



Elk Ridge Bugle

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

August 2015

Summer is fading and Fall is just around the corner. Thank you to all of our good residents for your efforts to conserve our water resources and to maintain conditions that keep our city the beautiful place that it is. We have had a very strange weather year, which has kept the surrounding areas greener than might be the case at this time of year. The fire danger is lower than usual but with the hot weather of August, we still need to be cautious about the fire threat that seems to be present during the late summer.

Tragedy has recently struck several families in our area with the deaths and injuries associated with two separate accidents at the intersection of Elk Ridge Drive and State Road 198. We offer our sincere sympathies to family members affected by these injuries and losses. This intersection has been the scene of several other accidents and many "near misses" in the recent months and over the years. There is a very active effort on the part of our city, Salem City, Woodland Hills, Utah County Roads Department as well as individual parties to have UDOT place a traffic light at that intersection immediately. We hope to have a decision concerning this much-needed action within the month.

We are pleased with the "Meet the Candidates" night on the 28th of July. We have a very good group of residents wanting to serve the city and applaud their decision to run for the 4 council positions available. A second similar meeting will be held in October prior to the general election in November. Early voting is available now for the Primary Election at the city offices until August 7th. The regular day for voting in the Primary Election will be August 11th at the city offices. I encourage you to get acquainted with these individuals to assist you in your efforts to elect those persons whom you feel will best serve our city. Please get out and vote!

A Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on Thursday August 6th in the Fire Station to present the city's financial condition and to hear from the residents concerning our current tax rate and possible change in that rate to address the city's ongoing needs to provide necessary services. This meeting is held to inform the public and to assist the council as they make these critical impact decisions. These decisions are not taken lightly. A great deal of research and gathering of information along with lengthy

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MEETINGS

City Council:

Tuesday, August 4th 7:00 pm
Thursday, August 6th 6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 11th 6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 25th 6:00 pm

Planning Commission:

Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 pm
Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 pm

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION INFORMATION

Elk Ridge City is holding Early Voting for the primary election NOW until AUGUST 7th at the City Office from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The Primary Election will be held AUGUST 11 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm and the General Election will be November 3rd. PLEASE come cast your vote as EVERY VOTE COUNTS!!



"We can *complain* because rose bushes have thorns, or *rejoice* because thorn bushes have roses." Abraham Lincoln



SHERIFF'S CORNER

From 6/16/15 thru 7/15/15 Utah County Sheriff Department responded to 50 calls for service in the city of Elk Ridge. These calls included:

7 – Animal Problems	3 – VIN Inspections	1 – Fraud
1 – Disturbance	1 - Runaway	7 – Suspicious
2 – Motor Assist	1 – Criminal Mischief	1 – Accident PD
6 – Abandon 911	2 – Civil Problems	1 – Threat
6 – Citizen Contacts	1 – Fire Investigation	1 – Theft
1 – Repossession	5 – Alarms	1 – Medical
1 – Welfare Check	1- Stolen Vehicle Recovered	

Please continue to report all crimes and suspicious activity. For emergencies please dial 911. For all other incidents please contact Utah Valley Dispatch at 801-794-3970.

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discussions have taken place and are ongoing in an effort to make these important, difficult decisions.

Because we are a bedroom community, our basic source for operating the city on a daily basis is property tax. New growth brings in “one time” impact fee money to help offset many of the costs associated with that growth. However, the ongoing, day-to-day operations and maintenance of city services rely on those tax dollars. We are always looking for ways to be efficient in the use of those funds and still provide the necessary services to the citizens. We take to heart the comments, complaints and suggestions that we receive from the residents and evaluate them in the context of the overall needs and resources available to the city. We try very hard to see the big picture, of all aspects of city and sometimes are not able to accommodate the individual wishes as we hear them expressed. Please know we have to run the whole city with all of its many and varied components.

The water department, the sewer department, the storm drains department are “enterprise systems” which means they need to fund themselves and do not, generally, draw from the general fund. The fees associated with each of these areas are assessed based on costs to properly run and maintain them. Costs fluctuate with usage and, as with the water, associated utility costs. Funds are also set aside to repair and/ or replace system infrastructure. We are working now to find the best way to provide adequate, sustainable water resources for the present and the long term. The need for a new well is upon us. The well will provide redundancy as well as increased capacity. Impact fees from growth will pay for a large portion but there will still be a need to address the overall cost with an adjustment to our rate structure. Careful consideration and research will be given to that adjustment.

The sewer system is difficult because we have our own maintenance issues but rely on Payson city for the treatment of our sewage. As costs for that treatment increase, we are assessed increases just as Payson city residents are. EPA upgrade mandates are currently causing a stiff rate increase. We are involved directly in discussions with Payson city concerning these increases and are actively trying to find the best and most economical way to respond to these demands.

The General Fund is where most of the property taxes go. That fund is the operating mechanism for the city. From this fund

is paid all administrating costs including salaries, wages, benefits, utility bills charged to the city, roads some aspects of parks and trails, training, communications systems and a whole host of other aspects that are necessary to the running of the city. This is the fund that reflects the annual budget for city operations.

I have been working on some ideas to bring to our city some economic development concepts to help offset the heavy burden of property tax. I believe these ideas are very possible but realize that the success of such efforts depend upon those developers and business owners willing to bring these potential retail businesses to our city. If you would be interested in learning about these ideas, I would love to share them with you and take your insights to make this option a viable, working success. Please feel free to contact me as I continue to address this issue.

