

## CIVIC CONNECTION

FALL & WINTER 2015

### CITY OF ELKHORN

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### A BUSY SUMMER FOR THE CITY OF ELKHORN

It's been a very busy summer in the City of Elkhorn. On top of all of the festivals that go on every year, the City has completed some major projects that will provide many benefits for years to come for all residents.

There is a new soccer field at Rotary Park bringing the total to three. This was a joint effort between the Elkhorn Soccer Club and the City. The two existing fields were also renovated and all fields are now open for play. The additional space is a welcome addition to the seemingly ever expanding soccer program. The area around the fields was also improved making for a better overall experience for everyone.

The 'Colt' baseball field reconstruction at Harris Park was completed this spring and is now ready for play. This was a complete reconstruction of all aspects of this field. This is a nice addition to the ball fields at this site. This was a collaboration between the City and the Elkhorn School District.

The new pool at Sunset Park opened this summer to huge crowds. With play features for the smaller kids and slides, diving boards and basketball for the bigger kids, there is something for everyone. The concession stand has food, snacks and drinks to help keep anyone cool this summer. Staff did a great job keeping everyone playing safely. We are already planning for a bigger and better summer next year!

Many road projects have been completed, and some will be finished soon. E. Walworth was completely reconstructed including pavement, curb and gutter, some sidewalks, sewer and water lines, lighting and a new flag pole. It looks great. Monica and Maria received new pavement, curb and gutter, and storm water upgrades. The intersection at Jefferson/Sunset/Hazelridge was reconstructed and Hazelridge was largely repaved.

The northern section of Sunset and W. Second Street also received new pavement and water lines.

W. Market Street at Wisconsin will be receiving new pavement and should be completed soon. This busy area will really benefit from this work.

Soon leaves will be falling and snow will be flying, so we hope you enjoy the fall!

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

It surely was an exciting summer here in Elkhorn! Plenty of great events with exceptional turnouts, and I hope you enjoyed the Walworth County Fair. The first year of the new Sunset Pool was a great success. I hope you all were able to enjoy the new facility along with the updated ball parks. We truly have a first class park destination. Thank you to our entire city staff for keeping up with recreation programming along with maintenance around the city to keep us looking beautiful. Road construction has wrapped up ensuring better routes for our community. We appreciated your patience during the process. I'm pleased to say with the help of the Elkhorn Economic Development Alliance we have been able to work with a handful of new companies ready to call Elkhorn home. We are looking forward as well to review our study from Redevelopment Resources as to how Elkhorn can continue to grow business responsibly. Heading into fall your

community leaders will be hard at work with the 2016 budget and also closing out 2015 capital improvement projects such as more park improvements and potential road projects. We are also working on future planning moving the city forward properly. The majority of these projects are not easy tasks such as the new water treatment plant, Fire and EMS staffing and City Hall facility conditions to name a few. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed! Elkhorn was recently named #98 in the top 100 niche' United States cities to live.

I'm looking forward to the great fall events Elkhorn has to offer and hope to see you all out and about.

*Brian Olson, Mayor*

You can contact Mayor Olson at  
(414) 899-4771 or email him at [bolson@cityofelkhorn.org](mailto:bolson@cityofelkhorn.org)



## 9th Annual Elkhorn Oktoberfest

**Saturday, October 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Elkhorn: Craft and Vendor Booths, Chili Cook-Off, Wine and Beer Tasting, Car Show, Kid's Activities, Live Music and Entertainment**

## CITY OF ELKHORN TRICK OR TREATING

Trick or treating within the City of Elkhorn will take place **Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

The following is a list of safety tips to ensure that your trick or treat experience is a fun, safe experience for both yourself and your children:



- Do not allow a child to go "Trick or Treating" alone. Be sure older children TAKE A FRIEND and an ADULT accompanies young children.
- Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without permission from their parents.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing. Facial masks should allow children to see and breathe properly and easily. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or is not wrapped.

## UTILITY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Electric and Water meter change outs continue. A couple of reasons requiring a water or electric meter change out is when the Billing Office flags the service for zero or unusual consumption. Electric meter change outs usually do not need an appointment and usually take just a few minutes. Water meter change outs require an appointment and normally takes about 30 minutes. Water Techs need access to the water meter inside your home. During the water meter change outs, our tech(s) will also perform a quick cross connection inspection. Performing the cross connection inspection at the same time allows the department to get the inspections done without an additional appointment that could possibly cause an inconvenience for our customers.

