness Committee.

*Fall Seafood & Berry Order is Available. It is Due September 19, 2007. For questions call Julie Christensen 423-3504 or Jennie Wilcox 423-0248.*

### ALLIED WASTE LOST OR STOLEN CARTS REPLACEMENT POLICY

Allied Waste Services will replace any lost or stolen cart based upon the following: \$50 If the resident files a policy report and submits it to Allied Waste, \$100 If resident does not file a policy report. These fees will be billed directly to the resident. Our position is that residents are responsible for the equipment that is used at their homes. These carts are a significant expense to our operations, both the initial cost as well as delivery, removal, and repair. Allied Waste will still repair or replace any carts that are damaged from normal wear and tear, or damage cause by us during operations. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Gordon Raymond 801-924-8468.



### **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!**

Early Voting will be Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 at the City Office.

Election Day is Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm at the City Office