

ELK RIDGE BUGLE

FEBRUARY 2010



MEETINGS

City Council

Feb. 9 & 23, 6 pm

Planning Commission

Feb. 11, 6 pm

Feb. 25, 7 pm

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9 am to 3 pm | M-F

STAFF

Building Official

Corbett Stephens

Planner

Shawn Eliot

Recorder

Jan Davis

Treasurer

Linda Cooper

Deputy Recorder

Janine Nilsson

Clerk

Annebel Meredith

Fire Chief

Seth Waite

Planning Comm. Coordinator

Marissa Bassir

Public Works

Wayne Frandsen

CATCH THE SPIRIT OF ELK RIDGE

Our slogan to begin 2010 is *Catch the Spirit of Elk Ridge*. That spirit has been apparent as many citizens are offering to help with all of the work that needs to be done in order to reduce expenses. They have recognized that there is a lot we can do together without spending a lot of money.

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VOLUNTEER AND DONATE

We invite you to donate your time, talents, tools, materials, and financial support. Several projects are planned that will beautify our city and provide better service. Volunteering and donating can be an exciting and enjoyable experience.

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New City Website (www.elkridgecity.org)

The new website is up and running. We hope it will be informative and help you in your interactions with your city government. On the main page you can find quick information about the most asked for codes, review the city calendar to see when upcoming meetings will occur, use quick links to go to the most popular city documents, forms, and articles, or view the latest news. Also, you can enter your email address under "Sign Me Up" and be emailed when news articles, meeting agendas and minutes, or calendar items are added to the website.

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Public Hearings

Mid-year adjustments to the 2009/2010 Budget on February 23 at 6 pm.
General Plan on February 25 at 7pm.

Lost & Found

A Christmas present containing a necklace, camera, girl's clothing, and cash was found. If you can help find the owner, please call Susan Tuckett at 801.423.1878.

CATCH THE SPIRIT

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You will find our “flagship” project on the Internet at www.elkridgecity.org. We have a brand new website that will give all of us better access to information. This has taken a great deal of effort by Council Member **Sean Roylance** over the past two years to design the site and provide the framework for all of the new features. Our city planner, **Shawn Eliot**, and staff member, **Marissa Bassir**, have been working hard during the past month to populate the site with information and provide the necessary links.

Please be advised that there will be continual improvements to the functionality of the website. If you see errors or things that need to be changed, please call Marissa at the city office. The site belongs to all of us; let us work together to make it the best we can.

The planning commission, headed up by **Dayna Hughes**, has recently completed a new General Plan for Elk Ridge. We acknowledge their hard work over a long period of time—along with Shawn Eliot and Bob Allen (Mountainland Association of Governments)—to produce a very well done, concise, and usable guide for the future of Elk Ridge City. Congratulations to all who assisted for a great job!

Shawn Eliot has also been cleaning up some old ordinances and making needed revisions to the Planned Unit Development code. He is working very hard to keep the city on track with his valuable assistance with development planning and processes, code revisions, and working with the website. Thanks, Shawn.

Jan Davis, our recorder, has been focusing on necessary mid-year adjustments to the budget in preparation for the public hearing later this month. She coordinates with Curtis Roberts, our financial consultant, the fire chief, Seth Waite, and many others to keep our financial “wheels” turning properly. She has done an outstanding job that resulted in a “clean” audit for the last fiscal year. One of her many duties is to facilitate our council meetings and prepare agendas, public notices, and minutes. In addition, she is an invaluable advisor to the entire staff.

Linda Cooper, treasurer, has been streamlining our water and sewer billing processes among many other duties. **Janine Nilsson**, deputy recorder, is doing a wonderful job watching over the finances and working with me

to assure that the expenses are under control. **Annebel Meredith** takes care of building permits, works closely with Linda, helps with the Bugle, purchases the office supplies, and helps us in many other ways. The office staff is a well functioning team, and we all work together to serve the citizens.

Corbett Stephens, building official, has been working above and beyond the call of duty. He is saving the city a great deal of expense by his innovations in the water system and throughout the city operations. His many talents and abilities along with his admirable work ethics combine to make him invaluable. A solenoid valve failed and was replaced on January 16th at the Hillside tank. This was taken care of in one day by Corbett in such a way that it saved the city about \$2,000. Jack Marshall from Woodland Hills assisted with their equipment and parts where necessary. **Ed Christensen** provided ATV support, and Sean Eliot assisted by monitoring tank water levels. This is just one example of the team efforts that are taking place.

Corbett also worked with a firm to apply for a block grant that was submitted on January 19th that would provide over \$180,000 in energy saving improvements for city operations with no cash commitment from the city. If we all think positive, perhaps the grant will come through. Thanks for the extra hard work, Corbett.

Wayne Frandsen has been assisting Corbett with snow plowing, repairing uneven walkways, vehicle maintenance,

cleaning out the old pumphouse, and preparing for the city office facelift.

Council Member **Erin Clawson** has been volunteering her time on several projects. For example, she and Marissa finished up the city’s part for the 2010 Census. However, we are most excited about Erin’s willingness to head our volunteer program for donations of time, material, tools, and money to do many things for our city. She is working closely with several citizens, other council members, and city staff to give our city office a much needed facelift—using volunteer donations as much as possible.