We would like to suggest that customers who have contact information that has changed, to please call the Billing Office at (262)723-2910 (option *Billing and Account Information*) to make sure phone numbers and contact information is up to date. The Operations Department has had a lot of service orders with wrong numbers or no phone numbers, making it more difficult to reach out to the customers in the event of meter or service issues.

## NEW GUIDELINES ON PAST DUE UTILITY BILLS

Just a reminder for customers to continue to pay their light and water bills to the extent possible throughout the winter months, so that a large utility bill on April 16th can be avoided. The bill does not go away, it just accumulates with penalties.

Please keep in mind that the City of Elkhorn amended its utility tariff's to reflect the new guidelines that went into effect as of June 1, 2015. This change affects residential customers who set up Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) to pay off their utility bills. Elkhorn Light & Water will not offer a DPA to a residential customer who is a tenant if any of the following criteria applies:

1. The residential tenant has greater than \$100 of account arrearages that are more than 90 days past due.
2. The residential tenant has defaulted on a deferred payment agreement in the past 12 months.
3. The residential tenant is responsible for account arrearages

that were placed on any property owner's tax bill in the utility's service territory in the past 24 months.

4. The residential tenant has a balance that accrued during the winter moratorium that is more than 80 days past due.

If you fall within any of the above categories you will not be allowed to make a DPA in the future.

In accordance with Wis. Stat. §66.0809(3m)(a), as of October 15, 2015, the Utility has a lien upon the responsible tenant's personal assets in the amount of the past due utility charges plus penalties. Under Wisconsin law, the Utility is to transfer its lien to the owner of the rental property once the property owner pays the past due utility charges in full Wis. Stat. §66.0809(3m)(d). This lien, once filed by the owner of the property, will result in the tenant's name appearing on the Wisconsin Consolidated Court Automation Program (CCAP).

## UTILITY BILLING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

### View Utility Bills Online

View your bills and consumption history online for free by registering with Payment Service Network (PSN) through a link on our website. It takes about 24-48 hours for your information to load once you register. PSN will email you when a new bill is available to view. Please consider going green and opting out of receiving paper bills. Watch your bill for Disconnect information. A Disconnect Date will appear below the Past Due Amount if your service is subject to disconnection.

### Payment Options

- **Auto Pay**-An Auto Pay Authorization Form is available at City Hall or on our website to allow your utility bill payment to be deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date for **no charge**.
- **Cash, Check, or Money Order**-Please return the bottom stub

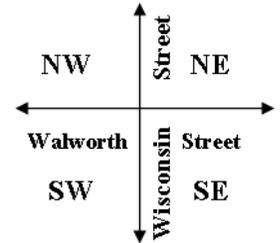
with your payment.

- \* Drop box located outside City Hall (9 S. Broad St).
- \* In person at City Hall (9 S. Broad St) during office hours.
- \* Mail payment to: City of Elkhorn Light & Water Dept., PO Box 920, Elkhorn WI 53121 (Allow enough time for the payment to be received by the due date.)
- **Credit Card, Debit Card, and Electronic Check** (E-Check) payments are taken via PSN and Official Payments Corporation.
  - \* Payment Service Network (PSN) –a third-party convenience fee per transaction applies per transaction.
    - ~Online [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org) click on Pay Utilities- Payment Service Network-Pay Now or View Bill Now to register or by phone- (877) 885-7968
  - \* Official Payments Corporation (jurisdiction code 5869)- a third-party convenience fee applies per transaction.
    - ~Online [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or (800) 272-9829

### Fall Brush Collection Schedule – 2015

Brush collection during all weeks begins on **Tuesday** and ends on Friday on each of the following weeks:

- Starting October 6 & November 3 (Tuesday-Friday): NE Section
- Starting October 13 & November 10 (Tuesday-Friday): SE Section
- Starting October 20 & November 17 (Tuesday-Friday): SW Section
- Starting October 27 & November 24 (Tuesday-Friday): NW Section



