



Elk Ridge Bugle

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Mayor's message

Every ten years, as a Nation and the territories under United States authority, it is mandated by the Constitution to count every person. This is known as a Census. It has been the process since 1790 that every ten years we undertake this Census count. Needless to say, it is a bigger task each time than it was the time before.

What does the U.S. Census Bureau do with this information and why count people at all? The data collected helps the Nations leaders to make vital decisions on our behalf. Decisions like reapportionment and redistricting and how to fairly distribute more than \$300 billion in federal funds to tribal, state, and local governments each year. Programs like Head Start, WIC, road construction and rehabilitation, public transportation, programs for the elderly, scientific research, planning for school projects, business environments and growth are all affected as a result of having this census information.

It is important to get the correct information for fair representation. The results for Utah may give us another seat in the House of Representatives. Population has a direct relationship with that number whereas the U.S. Senate is composed of only two Senators from each state.

Census Day is April 1st 2010 (yea I know its Fools Day). Between now and then, you will be reminded and invited to be prepared for

that day. The 2010 Census will be short form only--just 10 easy questions.

We have been informed that the Census workers will use handheld computers with Global Positioning System to check our address list in 2009 (April thru July). In preparation for that event, all of the addresses in Elk Ridge have been sent (in 2008) to the Census Bureau as they relate to the standard of addressing used here as well as nation wide. All of the address and road name changes from two and a half years ago, are in the Census records and will be part of the information that these workers will be checking and relying on.

The Census Bureau protects and keeps this information confidential. No court of law, not even the President of the United States, can access your individual responses. Census workers must pass security and employment reference checks and are highly motivated to protect your answers. All Census Bureau employees are subject to a \$250 thousand dollar fine and/or a 5-year prison term for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.

We will keep you informed and updated on any events or information that comes to this office.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS NEEDED

We presently have two positions to fill on the Planning Commission. This is a volunteer service position and it requires a two night a month commitment to serve. The City requires you to attend an overnight certification training that we pay for.

If you would like to be a part of the land use and planning of Elk Ridge, please contact the city office at 423-2300 and set up an interview with the Mayor.

Annual Dog Vaccination Clinic

The clinic will be held at the Elk Ridge City Park on Park Drive in Elk Ridge, on

Saturday May 23, 2009

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

The clinic will be for Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge citizens.

Deputy Tindall



Sheriff's Corner

Is it spring, or are we just being teased. No matter which one, it on the way.

Springtime not only brings beautiful flowers, and green grass, it also seems to put us into an "Extra step." This also means we sometimes need to make ourselves more aware of our surroundings. Please take an extra moment and look around you and see what things you might be able to change to make your city safer. I know the city would be more than happy to hear from you for proactive concerns. We may not all agree, but it's amazing the ideas that are created just by a single thought.

I just want to say thank you for your support and you taking extra time this winter by obeying the traffic laws in Elk Ridge. We just had a few accidents in the city this year, and believe it or not, your help does not go unnoticed.

As I promised the Sheriff's Department wants to be apart of your community. Below are few dates to remember of up coming events.

May Dog Registration and Vaccination Fair.
Saturday May 23, 2009, 10:00am to 12:00 pm
June 6. 2009 Bike Safety Fair (Don't forget those helmets)

"ATV's" I know this seems to be redundant, but since the new law passed, the enforcement of SPEED and the use of HELMETS are going to be strictly enforce this year. Questions, log onto your city website for all the information, or stop by your city office.

There are now **signs posted** about the new ATV Ordinance in Elk Ridge. If you are in Elk Ridge, you have already passed the **GREEN** signs, so therefore you have had your warning. **The Speed limit, and Helmets are a must.** Just a heads up. This year enforcement will be increased. Thanks for your help. **Parents I need your example, and support.!!!**

The speed trailer has been posted at several locations around the city. I will continue to do this as the snow melts, and the trailer is available.

Hint. If the trailer is present, there is a high possibility enforcement is close by or soon arriving. Minimum fine is **\$82.00. Pay yourself, not the court.**

Voice your proactive concerns directly to me at: jt195@yahoo.com. Just include location of the concern. All others please call dispatch at 851-4100, and report the incident there. I will return your email as soon as possible and you will remain anonymous. Thank You!



FROM THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER HOW I SEE IT

*By Spence Sheets,
Elk Ridge City Disaster Preparedness
and Emergency Management Director*

HEADS UP!! April is emergency drill month. This drill will help each and every one prepare for the emergency which will be upon us. The drill will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the sounding of the city siren; the sheriff's office will also use their automated phone calling system beginning at 8:30 to alert all citizens of the drill. Each of you should use the packet with the colored sheets and post the color in your front window or on the front door to indicate the status of your household with regard to injuries. Your block captain will take note of the indicators and report back to your neighborhood chairman regarding status, and if required CERT personnel will respond.

