

ELK RIDGE BUGLE

APRIL 2011



MEETINGS

City Council

April 12 & 26 6 p.m.

Planning Commission

April Canceled

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Deputy Recorder

Janine Nilsson

Clerk/Asst. Treasurer

Annebel Meredith

Fire Chief

Seth Waite

Planning Comm. Coordinator

Marissa Bassir

Public Works

Wayne Frandsen

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

On March 22, James Mayfield was appointed to fill the vacant council seat. He is excited and ready to get to work. We welcome him to our team and look forward to his contributions. Thanks to all who applied and were willing to serve.

PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE NEEDED

Why not consider helping our city by serving on the Zoning and Planning Commission? Please contact the Mayor at the City offices to apply.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Dumpsters will be available next to the park beginning April 26. The number of dumps is limited, so do not wait too long. Please do not overfill them or leave your trash so that the wind can blow it away.

OPEN BURN

April 1–30

Pick up your permit at the City office.

The county open burn is set for April 1–30 this year. Burn permits must be obtained at the City offices during working hours. With the open burn comes the reminders that this is not a trash burn but a yard clean up and does not include burning railroad ties or other items used in landscaping or fencing. Please dispose of trash properly. The restrictions are daylight burning only (all fires must be out by dark), a charged (turned on with a nozzle) hose needs to be ready to quickly stop any fires from getting out of hand, and an adult must be present while the fire is burning. Please do not leave fires unattended. The burn permit has a phone number that must be called prior to burning to register your fire with the county to prevent a false alarm call by the Fire Department. Also, if the county has determined that it is not a burn day due to air quality, then the burn

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Youth Council Openings

Elk Ridge Youth Council is an organization of youth volunteers dedicated to serving our community. We still have many openings. We have now opened up positions to include youth going into the eighth grade up to seniors in high school. This is our first year running. Please pick up an application at the City office or contact Jamie Towse at 801.696.8000 or Laura Loree at 801.423.7761.

City Garage Sale

This is the Youth Council's first year for what we hope to be an annual event. Saturday, May 14th is our first citywide garage sale. Are you one who likes to shop garage sales to find a good deal? Do you like to rummage through your house to find things you want to get rid of and put up for sale to earn some extra cash? Or do you simply like to de-clutter and donate your old stuff to someone else who could use it? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this day is for you.

The idea behind this day is to have tons of garage sales going on simultaneously throughout the city. If you do not want to hold your own sale, there is an option for you too. Up at the city building, there will be a trailer parked where you can drop off any items you would like to get rid of/donate. This trailer will be available beginning in April. On the day of the sale, the items in the trailer will be sold as part of the city garage sale and proceeds will be used to fund projects run by the Elk Ridge Youth Council. As word gets around that this is an annual event, more and more people will come from outside the community to participate. So start collecting and get ready for a fun day.

Runners of all Ages

Join us for the 1st Annual Liberty 5K.
Saturday, May 14th at 7:30 a.m.



Hosted by Liberty Academy and Runner Card
Individual and family pricing available.
All proceeds will go to our Parent Council to provide needed items for our school.

Register online at www.libertyacademycs.org.

If your business would like to be a sponsor in exchange for advertising, please contact Liberty Academy at 801.465.4434.

FROM THE SHERIFF



Two events have been scheduled for Elk Ridge and Woodland Hills residents on Saturday, April 30. Both events will be held at the **mailboxes in Woodland Hills**. Flyers for both events have been placed on the city bulletin boards and at the city offices.

Prescription Drug Collection

From **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 30**, the Utah County Sheriff's Office will be collecting unused or expired prescriptions and over the counter medications for disposal at the **mailboxes in Woodland Hills**. Please bring any medication you may have for proper disposal.

Prescription drugs are a top target of home burglaries. As a general practice, lock up all medications and keep them away from children and teens. Only take medications as directed on the bottle or prescription.

A permanent Medication Disposal Site is always available to all residents in the evidence building at the Utah County Sheriff's Office, 3075 N Main Street in Spanish Fork.

For more information on prescription drug collection and disposal see: www.cleanoutthecabinet.org

Pet Licensing and Rabies Clinic

Also on **Saturday, April 30, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** at the **Woodland Hills mailboxes**, the Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the city, and the South Utah Valley Animal Shelter will be holding a pet licensing and rabies clinic. By law, your pets need to be properly vaccinated and licensed with the city. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get your pet licensed and/or vaccinated.

A vet will be on site offering rabies and other vaccinations.

Please bring your dogs on a leash, or cats in a carrier.
Costs:
Rabies Vaccinations \$10 each
Other Vaccinations \$15 to \$20 each
Licensing \$15 (Spayed/Neutered) Dogs
Licensing \$35 Unaltered Dogs
Only Cash and Checks will be accepted. No Credit/Debit cards.

For questions, please call the South Valley Animal Shelter at 801.851.4080. If you are unable to attend this local pet licensing, it is always available at your local vet's office, the South Valley Animal Shelter, or (with proof of vaccinations) at the city offices.

From the Sheriff continued

From 02/15/11 to 03/15/11 Utah County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 29 calls for service in the City of Elk Ridge. These calls included:

- 6 Animal Problems
- 4 Citizen Contacts
- 3 Motorist Assists
- 3 Criminal Mischiefs
- 2 Keep the Peace
- 2 Medicals
- 2 Abandoned 911's
- 2 Alarms
- 2 Warrant Services
- 1 Juvenile Problem
- 1 Family Problem
- 1 Fraud

Please continue to report all crimes, suspicious persons, and suspicious vehicles. For emergencies, please dial 911. For all other incidents, contact Utah Valley Dispatch at 801.851.4100.