A “Fall Concert in the Park” is being planned for the weekend following Labor Day. Several residents have already agreed to participate but I really want to have individuals and groups from throughout all 8 neighborhoods be involved. Please consider your own involvement or recommend to me those whom you know, that would be part of this enjoyable event.

Thank you for being the good people you are! My best wishes to the youth as they return to school this fall.

Mayor Hal Shelley

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thanks for complying with the fireworks restrictions during July. We had no issues as a city. The summer is far from over and the extreme dry conditions will persist until fall. Please use caution with all of your summer events and take precautions when using fire in any of your appliances or burn pits.

When we hear about the fall open burn it will be announced.

Again, thank you for the support of our city celebration and the Fire Department pancake

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breakfast. The funds raised continue to help our emergency services with additional support to keep our response services better equipped and supplied.

Seth Waite, Fire Chief

City Council/Planning Commission Meetings: Agendas and Minutes

All agendas and minutes are posted on our website and all meetings are audio recorded. To obtain a paper or audio copy, please contact our City Office. State Law requires the City to post the Agendas with related attachments/documents to the Utah Public Notice Website for the public's view and the city has always complied with these State Laws. To obtain this information, please visit utah.gov/pmn/index.html.

PARADE REPORT

Congratulations to our family winners of the float contest and a huge thanks to our sponsors who helped make the parade such a success! Also, a special thanks to Marcie Jessee who organized the parade and to all the volunteers who made the parade happen!

Little Learners Preschool (801-885-2094)

The Flower Girls www.facebook.com/3flowergirls

Nebo Comfort Systems nebocomfortsystems.com

Watchman Advisors watchmanadvisors.com

Kevin J. Reece DDS (801-465-4474)

Mountain View Family Pharmacy (801-465-4322)

Freeway Propane and Fencing (801-798-3943)

Mountain West Animal Hospital (801-489-9676)

AllStar Kidz Gymnastics (801-465-1735)

Olson's Garden Shoppe (1190 W 400 N, Payson)

Gladstan Golf Course (801-465-2549)

Gunnerson Dental gunnersondental.com

Kneadin' Bread (801-210-0160)

Rawlings Lawn and Pest Control rawlingslawn.com

Domino's Pizza (887 East 100 North #4, Payson)

BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile will be at the Park every other Tuesday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Their next arrival is scheduled for

August 11th. Please bring an ID and/or Proof of Residency to obtain a card. You can request books and/or audio books by calling 801.489.4833 or by visiting their website at bookmobiles.utah.gov.



Tabitha's Way

Tabitha's way has placed a bin in the City Office parking lot to collect clothing donations. There is also a container in the entry way of the City Office requesting school supplies and clothing donations.

Salem City Recreation

Flag Football Camp - Offered for 2nd-6th graders, August 10th-14th from 8:30-10:00 @ the Loafer View Complex. Camp fee is \$25.00, t-shirt is guaranteed if registered by August 6th.

Salem Days Kickball Tournament - Tuesday, August 4th. Get your family together and come play. It's easier and more fun than you think! Teams are coed (equal number of men & women), must be in 10th Grade (Fall 2015) and older to play & 8-10 players per team. Registration is \$60.00 per team.

Salem Days Coed Softball Tournament - Thursday, August 6th & Friday, August 7th. We offer two division for the tournament, a Family Division (if you're a "just for fun" kind of team) and an Open Division (if you're more competitive and experienced). Registration fee is \$150.00. Only \$100.00 if you are registered for the fall coed season. Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 4th.

Salem Adult SOFTBALL Coed and Women's Leagues - Coed will be held on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS—3 DIVISIONS + POST SEASON TOURNAMENT \$365.00 per team Plus \$5.00 non-resident fee (\$25 non-resident cap). EARLY REGISTRATION on or before August 3rd. Women's League will be played on TUESDAY NIGHTS. Prices and registration fee is the



same as the coed league. Visit salemcity.org and click on the recreation link for more information.

Fall Tennis - August 24th- September 4th, K-3rd = \$35.00, 6:00-7:00, 4th-6th = \$35.00, 7:00-8:00, 6th-8th = \$45.00 8:00-9:30. 6th graders may choose which group to join based on experience and ability. 6th-8th graders should provide their own racquet. Classes will be taught at Salem Hills High School. \$5.00 non-resident fee does apply. Registration is open until filled, space is limited and the younger classes usually fill up fast!

Fall Soccer - Registration is open now through August 28th. Leagues: Pre K (4 & 5 year olds) \$25.00, Kindergarten & 1st/2nd Gr. \$25.00, 3rd/4th & 5th-7th Gr. \$30.00. *All players will need a game jersey (Jerseys may be re-used season to season and are available to purchase for \$10.00 at the Rec Office). Volunteer coaches are needed!

Flag Football - Registration is now through August 28th. 1st & 2nd gr. \$30.00 (This league plays on Wed. & Fri. evenings from 5:30-6:30), 3rd/4th gr. & 5th/6th gr. \$35.00 (This league will play Tues/Thur evenings, times will vary.) Volunteer coaches are needed.

Women's Flag Football - Registration Deadline September 12th, \$235.00 per team, \$5.00 non-resident fee per person with a \$25.00 team cap. Each team will play 8 games and playoffs. Come show your little ones how to play!