

## CITY OF ELKHORN

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With the Emerald Ash Borer found in Lake Geneva, Fontana and Walworth, the county of Walworth has been quarantined. It could only be a matter of time before the Borer is found in Elkhorn.

Since its discovery in North America, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has killed tens of millions of ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Missouri, Wisconsin, Virginia and Canada.

Life Cycle– This metallic green insect is a very small, but destructive beetle that measures 1/2 inch long and an eighth inch wide. The adult Emerald Ash Borer emerges in May-July and the female lays numerous eggs in bark crevices and between layers of bark. The eggs hatch in 7-10 days and larvae bore in the tree where they chew the inner bark and phloem creating winding galleries as they feed. This cuts off the flow of water and nutrients in the tree, causing dieback and eventually kills the tree.

Signs and Symptoms– It is extremely difficult to determine whether an ash tree is infested or not with the Emerald Ash Borer because tree decline is

usually gradual. The Emerald Ash Borer is active during early June to mid-August and only attacks the ash tree species. On warm sunny days it will feed on ash foliage, making small irregular patches along leaf margins.



Early symptoms of an infestation might include:

- Dead branches near the top of the tree
- Leafy shoots growing out from its lower trunk
- D-shaped exit holes and bark splits exposing S-shaped tunnels are significant signs of EAB.
- Woodpecker activity might also indicate the presence of Emerald Ash Borer as they pound away at an ash tree to get at the larvae.

What is the City doing...Managed Approach to Addressing Emerald Ash Borer Infestation– With the possibility of an EAB infestation in the next couple of years, the City will take a managed approach to addressing EAB. The city will remove any ash trees that are in poor condition, dead, dying, or are in locations that are not appropriate. This will equate to 19 trees being removed this fall. In the spring, the city will start treating trees in the 11-25" dbh category. The city will monitor the trees in the 0-10" dbh and 26" and larger dbh category.

What can homeowners do?

Residents should contact a certified arborist or other tree care professional for help in determining if their ash tree is at risk and a course of action to undertake if warranted. Residents can obtain further information about EAB on the internet at [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov) or [www.walworth.uwex.edu](http://www.walworth.uwex.edu).

The UW-Extension will be providing a workshop to homeowners on October 4th at UW-Whitewater. Contact the UW-Extension at 741-4951 for more information.

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR.....

Dear Citizens of Elkhorn:

At the time of my last letter we were into the mid-election season. I greatly appreciate having been re-elected for another term as your Mayor. It's hard to believe that the summer is over and we are "going full steam ahead" into fall. I am anxious to continue to work with City representatives and with citizens support lead the City down the solid path that has already been established. A recent example of this combined effort is the formation of the Ad-hoc Swimming Pool Committee, established to help determine the future of the existing swimming pool at Sunset Park. The purpose of this committee is to consider and recommend to the City Council a study to introduce options for maintaining a municipal swimming pool. I am happy to report that the City Council recently approved moving forward with the Ad-Hoc Committee's request for proposal to study the existing pool. This Ad-Hoc Committee will now face additional challenges in the months ahead that include fundraising efforts, (necessary to help fund this Phase I Study) along with the creation of a community survey that will be distributed to area residents to determine future services and amenities. The swimming pool has seen great use this summer and this serves to reinforce the City's need for a local municipal swimming pool. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved, the Ad-Hoc Committee, City Council and all local citizens for their continued patience in this on-going process. I would also like to thank our Swimming Pool personnel for maintaining the existing pool with lifeguards for keeping all of our swimmers safe this summer.

As we approach the fall season, it will soon be time again for

leaf and brush pickup. For operational purposes, the city is divided into four different quadrants for brush pickup-northeast, southeast, southwest and northwest, and two different quadrants for leaf collection-residences east of Wisconsin Street and residences west of Wisconsin Street. A map outlining these quadrants, as well as additional information on each of these specific collection programs can be found under City Services/Public Works at [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org). Residents can continue to take advantage of the City's yard waste drop-off site which continues to operate until October 27th. This site is only for yard waste, grass clippings and brush. The drop-off site is located on East First Avenue (fenced in area adjacent to North Washington St.) at the City's garage. Hours of operation are Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. And Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rules and regulations are posted on the City's website).

