



Elk Ridge Bugle

September 2009

Mayor's Message

On August 8th many volunteer groups made a measurable difference in the community. Weeds were cut, litter on the streets was picked up, three new park tables were installed (Thanks goes out to Blake Denning for this Eagle project), fire hydrants were exposed and the town looked cleaner. Thanks to all of you who took the time and used your tools and talents to make a positive change in the community.

It seems like spring was just starting and here we are in the fall season already. Gardens are being winterized, yard growth is slowing down and the next thing you know, you're going to be gassing up your snow blowers to keep your sidewalks and driveways clear. An important part of preparing for winter will be to move the trailers, motor homes and toys to the side and rear of your yards. We still receive complaints from your neighbors about the junk and inoperative vehicles that dot the landscape creating an eye sore and environment of confusion. Our Zoning administrator will be enforcing the code and letters will be delivered and sent to all who are identified as being in the position of violation of the code. Please do your part to keep Elk Ridge a city that looks clean and beautiful.

I often have discussions with people where the conversation will turn to issues that are controversial or comments are made that

express disappointment with programs and events and strong disagreements are conveyed. I usually ask those with the heartburn if they have voted. Frequently the answer has been a resounding and sometimes an embarrassing NO. There seems to be an attitude or perception that it's 'the people against the government' when in real terms it is actually 'the people are the government'. When you decide not to vote, you are giving up the voice that our forefathers fought to put into place and you become mute and silent as though you do not exist. The best and most effective manner for your voice to be heard is to vote.

Many people hide in the shadows and complain or make up dialog that is untruthful and incorrect. They then share it with any one who will listen to the lies. They perpetuate them until the system becomes overwhelmed with garbage that clogs and compounds the honest efforts to do what is right. This process is repeated here in Elk Ridge, as well as every other community in the country, and often it trickles into my office like thick, diseased ooze.

If you feel distanced from what goes on in this community then it is time you make a conscious effort to walk toward things again and stop walking away from events where you can make a difference. You are the reason that the government has programs and the reason we have a constitution and laws. You are the reason we practice freedoms, and you are the reason our soldiers are willing to die to protect them. If you are really that important, then you need to vote and be as honestly active as you can in doing your best.

Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. Before you walk into that booth to cast your ballot, you should know who the candidates are and should have listened to what they desire to do. You should have read and understood any propositions and other issues that are on the ballot. Go into that booth empowered with knowledge and let your voice be heard with a stroke of the pen. The only wrong choice you can make is to do nothing.

FLAG CEREMONY

Sunday, October 11th at 5 pm the City is holding a flag retirement ceremony in the City Park. We will be retiring, by fire, three flags that have flown over the City. One will be escorted by the active military citizens, another by a scout group in vintage uniform and the third by citizens who have had influence on the environments they have been in.

This is a solemn and reverent activity that, in turn, will require solemn and reverent behavior. To retire a U.S. flag that has been in service is something most of society does not have a chance to participate in. It can be an emotional and respectful activity that builds esteem for an emblem that the world recognizes as a symbol of freedom.

The entire population of Elk Ridge and any who desire to bring guests are invited to attend this ceremony. Casual or best dress is fine.

The event will end with the dedication of our new flag pole and the raising of a brand new American flag. The entire ceremony is expected to last about 45 minutes.

ELECTIONS 2009:

NO PRIMARY ELECTION

List of Candidates for General Election
November 3, 2009

Mayor (4 – year term):

1 Position Available:

Kenneth O. Lutes - Mayor

City Council (4 – year terms):

2 positions available

Jason W. Bullard – City Council

Erin Clawson – City Council

Paul F. Squires – City Council

Weston K. Youd – City Council

We want to make you aware that Utah Election Law now requires every voter to provide valid voter identification before being allowed to vote. This is a recent change, and may be different from the last time you voted.

Every voter appearing at a polling location to vote must show:

One **(1)** of the following (with both name and photo) in addition to having their name appear in the Official Register of qualified voters.