**Resident Guidelines:**

- \* Brush should **NOT** be placed in the terrace *earlier* than Saturday prior to your pickup week
- \* Do **NOT** combine leaves with brush
- \* Place cut ends facing direction of traffic traveling on street
- \* **NO** vines, rakings or roots (see the Yard Waste Drop-off Site below)
- \* Length-maximum of 12 feet
- \* Diameter-maximum of 6 inches
- \* Brush **MUST** be in the terrace *no* later than 7 a.m. of the scheduled Tuesday pickup day

**Special Collection.** If the DPW crew is required to return to a property to chip brush because it was not placed in the terrace by the prescribed pickup schedule or if the amount of brush exceeds normal pruning and trimming then a charge will be applied. When payment is receipted by City, then a special pickup is scheduled by the City's DPW office. Please contact the City's DPW office at 723-2223 for fees or to schedule an appointment only during the Fall Brush Collection season. **Season ends November 25, 2015.**

### Fall Leaf Collection/Seasonal Burning – 2015

**Fall Leaf Collection** is scheduled to begin October 20-23 (Tuesday-Friday) and ends November 24-27 (Tuesday-Friday). The City's refuse/recycler, Advanced Disposal, is contracted to conduct the leaf collection on alternating weeks. The City is divided into two sections during the Fall Leaf Collection. The schedule is as follows:

**East of Wisconsin Street – October 20, November 3 & November 17**  
(includes east side of Wisconsin Street)

**West of Wisconsin Street – October 27, November 10 & November 24**  
(includes west side of Wisconsin Street)

**LEAVES WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED DURING YOUR LEAF COLLECTION WEEK**

- \* Leaves should **NOT** be placed in the gutter earlier than the Saturday prior to your pickup day
- \* Leaves **MUST** be in the gutter no later than 7 a.m. of the scheduled Tuesday pickup day
- \* Please rake leaves into the **gutter** - Advanced Disposal will pick up the leaves from the gutter
- \* Do **NOT** combine brush with leaves
- \* Do **NOT** place them in bags or boxes

**SEASONAL LEAF BURNING** is allowed between October 1 and November 30 *without* a permit. **Any other dates require a permit.**

- \* Burning shall occur on the resident's property at a minimum distance of 25 feet from any occupied dwelling
- \* **NO** burning when wind is in excess of 10 miles per hour
- \* Do **NOT** burn on streets, sidewalks, terraces, or any other location within the public right-of-way
- \* Burning permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

### Yard Waste Drop-Off Site – City Garage

**Address:** 12 E. First Avenue (Fenced in area adjacent to N. Washington Street)

**Open through November 14, 2015**

**Hours:** Wednesdays: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturdays: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

- \* Tightly bundle tree limbs and branches no greater than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length with twine (**NO wire or nylon**)
- \* Yard/garden debris and brush-including clean, woody vegetative material no greater than 3 inches in diameter
- \* Leaves, vegetables, and grass clippings
- \* 30 gallon paper bags or dry cardboard boxes not larger than 3 x 3 feet
- \* **NO** stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls
- \* **NO plastic bags!**

**Christmas Tree  
Collection  
January 4-8, 2016**

INFORMATION ALSO AVAILABLE ON CITY WEBSITE AT [cityofelkhorn.org](http://cityofelkhorn.org)

## WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

The parking or leaving of any vehicle on any street in the City within the period commencing December 1st through April 1st is prohibited when the National Weather Service has issued any of the following winter storm messages which are in effect for our area: winter weather advisory, winter storm warning or blizzard warning. These parking restrictions will remain in effect for

a period of 12 hours after the expiration of the winter storm message. Failure to comply may result in the removal of any vehicle parked in violation of this, and the vehicle owner shall be responsible for the cost of towing, storage and any other charges in connection with its removal in addition to the penalties set forth in the city ordinance.

## HELP US HELP YOU/WINTER HYDRANT CLEARING

The City of Elkhorn Department of Public Works is requesting the help of residents in maintaining access to fire hydrants during the upcoming winter season.

Any resident of the City who has a fire hydrant located on their property is asked to remove the snow from around the hydrant immediately following each snow occurrence. Fire hydrants need to be kept clear in the event that City emergency personnel may require immediate access and use of a hydrant. So help us help you, and together we can keep the residents of Elkhorn safe.



