



# Elk Ridge Bugle

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## NOVEMBER 2014

### Mayor's Message

November 2014

Each November seems to bring about sentiments of gratitude as we near the celebration of "THANKSGIVING". I would like to share a few things for which I am grateful at this special time of year.

I am grateful for the service given by so many good people in our city during the past several years. It would be impossible to name them all, as the list is so very long and would include most of the good people who have lived here over the life of this community. I will mention a few by name and others by the service they have and do provide. Jan Davis has served 22 years as City Recorder with the firm desire to make our city better. Her retirement has come a little early due to difficult health concerns. "Jan, I thank you and wish you the very best." Likewise, Ed Christensen has resigned his City Council position due to health issues and I wish him the very best for improved health. Brittany Thompson is our new City Councilmember and I am grateful that she is willing and able to serve our city.

I am grateful for the current staff and the many hours they give to provide the necessary services to keep the city moving forward in so many positive ways. Additionally, to the current City Councilmembers, Planning Commission members, Fire and EMS volunteers, as well as volunteers involved with Neighborhood Watch, Disaster Preparedness, CERT, Officer Rhoades and the Utah County Sheriff Department and the many who have given hours of service within their own neighborhoods and the city at large, I express my sincere gratitude!

I express my thanks to the many Civic leaders and volunteers from the past who have given their time, thoughts, energy and love to serve the city! I would like to express a special note of thanks to my sweet wife and my own family for the love and support they give me.

I am grateful for the watchful care each of you offer to the city generally and especially for the care, kindness, patience, love and assistance you give to your friends and neighbors.

This nation is unlike any other in all the world! Though there are many challenges that will require the best in all of us to keep our nation strong during these very difficult times, the freedoms and security available in this country surpass all other nations. For that I am grateful!

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### Meetings

City Council Meeting:

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting:

Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### Elk Ridge City Council Announcement

The Elk Ridge City Council interviewed four applicants at a public hearing and decided on a new Councilmember. We as a City would like to announce and welcome our new Councilmember **Brittany Thompson**. We look forward to her service and contributions to our city. We would also like to express our appreciation and gratitude to former Councilmember Ed Christensen, who chose to resign due to health issues and we wish him the best.



### Online Utility Payments and Paperless Option



You can now pay your utility bill online at Xpress Bill Pay. Refer to the link on our webpage at [www.elkridgecity.org](http://www.elkridgecity.org). When you register online, there is an option to go paperless. We highly encourage this option as it will cut back on city costs and also help with the environment. Those who choose to go paperless will receive an email that includes both your monthly bill and the monthly newsletter. We appreciate your participation!

**"The best thing about the future is  
that it comes one day at a time. "**

**Abraham Lincoln**



## SHERIFF'S CORNER

From 9/16/14 thru 10/15/14 Utah County Sheriff Department responded to 42 calls for service in the city of Elk Ridge. These calls included:

9 Abandon 911	2 VIN Inspection	1 Warrant Service
8 Animal Problems	2 Thefts	1 Medical
4 Suspicious	1 Vehicle Burglary	1 Fraud
3 Motorist Assist	1 Welfare Check	1 DUI
3 Alarm	1 Mental Subject	3 Citizen Contacts
1 Domestic/Family Problem		

**Theft and Burglary calls have increased this past month.** With the holidays approaching PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THEFT:

Always lock your car doors day and night. Don't leave valuable items inside your car especially where others can see them. Keep garage doors shut even during the day and be sure to secure doggie doors as well. Leave a porch light on at night time. Install motion detection lights at your home. Install an alarm system. Inform a neighbor when you go out of town so they can collect newspapers or keep a helpful eye out for suspicious activity. Please report suspicious activity promptly.

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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I am grateful for the beauties that surround us, both the native vegetation and that with which you have planted and adorned your yards. I love to see the native wildlife with which we share this beautiful spot of land. I'm grateful that we are able, for the most part, to co-exist peacefully.

This is an amazing place to live and I am grateful to each of you for making it so! To you who have been here from the beginning of "Elk Ridge" time, to those who have recently arrived, thank you for helping make our Great City better!

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### Fire Department Message – Seth Waite, Fire Chief

The open burn is now complete. If any of our city residents would like to clean-up further in preparation for winter, a burn permit can be obtained but will take a little longer to get as the burn will need to be reviewed and the Fire Chief's signature obtained. You may contact the City Office for information.

With the winding down of summer and daylight savings time approaches we remind everyone to check their smoke and CO alarm batteries and replace them if needed. The time change is a good time to remember to do this maintenance and keep your family safe.

As the holidays and winter get closer please be aware of lighting and electrical issues in decorations that can cause fires. More to come out as we get closer to Christmas.

