# March 2025

## **March Meetings**

#### **Town Council Meeting**

Thurs March 13th 7:00 p.m.

#### **Planning & Zoning**

Thurs March 20th 7:00 p.m.

#### Animals

The Town Council is urging residents to take responsibility for their animals. This includes cats.

If you see dogs in your neighborhood that are running loose or not licensed, please contact the Sherriff's Office to report it.

Elsinore will only allow up to 3 dogs per property and a 4<sup>th</sup> dog will cost a kennel fee of \$150.00 Puppies must be rehomed by 3 months of age. Elsinore also only recognizes up to 4 cats per property.

## Building Permits

A building permit is required for the following:

- A new dwelling
- Altering the structure of existing dwelling
- Sheds, outbuildings, and carports larger than 120 sq/ft
- Connex or storage boxes
- Fences, especially if they are on the perimeter of the property
- Basements or garage apartments

Permits must be on the agenda and signed at the monthly Planning & Zoning Meeting

If you have any questions Planning & Zoning would love to help

## Public Meeting

concerning stop signs at

200 East 200 North

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ **6:45** p.m.

Elsinore Town Hall

### Open Burn

Open burn is permitted between

March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>

Please visit <u>www.sevierutah.gov</u> to fill out a **free** burn permit. A permit will allow for a 3-day window. If you need to burn for more than 3-days you must fill out a new permit.

Local artist **Kevin Simpson** will have his art on display **March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**@ the Fairview Museum/History Center
Check it out for a fun activity

If you would like to donate a **tree** to plant in

the Elsinore **Cemetery**, we would gladly help you pick a place and type of tree.

Contact the office at 435-527-3306 or stop by for information.

### <u>Tips on how to protect your septic system and save</u> <u>our ground water</u>

#### What Are the Dangers of Pouring Oil Down the Drain?

Some people don't know the damage oil or grease can do when poured down your kitchen sink. So, what happens if you dump oil down the drain? It creates severe problems in the plumbing system. If you pour grease or oil down the kitchen sink, you could clog and damage your drainage system. The viscosity of cooking oil will coat your pipe walls. Then, the oil will start collecting food crumbs, coffee grounds (if by accident you poured some), and other residues, which lead to clogs. When cooking oil hardens within the plumbing pipes or sewer lines or septic tank, it can cause standing water in the sink or even worse; it can result in backing up of sewer waste into your home. These problems can be prevented, and it's the best way to deal with them because resolving such draining issues can be quite expensive.

#### When the Oil Cools Down, Put it in a Sealable Container

You can use empty coffee cans, old plastic bottles, or other sealable plastic containers and pour it when the oil cools down.

#### What Are the Dangers of Flushing Disposable Wipes Down the Toilet?

Utility workers around the world retrieve tons of clogged waste from sewer systems annually. A big part of this waste is flushable wipes that didn't disintegrate as they should have. So, while flushable wipes seem like a great idea, in the long run, they can end up causing millions of dollars in damages to septic systems, both home and publicly. Toilet paper is designed to disintegrate in our pipes and sewage systems, but flushable wipes are not. They're typically made with synthetic materials, plastics or polyester that won't break down. So even if they flush down your toilet, they end up clogging our pipes, septic tanks, and sewers.

## What Are the Dangers of Using Bleach and Other Chemicals in Your Septic System?

Bleach kills bacteria, but when diluted with water, as in most household applications, it is not powerful enough to kill all the bacteria inside the tank. However, it is important not to use bleach excessively because a high concentration of bleach will damage the septic system.

#### Septic Tank Bacteria: What You Need to Know

If you are new to septic tank ownership or if you're just not familiar with the way your septic tank works, you may not know much about bacteria and its importance in your septic tank. Bacteria helps your septic tank function over time. Without bacteria, your septic tank would likely clog quickly.

You can promote growth of beneficial bacteria through good septic tank maintenance practices. The way you use your septic tank and the things you flush down your drains can impact your tank's functioning.

Antibacterial soaps, bleach, antibiotics, and other products designed to kill bacteria could all enter your tank and destroy some of the beneficial bacteria in your tank. If you flush these products down your drains on a regular basis you could significantly disrupt your septic tank's natural processes.

You may need to change the way your household functions, in order to avoid flushing these things down the drain. For example, baking soda and vinegar are both excellent bleach alternatives that you can use in household cleaning and laundry. Soak stained clothes in vinegar before washing them and add baking soda to your laundry detergent before putting it in the wash. Spray dirty surfaces around the home with vinegar and water. If you need somewhere to dispose of your medicine safely, talk to your physician. Your physician may know about medicine take-back events in your area.