This is also an excellent opportunity for you to test your supply of food, water and emergency items. I highly recommend you try living off your storage for a week. If you cannot do it for a week, try three days. This will, for most people, issue a "wake up call" and give you an idea where you are deficient in your preparation. It is better to learn now where you are lacking than when the need arises, for then it will be too late; food supplies in the grocery stores will be depleted in just a few days.

These supplies should also include soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tooth paste, cooking oil and some sweet treats and games.

Water is of primary importance for many have dehydrated foods and without water, they are of course, useless.

Water seems to be the least element of concern, but it should be the most as we cannot live without it. We need it for bodily cleanliness, cleaning wounds, etc.

Another issue is emergency supplies such as first aid kits, healing herbs, isopropyl alcohol for cleaning wounds, splint material to care for broken limbs, bandaging materials, etc.; an alternate heat source such as kerosene heaters is advisable; obtain alternate cooking methods such as BBQ, propane and/or butane stoves; and you might think about acquiring an old fashioned washboard.

These are some of the things you might think about which will help you when the emergency arrives. In case you missed last month's newsletter where brother Moravec's e-mail address was listed, here it is again: moraveckennethb@aol.com. You can request his list of disaster preparedness items including storage items as well as how to prepare for a disaster, which I find most helpful. This list is included in his seminars.

Remember,

IT ISN'T IF, IT'S WHEN!

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Don't Chance Your Luck

Many of us consider ourselves to be lucky, some of us not so much. But when it comes to health and safety, who wants to rely on luck alone? With our town growing there have been many changes to the street addresses and names. These changes that have corrected previous problems and have helped emergency services avoid responding to the wrong address and location. We are fortunate to have the advanced 9-1-1 system that will recognize the land-line number you call from and automatically provide the dispatcher with your name, address and phone number, but this information is not much help if the responders cannot locate the address because of mislabeled houses or mail boxes. In a life threatening situation, seconds and minutes count, and those minutes are better spent helping those who are hurt or ill rather than wandering the street looking for the appropriate house. All our city emergency services encourage everyone to look at your house number, mailbox, and/or street markings to make sure they are consistent with the ones recorded on the City Plan, and that they are clearly visible from the street both in the day time and at night. There have already been address issues with 9-1-1 calls that could have turned out worse because of the address on the

home not corresponding to the city response map. Don't let your home be the next problem.

Other things you can do to aid rescuers is to have an extra person, if available watch for the responders, turn on or flash a porch light at night, or have someone outside acknowledging the correct residence. These actions cut precious minutes off any response. First aid courses are also available to help everyone be aware of what is going on around you and be able to provide key information of the problem aiding our EMTs to do their work.

Each home owners insurance depends on our emergency services to do the best they can as quickly as possible; please do your part to help us ours better.

We are always looking for more volunteers and encourage all interested citizens to come by, check out what we are doing and become a member of our team. Applications can be picked up at the city office or online at www.elkridgecity.org.

FROM THE UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHAT: Diabetes Health Fair

DESCRIPTION: The Utah County Health Department, in partnership with other local health partners, will be sponsoring the Diabetes Health Fair on March 13th from 9am to noon. Prevention, treatment, nutritional and other educational materials and displays will be available free of charge. Free kidney screenings will be provided by the National Kidney Foundation (for an appointment, please call 226-5111). For details, please see the Utah County Health Department Website at www.UtahCountyHealth.org, or call 801-851-2222.

WHEN: March 13, 2007
9am to 12pm

WHERE: Utah County Health Department
Utah County Health and Justice
Building

151 South University Avenue, Provo

CONTACT INFO: (801) 851-2222

FLYER ATTACHED: please feel free to distribute accordingly

WHAT: Children's Health Fair, "Never, NEVER forget your shots!"

DESCRIPTION: With the theme, "Never, NEVER forget your Shots", the Utah County Health Department (UCHD) will be sponsoring a children's health fair on April 16 from 10am to 3pm for children up to age five. Activities will include bicycle and helmet giveaways, educational materials, and games

and activities for kids. Parents, care givers, preschools and day-care groups are encouraged to attend. The event is free to the public and will take place at the UCHD at 151 S. University Ave. in Provo. For more information, please call 851-7025 [or visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org].

WHEN: April 16, 2007
10am to 3pm

WHERE: Utah County Health Department
Utah County Health and Justice
Building
151 South University Avenue, Provo