

## CIVIC CONNECTION

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## CITY OF ELKHORN

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## SUNSET POOL ADVISORY REFERENDUM

As many residents are aware, the condition of the municipal pool in Sunset Park has deteriorated over the past several years. About 12 years ago the City undertook a repair project that was designed to extend the life of the pool by 10 years. With that repair having now exceeded its expected life the future of Sunset Pool has been a subject of considerable discussion for the better of two years. On November 5, 2013 the community will be provided an opportunity to express its position regarding the possible replacement of Sunset Pool by voting in an advisory referendum. The referendum is advisory only, which means that the results will be used to guide the Council's decision on the matter of constructing a new pool and related facilities but the City is **not bound** by the results of the referendum. In fact, the Council may choose to borrow funds in order to pursue other capital projects (i.e. street improvements) rather than borrowing funds for a new pool.

The referendum seeks to answer a simple question; **"Should the City Council replace the swimming facility at Sunset Park with a new facility with the**

**following conditions: (1) Spending and/or borrowing on the facility is not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 (3.5 million dollars) and; (2) The facility will be built within the corporate limits of the City of Elkhorn?"**

For many residents the first question that comes to mind is; *How much will taxes be increased?* While it is not possible to be completely accurate in forecasting the effect of a \$3.5M borrowing, based on current interest rates and assessed property values, the estimated tax impact is approximately \$.38 per \$1,000 in assessed value. Based on an estimated median value of \$160,000, the projected tax impact would be roughly \$61.00. Individual tax increases will vary based on actual assessed value.

Another question that has been asked is; *What will a new pool offer?* Although no specific design specifications have been developed at this time, the following features are thought to be minimum requirements to be applied in the design of a new facility:

- Zero depth entry

- ADA compliant pool and bath house
- Six (6) competitive swimming lanes and starting blocks
- Dual-sided concession stand to serve both the pool and Sunset Park activities
- Diving area and board, expanded deck area, new fencing, and maintenance shed
- Slide; size to be determined
- Other amenities that may be considered include; future splash pad; gazebo; and lighting.

**The Common Council encourages all community residents to take the time to express their opinion on this matter and vote on the referendum question on November 5, 2013.**

## Sunset Pool

## Referendum

**November 5th**

**7:00 am—8:00 pm**

**Polling Place:**

**Recreation Center  
200 Devendorf St.**

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR...

Dear Citizens of Elkhorn:

They say as you get older, time passes faster. I'm not sure who "they" are, but boy, are they right! It seems like just yesterday I was sitting down to write the spring version of this letter for the newsletter and here we are into September already. It's hard to believe that our summer has slipped through our fingers and we are heading full-steam into the crisp days of fall.

The summer activities in Elkhorn are winding down. I hope you had the opportunity to go out and support some of the great events and things to do in our city. I had the opportunity to visit the Saturday Farmer's Markets on the Square, the Antique Flea Market and of course, the Walworth County Fair. These are some great assets to our city and bring in many visitors to support our local businesses.

Our Recreation Department also had another great summer of programming. From summer ball, to a kid's triathlon to

many adult programs featuring cooking, athletics and educational programs. The staff deserves a pat on the back for a job well done! Please remember to check out their fall programming by checking out the city website [cityofelkhorn.org](http://cityofelkhorn.org)

Even though summer is drawing to a close, there are a lot of great fall events in the city to participate in. On October 19th, we have Oktoberfest in the downtown area. There will be a craft fair, wine and beer tasting, a car show and the exciting Chili Cook Off. November 5th also brings us an Election Day. I just want to remind everyone that our city will be voting in the pool referendum. The Common Council is looking to the citizens to help decide the fate of our city's pool.

Until we meet again—enjoy your fall!

*Howie Reynolds, Mayor*

## 8th Annual Elkhorn Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Downtown Elkhorn Veterans and Pocket Parks

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



## VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Elkhorn, you are encouraged to register in advance of the November 5th Referendum. 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 16th.

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 any election in Wisconsin.) Acceptable forms of proof of residence include a current and valid Wisconsin driver's license. 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. Election Day registration is also allowed. For more information about voting, visit the City website or contact the City Clerk at (262) 723-2219.

## NOMINATION PAPERS FOR SPRING ELECTION

Anyone interested in running for the elected offices of Mayor or Alderman in District 3, 4, 5 or 6 may obtain the necessary documents from the City Clerk's office begin-

ning November 18, 2013. Candidates may begin circulating nomination papers on December 1, 2013. Signed nomination papers must be filed with the Clerk by Jan-

uary 2, 2014.