Winter sports are always great fun and we tend to leave helmets out of our planning. Winter accidents involving head injuries are very common and can be avoided by wearing a helmet. Please Be Safe!!

Thanks for all the community support over the past year and we look forward to another great one coming. We are always looking for

volunteers and if you have a desire to serve, get an application on city website, fill it out and get it to the city offices. We'll take it from there.

Have a safe rest of 2014!!

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### Gravel Pit Information

There are no longer any rock sales at the gravel pit. Please do NOT dump any waste (including yard waste) at the gravel pit. Payson City landfill is currently offering Elk Ridge citizens their resident rate with proof of residency. Please contact them with any questions 801.465.5295.

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### Bear Update

The Division of Wildlife Resources has recently been called to our City to locate and observe bears. Thankfully, they did NOT locate any aggressive bears. Since we live in bear territory, they gave our City Office some pamphlets with information on safety tips for homeowners. Please pick one up at our City Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources at 801.491.5678.



## Snow Plow Drivers Needed

Elk Ridge City needs back-up snow plow drivers for this winter. CDL is required. Please contact the City Office if you are interested.



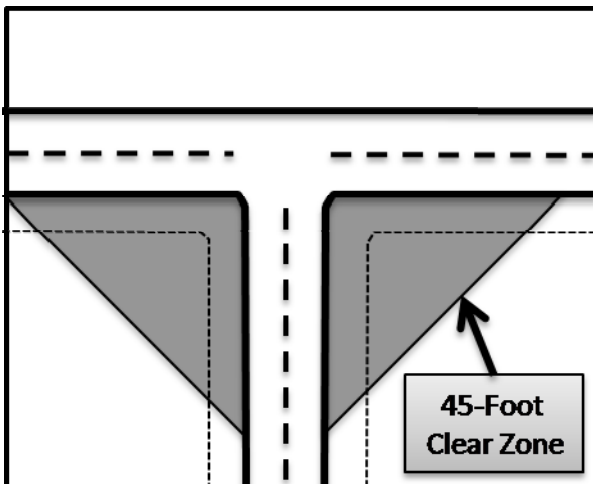
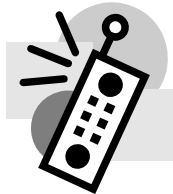
## City Parking Ordinance

As of November 1, parking is not allowed on city streets until March 1. Snow will be coming soon and we need to allow room for our snow plows. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Community Alert System

As you are aware, our city has a community alert system that allows us to contact all residents through telephone, text message and email. With this system, we can notify all residents of an emergency, community event, or significant information that residents need to know about.

It is extremely important for us to have all residents current contact information. If you have not been receiving our messages, please contact the City Office to update your information. There is a Community Alert System link on our website that will allow you to update your information as well.



## Wheels for Wishes

Wheels for Wishes is a non-profit organization that may be a helpful resource for Elk Ridge citizens. They pick up donated vehicles at no cost to their owners and recycle or auction them to benefit Make-A-Wish Utah.

If you are interested in donating, please contact Wheels for Wishes at [utah.wheelsforwishes.org](http://utah.wheelsforwishes.org) or by calling 1.855.299.9474 (WISH).

## CITY CODE FOR CORNER LOTS

### A Few Things to Keep in Mind when Living on a Corner

If you live on a corner lot, you know that traffic can be an issue. Most motorists drive responsibly, but some take the corners too fast. In any case, drivers need the corner area properly clear of obstacles to be able to maneuver the intersection safely. This includes the ability to see pedestrians (especially children), cars backing out of driveways, and other oncoming vehicles.

#### The Clear Zone

The zoning code requires on corner lots that there be a 45-foot clear zone in bushes, fences, or any other sight obstructing element be no higher than 3 feet tall. You can have trees, but their canopies must be over 7 feet tall. No parked vehicles in this area are allowed. Please clear obstructions in the clear zone area.

#### Stop Signs / Street Signs

If there is a sign in your yard, we ask that you keep trees and bushes trimmed so that oncoming traffic, from all legs of an intersection can clearly read the signs as they approach them.

#### Building Setbacks

Your main dwelling is setback from all roads on a corner lot 30 feet. Keep in mind your property line does not start at the curb or road. The road right-of-way generally extends 9 feet from the back on the curb. Some areas in the older part of the city have a 20 foot right-of-way. Accessory structures (sheds) cannot be located in the front yard or side yard adjacent to a street, but can be in the interior side or rear yards. See the accessory structures code for additional requirements for placement setbacks.

#### Fences

As mentioned above, fences can only be 3 feet tall in the clear zone area of a corner lot. Also, a fence can only be 3 feet tall anywhere in the front yard between the home and the street. On corner lots, the side yard facing the street can have a fence up to 8 feet tall as long as the taller fence starts behind the front of the home, is out of the corner clear zone area and is not within the road right-of-way (generally 9 feet behind curb, but can be up to 20 feet-call city to locate).