Just a reminder....also provided on the City's website is information and updates such as Council/Committee meeting dates, agendas, minutes, along with community news and events. Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events that include: Oktoberfest, Saturday October 20th and the Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday December 1st, both events are sponsored by our local Chamber of Commerce. The Presidential Election will be held on November 6, 2012 with voting taking place at the National Guard Armory facility located at 401 Fair Street. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you at these community events and at the polls.

*Howie Reynolds, Mayor*

## 7th Annual Elkhorn Oktoberfest

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Elkhorn Veterans and Pocket Parks**

**Chili Cook-Off, Wine and Beer Tasting, Live Entertainment**



## NOMINATION PAPERS FOR SPRING ELECTION

Anyone interested in running for the elected offices of Alderman in District 1, 2 or 5 may obtain the necessary documents from the City Clerk's office beginning November

19, 2012. Candidates may begin circulating nomination papers on December 1, 2012. Signed nomination papers must be filed with the Clerk by January 2, 2013.

The election for local office will be held on April 2, 2013. If necessary, a primary election will be held on February 18, 2013.

## BILLS REMAIN DURING WINTER MORATORIUM

November 1 marks the day that the State of Wisconsin Winter Moratorium begins.

Annually, the date marks the time when electric utilities cannot disconnect customers due to outstanding balances on their accounts, where income is below specified levels. The state created the law to protect those who cannot pay their bills in full when temperatures may plummet.

Disconnections begin after April 15. If customers continue to pay their light and water bills to the extent possible throughout the winter months, a large utility bill on April 16 could be avoided. The bill does not go away, it just accumulates with penalties.

Elkhorn Electric Utility can take non-paying customers who have the ability to pay to court. ***The court could require the custom-***

***er to pay three times the balance at the time of judgment.***

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## ELECTRIC BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Starting October 1st, electric assistance appointments will be made through the Walworth County Human Services office at W4051 County Rd NN, Elkhorn. Walworth County will administer the Commitment to Community Electric Bill Payment Assis-

tance Program (formerly administered by Community Action) by distributing available funds during each heating season October 1 through May 15.

Qualified applicants must make an appointment by calling (262) 741-3337 or

toll free (800) 365-1587 or TTY (262) 741-3255 between October 1 and May 15.

Funds are limited, so apply early while the money is available.

For more information visit our website at: [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org).

## CITY OF ELKHORN-TRICK OR TREATING

Trick or treating within the City of Elkhorn will take place Wednesday, 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.

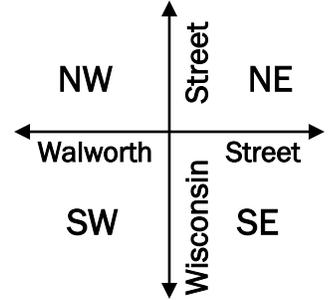
- Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without permission from their parents.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing. Facial masks should allow children 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.



**Fall Brush Collection Schedule**

- Week beginning Tuesday, October 2 & November 6: NE Neighborhood
- Week beginning Tuesday October 9 & November 13: SE Neighborhood
- Week beginning Tuesday October 16 & November 20: SW Neighborhood
- Week beginning Tuesday October 23 & November 27: NW Neighborhood



**Guidelines**

- \*Brush should **NOT** be placed in the terrace earlier than Saturday prior to your scheduled pickup day
- \*Do **NOT** combine leaves with brush
- \*Brush **MUST** be in the terrace no later than 7am of the scheduled Tuesday pickup day
- \*Place cut ends facing direction traveling on street
- \***NO** vines, rakings or roots (see the Yard Waste Drop-Off Site)
- \*Length-minimum of 4 feet to a maximum of 12 feet
- \*Diameter-minimum of 3/4 inches to maximum of 6 inches

**For Special Collections**, or if crew has to return and chip brush because it was not out by the prescribed time, or if it goes beyond the homeowner's normal pruning and trimming, a charge will be applied. Call the City's DPW office at 723-2223 for charges or to schedule an appointment for a special brush collection.