Hazardous Waste Collection April 9

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, and fluorescent light bulbs can dispose of these items safely at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, April 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Orem Public Works Facility (1450 West 550 North). For details, please visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org/HHW or call 801.489.3027.

Recycle Electronic Items April 29 & 30

The first-ever Simply Mac e-Waste Recycle Event to be held in Utah will give individuals, businesses, government entities, hospitals and others the opportunity to dispose of their old and outdated electronic items at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Friday, April 29 for businesses, government, schools, and other institutions; Saturday, April 30 for the public.



Drop-off point is Provo Towne Centre's west parking lot (1200 Towne Centre Blvd. in Provo). For a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, and for more information about the event, visit simplymac.com/recycle.

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cannot be conducted. The city permit does not override the county burn notice and citations can be issued for an illegal burn by the sheriff.

If there are circumstances that do not allow you to burn during the set burn period, a special permit can be obtained by contacting the Fire Chief through the City offices.

We are glad to see our city get a good spring cleaning and ask that you be safe and follow the guidelines. We will work with everyone to accommodate your needs.

Elk Ridge City Celebration June 24 and 25!

We invite all residents to help the planning committee come up with a name that shows our pride to be part of the Elk Ridge community. Please email your suggestions by April 15 to our committee chairperson, Ann Brough, at www.pinemeadowskennel@hotmail.com. The winning entry will receive 4 Free Movie Passes!!

The committee is meeting every Thursday in April at 7 p.m. at the Brough home (23 E. Park Dr.). PLEASE come and volunteer to help in any capacity. We are seeking an adult to organize a 3-on-3 basketball tournament also. Let's make this a great event for all of our residents!!

T-Ball Early Registration Starts April 4...

and goes until April 22. Regular registration will continue until May 13. T-Ball is for all Kindergarteners 5–6 years old. The games will begin May 24 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. until June 23. The registration fee is \$20 for early registration and \$25 for regular registration. A shirt is included in the registration fee. We will also need coaches to volunteer for the teams, so please do so if you are able. Registration forms are available at the City offices or on the City website and are to be handed in at the City offices. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Dent at 801.609.1352 or email at elkridgesports@gmail.com.



Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management

Everywhere you look these days, there seems to be one major disaster after another. In just the past 15 months, we have seen devastating earthquakes in Haiti, Chile, China, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Japan, along with the catastrophic tsunami there; massive flooding in China, Australia, and Pakistan; huge wild fires in Russia and Australia; the BP oil rig blowout in the Gulf of Mexico; and now the ongoing nuclear disaster in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami. On top of all that, we are still in the midst of fighting three wars in the Middle East while muddling through a global economic depression and a still growing debt and currency crisis that will inevitably result in major food and commodities price inflation.



Yet, despite all of these things going on around us, the vast majority are still suffering from *normalcy bias*. This is the assumption that a disaster will never occur because a disaster has not happened to you yet. It causes people to underestimate both the possibility of a disaster occurring and its potential side effects. Too many think, “Well, you just can’t prepare for everything.” Therefore, they prepare for nothing. And when the disaster *does* happen, people suffering from normalcy bias are unable to cope with it because they failed to adequately prepare in any way.

Living on the Wasatch Front, we all know somewhere in the back of our minds that the disaster is coming. But *knowing* about something isn’t the same thing as *doing* something about it. It only takes a little effort to put in some water and food storage and a first aid kit with essential medications, or to put together basic 72-hour kits or go-bags for your vehicles and your home; but taking those simple actions today could someday save a life—yours or someone you love.

With that in mind, we will be having a **City Emergency Drill on June 18th at 9:00 a.m.** focusing on our city’s communication and disaster response network in our neighborhoods and on making preparations in our homes to provide for our families in the event of a large-scale disaster. More on that to come. But please don’t wait until the day of the drill to get started or to continue working on getting your water and food storage and supplies in order. Hopefully, the litany of disasters we have

already seen elsewhere of late has opened our eyes to the reality that *we could be next*. Do not fall victim to those famous last words: “That could never happen here.” So do not delay, take action to prepare today!

Edward Whitlock
Elk Ridge City Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management Director

Think Water!

Spring is here! The snow is melting. Think Water! Do you have enough stored away? Here is your formula for peace of mind. At a minimum, one gallon of water per person per day—1/2 gallon for drinking and 1/2 gallon for other uses like brushing teeth and washing dishes. Increase that amount for babies, teens, invalids, pets, dehydrated food storage, hot weather, etc.

Remember the water you already have in your home!

- Hot water heater (25–50 gallons). Have a bucket handy, put it under the heater drain valve, open a water faucet in a sink nearby to release the pressure, and open the drain to fill your bucket. **Imperative:** Before draining the water from your water heater, **switch off the gas or electricity** that heats the water to avoid damage.
- Water in your pipes
- Toilet tank
- Liquid in canned goods
- Pool or hot tub



Happy Spring!

Don’t forget—8 drops of Clorox per gallon of water and rotate every 6 months.

Jamie Towse

Preparedness Links

- <http://providentliving.org/>
- <http://72hours.org/>
- <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>
- <http://extension.usu.edu/ueden/htm/preparedness/>
- <http://bereadyutah.gov/>
- <http://www.ready.gov/>