#### So What Are All The Rules?

You can view the complete city code by visiting the city website at [www.elkridgecity.org](http://www.elkridgecity.org) and look under Quick Links and City Code.



## Salem City Recreation

**WRESTLING** - Pre-K - 6th Graders Wrestling season will begin this year with Wrestling Camp to be held October 21st & 22nd. **Camp is included** as part of the league fee and will be run by **Coach Brindley** and his staff. Teams will be divided and begin practicing once camp has completed. Wrestling matches and practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Practices will begin October 23rd. Matches will run November 6th – December 11th. Wrestlers who desire to attend tournaments will receive tournament information upon request. Fee: **\$40.00** Early registration deadline is **October 14th. (\$5 late fee \$5 non-resident fee)** **CAMP will be held in the Salem Jr High School Wrestling Room.** Pre-K – 2nd Grade (6:30pm - 7:30pm), 3rd - 6th Grade (7:30pm - 8:30pm).

**Fall Hoopsters**- Open to 1st and 2nd graders ONLY. This is a clinic style introductory program using fun activities to teach proper mechanics and skills. Along with skill building, they will be on teams and play games! The program helps young players progress in their basketball development. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00pm Session or 7:00-8:00 Session. FEE \$30.00 includes shirt. Early registration deadline is October 24th \* \$5 late fee & \$5 non-resident fee \* Games will be played at the Salem Elementary School. Season begins November 4th- December 11th.

**Winter Basketball Camp**- Salem Parks & Recreation, along with Coach DeGraffenreid & the Salem Hills Basketball team, are pleased to host a Basketball Camp on Saturday December 6th, for boys & girls 2nd—8th grades. Camp will help players progress in their development and skills as well as be a lot of fun!

**Camp Schedule**- Morning from 10:00am - 11:30am · **Lunch will be served 11:30-12:00 (pizza and drinks)** · Afternoon 12:00pm - 1:00pm Camp will be held at the Salem Jr High School, FEE: \$20.00 includes lunch, **NO** Non-resident on camps.

**Youth Basketball** - Sign up now for Salem Youth Basketball! Early registration ends November 20th. (\$5.00 late charge / \$5.00 non-resident fee) · Leagues will be divided by gender and grade. · Drafts will be held on Dec. 2nd & 3rd. · Team practice will begin one night a week in December. · Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Jan 3rd. Cost for this program will be: 3rd—6th grades, \$35.00. 7th — 8th grades, \$40.00. 9th –12th grades, \$45.00.

**Hunters Safety**- Dates will be: Nov. 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th. The shooting test will be on November 15th. Classes will be from 6-8p.m. at the Salem City Office, in the Council Chambers. Space is limited to the first 35 registrants. Sign up early. Registration Fee: **\$10.00** **Participants must attend every class to**

**complete the course.** Instructor: Duane Hill

\*Participants will be required to purchase a Hunter Safety Voucher/License prior to the first class. Licenses can be purchased at any location that sells hunting licenses.

## **Salem's Winter Softball Snowman Tournament** -

**Crazy Adults can still find a diamond in the winter. Salem Parks and Recreation will offer the first tournament of the year. Thursday, January 1st, will mark the date.** Teams will play 3 guaranteed games while enjoying free hot chocolate and donuts! Teams should be made up of adults, or anyone over 16 years of age. Teams may be made up of all male, all female or coed, everyone plays in the same bracket. **Cost is \$150.00 per team. Call today to reserve your teams spot, 801-423-1035 Registration deadline is Monday, December 29th. Special Rules:** 1. Wood bats-must be used. NO metal. Bats may be baseball bats. Salem Recreation will supply 1 bat per field. Open home run rule. If you can hit it that far you are welcome to... We do not think you can. 2. A yellow 11 inch softball will be used. It is easier to throw with cold hands. 3. No one walks. Teams will pitch to their own batters. This is a 1 pitch tournament. 1 foul ball allowed. Come out and play in the snow with us!

## **Tri-City Christmas Alumni Basketball Tournament** -

Salem Recreation and The Salem Hills Basketball Team will host the 2nd Annual Tri-City Christmas Alumni Basketball Tournament December 26th & 27th. We would like to invite graduates from Spanish Fork, Salem and Payson to put together a team for a two day tournament. Team members must be from the same graduating class, but keep in mind the team members DO NOT need to be former members of high school teams. Any member of your graduating class can be on your team! Please register by Dec. 23rd at noon. The team fee to participate is \$150.00. You may register online at [salemcity.org](http://salemcity.org) or call Salem Recreation at [801-423-1035](tel:801-423-1035).