**Fall Leaf Collection/Seasonal Burning**

**Fall Leaf Collection** begins Tuesday, October 16 and ends the week of November 27, 2012. The City's garbage/recycler, Veolia, is contracted to conduct the leaf collection on alternating weeks. The City will be divided into two sections during the fall leaf collection. The schedule is as follows:

**East of Wisconsin Street-October 16, November 6 & November 20**

(Includes East side of Wisconsin Street)

**West of Wisconsin Street-October 23, November 13 & November 27**

(Includes West Side of Wisconsin Street)

- \*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 7am of the scheduled Tuesday pickup day
- \*Please rake leaves into the gutter-Veolia will pick up the 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.

- \*Burning shall occur on the resident's property at a minimum distance of 15 feet from any occupied dwelling
- \***NO** burning when wind is in excess of 18 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 8am and 8pm

**Yard Waste Drop-Off Site-City Garage**

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

**Open through October 31**

**Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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

**Christmas Tree  
Collection  
January 7-11, 2013**

## WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS CHANGE

In an effort to enhance winter road maintenance operations, the City has changed its seasonal parking regulations which begin December 1st and remain in effect until April 1st.

No longer will the City utilize the alternate side parking provisions that permitted vehicles to park on the odd side of the street on odd numbered calendar days, and on the even side of the street on even numbered calendar days, regardless of weather conditions. Rather, parking will be permitted on either side of the street except when the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued any of the following winter storm messages for our area: winter weather advisory, winter storm warning, or blizzard warning. Whenever those mes-

sages have been issued, parking is prohibited at all times on all streets, except for those in the downtown central business district. In addition, the parking prohibition remains in effect until 12-hours after the expiration of the winter storm message.

The revised seasonal parking regulations will make winter road maintenance operations safer, more efficient and less costly. No longer will plow truck operators have to navigate around parked vehicles, or have the need to return the following day to clear the opposite side of the street where vehicles had been parked.

Vehicles parked in violation of the seasonal parking regulations may be cited and towed and the vehicle owner will be re-

sponsible for all costs with their removal and storage. All other parking regulations remain in effect.

Residents that would appreciate receiving an email notification warning them of snow emergencies can send an email request to [info@cityofelkhorn.org](mailto:info@cityofelkhorn.org). Please type "Snow Emergency" into the subject line of the email request.



## 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.

The City of Elkhorn Department of Public Works would like to thank all of the residents who continue to maintain a clean area around fire hydrants during the winter season.

## WINTER SIDEWALK CLEARING

Changes have been made to Chapter 8 of the City Code related to winter sidewalk clearing. Previously, a written notice to the owner or occupant of a property stating that snow and/or ice must be removed from the sidewalk was required before the City could take action. The revised language now allows the City to have the snow and/or ice removed and to charge the property owner without prior notice. The Code states that 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.

These changes were made in an effort to ensure safe passage for all pedestrians.

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## FALL 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012 for the offices of President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, even-numbered Wisconsin State seats, all Wisconsin Assembly seats, and all District Attorneys. Due to anticipated high turnout, the polling location for that election will be the National Guard Armory, 401 Fair Street. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Election Day registration is allowed; however, residents that wish to register are encouraged to do so in advance. Residents may register at City Hall or by mailing a completed [Application for Voter Registration](#) to the clerk's office. The application which is available on the City website must be postmarked no later than October 17th to be registered for the November election.

