

ELK RIDGE BUGLE

APRIL 2010



MEETINGS

City Council

Apr 13 & 27, 6 pm

Planning Commission

Apr 8, 6 pm

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MAYOR VERNON L. FRITZ

Former Elk Ridge City Mayor Vernon L. Fritz passed away this past month. We will miss him in many ways! The staff at City Hall perhaps knew him in a way that others did not. He was a kind but firm leader and was very compassionate with the city employees. We saw a man who never wanted anyone to know he was struggling with his health even as he tirelessly served our community.

"I will always value the quiet morning chats as the Mayor and I would discuss the current events of the city [sometimes, not so quiet . . . as two rather strong-willed individuals locked opinions on certain matters]. There was deep, mutual respect, and the friendship that grew is one I shall continue to cherish," said Jan Davis, City Recorder.

The hours as a mayor are long and somewhat "thankless" . . . except to those who are witness to the process. The time and effort is shared with spouses and families who support all of our city officials . . . so, thank you, Doris, for your patience in "loaning" us your dear husband for a period of time. You are both dear to so many.

THANK YOU

Once again, we want to express our sincere thanks to all citizens for their support of Elk Ridge City. *Catching the Spirit of Elk Ridge* is bringing forth many volunteers to find ways to help. Everyone that comes to the city office notices the almost daily improvements in the "look and feel." If you have not been to the office recently, we invite you to stop by and see for yourself what volunteers are doing for our city.

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CATCH THE SPIRIT OF ELK RIDGE

We marvel at how the citizens of our community are coming together to volunteer for projects. To mention a few, one volunteer has been helping with trim and painting. A four-man building crew donated their time to remodel the three offices in city hall in just a few days. A business owner is helping us with the carpet for the offices. A group of Weblos removed rocks from the water tank dirt storage area. Another couple donated professional services. And there are others who are working on various projects.

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THANK YOU

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We appreciate so much the positive attitudes, cooperation, and support we feel from the citizens. There is much to do, so we continually welcome your ideas, help, and donations of time and resources. Our dedicated staff is working hard to improve our processes for your convenience; for example, the addition of automatic bank withdrawal for water bills.

You should find an updated flyer with this *Bugle* where you can see the progress with our projects. We encourage you to look and see what you could offer to help us, as so many have. Some projects could serve as the basis for an Eagle Scout project.

Another area that is very important to the city is the emergency medical services. We really need more EMTs and First Responders. Our people are “stretched so thin” now that we do not have the desired coverage. Please contact our Fire Chief, Seth Waite, if there is any way you or someone you know may be able to help. If you are CERT certified, why not also take the training and become a First Responder?

Thanks again to all of you. May each of us *Catch the Spirit of Elk Ridge*.

Ken Lutes, Mayor



SPIRIT

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What a joy it is to see the community pulling together to make our city a better place. People are noticing that there is an increased mood of togetherness and helpfulness among the citizens. May we all continue to do what we can to support Elk Ridge by *Catching the Spirit* and volunteering and donating to the city.

Erin Clawson, Council Member

Rad Kids

Classes will be held again from June 7–12. Watch for more information next month.

Caucus Meetings

The participation in the caucus meetings on March 23rd was noteworthy. We encourage all citizens to continue to participate in the election processes.

Mailbox

The Post Office installed a new mailbox for your convenience. Thanks for your patience.

ELK RIDGE FIRE AND RESCUE

The open burn season is now in progress and will continue until April 15. Permits may be obtained at the city office during working hours. If you need more time to complete your clean up, special burn permits signed by the Fire Chief or Asst. Fire Chief may be obtained at the city office through April 30. The Fire Chief must be personally aware of these special burn requests, and the citizen obtaining the permit must validate with the county at the phone number on the permit that the date requested is a burn day. Please be careful, follow the guidelines on the permit, and make sure all fires are out before dark.

The Fire Department is in great need of volunteer EMTs, Fire Fighters, and First Responders. The department pays for the training. This is an excellent way to serve our community and could also lead into new career opportunities. EMT training is approximately 3 months in the evenings, fire training is on the job as scheduled twice each month, and First Responder training can be completed within two weeks. All of these positions enhance our ability to provide essential emergency services.

If you are interested in becoming an EMT, Fire Fighter, or First Responder, please fill out an application at the city office or from the city website, and we'll take it from there. Come be a part of our team and help us make a difference!!

Have a safe spring and summer.

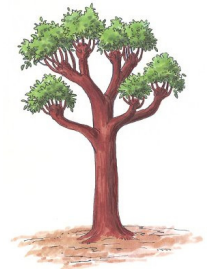
Thanks to all those who supported our department Easter Egg Hunt. Fun was had by all.

Seth Waite, Fire Chief ERFD

Landscaping

Now that spring is here, some of us will want to plan for complying with the landscaping ordinance—new homes have two years from initial occupancy; older homes have until October 31, 2010. According to the city code, “Landscaping shall include the treatment of the ground surface with live materials such as, but not limited to, sod, grass, ground cover, trees, shrubs, vines, and other growing horticultural plant material.”

Please go to our city website for details (www.elkridgecity.org). Click on Your Government, select City Code, and Landscaping Requirements to see a summary of requirements. You can also see the entire code by selecting Entire City Code and finding City Code 10-12-36 Landscaping Requirements. (See landscaping diagrams for center and corner lots on page 4.)



