



Elk Ridge Bugle

SEASONS GREETINGS



A very talented high wire performer had just finished his extremely difficult act of crossing the wire which was stretched tightly over the river near a towering waterfall. As he stepped off of the wire the crowd erupted with applause and approval of the feat.

The performer was tired and somewhat damp from the spray of the waterfall and perspiration resulting from being so focused and tense. Someone in the crowd shouted out a challenge for him to "Do it again." He turned to the person making the request and said, "You would like me to walk along this wire again?" The reply was "Yes. Only this time walk across the wire pushing that wheelbarrow in front of you."

The performer thought for a moment and asked the person making the request if he really thought he could walk across the damp wire and do it safely. The challenger said, "I know you can make it. We just witnessed your successful crossing and many of us want to see you do it again with that wheelbarrow."

The performer again took a moment to think about the request and finally said to the man making the demand that he would indeed do what he was being asked and because the man and also the rather large group had such confidence in him, that he would like the small child of the man to ride in the wheelbarrow for this special performance. The man offering the challenge quickly took his young son by the hand and briskly walked away and just as quickly, the crowd dispersed and went their way. One of the people leaving was overheard saying, "How dare he put that young child in danger and risk his life."

The performer stood there alone except for one other person, a young boy that appeared to be about twelve years old. The young boy said, "Mister, I believe you can do it and I have only seen this waterfall from the sides, I really want to see it from above. I'll go with you and sit in the wheelbarrow."

With no one left to watch, the performer and the boy crossed the high wire to the other side. Upon reaching the far side of the waterfall, the boy looked up from the wheelbarrow with his eyes wide open and in an extremely excited voice thanked the man for giving him the opportunity to see things differently and for the courage that it took to once again walk the wire.

Never again did the boy, as he grew up, ever look at life as being a simple walk, but a series of choices that included taking a risk once in a while and that once in a while it may also include carrying some unexpected company.

The three council members who have served their terms of office are leaving a big set of shoes to be filled. Mary, Alvin and Mark have done an amazing job that required many hours of sacrifice and service. I can truthfully tell you that they did their jobs with a professional attitude and one of sincere concern for the city and the citizens. These three people have made a positive and progressive difference for Elk Ridge. Many, many thanks to you three who have had the courage to walk the wire many times because you knew what had to be accomplished. You will be missed.

Mayor Dennis Dunn

REMINDER !

Winter and cold weather are here! Parking on the street is not allowed from December 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. This is to facilitate snow removal when necessary. If vehicles should need to be towed away, it will be at the owners expense.

Elk Ridge City Calendar 2007

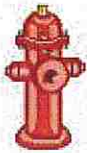
7 TH	Planning Commission
11 TH	Town Council
24 TH	Christmas Eve – Office Closed
25 TH	Christmas Day – Office Closed

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

We have lost one of the Planning Commissioners who has taken the position as our Professional Planner. That has left an opening on the Planning Commission to fill immediately. Additionally, another Commissioner has been elected to the City Council. This leaves a second position to fill by January 1st. In February, another Commissioner will complete his term of appointment and this will leave a third opening on the Planning Commission to fill.

If you have ever desired to help Elk Ridge to take care of the planning issues that we face, now is the time to come forward and volunteer. Please contact the city office at 423-2300 and schedule a visit with the Mayor.

EAGLE PROJECTS ON FIRE HYDRANTS



I hope you have noticed the whip markers on the fire hydrants. These are the result of two very well done Eagle Projects. Unfortunately, it has been reported to the city that two of the markers have been removed by some of the children that have decided to test the durability of the devices. Parents, please let your children know that the flexible markers must be left alone so that the fire department will be able to find the hydrant in the winter time. We take it very serious here at the city when someone decides to steal or vandalize city property. Let's support the efforts of the young men who have spent thousands of dollars and many hours of time to make the city safer

Have you recently lost some money
in Elk Ridge?

If so, contact Cathy Holcomb at
423-1875

Attention!

From the Fire Department

The Christmas Season is upon us and we need to remember the important safety steps for the holidays.

- It is important to care for your live Christmas tree while it is in your home.
- You can find out all you need to know by going on line and typing in "Christmas tree care". There are many articles on picking, care, and disposing of your Christmas tree.
- We all love to light up our home with outdoor and indoor Christmas lights. Using too many light strings on one outlet can cause overheating of the outlet and fire can result. Also using under gauged extension cords or too long an extension cord will cause a drop in amperage and heat up the extension cord and fire may result. It is best to stay within the limitations of your Christmas light strings and to use extension cords that have 12ga wire.

- Your indoor Christmas tree should be placed in an area well away from any hot air floor register and far away from any fireplace.
- Last year a resident of Woodland Hills lost their home due to placing the Christmas tree too close to the fireplace. If you think it is the wrong place to put your tree, then most likely it is.
- The Fire Department would like to remind everyone again to change out their batteries in their smoke detectors if you didn't do that during October. Also there is a great link on the Elk Ridge Emergency Services Website about smoke detectors and the new types that should be placed in your homes. Please visit "elkridgecity.org" and read this section, it could save you and your family's lives.
- The Elk Ridge Fire Department wishes everyone in Elk Ridge a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Thanks for Community Help

I want to express my deepest thank you to George Thaut for all of his hard effort in making the Community Garage Sale a success. I flew up from California to participate and support my sister Gayle Weber.

It was exciting to see the number of people who came out from the surrounding area. There was a steady stream of cars all the way up Canyon View Dr.

It was fun to meet so many wonderful people, many of whom knew of or had family who had been in Ghana.

The weather cooperated until noon, when the rain began, which was just fine because we needed to close anyway. I ask that you continue to pray for the people of the Saboba-Chereponi District and the whole Northern Region. They have been hit by a devastating flood leaving thousands homeless and crops wiped out. There will be a year long dependence on food from outside the country. Thanks to the Elk Ridge Community for your active participation in an Eagle Scout's project. George Is Honored and the people of Saboba, Ghana will benefit greatly.

Sincerely,

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