The federal "Help American Vote Act of 2002" requires any person registering to vote to supply his or her Wisconsin Department of Transportation issued driver's license number. If the elector has never been issued a Wisconsin driver's license, he/she must provide the last 4 digits of their Social Security Number OR their Wisconsin State ID card number. If the elector does not have a current, valid Wisconsin driver's license, Wisconsin State ID card, or Social Security Number, the applicant may indicate this by filling in the appropriate circle on the registration form. The registration cannot be processed until the elector provides this information.

information.

If registering by mail please note that State and Federal law requires that any first-time voter submitting a registration application by mail provide a copy of an acceptable identifying document that provides proof of residence. (A "first-time voter" is an individual who has not voted in an election in Wisconsin.) Acceptable forms of proof of residence include a current and valid Wisconsin driver's license. Please note that first-time voters registering by mail may not use a residential lease as proof of residence. The copy of the form of proof of residence must be included when submitting the registration application. If a copy of proof of residence is not included, the elector will be required to supply it before being issued a ballot at the polling place, or before being issued an absentee ballot in the municipal clerk's office. For more information about voting, contact the City clerk at (262) 723-2219 or visit the City website.

## PROOF OF RESIDENCE

The following constitute acceptable Proof-of-Residence if the document contains your name, address and is valid on election Day (unless otherwise indicated):

1. A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license.
2. A current and valid Wisconsin identification card.
3. Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
4. Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.
5. A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
6. A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election day (NOT for first-time voters registering by mail).
7. A university, college or technical institute identification card (must include photo), ONLY if the bearer provides a fee receipt dated within the last nine months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.
8. A utility (gas, electric, telephone, mobile phone, internet, cable or satellite TV) statement for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before election day.
9. Bank statement.
10. Paycheck.
11. A check or other document issued by a unit of government.
12. An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.

**USE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS**

The Government Accountability Board recently directed election officials to accept electronic documents as a sufficient form of proof of residence for voters required to present such proof as part of the registra-

tion process. Electronic versions of these documents may be presented to election officials as proof of residence on smartphones, tablets, or other electronic devices. This is a change from the former

requirement that only paper copies establishing proof of residence were acceptable. (Please refer to the previous page for a list of acceptable forms of Proof of Residence)

**NO VOTER PHOTO ID CURRENTLY REQUIRED FOR VOTING**

Two separate judges have issued injunctions preventing the Government Accountability Board from enforcing photo ID requirements in 2011 Act 23. The Wisconsin Department of Justice has appealed those injunctions, and the appeals have been certified in the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which on April 16 sent them back to the respective Courts of Appeals.

Act 23 contains several non-photo ID provisions affecting elections including:

- ⇒ Voters must sign the poll book before receiving a ballot
- ⇒ Residency requirement had changed from 10 days to 28 consecutive days
- ⇒ Elector can no longer use a collaborating witness as proof of residence
- ⇒ Voters are required to provide their most recent address where they were previously registered to vote
- ⇒ Voter registration ends at 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day and begins again on Election Day. No registration is allowed on the Monday before the election
- ⇒ In-person absentee voting begins the third Monday before the election and ends at 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. No in-person absentee voting is allowed on the Monday before the election.

**ABSENTEE VOTING**

If you are not already registered, you will need to register to vote before an absentee ballot can be sent to you.

Request by Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Download an application for Absentee Ballot (GAB-121) from the City’s website</li> <li>* Complete the form and mail it to the City Clerk at 9 S. Broad Street</li> <li>* The application must be received by the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 1 (the Thursday before the election) in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you</li> </ul>
Request by Email or Fax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A voter may request that a ballot be sent to them by sending an e-mail or fax to the City Clerk</li> <li>* Before the ballot can be counted on election day, the municipal clerk must have received a request from the voter with an original signature</li> <li>* Email/fax requests should be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.</li> </ul>
In-Person at the City Clerk’s Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* In-person absentee voting begins October 22 (the third Monday before the election)</li> <li>* In-person absentee voting ends at 5 p.m. on November 2 (the Friday before the election)</li> </ul>
Deadline for Returning Ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Mail or physically return the ballot in the certificate envelope to the City Clerk by Election Day, <u>or</u></li> <li>* Mail the ballot postmarked no later that Election Day</li> <li>* Ballots postmarked by Election Day and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election will be counted</li> </ul>

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



The new Electric Utility Director, **John Murphy**, joined the City of Elkhorn staff on September 17th. John comes to us from Fennimore, WI

where he held the position of Director of Public Works/Utility Manager since 2005.