## WINTER SIDEWALK CLEARING

A reminder to keep sidewalks safe this winter. Per the Elkhorn Municipal Code, the entire width of the sidewalk needs to be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within 24 hours of the time that the snow or ice ceases to accumulate. If ice has accumulated, the owner is required to sprinkle the sidewalk with necessary material to accelerate melting or prevent slipping. Owners of property with sidewalks on two intersecting streets are required to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks of both streets, including the area bordering the crosswalk and the curb ramp. Do not plow, push, shovel or throw

snow or ice onto any public streets, alley, sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use except for parcels or lots where buildings are constructed within 5 feet of the street right-of-way and the sidewalks exist from the City right-of-way to the curb line. In such instances, it is permitted to deposit, in a nonhazardous manner, snow and ice from their sidewalks only onto public streets. If the City has to remove the snow and/or ice, the property owner will be charged without prior notice.

The City appreciates residents efforts to ensure safe passage for all pedestrians.

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS FROM YOUR ELKHORN POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Keep good, all-season tires on your car.
- Clean your vehicle of all snow and ice, including the roof.
- Allow extra time to reach your destination. During storms, travel only when absolutely necessary.
- Keep a safe distance from plow trucks, the law calls for a minimum distance of 200 feet.
- If you are on a dry, clear road and you reach the same fixed point before you have counted 'four' then you are too close and need to drop further back, to create the minimum of a four-second gap.
- Other conditions, such as wet or snow covered roads require an even greater distance.
- Avoid use of cruise control in winter conditions.



## VOTING AND THE PHOTO ID LAW

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Elkhorn, you are encouraged to register today. If you have moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you need to fill out a new registration form prior to voting. An easy way to start the registration process is to go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.  
**Include a copy of your proof of residence if you mail your form.**



The new Photo ID law will be enforced for all elections. When you come to the polls, bring your Photo ID in order to cast a ballot. A list of acceptable photo ID's can be found on the City's website. If you plan to vote absentee prior to the election, you also need to provide Photo ID to receive a ballot.

Absentee voting hours for all elections are Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the two weeks prior to an election, at City Hall.

If you need a photo ID for voting and your documents to prove U.S. citizenship, name and date of birth, or legal name change are unavailable, the WI DMV is providing photo ID's free of charge without them. It can take several days to complete the verification process, so don't wait to start the process. See the article below, visit <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/> or call (608) 266-1069 for more information.

For more information about voting, visit the City website or contact the City Clerk at (262)723-2219. Registration and absentee forms, voter and election information and more can also be found at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.

## YOU CAN GET A WISCONSIN STATE ID FOR FREE FROM THE DMV

To get a free ID card, you will need to take a few documents to your Division of Motor Vehicles office.\* There's a long list of documents you can use, but most people will be fine with a certified birth certificate, a Social Security card and a utility bill or cell phone bill. You'll notice that some records, like a certified birth certificate, satisfy more than one category. Just be sure to bring originals – photocopies don't work – and check the box that says "ID for Free" on your application. Once it's complete, you'll get a receipt (valid for 45 days) that you can use at the polls until your state ID arrives by mail.

The documents fall into four categories and some may overlap into other categories. A few samples of documents that will work are given, for a complete list visit the website, <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS:

1. **Proof of Name and Date of Birth:** Certified birth certificate; current U.S. Passport; U.S. Certificate of Naturalization; U.S. Certificate of Citizenship; Federal temporary resident card or employment authorization card
2. **Proof of Identity:** Social Security Card issued by the Social Security Administration; a valid WI or out-of-state driver license (not a Canadian driver license) with your photograph; certified copy of a Marriage Certificate or Judgment of Divorce
3. **Proof of Citizenship or Legal Status:** Certified birth certificate; current U.S. Passport; U.S. Certificate of Naturalization; U.S. Certificate of Citizenship
4. **Proof of Wisconsin Residency:** Valid Wisconsin hunting or fishing license, Government-issued correspondence or product issued within the last 90 days from a federal, state, county or city agency, electronic copies of the following are acceptable: utility bill for water, gas, electricity or landline telephone service issued within the last 90 days. cable or similar bundles of services that include landline telephone service is included in this category; cell phone bills; an account statement from a Wisconsin bank/ financial institution issued within the last 90 days, this includes savings, checking or money market accounts held in banks or credit unions

\*If you are missing these documents, you may still get an ID, contact the DMV for more information at (608)266-1069.