Ed Christensen is donating time, labor, tools, and equipment to help with needed projects. For example, he and Corbett framed the floor for a much needed file archive storage room above the workshop in a few hours over a couple of days. Ed is also donating carpet for the council room. **Jack Waterman** is donating his time and



labor to tape, texture, and repair the lobby and council room for painting. So “please pardon our dust” as we work on these projects.

Council Members are working on their assignments. **Julie Haskell** is working with security and the fire department. **Weston Youd** is working with our water rights consultant and with the South Utah Municipal Water Association, and he also attended a Utah State legislature meeting (as did Erin Clawson). **Derrek Johnson** has been working with us on some administrative decisions and projects. Everyone is busily serving and is much appreciated.

Leon Graham is volunteering time to help organize some of the city files that have accumulated over the years. We appreciate that so much. His indexing of the files will be of great value as we need to find reports and documents from the previous administrations. **Margaret Leckie** consults with us as needed, and many others have offered to assist us and will be recognized in future newsletters.

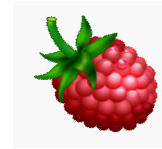
You can see that there is a lot going on at the city office, and it is just the beginning. It is difficult to recognize everyone who is contributing; please let us know if we have left you out. We sincerely appreciate everyone who is on the *Catch the Spirit* team, and we want to recognize all of you for what you are doing for the city.

We invite everyone to *Catch the Spirit of Elk Ridge* and join with us.

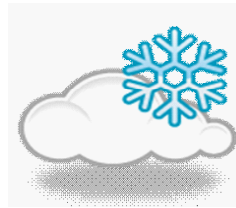
Ken Lutes, Mayor

City Buy

We are currently offering the next city buy of frozen berries, jam, and seafood. Please check the website or call Julie Christensen 801.423.3504 for an order form. Orders must be to Julie or the city office by February 20, 2010.



Winter Parking



Remember, we are in the winter snow removal mode. Street parking is not allowed until March 1st.

Caucus Meetings

Utah political parties will hold precinct caucuses on March 23rd. Please put that date on your calendar and look for more details in next month's *Bugle*.

Elk Ridge General Plan

The planning commission's work on the general plan update is complete and the draft is ready for your review prior to city council approval. The general plan is the vision document for the future of the community. State law dictates that land use decisions must have a basis from the general plan. The plan includes a vision statement of what Elk Ridge is and what it can become. Areas of emphasis or elements of the plan include land use, transportation system, open space preservation areas, parks and trails, moderate income housing needs, economic development, and areas that could be annexed into the city in the future.

The planning commission has jurisdiction over the general plan. They develop it through input by the city council and citizens. Currently the commission has been compiling a new update for the plan.

A survey of residents was done to help in its development. The draft document and maps are posted on our new

city website at www.elkridgecity.org—click Departments, Community Development, General Plan.

The commission plans to have an open house in February. We ask any citizen interested in the future of Elk Ridge to attend and give their input. The planning commission and staff will be there to answer questions and take comments for the outcome of the final document. There will be maps and documents available for review and discussion. We welcome you and hope you plan to attend.

Shawn Eliot, City Planner

2010 General Plan Draft Open House
Thursday, February 11
6 pm to 8 pm (come at any time)
Elk Ridge City Office

Volunteer

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It gives us the opportunity to connect with others, solve problems, and feel the satisfaction of making a difference in the community. You'll be amazed at how much can be accomplished with your help. Join with us and Catch the Spirit.

Volunteers and contributors will be recognized for their help.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.

—Margaret Mead

Please refer to the enclosed flyer that contains project information. These lists will be revised as plans progress. We encourage citizens to let us know how they would like to help, and we will provide more information as needed.

Please call 801.423.2300 or send an email to staff@elkridgecity.org. You may also indicate your desires and include a donation with your water bill payment. Thank you for *catching the spirit*. Together, we can make Elk Ridge even better.

Erin Clawson, City Council

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Website

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On other pages you can learn about the history of Elk Ridge and view demographics for the city, the region, state, and the nation. You can read about the responsibilities of your city council and mayor, as well as find agendas, minutes, and reports (2010 on) from previous and upcoming meetings. A listing of the various city departments is available, describing their functions and giving listings of forms, applications, and informational items related to each.

Parks and recreation information is available as well as links to other websites for other cities, the county, state, schools, and your state and US representatives. Last, is the contacts section, which lists how to contact the right person at the city. You can even fill out a comment form to interact with the city.

Please note that the site is new and there will be additional functions added in the future. Please contact us and let us know what you think, if you find a problem, or want something added.

We hope you like it.

Shawn Eliot, City Planner

From the Emergency Operations Center

How I See It

This month's message highlights those who have contributed so much to the emergency preparedness of Elk Ridge City. Many hours have been spent in training and drills which have better prepared the city for emergencies which might arise. Listed are those who head up major facets of our preparedness team. There is insufficient space to list all of their accomplishments, which are many, so when you meet them, thank them for their efforts.

There are openings on our team; if there are any who feel they could contribute to the emergency effort for the city, please call Spencer Sheets, 465-8137, and I'll be in touch!



IT ISN'T IF, IT'S WHEN!

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

Preparedness Team

Secretary

Kendra Bullard

Logistics

Neil Dykstra

Incident Commander

Karl Shuler

Security

Ray Brown

Communications

Paul Jones

CERT

Edward Whitlock

Neighborhood Chairman

Mike Turner

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Judy Brown

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