

# December Newsletter 2014



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## Xerxes Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Xerxes trailhead to celebrate the completion of the trail segment from Pete's Hill Trail to the Boulder Pointe Addition.

The City of Elko New Market received a \$38,000 grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for this project.

"The City of Elko New Market is very grateful to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux community for their generous grant, which made it possible for the City to complete paving the final 300 foot segment of the City's east-west bike/hike trail corridor," said Elko New Market Mayor Tony Gabriel.

Provided below is a photo of the ribbon cutting ceremony.



**Would you  
like to get  
involved in  
your  
community?**

## City Council Vacancy

With the election of Councilmember Crawford as Mayor at the November 4, 2014 General Election, there will be a vacancy on the City Council effective January 1, 2015.

The City Council is seeking applications from interested, qualified individuals for consideration for appointment to the vacant position.

Interested individuals may obtain an application, after December 19, 2014 on the City's website at [www.ci.enm.mn.us](http://www.ci.enm.mn.us) under Job Openings or at City Hall during regular business hours.

Application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on January 7, 2015.

Eligible candidates must be: an eligible voter, 21 years of age or more, a US Citizen, and resident of the City of Elko New Market.

Questions regarding the vacancy or the position may be directed to the City Administrator at (952) 461-2777 or email at [tterry@ci.enm.mn.us](mailto:tterry@ci.enm.mn.us).



## Winter Emergency Parking Regulations

**Chief Mortenson would like to remind all residents of the Winter Emergency Parking Regulations:**

City Ordinance (**Parking Regulations: 7-2-3 (B)**) prohibits parking on any street until the street has been cleaned curb to curb during a winter snow emergency which is when the national weather service forecast accumulation is two (2) or more inches of snow.

A violation of the winter parking ordinance is a **Misdemeanor** and may result in a citation and/ or towing of the vehicle.

The term "Emergency" means a condition created on city streets because of the presence of snow, freezing rain, sleet or ice thereon, or other natural phenomenon which creates hazardous road conditions or impedes or is likely to impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic, when the same has been duly declared.

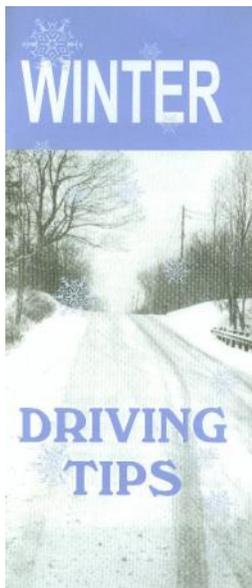
## Cold Weather Driving

It's that time of the year again! Cold weather has set in and it seems like it snows at least once a week. Some reminders for people traveling during the winter months:

- ◆ Let someone know where you're traveling too, especially if it is some distance. Let them know how long you expect it to take you to arrive to your destination.
- ◆ Make sure you have good working tires on your vehicle and that they are properly inflated. Good working properly inflated tires will greatly enhance your vehicles performance while driving on snow and ice.
- ◆ Try to ensure that you have plenty of fuel in your fuel tank in case you do get stuck in the snow or go into the ditch, that way you can keep your vehicle running to be able to

keep the heater running and lights on the vehicle until help arrives.

- ◆ If you should get stuck or slide into a ditch, do not get out of your vehicle especially at night. It's difficult for oncoming motorists to be able to see you. Just about everyone has a cell phone these days, use it in this circumstance. Call a family member; call for a tow truck to assist you, and yes you can call 911 from your cell phone to summon help from Emergency Services.
- ◆ Have an emergency kit in your vehicle to include: extra blankets, a flashlight, candles, matches and some extra food like candy bars, granola bars or energy bars just in case it takes a while for help to arrive.



## Holiday Shopping

With the holiday season upon us, remember when you are out shopping, do not leave items purchased visible in the interior of the car. This makes it easy for thieves to see what they could steal.

Put all purchased items in the trunk of your car if you can. If that's not an option, like for pickup trucks, try to place the items under a seat or behind the rear seat.

Women should make sure when out shopping, that their purse is over their shoulder or always in sight. Do not leave a purse in a shopping cart even if you're standing right next to the shopping cart. The few seconds it takes you to look at an item on a shelf or clothing rack, is enough time for a thief to walk by and grab a purse out of a shopping cart without you even being able to notice what just happened.