**My Vote Wisconsin**



**A website for voters to find their elected officials information, voting location, registration status, ballot and absentee information, and more!**

**<https://myvote.wi.gov/>**

## NOMINATION PAPERS FOR SPRING ELECTION

Anyone interested in running for the elected offices of Mayor or Alderperson in District 3, 4 or 6 may obtain the necessary documents from the City Clerk's office or on the City website. Candidates may begin circulating nomination papers on December 1, 2015. Signed nomination papers must be filed with the Clerk by January 5, 2016. The election for local office will be held on April 5, 2016. If necessary, a primary election will be held on February 16, 2016.

## VOLUNTEERS AND WORKERS NEEDED FOR BUSY ELECTION YEAR



2016 will be a busy election year for Elkhorn! With four scheduled elections, (see list on page 9) election workers ("inspectors") and volunteers are needed. Volunteering at an election is a great way for high schoolers to earn volunteer hours while learning about the election process. Working at an election is a great way for stay-at-home parents, retirees and civic minded individuals to earn some extra money while serving our community. If you would like to become an election inspector, training is required and can be done online or at local training sessions. For more information, contact the City Clerk at (262)723-2219 or at [cityclerk@cityofelkhorn.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofelkhorn.org).

## LICENSING FOR CATS AND DOGS

All cats and dogs in the City of Elkhorn over the age of 5 months need to be licensed. Applications and fees for 2016 cat and dog licenses will be taken at City Hall during office hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., beginning December 1. A copy of the animal's current rabies vaccination certificate is required by State Statute (Chap. 174) and must accompany the application.

If mailing in your registration enclose your check made out to the *City of Elkhorn*, a completed license application form (available on the City website) and a copy of current rabies vaccination certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and mail to: City of Elkhorn, P.O. Box 920, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

### 2016 License fees:

**\$12.00** for spayed or neutered animals

**\$27.00** for unaltered animals

A \$5.00 penalty is added if not registered by April 1, 2016. New cats/dogs can be licensed at any time without a penalty.

### City Ordinance No. 11.14:

No person shall raise or keep on any lot within the City any livestock, poultry, horses or other animals except cats, dogs or other household pets. Dogs, cats and other household pets may be kept provided they comply with this and any other ordinance or state law in effect within the City.

## SUCCESS AT SUNSET POOL!

From the grand opening through the last private party, Sunset Pool was the place to be this past summer! Attendance at the pool was consistently high since opening on June 29th. It had over 9,500 entries using membership cards, sold 1,440 family memberships and 97 individual memberships. Selling of day passes was successful—selling just over 10,000 day passes! Private Pool Parties have been a huge hit. Since taking reservations for private rentals, not a weekend went by without at least one rental and sometimes back to back rentals on Saturday and Sunday. A few operational items for next year will change as well as adding a few "perks" for members with extended hours and special themed days such as "Dad's Rule at the Pool Day" for Father's Day and Senior Discount Days. On these special days, discounted entry will be available. Fun events for all ages can be planned! Cannonball competitions anyone? Fun additions for the grassy area such as volleyball/badminton net, yard games and rentable cabanas are considered. Have an idea? Let the Rec. Department know! The birthday program will be expanding ty program so stay tuned to the Rec. Department Winter/Spring guide for details. (Reservations for private parties will be taken after January 4, 2016.)

We are excited with the opportunities the pool brings for community growth, our local businesses and employment provided for all ages. Over 50 people were employed this summer and interviewing for next year starts in March. If you are friendly, responsible and hard-working and looking for a full or part time summer job, please contact us. The pool manager is holding a certifying lifeguard class this winter/spring, and anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard should attend. Lastly, we are offering gift certificates in the amounts of \$25, \$50 or \$100 toward next year's pool pass. It isn't too soon to say..."We can't wait for Summer 2016 at Sunset Pool!" Contact the Recreation Department for more details at (262)741-5114.