John, a graduate of Cuba City High School, attended NE Iowa Community College before attaining his Bachelor of Science in

Business Administration from UW Platteville.

After graduation from UW Platteville, John worked as the Director of Public Works/Utility Manager in Cuba City, WI from 1979-2004. He then spent a year in Black Earth, WI as the Director of Public Works before moving to Fennimore.

An avid outdoorsman, John enjoys golf, traveling and riding his Harley. He is the father of two daughters, and a grandfather to three, with a fourth grandchild due in November. John's recent move to Elkhorn has brought him closer to his eldest daughter who resides in Lake Geneva.

John is impressed by the excellent infrastructure of the Elkhorn Electric Department. He looks forward to working with staff to provide excellent, reliable customer service, while maintaining low rates. John believes in a proactive approach to working with his customers and promoting industry through community involvement.

We welcome John and his impressive wealth of knowledge and background to the City of Elkhorn staff.

ELKHORN POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Elkhorn Police Department has joined over 3,000 Wisconsin Citizens, businesses and law enforcement officers using the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network.

Alerts are tailored to specific types of businesses, the general public, and geographic regions in order to provide the most useful information to those who are voluntary members of the network.

**FAQ: WHAT IS WISCONSIN CRIME ALERT NETWORK?** The Wisconsin Crime Alert Network from the Wisconsin Department of Justice allows local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies to send out crime alert bulletins to businesses and the public targeting recipients based upon type of businesses and location. Alerts are sent via, email, SMS text, and fax to those signed up to receive alerts.

**HOW DOES WISCONSIN CRIME ALERT WORK?** You will receive crime alerts from law enforcement agencies based upon where you are located and the type of business or organization you have, or if you are a private citizen.

**CAN INDIVIDUALS SUBSCRIBE OR DO I HAVE TO HAVE A BUSINESS?** Individuals can subscribe and are strongly encouraged to do so. For the "category" you select you will pick "General Public." You also have the option to select if you are a neighborhood watch member.

**WHAT TYPES OF ALERTS WILL BE SENT?** Alert types may include:

- Crime Prevention
- Finding Stolen Property
- Identifying Suspects
- Locating Missing Persons
- Notifying Public about Police Action

**WHAT IF MY BUSINESS FITS INTO MORE THAN ONE BUSINESS CATEGORY?** During the initial registration process you will select one business category; however, after you register you will receive a welcome email with information on how to add additional categories to your profile.

For more information on the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network visit: <http://www.wisconsincrimealert.gov> or email [info@wisconsincrimealert.gov](mailto:info@wisconsincrimealert.gov).

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## WHAT TO RECYCLE IN WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin there are many recyclables or compostable items that cannot be put into the trash. The recycling laws in Wisconsin ban the landfilling or incineration of these materials to conserve valuable resources. These disposal bans went into effect in several stages, beginning in the 1990s. Two new bans took effect in 2010 and 2011, covering electronics and used oil filters.

Note: Local ordinances may require additional materials to be recycled.

Many local recycling programs and drop-off centers accept additional materials for recycling, so be sure to check the city website at [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org) for a list of items that are required to be recycled.