The election for local office will be held on April 1, 2014. If necessary, a primary election will be held on February 18, 2014.

## BILLS REMAIN DURING WINTER MORATORIUM

November 1st 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 Thursday, 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.

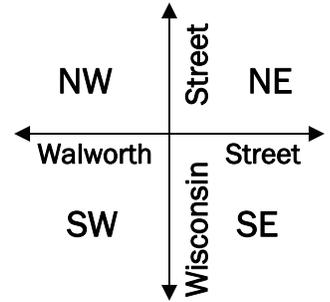
- Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without permission from their parents.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing. Facial masks should allow children 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 8 & November 5: NE Neighborhood
- Week beginning Tuesday October 15 & November 12: SE Neighborhood
- Week beginning Tuesday October 22 & November 19: SW Neighborhood
- Week beginning Tuesday October 29 & November 26: 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 15 and ends the week of November 26, 2013. The City's garbage/recycler, Advanced Disposal, 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 15, November 5 & November 19**

(Includes East side of Wisconsin Street)

**West of Wisconsin Street-October 22, November 12 & November 26**

(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 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 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 30**

**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 6-10, 2014**

## EMERALD ASH BORER

The tree-killing insect called emerald ash borer (EAB) has been confirmed in Sunset Park in the City of Elkhorn. This is the first known occurrence of EAB in the City. However, it is likely that other ash trees in our community are also infested, even if not showing symptoms.

Emerald ash borer adults are very small, metallic green beetles. They are about the size of a cooked grain of rice; only 3/8 to 1/2 inch long and 1/16 inch wide.

Adult emerald ash borers emerge from beneath the bark of ash trees late May through mid-July. They create a D-shaped exit hole as they chew their way out of the tree.

This highly destructive pest is regulated by

state and federal agencies to minimize its spread. Our municipality as well as our entire county already is and will remain under a quarantine restricting movement of ash and certain other woody material.

Quarantine FAQs can be found at [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov) under *Regulations*. Additional guidance for wood utilization and disposal can also be found on the Wisconsin EAB website.

Methods and resources for managing EAB are limited. Currently, there is no effective way to control EAB over large areas. However, there are actions you can take to protect individual high-value trees and reduce impacts to our community.

To assist in making decisions regarding

prevention and management of EAB the website [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov) offers management options, tips and tools for homeowners which includes documents such as “EAB Homeowners Guide” with information on ash tree identification and pesticide considerations and “Easy Guide for Emerald Ash Borer Regulations”.



## 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 were 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 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.

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

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## WHAT'S NEW AT THE ELKHORN RECREATION DEPARTMENT?

The Elkhorn Recreation Department had a great summer and is looking forward to our Fall Season! We have several new programs along with returning favorites and some great community events. Our new mission is not only to provide recreational activities, but to build the community.

This year, we have joined the NFL Flag Football League for kids in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. All players will have NFL Team-branded jerseys. Games will be played at both Harris Park and Sunset Park on Saturday afternoons from September 14<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>. Come out and cheer on our teams as they play against teams from Whitewater, Palmyra and Eagle. All of our teams will also be playing at Perkins Stadium at UW-Whitewater on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

We have also expanded our Cheer and Hip Hop/Poms Classes to include three different age categories: Mini's for ages 3 – 5, Junior's for ages 6 – 9 and Senior's for ages 10 – 14. Dani Fuller, a four year UCA Allstar and Team Captain, who has been competing in cheer and dance since 2003 will be teaching all classes.

Meica Hatters, MHRM, PHR, will be offering two great classes for job seekers. *Enhancing Your Job Search* will be offered on September 19<sup>th</sup> and *Acing the Interview* will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Both classes will teach techniques that will assist in the job search and interview process.

We also continue to offer our Karate for Kids program, Saddle Up at Fantasy Hills Ranch, Safe Sitter and our popular Swimming Lessons. For adults, we continue to offer Zumba, Piloxing, Water Aerobics and Skin, Make-up and Clothing classes. There is also Adult Basketball Open Gym on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

For a full listing of our programs, pick up our Fall Book or visit us at [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org). Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments at (262) 741-5114 or [elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org](mailto:elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org).



Like us on Facebook for updated information!

## LIGHTS & LADDERS

Please join the Elkhorn Recreation Department for a free community event, our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lights & Ladders on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 11:00am at Sunset Park. City vehicles will be available for little ones to explore including a fire truck, ambulance, police car, fork lift, dump truck and an electric bucket truck. Spend the morning at Sunset Park exploring the vehicles that keep the city running. We will also have pancakes, breakfast items and beverages available for purchase in the Lion's Den.