A Currently valid:

- Utah driver license;
- ID card issued by the state; or a branch, Department, or agency of the U.S. government;
- Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- United States passport; or
- Tribal identification card (with or without a photograph)

OR

Two **(2)** of the following that show a name and at least one of them with the permanent place of residence within the voting precinct:

- Current utility bill (dated within 90 days);
- Bank or financial statement;
- Certified birth certificate (not a copy thereof);
- Valid social Security card;
- Check issued by the state or federal government;
- Paycheck from the voter's employer;
- Currently valid hunting or fishing license;
- Currently valid U.S. military ID card;
- Certified naturalization document;
- Currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the U.S. government;
- Certified copy of court records showing adoption or name change;
- Bureau or Indian Affairs card;
- Valid Medicaid, Medicare, or Electronic Benefits Transfer card;
- Currently valid ID card issued by: local government within Utah; and employer, a college, university, technical or professional school located within Utah; Currently valid vehicle registration.

ELK RIDGE YOUTH SPORTS:

Soccer is up and running; hopefully everyone is having fun!! Thanks to our coaches this year: Ryan Haskell, Scott Hunter, Michelle Stevens, Julie Christensen, Becky Concoby, Shari Youd, Adam Brown, Shelly Neria, and Kevin Fisher. Special thanks to Shari and Kevin who are both coaching two teams!!!!

Thanks to all of you who have supported our "Snack Shack". With the money we raised in the spring, I was able to purchase containers for storing the equipment so the mice can't get to it. We still need several more, so we will hopefully raise enough money this fall to purchase them.

Please remind your children to show respect. This includes not only showing good sportsmanship, but also taking care of the fields. Please let them know they shouldn't be climbing the trees or fences, or hanging from or pulling on the soccer nets. We have new nets this year and we want them to last. If you see anyone who has forgotten these rules, please kindly remind them. We all need to work together. Thanks for your support!!!!

We are always in need of volunteers, so if you would like to help, or have youth that need service hours, let me (Kara Cook) know.

If you are not receiving e-mail notices about our sports program, send me an e-mail at wkcook@hotmail.com and I will add you to the list. You can also check the website at elkridgesports.blogspot.com for the latest news.

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**FROM THE
EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS
CENTER
HOW I SEE IT**

*By Spence Sheets, Elk
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Emergency Management Director*

This month, the primary focus is on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training which will occur two consecutive weekends, September 19th and 26th.

CERT is the primary method of caring for your family in the event of an emergency as well as the primary care-giving to those of your neighbors who may have suffered some injury and cannot care for themselves; it may be your responsibility, your *opportunity*, to render assistance to them if no other aid is available. Since we live in the south end of the valley and

the more populous cities are to the north, the larger cities will be serviced by the Red Cross and other emergency responders first; CERT may be the only aid available to the wounded.

This page has over the past several months been offering suggestions consistently on how to prepare your own home for disasters such as earthquakes, an EMP (ElectroMagnetic Pulse) attack, pandemics, power outages, natural gas line breakages in your home, to name a few in hopes each member of this community will take to heart preparations for such events. The CERT training is one more opportunity to prepare yourself to aid your family and your neighbors when the event occurs.

In addition to you being better prepared, the young men can earn credit toward merit badges for the training they receive, and the young women can obtain credit toward their personal progress award.

Sign up at the city offices for the classes. The class is \$45 which pays for the equipment you will need to be involved in CERT. The instructor donates his time.

On October 24th, the city will have the fall drill exercise. During this period the Emergency Operation Center's (EOC) will prepare the team for the real emergency. CERT folks will have the opportunity to test their skills as well. We are in need of "victims" to help the CERT people practice their skills. We have people who are skilled in the art of moulage; they will prepare the volunteers by making them look the part—as if they had serious head injuries, broken limbs, etc. If any are interested in being a *victim*, contact your neighborhood block captain if you desire to assist in this exercise.

This is an excellent time to test your supplies. Try going three or four days without visiting to the store, and living off what you have stored—I guarantee it will make you more aware of your preparedness status.

Gayle Weber has resigned as the CERT leader for the city; she has spent many years helping the city be more prepared for the coming events. It is reported Elk Ridge has more CERT trained people per capita than any city in the nation. Thanks Gayle for all you have done, we wish you well! Ed Whitlock has consented to replace Gayle, and Neil Dykstra has accepted the position as Logistics Manager; welcome to the team Ed and Neil.

Remember,
IT ISN'T IF, IT'S WHEN!

