



# Elk Ridge Bugle

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## Message from Mayor Hal Shelley

I never imagined how much goes on behind the scenes in the running of our great community. We have a great office staff that know their jobs and perform them well! There are so many concerns that are governed by codes, ordinances, state and federal laws. They have a great deal of interaction with numerous government agencies and private businesses and organizations. I can confidently go to them and expect that I will be assisted in the responsibilities that are mine. Likewise, our public works employees are working hard to learn and perform their assigned responsibilities. All are relatively new to city employment. Our new Public Works Director, Cody Black comes with good experience and enthusiasm to make our great city better. I express my appreciation to all who do so much to make things better.

There is a great deal that happens in our city government that may not be obvious to most of our citizens. Much effort is made to identify concerns and find solutions that will improve our city. Some things move at a snail's pace but, be assured they are not being ignored. Some decisions may seem questionable but none are made without considerable thought and investigation of appropriate options. I take seriously the responsibility that is now mine to see all sides of the concerns presented to me. Thank you for your patience and support for our employees and me!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Hal Shelley

## Required Landscaping on all Houses Built Prior to 2006

It is not too late to put in your required landscaping! In fact this is the best time of year to plant your lawns whether by sod or seed. Additionally, planting trees between September and November causes less stress upon planted trees and insures healthy root growth and leafing out after the winter's thaw.

As you drive around Elk Ridge you can see residents actively working in their yards and beautifying the city. Their efforts are appreciated and it shows their pride in property and home ownership. Landscaping does not have to be complicated or expensive in fact there are some excellent examples of Xeroscaping and Value Landscaping in our city which can greatly help your pocket book as well as saving your back and giving you time to spend with family and other pursuits.

**However**, there are still some residents (in homes built prior to 2006) that do not understand landscaping of the front and both sides of your home is a City Code requirement. The sunset or completion date requirement was October 31, 2010 and those occupants that were not in compliance were notified and given 2 full years (2008-2010 growing season) to come into compliance. Continued on page 2.

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## SHERIFFS CORNER

Between 7/15 12 and 8/15/12

### Responses to Calls for Service in the City of Elk Ridge

7 Abandoned 911	5 Animal Problems	4 Civil Problems	4 Juvenile Problems
4 Suspicious	3 Extra Patrols	2 Found Property	2 Burglary
2 Traffic Accidents	2 Citizen Assists	1 Disorderly	1 Mission Person
1 Bad Check	1 Weapon Offense	1 VIN Inspection	1 Theft
1 Repossession	1 Trespass	1 Fireworks	1 Alcohol Offense
1 Fraud	1 Alarm	1 Fire	

The cities of Woodland Hills and El Ridge have seen an increase in the number of Burglaries over the last month. These cases are being investigated by our detectives division and they are actively pursuing several leads. In most of the cases, homes were unoccupied with doors left unlocked. Please make it a habit to you're your doors and close garage doors. This will reduce your risk of becoming a victim of crime.

In a few of these cases neighbors have reported seeing a suspicious vehicle after the fact. If you see a vehicle that doesn't belong on your street, or is acting suspicious please call and report it to Utah Valley dispatch at 801-794-3970 immediately. (For emergencies please dial 911.) If possible obtain a license plate number. Help protect your property and your neighbor's property. Make your community as safe as possible by reporting all suspicious activity. If you are interested in becoming part of a neighborhood watch program please contact the city office. I have also placed a neighborhood watch pamphlet with more security tips for homeowners at the city office, please stop by and pick one up.

Thank you in advance for calling in suspicious activities and reporting all crimes.

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### **Required Landscaping on all houses built prior to 2006**

Neighbors that have worked hard on their yards should not have to put up with nuisance seeds blowing in from an adjacent yard full of weeds. Yards full of weeds cause problems for your neighbors with allergies not to mention a decline in their property's value. Many of our citizens assist older homeowners and single parents in maintaining their yards. If help is needed, a simple request can often rally the community, church, neighbors, youth groups and family into lending a helping hand.

**Remember**, while it is unfortunate, home owners that are still in noncompliance will soon be receiving the appropriate and required City Code fine/fines. If you have questions you can go to ([www.elkridgecity.org](http://www.elkridgecity.org)). Under the heading "Codes and Ordinances Governing Your City" click on Landscape Requirements. You can view our city's landscape code and requirements.

If any citizens have questions concerning Xeroscaping, Value Landscaping, planting lawns from seed or selecting and planting the best types of trees for our elevation and soil conditions contact City Council Member Paul Squires at 801 423 2267.

Thank you, Paul Squires

## Cold Turkey 5K run for the Great American Smokeout

BRIEF: Join the Cold Turkey 5K Run for the Great American Smokeout on Saturday, November 17th starting at 9am. The Hobble Creek Canyon run is sponsored by the Utah County Health Department to show support for those who have quit smoking, want to quit, and those who plan to never start smoking. For more information and to register, please visit [www.coldturkeyrun.pbworks.com](http://www.coldturkeyrun.pbworks.com) or call 801-851-7099.

WHEN: Saturday, November 17th, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Springville's Hobble Creek Canyon

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### **\*\*Homeless animals need your bike/car!!**

The South Utah Valley Animal Shelter and a local animal control officer Blair Kerby with Salem City are teaming up to hold an event on September 29th to raise money for vaccines, spays, and neuters for shelter animals in need. SUVAS's goal is to vaccinate every animal to come through its doors. This helps to prevent diseases from spreading and keeps the animals at their healthiest. This increases their likelihood of being adopted and finding new homes. By spaying/neutering the animals prior to adoption, the adoption fees are reduced, which in turn increases that animal's chances of being adopted.

The greater the participation, the more animals that can be helped!

