

ELK RIDGE CITY OCTOBER 2007

Message from Mayor Dennis Dunn... People in this world go to war over the right to vote. American soldiers and citizens have died to maintain this freedom. It is our voice, our chance to decide who will represent us and then support them in their duties of service. If this primary election was any indication of what we care about, then we are in pitiable shape. We have in Elk Ridge, 1,264 persons listed in the Official Register book. Only 225 of you made the effort to have a voice. The remaining 1,039 voters had no voice. 17.8% of you made the effort to make a difference.

If you wonder why I am coming down so hard on this issue it is because of several factors. This country is presently at war and some of our soldiers are dying. One of the many reasons we are in Iraq, whether you agree with the war or not, is to provide the people there a voice that had been taken from them. The image that sticks in my mind is the day that their voice was acknowledged. It was expressed with purple dye on their fingers and large smile's on their faces'. This country was the result of our forefathers desire to have a voice and to no longer be under the rule of a king. What would they say about the complacency that now rests on the better majority of qualified voters? Of the war to end all wars, the voice of freedom was protected and defended by the blood of thousands of freedom fighters while the blood of millions of innocents who had no voice was spilled by those who took their voices from them. Need I go on?

If you want to have a voice here in Elk Ridge then it must start with your freedom to vote. It really does make a difference.

A very few people in this community think that their voice is the option to create and relay information that is false and untrue about issues going on here in this fine little city. Let me put to rest some of the lies that for months have kept coming back to this office. 1) I do not have 30% interest in the proposed development on the upper south end of town or any other developments anywhere. The only property I own is my home. 2) This council has not created any illegal lots nor used any illegal methods to facilitate any citizen's exercise of property rights. Our duty and responsibility as the council (also the city planner and the planning and zoning commission) is to make sure that lawful and legal practice of the code and standards is fairly applied to all. Because you may not agree with the change does not mean that it was done illegally. 3) The city is not going bankrupt. We are in great financial shape. By law we are audited every year and have financial reports to show a history of our overall standing. 4) We are not running out of water. We have water in the aquifers and the rights to take water out of the aquifers via the wells that we own. All of our water rights must stay here in Elk Ridge. It is against the state constitution to transfer rights from our city. We have not and can not sell them to anyone else. We have extra water rights that can be assigned to homes by use of a cash-in-leu-of policy. What that means is, if you build a home and you don't bring transferable water rights with you, we will assign some of our extra water rights to your development in exchange for cash. We do not give water to anyone.

I am always shocked and amazed at the amount of misinformation that gets to my office. I can only surmise that it comes from people who either don't understand the issues or they get great pleasure in rumors and do not care if it is true or not.

My purpose has not been to cause offense but to state the facts and encourage you to be an active voter and to know the truth and make an effort to sustain it. Yet I have found that the positions of Mayor, Council and Planning Commissioner are accused of things that are simply not true and I will call out any of the lies and false rumors that continue to have an effect on this community. All of you deserve to know the truth and to know that this present council, planning commission and office staff does its best for you.

Meet the Candidates night is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 6PM in the fire bay area of the city center. This is an open question format for 45 minutes. At 7PM following the candidates is the State of the City address.

Election Day is Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7AM to 8PM here at the city center. Have your say and make your vote count.

A big THANK YOU to all of our SOCCER COACHES: Cindy Dalton, Frank Montague, Desiree Shallenberger, Mark Gould, Michelle Stevens, Eric Rassi, Becky Concoby, Tracy Lofthouse, Wade Dalton, Barb Adamson, Scott Young, Mike Brockbank, & Jamie Elder. Make sure you let them know how much you appreciate the time they have sacrificed for all of our players!

**BASKETBALL SIGNUPS AVAILABLE AT THE CITY OFFICE. EARLY REGISTRATION UNTIL NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>. DEADLINE NOVEMBER 16TH**

	EARLY	LATE
3rd Co-ed	\$30	\$40
4th boys	\$30	\$40
4th & 5th girls	\$30	\$40
5th & 6th boys	\$30	\$40
6th-8th girls	\$35	\$45
7th-12th boys	\$35	\$45

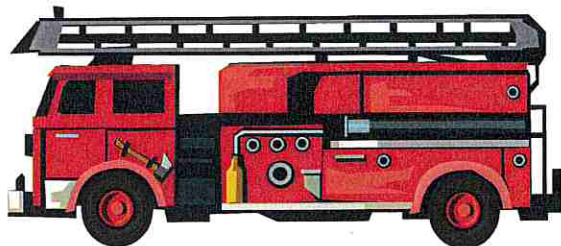
As always, we are in desperate need of coaches! (If you have any questions – please e-mail Kara Cook at [wkcook@hotmail.com](mailto:wkcook@hotmail.com))

**October is Fire Prevention Month**  
**Fire Prevention Day will be October**  
**15, 2007 at 6:30 pm**

Your Fire Department will be having the following activities on our Fire Prevention Day.

- \* 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
- October is the month to replace batteries in your fire alarms. See article on smoke alarms and fire prevention in the home on the [elkridgecity.org](http://elkridgecity.org) website under Emergency Services.

**\*\*IT IS REQUIRED THAT HOMEOWNER'S MAINTAIN A 5FT PERIMETER AROUND ALL FIRE HYDRANTS!! PLEASE AS AN ACT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, SEE THAT THIS IS DONE. IT MAKES OUR JOB MORE DIFFICULT, & CAN CAUSE DELAYS WHEN CALLED TO PUT OUT A FIRE. THANK YOU!!**



**MANY THANKS**

David Jacobsen of Allstate insurance has given the CERT team a \$500.00 grant. This is the second such donation that has come from David. Our CERT team is indeed very grateful for the funds that come in. The funds that our CERT team receives are put to beneficial use in producing training materials and also our Community Emergency Handbook. We would like to thank David for his thoughtful and generous donations.

**Community Action Services and Food Bank Offers Free Home Buyer Education Classes!**

The Home Buyer Class includes budget and money management, credit issues, loan and down payment programs, shopping for financing and a home, closing documents, when to refinance, and much more. Come and learn what you need to know to have a home of your own. For more information call 373-8200 ext. 242 or ext. 243. You can register by phone or online ([www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org)).



**City Calendar for October 2007**

3<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of Sukkot

4<sup>th</sup> Planning

**Commission**

8<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day

9<sup>th</sup> City Council

13<sup>th</sup> Navy Birthday

16<sup>th</sup> Boss's Day

18<sup>th</sup> Planning

**Commission**