



Elk Ridge Bugle

October 2009

Mayor's Message

Next month is election month. Tuesday, November 3rd should be circled in red and marked "VOTE" on your calendar. The candidates need your voice and support. It is your responsibility to pick the people you desire to represent you. Let's see if we can break the 60% turnout mark. Get out and vote.

Remember that Sunday the 11th at 5 PM is the special flag retiring and a raising ceremony. It will last 45 minutes. Please bring your children and friends to this solemn event. In fact, your children are invited to participate in the last part of the event. We would like all of the children to escort the new flag to the pole for its raising.

I read an article awhile back about some of the children in the country and how the relationship between their belief and their behavior was assessed. Some disturbing facts were presented. The larger percentage (60%) of the surveyed children said that they had lied to their parents. 23% had illegally downloaded music, 20% had acted violently towards another person and 18% admitted cheating on a test.

The number one reason for these ethical compromises and the teens betraying their beliefs is pressure, the pressure to do things faster, to succeed and to please others. It sort of makes you wonder if we are demanding too much too soon from our children. Our children will do well if their goals and their exercise of integrity are kept in balance.

In Alaska I met an individual that homesteaded some raw ground and worked it for eight years in order to buy it for a wonderful and affordable price. He took me on one of his six jet boats up the river and showed us where he had spent those years living off the land and raising his family. It was rugged and demanding country with many challenges. His roots were from up-state New York on his family farm. He had been taught to work hard. Applying that strong work ethic resulted in his success running a salmon fishing and tourist boating operation. He said something to me that has stuck with me for years. His comment was that he 'preferred to hire individuals who came from living and working on the farms because they knew the value of patience and hard work. They weren't there for the quick fix.' He went on to say that 'those workers were compensated for their hard work and he could always rely on them.'

At best estimate, 95% of the problems, complaints and concerns that come across my desk from citizens are a direct result of someone's selfish motives and lack of integrity. It is someone else's animal on the loose, someone not obeying the traffic laws, someone not taking care of their cars or property, someone being rude to another, someone stealing from their neighbor, someone who changes the truth for personal gain, someone who chooses to not respect their neighbor and community. I have several families that I hear from on a constant basis because "things are not the way they want it."

On the other hand, this community has residents that quietly give service to others because they know that positive actions make a better environment. Emergency needs are met because someone cares. Eagle projects happen because it really does make a better community. Most people are in this category, most people make a remarkable and constructive difference. Most do it quietly and without fanfare. Most do it because they want to.



Sheriff's Corner

Summer is almost over, but school has also begun. As

normal, the daily activities have picked up and we all feel there is less time to achieve what we feel is important to us. The thing we seem sometimes to forget is that there are others also trying to accomplish projects.

It is normal that when things pickup, so do the careless driving habits. TUNNEL VISION is something we all experience, and sometimes don't realize it. In other words, we are so "concentrated" on what our priorities are we forget there are others who exist. I see this a lot when I stop citizens for traffic violations and the justification for their actions seem to be clearly justified.

For example, failing to stop for a stop sign. Most people who fail to stop at the stop sign will always say, "I stopped"! The observation is, that the driver of the vehicle looked as they should, but the vehicle is still rolling. If another vehicle is not coming then the subject vehicle continues on. The purpose of stopping is to give you time to take a short second, and clearly observe any other dangers which may be present. Vehicles, Pedestrian(s), maybe even your child. Remember the sign says stop, not look and drive.

Speed:

The speed trailer that you have observed, and I know you all have seen it, is not a suggestion. It is a reminder of what the posted speed is on the roadway. You can rest assured enforcement will follow.

I will not keep kicking the dead horse, but it is very frustrating when some "choose" to ignore the basic traffic laws in your community and try to justify the action. **It takes the same amount of energy to "Choose" to obey the law, as it does to "Choose" to ignore the law.**

Remember your kids are the ones who will drive one day, and what they see is what they learn, not what they are told.

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!

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Polling Place: Elk Ridge City Hall
80 E. Park Drive

EARLY VOTING

October 20 – October 30

Early Voting @ City Hall from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Except October 30: From 8:30 – 5:00 PM

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.

NEW CYCLING CLUB

Come and join us as we form a new road cycling club, **Nebo Riders**.

There will be organized rides every week, weather permitting, on Saturday mornings of 25-100 miles beginning in March/April and continuing into the late fall. During the summer months, provided there is interest, we may also add a TNR (Tuesday Night Ride) to the weekly schedule. All Saturday rides, unless notified otherwise, will start at Downhill Cyclery in Payson. The time will be weather and season dependent but will vary from 6AM to perhaps as late as 10AM. If held, the TNR will generally be a 5-6PM start.

Our main goal is to provide a rewarding and enjoyable riding experience each week where we can associate with other recreational cycling enthusiasts while enjoying the physical benefits of a great outdoor activity. We want a diverse group and welcome riders of all abilities, male and female. We'll ride all of the local terrain from the flat lands of the valley to climbing the local canyons. We'll generally alternate each week between canyon and valley rides. The valley rides will be geared towards "no drop" 18-25 MPH pace line riding and the canyon rides will vary from the moderate ride up Hobbie Creek canyon to gut busting hill climbs to the top of Nebo and Alpine Loops. Depending on the individual goals, interests, and abilities of the members, and to ensure that everyone feels comfortable, we may divide into more than one group, especially for the canyon rides, in order to provide a comfortable pace/distance for everyone.

For those who are interested in pushing their limits a little further, we will also be participating in many of the organized century rides in the intermountain area such as the Early Spring Zion Century in St. George,

ULCER (Utah Lake Century Epic Ride), Heber Valley Century, RANATAD (Ride Around Nebo And Timp in A Day, 165 miles), Tour of Park City, Cache Valley Century, 1000 Warriors (in conjunction with the Tour of Utah), Tour of St. George, and finally, for the truly ambitious (or stupid), the granddaddy of them all, the LOTOJA Classic (Logan to Jackson, 206 miles). We are affiliated with and sponsored by Downhill Cyclery in Payson and all club members will be eligible for store discounts.

Eventually, there will also be club jerseys available for purchase provided there is sufficient interest to warrant the minimum for custom orders. Whether you are an experienced Cat 1 pro riding a \$10,000 full carbon dream machine, or a couch potato in need of dusting off that old Schwinn 10 speed in hopes of getting back in shape, we welcome you to join us as we take advantage of some of the best cycling terrain in the state and enjoy the association of fellow cyclists. If interested, please contact Alan Hughes at 801-423-3022 (H), 801-372-9026 (C), or preferably by email at neboriders@hotmail.com. Lets' ride!