### Recyclable materials banned from disposal in Wisconsin

Paper, Cardboard and Containers:

- Aluminum containers
- Bi-metal containers (i.e. containers made from a combination of steel and aluminum)
- Corrugated cardboard or other containerboard
- Glass containers
- Magazines and other materials printed on similar paper
- Newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint
- Office paper
- Plastic containers #1 and #2-milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles, soda and water bottles, etc.
- Steel containers (tin cans)

Additional materials:

- Electronics, including computers, televisions, desktop printers, computer peripherals, DVD players,

digital video recorders, VCRs, fax machines and cell phones

- Lead acid batteries
- Major appliances including air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dehumidifiers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters and microwave ovens
- Waste oil, except when incinerated with energy recovery
- Used oil filters
- Waste tires (except when incinerated with energy recovery)

Wisconsin's recycling law also bans the following materials from disposal, but the DNR allows them to be landfilled or incinerated because there are not yet adequate recycling markets. If, at some future time, the DNR determines that adequate markets for these plastics exist, they will be banned from disposal.

- Foam polystyrene packaging (either designed for serving food or beverages), loose particles intended for packing (e.g. packing peanuts), or rigid materials shaped to hold and cushion a packaged article
- Plastic containers #3 through #7. Many communities now accept these types of plastics, so check with your local recycling program or recycling hauler to find out if you can include them in your recycling.



## WALWORTH COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

The Walworth County Public Works Department provides a Clean Sweep-Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The program hosts collection sites on specified dates and times at different loca-

tions within the county throughout the year to provide residents a disposal site for hazardous waste/materials. For a list of collection dates, times and locations visit [www.co.walworth.wi.us](http://www.co.walworth.wi.us).

**PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS**

An ordinance regarding Portable Storage containers was adopted on June 18, 2012.

Portable Storage Containers may be on a property no more that 14 consecutive days without contacting the City for a permit. There is no cost for the permit; however, a permit application must be filed with the city Clerk and a per-



mit issued if the container needs to be on property longer that 14 consecutive days and shall not remain for more than 30 days in one calendar year. Only one container is allowed per property, per year and must be placed on an asphalt or concrete surface.

**MEDICAL ALERT WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT**

If you use medical equipment that needs electricity to run, please let us know.

The City has a Critical Needs Response Plan that allows customers with critical needs to be notified of a power outage.

A "Critical Care" customer is defined to be:

- A customer with specific medical conditions requiring uninterrupted electric service; or
- Elderly, disabled and/or home-bound customer who is at risk and requires uninterrupted electrical service to maintain their well-being.

The City will contact the customer or other designated contact person if there is an outage, with an estimate of how long the power is expected to be off in case other arrangements need to be considered for the costumers well being.

A form is available at City Hall. Information needed includes name, address, phone number, medical equipment used, and another person to contact if the critical needs resident does not answer the phone. A letter from the doctor is required to be on file stating the patient's name, date of birth and the need for continuous electric service for the health and safety of that individual.

For more information call City Hall, 723-2219.

**General Election-November 6, 2012**

**7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Polling Place: National Guard Armory (All Districts)**

For Information on your Ward or District call City Hall at 723-2119 or go to [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org) under City/Clerk/elections for information on registering to vote and voting absentee.

**DNR REQUIRED CROSS-CONNECTION INSPECTIONS CONTINUE**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) mandates water utilities perform cross-connection inspections at all residential homes once every 10 years, and cross-connections inspections every other year for commercial buildings.

The City Water Department is conducting

the field cross-connection inspections ongoing. The inspection takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

The inspector inspects valves and fittings to determine cross-connection hazards and performs cross-connection control performance tests and repairs to be sure that state registered assemblies are in proper working condition.

Approximately 10% of the City will be inspected each year by the City Water Department. Those chosen to be inspected will receive a letter by mail from the City. If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at 723-2223 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Your Public Library offers many programs for children, teens and adults. Our storytime programs include Toddler Time with Pattie Woods on Tuesdays at 10:00 and 11:00 (40 person limit per session), Books 'N Babies on Thursdays at 10:00, Pre-school interactive with Ms. Jennifer on Wednesdays at 10:00 and our new Friday program called WE Explore at 10:00. These are all drop-in programs except We Explore on Fridays which does require registration. See our calendar online for more information about these programs and to register at [www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us](http://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us).

