

# ELK RIDGE BUGLE

JUNE 2011



## MEETINGS

City Council

June 14 & 28 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

June 16 7 p.m.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### City Office

80 East Park Dr.  
Elk Ridge, UT 84651

### Phone

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staff@elkridgecity.org

### Office Hours

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | M-F  
(open 10 a.m. on Mondays)

## STAFF

### Building Official

Corbett Stephens

### Recorder

Jan Davis

### Treasurer

Linda Cooper

### Deputy Recorder

Janine Nilsson

### Clerk/Asst. Treasurer

Annebel Meredith

### Fire Chief

Seth Waite

### Planning Comm. Coordinator

Marissa Bassir

### Public Works

Wayne Frandsen  
Rex Davis

## MAYOR RETURNS TO PRIVATE SECTOR

On May 9, 2011, Granite Publishing and Distribution notified the Mayor that they were closing their doors because of the downturn in the economy. This ended a long-term contract to distribute books for the Mayor's publishing business. In order to establish a new distribution system, the Mayor will be focusing his attention on his business. A temporary mayor should be appointed by the City Council in the near future to serve through the remainder of 2011.

## ELECTION INFORMATION

The Mayor and three (3) City Council positions are open. Citizens interested in running for mayor or council seats must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Recorder July 1-18, during regular office hours. The mayor term of office will be for 2 years (2012 & 2013); the council terms are for 4 years.

## CITY CELEBRATION JUNE 23-25

Because of all the rain, there were problems getting the City Celebration packets to all the residents. If you did not receive one, you may pick one up at the City Office.

We are seeking adult and older teen volunteers to supervise the carnival games and ticket booths June 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If interested, please call Brian Burke at 801.472.8746.

The Twinkie eating contest has been altered. You can choose to eat either Twinkies or chocolate cupcakes, so go to [elkridgecity.org](http://elkridgecity.org) to sign up!

## THANK YOU FROM MAYOR LUTES

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of Elk Ridge City as your mayor. Thank you for your support and all of the hard work of the volunteers and the City Staff and Council. We have accomplished a great deal in the time we have had to work together, culminating this year in the Loafer Canyon well upgrade and the installation of new lights and heaters in the City Offices, the latter through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

*See THANK YOU on page 3*

## Youth Council Says Thank You ...

for supporting the citywide garage sale on May 14. They are looking forward to having more events to raise funds to put on activities for Elk Ridge teens. Please do not miss Teen Night at the Park on June 25 from 8–11 p.m. GameinRide (as seen on Facebook) will be there as well as the Giant Twister game from BYU ... it will be GREAT FUN!

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## Elk Ridge Fire and Rescue

With the extremely wet spring we are having we need to take notice of the height of the wild grasses around the city. All the rain has helped these plants grow much higher than normal for the time of year. As these plants begin to dry out and turn brown, we will have an extreme fire hazard in many areas of the city.



As we begin to get into summer and activities around the home and city, we ask that an extra measure of caution be used especially while using home fire pits and legal fireworks during holiday celebrations and other occasions. Any small spark can ignite these dry plants resulting in an out

of control fire in a matter of minutes. This situation will put not only your home, but also other homes and our native areas in danger.

Legal fireworks will be authorized during the July 4th Celebration which includes the 3 days before and after the actual holiday. We constantly see the illegal fireworks around the city and we are planning to have law enforcement in the area to issue citations for illegal fireworks. Keep in mind that in the event a fire is started from illegal fireworks, the penalties are much more severe. Fireworks will not be allowed during the July 24th celebration.

The City Celebration is scheduled for June 23–25. We invite everyone down to the fire station for the annual breakfast June 25 from 7 to 11 a.m. This is the Fire Department's only fundraiser. The proceeds go directly back to our Emergency services assisting us to maintain our current level of preparedness. Hope to see everyone there.

Have a safe summer!!

## FROM THE SHERIFF



Between 04/15/11 and 05/15/11 Utah County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 32 calls for service in the City of Elk Ridge. These calls included:

- 6 Juvenile problems
- 5 Animal problems
- 2 Suspicious
- 2 Trespass
- 2 Citizen Contacts
- 2 Abandoned 911
- 2 Motorist Assists
- 2 Medicals
- 1 Extra Patrol
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Traffic Accident
- 1 Sex Offense
- 1 Welfare Check
- 1 Fire
- 1 Presentation
- 1 Theft
- 1 Family Problem

Please continue to report all crimes and suspicious activity to the Utah County Sheriff's Department. For emergencies please dial 911. For all other incidents contact Utah Valley Dispatch at 801.851. 4100.

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## Planning Commission Appointments

On May 10 at the regular City Council meeting, Sharon Dahlstrom was appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Commission. She replaces Daniel Steele, who moves up to complete Jason Bullard's term ending February, 2013. Congratulations to these citizens who are willing to serve our community in this very important capacity.

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## Weed Abatement



Please remember to mow the tall grass and weeds on your property to alleviate potential fire hazards when the weather gets warm. We are grateful for your keeping the vegetation cut to 4 inches within 30 feet of structures.

Thank You  
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(See “2010 in Review,” January 2011 edition of the *Elk Ridge Bugle* for a review of your City government accomplishments.)