## Parks Commission Announces Winter Family Movies at the Library!

After a successful Summer of Movies and Music at the Wagner Park Shelter, where over 750 people attended the 10 week series, the Parks Commission will moving the fun inside for the Winter at the Library!

The Winter series will last 6 weeks beginning February 5th on Thursday nights at 7 PM.

Thanks to all of you that sent in suggestions for movies, such as Frozen: Happy Feet; How to Train Your Dragon 2; Planes, Fire, and Rescue; Maleficent; Up...and many more! We'll do our

best to get the latest ones for the Winter Movie Series!

So, come in out of the "Polar Vortex" and join families and friends for the "People's Choice" Winter Movie Series! The Movie "line up" will be announced in the January Newsletter, so watch for it!

If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Mark Nagel at [mnagel@ci.enm.mn.us](mailto:mnagel@ci.enm.mn.us) or call him at (952)461-2777. *See you in February!*



## Update Contact Information

If the City needs to contact you for any reason, do we have the correct contact information for you?

Resident contact information is stored in our utility billing system and is received when a new resident moves into the City. With cell phones and new technology, this can become outdated quickly.

Please contact the City at (952)461-2777, email [info@ci.enm.mn.us](mailto:info@ci.enm.mn.us), or go to the city website and fill out the "Change Information in Utility Billing System Online Form" to update the following contact information:

- Telephone land line no longer exists
- New cell phone number
- New email address
- New mailing address



## Residential Snow and Ice Care Tips

Follow these simple tips to protect our water!

There are many ways to reduce salt use while maintaining high safety standards.

- \* **Shovel.** The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be. Whether you use a shovel, snow blower, snow plow, or ice scraper, get out there as early as you can and keep up with the storm. You may even decide that salt isn't needed.
- \* **15°F is too cold for salt.** Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction, but remember that sand does not melt ice.
- \* **Slow down.** Drive for the conditions and make sure to give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work.

- \* **Be patient.** Just because you don't see salt on the road doesn't mean it hasn't been applied. These products take time to work.
- \* **More salt does not mean more melting.** Use less than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount.
- \* **Sweep up extra.** If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else or throw it away.



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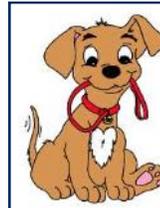
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Postal Customer  
Elko New Market, MN

The Post Office would like to remind residents of the following regarding mail delivery: To ensure delivery of your mail, customers must remove obstructions such as SNOW, ice, vehicles, trash cans, sporting equipment etc. from blocking the mailboxes. A clear path of 30 feet approaching and 30 feet beyond the mailbox is required for the mail carrier to safely and efficiently deliver the mail.

Your carrier must have access to the mailbox without leaving the vehicle. The Postal Service appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

Any questions or concerns regarding your mail delivery should be directed to the Elko New Market Post Office at (952) 461-2150.



Residents should be aware that all dogs residing within Elko New Market city limits must be licensed with the City. Questions? Call (952) 461-2777

### December 2014 Calendar

2	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
4	City Council Workshop	7:00 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	8:00 pm
16	Parks & Rec Commission—Rescheduled	4:00 pm
18	City Council Workshop	Cancelled
	City Council Business Meeting	8:00 pm
24	Christmas Eve	City Offices Close at Noon
25	Christmas Day	City Offices Closed
31	New Year's Eve	City Offices Close at Noon

### January 2014 Calendar

1	New Year's Day	City Offices Closed
6	Planning Commission	Cancelled
8	City Council Workshop	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
13	Parks & Rec Commission	4:00 pm
19	Martin Luther King Day	City Offices Closed
22	Economic Development Authority	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm

### 2015 Community Events

#### Tentative Event Schedule

Egg Hunt	March 28
City Wide Garage Sale	May 14-16
Spring Clean-Up	June 6
Fire Rescue Days	June 26-28
Night to Unite	August 4
Halloween Party	October 24

Watch upcoming newsletters and the City website at [www.ci.enm.mn.us](http://www.ci.enm.mn.us) for more community events as they are scheduled.