After school programs include Lego Building Club and Messy Art club on alternating Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. Teens (ages 13 and up) can join the Teen Book Club on the 4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Check out the book in advance and join Lindsey in the Teen Room for discussion and snacks.

Adult programs cover a variety of topics; cooking classes with Jenny Wehmeier, Walworth County's UW-Extension Family Living Coordinator, eBay classes, Classic Movies for Seniors with donuts and coffee

on Friday mornings, and a Decadent Deserts program. Check our newsletter or web site above for more information on these and other programs.

FAQ-Frequently Asked Questions at the library include: "If I check a book out here can I return it at another library?" Yes you can! Your library card can be used at any library in Walworth, Racine, Jefferson, Washington or Dodge County. You can go to any of these libraries and use your Elkhorn card or borrow items from them through our Share catalog to pick up here. We have delivery that goes to each library five days a week so items can be returned anywhere. Another question we hear a lot is, "Can I download free books to my ereader?" Whether you have a Kindle, Nook, ipad or something else, you can use Overdrive, Wisconsin's Digital Library to check out ebooks and audiobooks at no cost. We have a handy brochure that provides step-by-step instructions, and you can ask questions at our information desk. Visit our web site and click on eLibrary to get started. You can also download free music that is yours to keep through Free-

gal using your Elkhorn library card. See the link on our web page under eLibrary.

The library is once again hosting a Craft Fair which will be held on Saturday, November 3 from 9:00-2:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to do some holiday shopping as there will be 20+ vendors selling their wares.

The Friends of the Library sponsor Movie Night once a month in the Community Center. Movie Night is held on the second Friday at 6:30 p.m. On October 12, we will be showing one of the greatest action movies of the year and third-highest grossing films of all time, The Avengers. No registration is necessary. Free popcorn and soda will be provided.

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@elkhornlib.wi.us](mailto:lselje@elkhornlib.wi.us).

*Lisa Selje, Library Director*

**For your Information: Clerk of Courts 741-7012  
County Treasurer 741-4251  
Child Support 741-7100**

**LICENSING FOR CATS AND DOGS**



Applications and fees for 2013 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, 2012. A copy of your animal's current rabies vaccination record 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 dog/cat license application form (available on the City website [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org)) and a copy of current rabies vaccination record along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and mail to: City of Elkhorn, 9 S.

Broad Street, P.O. Box 920, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

**License fees are as follows:**

**\$11.00** for spayed or neutered animals

**\$17.00** for unaltered animals

A \$5.00 penalty is added if not registered by April 1, 2013.



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**IMPORTANT CITY SERVICES INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

**UTILITY CUSTOMERS BEWARE OF SCAM**

Elkhorn Light and Water is alerting customers to beware of a scheme claiming to offer help with utility bill payments. The identity theft scam is sometimes pitched as a “bailout” authorized by President Obama’s administration and has been reported by

utility companies and their customers in states around the nation.

Elkhorn Light & Water is not aware of any such fraudulent activity in the community at this time but is proactively warning customers to beware of any such offers. Customers

with doubts about any caller, on-line contact or visitor claiming to represent Elkhorn Light & Water should call the utility at 723-2910 for verification before providing personal information.

**WEB MAPPING APPLICATIONS**

Residents are now able to access the City of Elkhorn web mapping application. This application can display Elkhorn specific GIS data layers, along with County maintained data.

Users of the GIS web mapping application

are able to access information such as: property ownership, tax bill information, recorded surveys and any documents that have been filed for a particular property. The application gives users access to zoning and utility information; as well as

brush/refuse collection areas. It also gives users the ability to create maps of City areas.

For more information, visit the City website at [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org).