Clean Out Your Cabinet

April is Clean out the Cabinet month. The Utah County Substance Misuse and Abuse Reduction Team (SMART) encourage all residents to properly dispose of old or unused medications so they cannot be misused. Over 70 percent of teens who abuse pain medication say they got their pills from a friend or relative. NEVER flush medications down the drain. For ideas for proper disposal, please see www.UtahCountyHealth.org/CleanOutTheCabinet.

Spring Clean Up

Due to the downturn in the economy, the city will no longer have spring cleanup dumpsters. We encourage you to use the Springville transfer station for \$8.00 or the Payson city dump for \$20.00.

Recycle

We encourage everyone to recycle. You can leave newspapers, telephone books, junk mail, etc. in the paper recycle bin at the Alpine Dr. chapel. Also, Crisps grocery store in Salem has public recycle bins for plastic, paper, and aluminum.



Utah County Fair

With a variety of new events for all ages as well as the long list of traditional favorites, this year's Utah County Fair is sure to live up to its 2010 theme: "The Fairest of Them All." Come to the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds August 18–21. More information can be obtained at www.utahcountyfair.com.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

On Saturday, May 1st, the city will have its first emergency drill of the year. As usual, the drill will begin at 9:00 am and last until 11:00, with the debriefing at 11:15 in the Alpine Chapel RS room. During this period, the colored paper should be placed in the front window of your home, or on the front door so the block captain can easily identify the status of your family. If you do not have a packet with the colored paper, contact your neighborhood chairman and he/she will provide a packet to you.

When the siren sounds at 9:00 am, you should go through the normal procedure we have practiced many times; viz.:

- Assemble as a family at your designated place
- Touch the turn-off valve for water and gas, touch the electrical panel as well but don't shut any utilities off
- Check the contents of your 72-hour kit. Are the contents up to date? Is your water supply sufficient?
- Post the color(s) relative to your family situation on your front window or door
- Take your 72-hour kits to the car and report to your block captain and offer to help
- Report to your staging area and offer help to the neighborhood chairman
- After the drill, return your 72-hour kit to its storage area
- You are invited to the debriefing in the Alpine Chapel RS Room

The drill is always in need for victims on which the CERT folks can practice. If you desire to be a victim and are willing to be "made up" and look like you just went through a disaster, contact Ed Whitlock at 423-1844.

The city is still in need of individuals who would like to serve as EMTs. This is an important position, and during an emergency will fulfill a vital role in the preservation of life. The City will provide the necessary training for this responsible task.

In addition, the annual CERT class will be given on September 18th and 25th. Although this training is not as involved as EMT training, it fulfills a vital role in the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (DPEM) function of the city.

Again, I strongly encourage you as a family to test your supplies and ability to survive by not going to the store for any supplies for two or three days. If you want to get the feel of an emergency, do not use your electricity or natural gas for this same period.

And if you really want to stretch, do not turn on your water either. Use what you have to flush the toilet, cook and drink and bathe. See how much water it takes per day to function. You might want to see what it feels like to take a sponge bath, or heat your water for a bath with whatever heat source you have which is not connected to the grid. And perhaps Dutch Oven cooking might come in handy as well as cooking over a butane stove. I can tell you from experience, this is an enlightening exercise! So give it a try and tell us the results at the debriefing.



And remember—
IT ISN'T IF, IT IS WHEN!

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

Sheriff's Corner

Would you please help me with an ongoing problem? If you have a residential alarm, please contact your alarm



company with current information on what action you want taken in case your alarm activates. The Utah County Sheriff's Department is more than willing to respond, but more often than not, dispatch is told by

the alarm company that they have "no contact information." This means they do not know how to contact the person responsible for the residence. While the deputy is en route, the calls are often canceled, resulting in a false alarm.

When a deputy responds to an alarm without additional information or instructions, the officer has to make an uninformed decision about the status. After arriving, if the deputy is not able to make contact with anyone at the residence, the officer has to make a judgment based on limited information. Questions have to be answered:

- Is this a false alarm?
- Are the doors and windows secured?

There are current laws that are based on limited information, but articulative information entry can be made into your residence for the investigation of possible criminal activity. This is a very broad statement, but I hope you are getting the gist of this article.

Remember, it is your residence, and you put the alarm there for a reason. If there are no instructions in place for your alarm company to follow, we, as your law enforce-

ment, will take what action is reasonable and prudent at the time of the incident. Please help us to help you.

Thanks

I would like to thank the street department on their efforts this winter in keeping the streets clear. At times, the snowstorms have kept the snowplows going all day or night, and the end result was that the battle was won with no accidents due to unsafe roads. Again, Thank You!

Citizens remember that the kids are standing close to the road waiting for the buses in the mornings and walking home in the afternoons. Please watch out for them.

Here to serve you!

The sheriff's department has a lot of resources and personnel available and waiting to serve your community. All of the information we have is not only free, but it only takes a little bit of your time to attend a presentation that you may have an interest in—such as, domestic violence, crime prevention, and drug addiction/awareness services that may be available. Perhaps you know someone who is possibly being abused. What can you do, or should you do? If you are interested in seeing some presentations come to your community, please email me.

Voice your proactive concerns directly to me at jt195@yahoo.com. Just include the 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!

Deputy Tindall

Landscaping Diagram