## SCARE ON THE SQUARE

The Elkhorn Recreation Department, Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce and Mercy Health Systems are partnering to provide this free, family-friendly event geared to children ages 3 – 12. The Scare on the Square will take place on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 8:00pm in Veteran's Park. Kids can enjoy an obstacle course, drawing booth, costume contest, storytelling and giveaways. The first 200 children will receive a free pumpkin.

Adults 18 and over can enter to win an IPAD and 42" flat screen TV. Winner must be present to win.

## REINDEER RUN



The Elkhorn Recreation Department and the Elkhorn Running Club are very excited to announce our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Reindeer Run. This 5K Run or 2 Mile Run/Walk is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Participants are encouraged to dress up in costumes or their holiday best. Awards will be given for the best holiday dressed, best elf costume and best Santa lookalike. All money raised will be used in our Park Dedication Fund to help replace outdated equipment. Come run with us in the morning and then enjoy the Annual Christmas Card Town Parade at 1:30pm.

The registration fee is \$20 if you register on or before November 11th, \$25 if you register after November 11th and \$30 if you register the day of the race. You can register in person at the Recreation Center in Sunset Park, mail in the registration form or online at [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org).

Corporate Sponsorships are needed. Please call us at (262) 741-5114 if you are interested.

## HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm, the Elkhorn Recreation Department and the Matheson Memorial Library will be co-sponsoring a Holiday Workshop. Bring the kids for cookie decorating, making an ornament and wrapping their ornament to give to someone special. The event is free, but does require pre-registration. You can register at the Recreation Center in Sunset Park or online at [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org).



## LOGO AND COVER DESIGN CONTESTS

The Elkhorn Recreation Department is seeking original artwork to be used as a cover design for our Winter/Spring 2014 Brochure and for the Elkhorn Recreation Department Logo.

For the Winter/Spring 2014 Brochure cover, the participant must be in grades K-12 in the Elkhorn Area School District. All artwork needs to be 8 ½ x 11 inches and on white paper. For the Logo, the participant must live within the Elkhorn Area School District, but there are no age limitations. The Logo artwork needs to be within a 2 x 2 inch area and on white paper.

All entries can be submitted to Elkhorn Recreation Department in Sunset Park or mailed to PO Box 920, Elkhorn, WI 53121. On the back of the artwork, please include: Name, phone number, address and grade and school name if applicable. All entries must be received by Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The top entries will be showcased at the Recreation Department booth at Oktoberfest, where people will be able to vote for their favorite. The Elkhorn Recreation Department does reserve the right to enhance the piece, add/delete text or choose an alternate submission.

## THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Elkhorn Recreation Department is always looking for new program ideas and instructors. If you have an idea for a class or program and/or would like to teach the class, please let us know.

We also rely on many individual and group volunteers to help programs and events succeed throughout the year. There are many different areas you can volunteer for and the amount of hours/days you volunteer completely depends upon your schedule.

If you have a suggestion or are interested in teaching a class or volunteering, please contact us at (262)741-5114 or [elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org](mailto:elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org).

## PUBLIC POWER WEEK

Help us celebrate Public Power Week here in the City of Elkhorn. Elkhorn Electric plans to celebrate Public Power Week, October 6–12, along with more than 2,000 other electric utilities that collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 46 million Americans. We are planning special events during that week! We will keep you posted via Facebook and the newspaper. We hope that you and your

family will come help us celebrate and most of all, that you will become more informed!

Please visit the Electric Operations Center located at 400 Koopman Lane, Elkhorn. It will be an opportunity for you to meet the staff and hear an update on the electric operations at Elkhorn Electric.

Elkhorn Electric was created in 1898. Today it has 10 full-time employees and

serves 3,992 residential customers and 764 commercial/industrial customers.

We are continuing the 2013 Meter Change Out and Testing Program. We are still in the process of changing out approximately 1,300 meters this year. This program is being implemented because we are updating the meters from mechanical meters to digital meters.

## UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Several payment options are offered to customers to help take the hassle out of paying your utility bills.

One option is to enroll in the “Auto-Pay” program. No more late payments or late fees assessed! Signing up for this service will allow your utility bill payment to be deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date for **no charge**. An “Authorization for Auto Pay” form is available at City Hall or on the City’s website. The completed form which provides the City with your account number and financial institution’s routing number may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall.