### Activity Guide is Available!

Check out the fall activities available to you and your family! Pick up the Elkhorn Recreation Department Activity Guide at City Hall or the Recreation Center. A digital copy is also available on the City of Elkhorn's website, [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org).

### THIRD ANNUAL LIGHTS AND LADDERS: FREE FAMILY EVENT



This year we have joined with Oktoberfest to bring the Lights & Ladder Event downtown! Mark your calendars for **October 17th between 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** We will be on S. Broad Street between City Hall and the Fire Department. City vehicles such as the new snow plow, fork lift, dump truck, police cars, bucket truck, and various fire trucks and ambulances will be on display for you and your children to tour. We will have fun interactive games for the kids to run through as well and giveaways too! You won't want to miss this year! After L&L, check out all the vendors and fun activities going on at Oktoberfest on the Square.

### SCARE ON THE SQUARE: FREE FAMILY EVENT

Don't miss the Scare on the Square Event on **October 24th from 2:00–5:00 p.m.** on the Veterans Square. Inflatables, games, obstacle course, pumpkins and scarecrow stations are just a few of the many activities that are going on for the kids! You can bring your own items to decorate a scarecrow or use ours – the top 5 scarecrows will be judged and placed around the square through Halloween. Call the Rec. Department at (262)741-5114 for more details! There will also be a costume contest. This event is sponsored by Mercy Health Systems, the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce and Elkhorn Recreation Department.

### REINDEER RUN/WALK & SANTA SPRINT—DECEMBER 5TH AT SUNSET

Buy your Santa hat and get ready for fun! It's the third annual Reindeer Run! All ages and all levels are welcome. Dress your dog up too! Prizes will be awarded for best dressed dog and holiday spirit awards to individuals and teams, as well as awards for fastest finishes per division. As promised last year, we will also have a "youth" division. This year we delayed the start time by an hour so you can meet up with your friends and family in the parking lot at Sunset Park. There are fun and cost effective options this year for registration – teams of 4 will receive \$5 off registration, and student rates are available. Don't forget to sign up your little one (ages 1-12) for the Santa Sprint! This is a 100 Yard Dash and all who participate will receive a t-shirt along with a goody bag and a bib number. The Santa Sprint is a fun dash and the fastest sprinter will not receive an award but hopefully will catch our Grinch! Yes, The Grinch will be attending the race this year! We are adding a few fun "twists" to the event... Stay tuned to more information at [www.ElkhornReindeerRun.com](http://www.ElkhornReindeerRun.com)! We are also looking for any business who wants to be a part of this spirited event to either participate as a team or be a sponsor. Volunteers are needed and will receive one free day pool pass. Please contact the Rec. Department for further details.



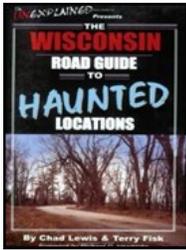
### 34TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD TOWN PARADE

Experience the small town comfort and joy of the holiday season in Elkhorn. Join Peoples Bank the night before the parade, Friday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. to light up the town with Christmas Spirit at the Christmas Tree Lighting as the big man himself -Santa Claus- and a special helper wave their wand to magically light the tree in the downtown square. Afterwards, all are welcome to the Matheson Memorial Library for the Peoples Bank sponsored Santa and Mrs. Claus Reception. Enjoy free hot chocolate, cookies, music and crafts while the kids wait for their turn to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Parents don't forget to bring your cameras to capture this memorable moment. Then, on **Saturday, December 5th, bundle up the family and grab a spot downtown to watch the 34th Annual Christmas Card Town Parade beginning at 1:30pm.** Many line up to see the Christmas decorated floats, novelty acts, music, animals, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**WHAT'S NEW AT MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY?**

If you do not have a library card, stop in the library during September to help us promote "Library Card Sign-up Month." Library cards are free and will give you access to books, movies, video games and so much more! You can use our digital resources to download ebooks and magazines to your ereader, tablet or other device. Or you can research your family tree using Ancestry.com, look up auto repair diagrams, or learn a foreign language. The public library is such a great resource and has something for everyone!

There are many programs for all ages at the library. We have baby and toddler storytimes, after-school programs like Lego Club, Messy Art Club and Mad Scientist's club, and a variety of programs for adults including book discussion, zen doodling (coloring for adults), and several programs in October to celebrate Local History Month.



