



Elk Ridge Bugle

JANUARY 2008



The first of the year means different things to different people. Some people use this time to set new goals or recommit to goals that need attention because somewhere along the way, the ball has been dropped or the focus has changed to a fuzzier image. It is usually a time to account for your taxes, renew a business license, pay for the Christmas that you just celebrated and generally put things in order. For us here in the city office, it is the halfway mark for the 07-08 fiscal budget year. It means getting prepared for spring while at the same time keeping up with the maintenance of winter. It means a new city council will be oriented to serve the community, it means that change and consistency are key to success in city government.

Some of the change that is on the plate is the 1,000,000 gallon water tank that will be finished and on line by June of 2008. When finished, it will be completely buried and planted over. The booster pump, well improvements and PRV stations will be on line and we will have double the storage of water in the city.

With changes coming, the city has need of being prepared for next winter and also for meeting the safety needs of the community. An ambulance will be needed in the future as we grow yet we will not be able to get an ambulance until we have the daytime volunteer base to staff it as well as the heated space to store it in. This will allow us as a city to transport people as well as being first on scene to care for the patients. The fire department also has some additional storage concerns with the current trucks in inventory. If you look at the fire bays now, you will see some very creative parking to get our five vehicles in three bays.

For the past three years we have been aware of the need for a third snow plow. This also requires a heated facility to store it in. The city has a new plow on order and it will be ready for delivery in May or June.

With the equipment and storage needs and the city growing, it has been necessary to look for property to facilitate the future needs of Elk Ridge. We have purchased some property that is contiguous to four parcels we presently own in order to plan for a new city center, works building, soccer field, four seasons reception/activity center, parking lot and anchor for soft commercial/retail development. Yes, all of those things are possible. Our current city building will remain as the Fire/EMS building. As we look for ways to satisfy these needs it will also be necessary for the citizens to become active in helping to plan and work to achieve this. Look for notices of idea and planning meetings to help formulate ways and methods to accomplish these tasks. The hope is to achieve these goals with as little debt as possible and the greatest public involvement as possible. That means many volunteers, donated service and some materials, hard work and achievable deadlines to see it all come to fruition.

Elk Ridge City Calendar January 2008

- 8th City Council
- 10th Planning Commission
- 22nd City Council
- 24th Planning Commission

DUMPSTER SCHEDULE

A Dumpster has been scheduled for Thursday Jan 10th through Thursday Jan 17th

THIS WILL BE FOR TREES ONLY

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.

CERT Calendar 2008

Disaster Drill

19 April 9:00 am

25 October 9:00 am

CERT Training

20 September

8:00 am – 9:00 pm

27 September

8:00 am - Noon

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Please be aware that the **Planning Commission meetings** have been changed from the first and third Thursday of the month to the **second and fourth Thursday** of the month. **Technical Review Committee** meetings have changed from Thursdays at 2:30p.m. to 4:30p.m. to **wednesdays** from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Public Hearings

Part of the approval process for new development, changes to city codes, and the general plan to allow an opportunity for the citizens to participate. Your input is important and desired and does help in the process

The planning commission will hold public hearings on **Thursday night January 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm** for the following Items:

Fairway Heights C – Preliminary Plat

This development is located south and west of Hillside Dr, north of Salem Hills Dr (unimproved section) and east of Cove Dr.

It includes the extension of Fairway Dr, improving Salem Hills Dr, and a new cul-de-sac on the hill west of Hillside Dr. Proposed are 16 third acre lots on the flatter terrain (Fairway Dr extension), natural open space with a trail in the ravine area in return for the third acre lots, and 8 one acre lots on the hill along Salem Hills Dr in the steeper areas.

Snow Removal Code

Add clarity to when and when not vehicles can be parked on the street.

Public Facilities Zone

Better define what uses can be in this zone and update the zoning map and the general plan future land use map to place public and quasi public uses in this zone. Uses in this zone include parks, city buildings, golf courses, churches, open space, water tanks, etc.

Fire Sprinkler Code

A fire sprinkler code requiring all new homes to have fire sprinkler systems installed was approved by the council in November. It was vague on what the city standard would be for these systems. It is proposed that language be added to specify what the city stand is.

2008 Elk Ridge Sport Dates to Remember

February 15th-Spring Soccer Registration

February 29th-Baseball Registration

June 20th-Fall Soccer Registration

August 15th- Flag Football Registration

October 24th-Basketball Registration

These dates are for early registration. Late sign-ups will only be accepted if space is available. Questions? E-mail Kara Cook at wkcook@hotmail.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Elk Ridge Fire Department wishes all our neighbors a happy and prosperous New Year. As with every winter season in our beautiful city we have plenty of snow. It is the responsibility of those families that have a fire hydrant in their front yard to keep it clear of snow and that there is a pathway from the hydrant to the street. On Saturday December 23rd, the fire department responded to a potential chimney fire on Hillside Drive. The fire hydrant in their front yard had not been cleared. Fortunately there was no fire and the fire department did not have to use the hydrant. Had this incident been a bad chimney fire and we were delayed in obtaining water for our engine, this resident could have lost his home due to the fact that they had not accomplished their responsibility of keeping the fire hydrant in their yard clear of snow. This is a community responsibility and should be taken very seriously.

Furnace filters should be changed twice a year and now is a great time to accomplish this task. Our heating requirements increase during winter and to have a clogged furnace filter causes decreased air flow, higher fuel costs, and can cause a fire. So keep your furnace filter up to date and help keep your home fire safe.

Snow makes our streets slippery and accidents can happen. Remember to slow down and drive responsibly especially if you use Goosenest Road into Payson. With Old Man Winter here the deer and elk wonder into the city more than during the summer. Be watchful of these beautiful animals when you drive, particularly in the morning and at

dusk. It is a known fact that a deer can cause great injury to a driver or passenger when hit and the deer comes through the front windshield of the vehicle.

All Elk Ridge residents are encouraged to call our Public Information Officer, Bob Van Parys, 423-1257 if you have any question relating to home fire safety. Have a great winter season.