Or consider using Online Utility Bill Payment Service Network. Once you register with PSN through a link on the City’s website, you will be able to pay online using a credit card, debit card or electronic check through the secure payment processor. You can make a one-time payment or set up Auto-Pay for the amount of your bill or a fixed amount up to \$300.00

per transaction. You will be able to print PSN payment receipts, view your bills, change how you pay, cancel Auto-Payments and much more, instantaneously. There is a third-party convenience fee of \$2.99 per transaction for this service.

After registering with Payment Service Network (PSN) you will be able to view your bills and consumption history on line free. PSN will email you when a new bill is available to view and will email you a reminder the day before the bill is due. You can easily make an online payment right from your email notification.

Please consider “going green” and opting out of receiving paper bills. When registering with PSN, you can take this step immediately or if you would prefer to test out receiving your emails electronically for a month or two, you can take this step at any time.

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existing PSN user ID to make an immediate payment, schedule a payment, change how you pay, change your password or view your payment history. If you have not yet registered on PSN’s website, you must do so before using this app. If you have questions on the app please email [CustomerService@PaymentServiceNetwork.com](mailto:CustomerService@PaymentServiceNetwork.com) or call 866-917-7368. There is a third-party convenience fee of \$2.99 per transaction for this service. Paying on-the-go is easy with PSN’s mobile, online and phone payments!

Elkhorn chose Payment Service Network (PSN) as its payment and billing provider because of its high level of security and its ability to help the City lower administrative cost. We hope you enjoy this service.

## New & Improved!

The City will be implementing a new phone system effective September 18th and 19th. More automated options will be available to assist callers in directing their calls.

## 2013 WALWORTH COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION

The 2013 Walworth County Clean Sweep program is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th. This year's event will help household residents properly dispose of banned, damaged, unusable or unwanted products that contain volatile chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Clean Sweep is dedicated to the collection and proper disposal of household hazardous waste products and pharmaceuticals. Services are available to Walworth County household residents free-of-charge, and pre-registration is not required.

Clean Sweep has helped Walworth County residents properly manage hazardous waste products since 1992; collecting 636,306 pounds of materials from 10,336 participants.

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 looking at labels which are generally

marked CAUSTIC, ACID, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, or POISON.

There are three collection locations for the event including the Walworth County Public Works Dept. located at W4097 County Road NN which is only open on Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 am 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

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.

### PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Clean Sweep accepts outdated or unwanted prescription drugs and over-the-counter items.

- ⇒ Pharmaceuticals are collected ONLY at the locations and times included in the event.
- ⇒ Leave medications in their original containers. The patient's name may be crossed out.
- ⇒ Keep pharmaceuticals separate from other wastes. Place them in a bag or box and transport in the passenger compartment of your vehicle.
- ⇒ Participants do not have to provide their name—just the name of the municipality they live in.
- ⇒ Preregistration is not required.

Items accepted include:

- Pills & Capsules
- Syrups/Liquids
- Salves/Creams
- Inhalers

Items not accepted:

- Radioactive Materials
- Sharps/Needles
- Oxygen Tanks
- Nebulizers



### IS THERE A CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM FOR FARMERS, BUSINESSES & INSTITUTIONS?

Yes! Those who are interested must pre-register and provide a list of the products they want to bring. Some fees apply. Call (262) 741-3367 for more information about this opportunity, or to request a pre-registration form. Farmers and others with ag-

related chemicals and products may bring in up to 200 pounds of waste free-of-charge. Once pre-registered, you will be given a scheduled time to drop off waste materials.

## 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 attempt to make contact with the customer or other designated contact person if there is an outage to provide an estimate of how long the power is expected to be off in case other arrangements need to be considered for the customers well being.

To apply, a Medical Alert Response Application must be completed. Information required includes name, address, phone number, and contact information for another person the City may contact if the critical needs resident does not answer the phone. The application also contains a section which must be completed by a physician stating the patient's medical condition and the type of electric life sustaining equipment used which requires continuous electric service for the health and safety of that individual.

This qualification requires an annual renewal. The information on the form may be subject to verification and additional information may be required from you or your physician.

The Medical Alert Response Application is available at City Hall or on the City's website. Completed forms may be submitted by mail or dropped off at City Hall. For more information call City Hall at (262) 723-2219.