If you are unable to join us that day, but would still like to help, donations are always greatly appreciated. Our website ([suvas.org](http://suvas.org)) has a list of items that we are in need of. Items may also be donated for the raffle taking place on the day of the cruise.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We greatly appreciate all your help and hope to see you Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>!

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## WARNING

**Do not place any debris or landscape materials (dirt, rocks, cuttings, leaves, branches) in the street.**

**This washes down into the storm drains and plugs them up. We need them to work properly for run off storm water.**

## Elk Ridge City CERT Class

The Elk Ridge City sponsored Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course will be held on **Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. AND on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Classes will be held at the upper Elk Ridge Chapel, at 259 Alpine Drive.

Take the opportunity to prepare yourself and your family to respond to potential emergency situations through training on disaster preparedness and response techniques, basic firefighting, emergency medical treatment and search and rescue techniques. In a real natural disaster or emergency situation, YOU may be the only help you and your family or neighbors will get for days as emergency response is overwhelmed. **BE PREPARED!**

You must attend both classes to be CERT certified. There is a mandatory \$45 equipment charge for each participant, which includes training materials on book and CD, a hard hat, jacket, gloves, goggles, and a mask.

If you have already been CERT certified and would like to retake the class to refresh your skills, you are welcome and encouraged to participate at no charge. Please bring your equipment with you to class.

- Boy Scouts (11 years old plus) can fulfill requirements for 3 merit badges through CERT certification. Youth MUST attend with an adult.
- Young Women may use CERT certification for personal progress goals.
- **You must sign up in advance!** Email your name, address, neighborhood # and phone number and Y/N for equipment required to: [elkridgecert@gmail.com](mailto:elkridgecert@gmail.com), sign up at the city office, or call the city CERT Director, D.J. Heap, at (801) 423-1827 no later than Wednesday night Sept 19 to enroll!

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*The Utah County Health Department is your local health authority. The UCHD's goal is to promote health, and prevent avoidable disease and injury by monitoring the health of our community, and assuring conditions in which people can be healthy. For a list of services and programs please see our web site at [www.UtahCountyHealth.org](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org) . [Our latest Annual Report, hours and locations, and other information all available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.](#) You can also follow us at [www.Twitter.com/uchd](http://www.Twitter.com/uchd) [www.Facebook.com/uhealth](http://www.Facebook.com/uhealth) or [www.UtahCountyHealth.org](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org)*



## Meals on Wheels

One hour once a week is all it takes to make a difference! Meals-on-Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Volunteers use their own vehicles to deliver lunchtime meals once a week to homebound seniors. Along with each meal, volunteers provide a special touch of comfort and a daily safety check enabling seniors to stay in their own homes. Meals will be picked up and delivered to seniors in a five mile radius. Delivering meals takes approximately one hour to complete. Children are more than welcome to accompany parents to deliver meals.

For more information about delivering Meals-on-Wheels, contact Stephanie Benson at 801-229-3821 or [sbenson@mountainland.org](mailto:sbenson@mountainland.org), or register online at [www.mountainland.org/volunteer](http://www.mountainland.org/volunteer).

Vaccination is the number one way to prevent the spread of disease. In our efforts to help protect the community, the Utah County Health Department will be bringing vaccination opportunities for residents to many local communities.

The Utah County Health Department

### Health Department Vaccination Clinics coming to your community

**BRIEF** (web sites, social media, etc.): Vaccinations are offered every Tuesday (5-7 pm) at the Payson City Center (439 W Utah Ave). See [or call 801-851-7025](http://or.call.801-851-7025). [www.UtahCountyHealth.org](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org)

**FULL DESCRIPTION:** A vaccine clinic is offered every Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Payson City Center (439 W Utah Ave) by the Utah County Health Department. Clinics offers school vaccines as well as vaccines for all ages. Immunizations are given in the Senior Citizen's Library (enter through the south door). Additional vaccine clinics will also be offered through the fall at city senior centers, schools, etc. (see our web site or social media channels for updates).

The UCHD accepts a variety of insurance plans (see [www.UtahCountyHealth.org/immunizations](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org/immunizations) for a complete list -- see your own insurance for coverage benefits). For those who are uninsured or have Medicaid, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provides vaccines at a low-cost.

Appointments are encouraged by calling 801-851-7025, but walk-in's are also welcome. Please bring vaccination records with you whenever possible. For details, please see [www.UtahCountyHealth.org](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org), call 801-851-7025, or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/uchealth](http://www.Facebook.com/uchealth) or [www.Twitter.com/uchd](http://www.Twitter.com/uchd).

## Prescription Take Back Events

On September 29th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Substance Misuse and Abuse Reduction Team (SMART) Coalition, local law enforcement, and other partners will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by removing potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs from their home medicine cabinets. Free to the public, this event helps safely dispose of unused medications to prevent misuse and protect the environment. Medications will be collected at locations throughout the county, including:

- Lehi: 2 locations
- Macey's, 760 E. Main Street
- Smiths, 1550 East 3500 North
- American Fork
- Fresh Market, 135 E. Main Street
- Pleasant Grove
- Smith's, 210 East 700 South
- Orem
- Smith's, 45 S. State Street
- Provo
- Macey's, 1400 N. State Street
- Smith's, 350 N. Freedom Boulevard

## West Nile Virus Epidemic

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on August 22, 2012 that they have seen the highest number of West Nile Virus cases in the United States since they first detected it in 1999. Within one week, cases jumped from 693 to 1,118 including 41 deaths. The CDC believes that the extra dry, hot weather may be the reason for the increase this year. The peak of this seasonal disease is mid-August into the fall. **"Fight the Bite!"** When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient.

- .Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn.
- .Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- .Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
- .Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels.
- .Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used. Symptoms may range from serious to no symptoms.