Then on October 22, at 6:30 p.m., we welcome author Chad Lewis to talk about Haunted Wisconsin. Complete with photos, case history, eyewitness accounts, ghost lore, and directions this unique presentation encourages you to visit these places for your own ghost story.

On Saturday, October 10, at 10:30 a.m., don't miss our Star Wars celebration. All ages are invited to join us for fun activities, crafts and to show off your skills with 'the Force'. Check our web site [www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us](http://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us) for more information on these and

other programs to be found on our calendar.

Chad Robinson is our new Adult Services Librarian. Chad comes to us from the Brown County Library System in Green Bay where he worked for 16 years.



He is originally from Texas and is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in History. Chad is working at our Information Desk, planning adult programs, purchasing adult non-fiction books, as well as maintaining our website, social media and marketing for the library.

Support the Friends of the Library by joining for just a \$10 membership fee. We are looking for new members and volunteers to help at our events. The Friends host a monthly Movie Night, the second Friday of the month and work weekly to maintain their Book Store, along with many other events throughout the year.

As always, I encourage you to contact me with any comments or suggestions regarding the library. You can reach me by phone at (262)723-2678, x22 or by email at [lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us).

*Lisa Selje, Library Director*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES**

City Hall will be closed in observance of holidays during the fall and winter, the dates are:

- Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 2015
- Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, 2015
- Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1, 2015
- Friday, March 25, 2016

**2016 Elections (all are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.):**

February 16 - Spring Primary (if necessary) This election will take place at the Parks and Recreation Center located at 200 Devendorf Street (in Sunset Park)

April 5 - Spring Election & Presidential Preference, this election will take place at the Parks and Recreation Center

August 9 - Partisan Primary (if necessary), this election will take place at the Parks and Recreation Center

November 8 - Fall General Election, this election will take place at the Wisconsin Army National Guard located at 401 Fair Ave (next to Jackson Elementary School)

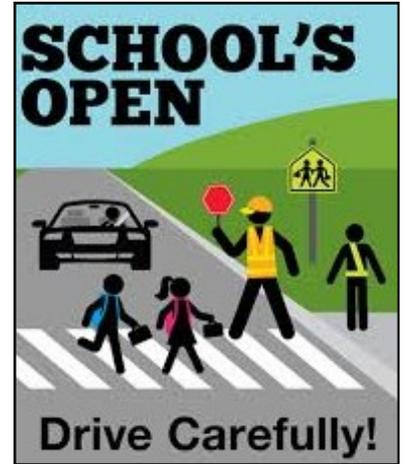


*Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1st at midnight so be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour.*

**SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION/ WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN**

Some suggestions that should help all of us:

- ⇒ Slow down.
- ⇒ Stop at all stop signs—no rolling stops.
- ⇒ Continually check all sidewalks and crosswalks.
- ⇒ Scan up the road and back, then side-to-side, and keep your eyes moving.
- ⇒ Be careful around parked cars; they hide little ones who could dart out.
- ⇒ Walk around your parked car before getting in to make sure no kids are hiding in a blind spot.
- ⇒ Give bikes and cycles their right to the road.
- ⇒ Minimize distractions while driving.
- ⇒ Be aware of school bus stops and obey school bus lights and signs.

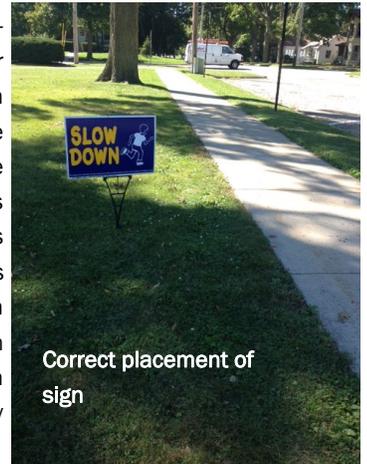


**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN THE TERRACE**



Incorrect placement of sign in terrace

Election campaign signs may be permitted in all Zoning Districts provided that permission has been granted by the property owner, renter or lessee; and that sign may only remain on display during an "Election Campaign Period". The Election Campaign Period is defined as the time between the first day for circulating nomination petitions and the day of the election itself. In the case a referendum, the period begins with the day on which the referendum question is submitted to voters (when it is published) and ends on the day of election. Campaign signs may not be placed in the terrace. All signs must be in compliance with the City Sign Ordinance, the requirements of which are contained in Article 17.8 of the Elkhorn Zoning Code. The Code may be accessed on the City's web page ([www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org)), or by contacting the City Zoning Office.