**Saturday, December 7th**

**Elkhorn's 1st Annual Reindeer Run: 5K Run or 2 Mile Run/Walk**

**Check-in and Registration at 8:00 a.m. Race at 9:30 a.m.**

**Elkhorn's 32nd Christmas Card Town Parade**

**Downtown Elkhorn**

**1:30 p.m.**

## UTILITY SCAMS ON THE RISE—DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

Recently two utility customers in the Stoughton area were approached by a door-to-door solicitor. He told customers that he was an employee of Transunion and he was authorized to administer stimulus funds to the public. He claimed that if they provided him with \$200-\$300 up front, he had access to stimulus funds that he would mail later that day to pay off their utility bills, as well as other debts. While at the victim's residence, he initiated a three-way call, with the victim also on the line, to each of their creditors obtaining the cus-

tomers' balance stating that he would be mailing the payment that day.

The customers were then told that they could meet him at his hotel room later that day to obtain cash payments for other bills. He promised a larger stimulus payment of up to several thousand dollars if they could come up with \$800. When the victims attempted to meet the man later at the hotel, they were told that the room was not occupied. The victims have not seen nor heard from the man since the incidents,

and no funds were received to pay their accounts.

Scammers are also calling utility customers and convincing them to buy prepaid debit cards and give them the information over the phone. Victims are told there is a malfunctioning electric meter that could cause a fire or explosion, the customer is behind on a bill payment, or at risk of a disconnect. If you think someone or something is suspicious, contact the utility for proper verification.

## WHAT'S NEW AT MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY?

As I write this, the Walworth County Fair is in full swing and it is hot! We are looking forward to some cooler fall weather and getting back to our usual routine of programs once school begins. The library enjoyed a very busy summer with record check out. In July alone, we checked out 26,192 items, our busiest month ever. September means Library Card Sign-Up Month. Don't forget the most important school supply, a library card! Our goal is to issue 100 library cards to new patrons this month. Stop in and see our display of library cards from all over Wisconsin.

This fall Matheson Memorial Library will be participating in the BIG READ along with other libraries in Walworth, Rock and Jefferson counties. The theme this year is Spark Reading, and the selection—*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury—is one that is sure to spark lots of discussion. Get a free copy of the book Monday, Sept. 23rd (while supplies last) to kick off Banned Books Week. Read, pass it on to a friend or neighbor, and talk about it together. Let's see how many people in Elkhorn we can get reading and discuss-

ing! Come to our book discussion October 2 at 6:30 OR fill out a comment form at the library's Information Desk to be entered in our drawing for 2 tickets to Aquila Theater's performance of *Fahrenheit 451* on October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at UW-Whitewater.

Do you have an e-reader, ipad or tablet? Did you know you can download popular magazines and e-books for free, right from home? All you need is a library card! You can also read digital magazines and e-books on your computer. Stop in to learn how, or check out the eLibrary page on our website.

Our children's department is adding a new program to the after-school clubs on Thursday afternoons. In addition to Lego Club and Messy Art Club, we will now rotate these with "Mad Scientists" Club. Check our newsletter or online calendar for the current week's club and project. All ages are welcome to drop in between 3:30 and 5:00 pm on Thursdays for these programs. New this fall, we are offering "Tail Waggin' Tutors" for kids to practice their reading skills. We will have two trained dogs here

once a month, starting on September 16. Children can sign up to read to a dog in 10 minute time slots. This is a great program for reluctant readers or any child who loves animals. Stop in or call the library to register for this unique opportunity. Check our website [www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us](http://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us) for more information on these and other programs.

Support the Friends of the Library by attending Trick-or-Trivia on Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a spook-tacular evening of trivia and fun! Tables will work in teams of eight to answer a variety of brain-bending questions. You may purchase an individual ticket or fill a whole table with friends, family or co-workers. Snacks and drinks are included in the ticket price. For questions, contact Katie at [friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us).

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*

**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 2014 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, 2013. 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, 2014.



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**IMPORTANT CITY SERVICES INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

## **Sunset Pool Referendum - November 5, 2013 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Polling Place: Recreation Center, 200 Devendorf St.**

For information on registering to vote or voting by absentee ballot, call City Hall at 723-2219 or go to [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org) under City/Clerk/elections.

### **APP HELPS HOMEOWNERS CALCULATE WATER USE**

A free National Ground Water Association iPhone and iPad app that allows users to calculate their household water consumption is an excellent tool to help consumers reduce water use and costs. The way the app works is simple. Just answer questions

about how many people are using water in the house and see formulas automatically calculate how much water is being used for the dishwasher, toilet, shower, and more. Features include easy-to-enter categories, automatic responses to data entered and

total use calculated for standard appliances as well as any water saving appliances. To obtain the Water Use Calculator app, go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/water-use-calculator/id553141703?mt=8>.