The City is in good condition at this time. The finances are in the “black,” the water system is in great shape, security is the best and continues under a new contract with the Utah County Sheriff’s Department, the Planning Commission and City Council are fully staffed, Fire and Rescue is doing a great job, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management is planning for the June 18th drill, the City planning and engineering firms are doing well, Public Works has additional help and many planned City improvements, the City Council members have their assignments, home construction is increasing, and plans are in the works for a great City Celebration.

I wish you all the very best as I return to the private sector and thank you for your confidence in electing me to serve you.

—Mayor Kenneth Lutes

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SUMMER FESTIVAL  
AT CENTRAL UTAH GARDENS  
Saturday, June 18  
8 a.m.– 4 p.m.

355 W. University Parkway, Orem  
(Just east of Krispy Kreme)

- KSL Greenhouse Show—Larry Sagers
- Local Nurseries and Other Vendors
- Kids Activities
- Classes and Workshops
- Live Music
- Hot dogs and Drinks

FREE ADMISSION  
[www.centralutahgardens.org](http://www.centralutahgardens.org)

UPCOMING CLASSES

Water & Plants

Jun 29, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Water & Animals

Jul 20, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

The Water Cycle/Water Conservation

Aug 10, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

UDOT’s I-15 CORE  
Project Update

The I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) is more than one-third complete as UDOT heads into the summer construction season.

One major change to watch for this summer is a “traffic split” in the American Fork area. The I-15 lanes between Pioneer Crossing and 500 East will split, with the construction area in between the lanes. Drivers exiting at American Fork Main Street or 500 East will need to be in the right two lanes before the split. This alignment will allow crews to keep all four lanes open while reconstructing the roadway.

Stay an Extra Day Travel Discounts

Delays through construction zones could be one to two hours over holiday weekends at peak times, if drivers do not adjust when they travel. UDOT’s “Stay an Extra Day” program provides lodging and attraction discounts for the day before and after typical weekend travel to encourage vacationers to leave early or stay an extra day and reduce traffic delays. Visit [udot.utah.gov/stayanextraday](http://udot.utah.gov/stayanextraday) or click “Stay an Extra Day” on the UDOT homepage for a list of statewide offers.

For I-15 CORE construction information and to sign up for weekly email updates, visit [udot.utah.gov/i15core](http://udot.utah.gov/i15core). Updates are also available on Facebook ([facebook.com/i15core](http://facebook.com/i15core)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/i15core](http://twitter.com/i15core)) or via text message (text “i15” to 53535).

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Flag Day  
June 14



BETSY ROSS HOUSE

## Elk Ridge City Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

You are invited to participate in the

# ELK RIDGE CITYWIDE DISASTER DRILL

SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011 • 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

The Elk Ridge City Drill is coming up soon on Saturday June 18, from 9:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. The purpose of the drill is to help us as a community prepare for and practice our response to a disaster scenario. Please plan on participating by following the guidelines below. The drill this time will be focused on our city's communications network, on our citizens' awareness of the city's disaster procedures, and on personal home preparedness efforts. Over the next couple of weeks prior to the drill, please take the time and make the effort to work on your individual and family disaster preparedness. Put in some food and water storage; at least a 2 week supply for each member of your family if possible. Check or put together your basic 72 hour kits and make sure food and clothing items in your kits are up to date. Familiarize yourself with where your water, electrical, and gas shutoffs are.

### What to expect on Drill Day

The drill will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please gather your families at home at your designated emergency meeting place. Check your home and utilities (water, power, gas). You should know where the shutoffs are and how to turn them off, but **DO NOT TURN THEM OFF!**

- Make sure you know where your city Emergency Notification Kit is (packet with colored papers in it). If you don't know what this is or do not have one, please contact your Block Captain or Neighborhood Chair. As a reminder, the colors represent the following:
  - Green—All is well**
  - Yellow—Need help, but NOT immediate or life threatening**
  - Red—Need IMMEDIATE help or critical care is needed**
  - Black—There is a deceased person(s) here**
- For this drill, your Block Captain will come by to check on you and deliver some information from the city as well as an Emergency Notification Kit if you do not have one. In the event of a real disaster, you would report on the condition of your family and property and what assistance you need, if any, to your Block Captain.
- **REPORT TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD STAGING AREA**—In a disaster situation, all able-bodied individuals not taking care of injured, small children, elderly, or disabled should report to your neighborhood staging area as soon as possible to offer to help. If you do not know where your staging area is, check with your Block Captain. For this drill, your neighborhood radio operators and Neighborhood Chairs will be at your staging area recording names of those that check in to report to the City Office as part of our communications test, so please show up!
- After checking in at your neighborhood staging area, return to your homes and spend some time with your families discussing what you can do to better prepare for a disaster situation.
- **REPORT TO THE EOC**—At 10:00 a.m., Fire, EMS, CERT trained individuals, and those interested in assisting with rescue and triage efforts in the event of a disaster should report to the EOC (City Office) for a short training exercise and team building discussion. Communications personnel should also report to the EOC for radio training.
- Following the drill, there will be a short debriefing meeting at 11:15 for DPEM Committee members in the RS room at the LDS chapel at 259 Alpine Drive.