Correct placement of sign

**DATE NIGHT – NOVEMBER 7TH DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!**

Looking for something new to do on date night? Make a night with Elkhorn's very own "Dancing with the Stars" at Elkhorn High School gym on November 7th. Show off your dancing skills with our Grand Ball Room Dance! DJ Richard & assistant Virginia will be offering a Bossa Nova lesson from 6:45-7:15 p.m. and following the lesson will be the Grand Ballroom Dance starting at 8:00 and concluding at 11:00 p.m. No experience necessary and all are welcome! \$10.00 will be collected at the door. (Cash only please.) Lesson and light refreshments included.

**City Departments are on Facebook:**

- City of Elkhorn
- City of Elkhorn Police Department
- City of Elkhorn Electric Department
- Elkhorn Recreation Department



## 2015 WALWORTH COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The 2015 Walworth County Clean Sweep program is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3 at three locations in the county. This year's event will help household residents properly dispose of banned, damaged, unusable or unwanted products that contain volatile chemicals. Services are available to Walworth County household residents free-of-charge, and pre-registration is not required.

What is household hazardous waste? It is the unusable portion of a household product containing volatile chemicals that are flammable, corrosive, explosive, reactive or toxic. These products are identified by labels which are generally marked CAUSTIC, ACID, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, or POISON.

Bring your items to the Walworth County Public Works Department located at **W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn, which is only open on Saturday, October 3 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.** Waste handling and transportation guidelines include:

- ⇒ Keep waste products in their original containers.
- ⇒ Place products in a cardboard box lined with plastic.
- ⇒ Do not mix any substances together.
- ⇒ Transport products in the trunk of your vehicle

This year Medications will not be collected at the 2015 Clean Sweep Event. See the article below for disposal information for pharmaceutical products.

Visit the City website, [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org) to view the event flyer which includes information on additional collection locations and times as well as examples of products which will be accepted.

For more information contact the Walworth County Public Works Department Solid Waste Division at (262)741-7264 or email them at [walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us).

## DISPOSAL OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Medications will not be accepted at Clean Sweep this year. However, the Elkhorn Police Department will be participating in the Wisconsin Department of Justice drug take back day on Saturday, October 17th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Walgreens in Elkhorn. People may dispose of the medications listed below on that day or anytime at the Walworth County Sheriff's Office, which offers a drop-box, and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week located in the lobby at 1770 County Road NN.

- \* Free, local disposal of unused, unwanted or expired medications
- \* Place all medicines in a plastic Ziploc type bag(s) and deposit in the drop-box

### ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- ⇒ Prescription drugs (controlled and non-controlled)

- ⇒ Over the counter medications
- ⇒ Patches, vials and non-aerosol sprays
- ⇒ Pet medications

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Illegal drugs
- Mercury thermometers
- Sharps/Needles
- Inhalers
- Aerosol cans
- Biohazardous material (containing body fluids/blood)
- Personal care products (shampoo, lotion, soap, etc.)



## CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES

The Business Clean Sweep program targets businesses, retail stores, municipalities, schools, and service providers that produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month. Program participants pay the disposal cost for their chemicals, but the cost is significantly less than contracting with a vendor for this service on an individual basis. The program is easy, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to pre-register for the October 2, 2015 collection date please contact the Walworth County Solid Waste Division at (262)741-7264 or by email at [walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us). Registration is due by Friday, September 25.



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**IMPORTANT CITY SERVICES INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

**Want to stay updated on  
 City meetings, events and happenings?  
 Use your smart phone to scan the QR  
 Code and go directly to the City's calendar!**



**VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11**



November 11 is Veterans Day. The City would like to thank all Elkhorn Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

If you know a veteran, take a moment and thank him or her for their service. Why is Veterans Day on November 11? On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11 became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.