

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER



CITY RECEIVES \$38,000 GRANT FOR TRAIL SYSTEM COMPLETION

Elko New Market has received a \$38,000 grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) to complete the final 300 foot segment of the 4 mile sidewalk and trail route from Windrose Park to Eagle View Elementary.

This “spine” of the City’s sidewalk and trail system symbolically and physically links the former cities of Elko and New Market together. The new rail segment will increase the safety of pedestrians and bikers.

The proposed trail segment runs from the foot of Pete’s Hill Open Space to the Boulder Pointe Addition along Xerxes Avenue. The total cost of the trail segment is estimated to be \$47,600. The City’s Park Capital Improvements Fund will contribute the remaining \$9,605.08 to complete the project. Construction will begin this summer and will be finished by the end of the year.

APPOINTMENT OF HENRY MAROTSKA TO CITY COUNCIL

City Council has appointed a replacement to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilmember Ken Sulich. (Ken Sulich resigned in December 2013 due to his relocating outside the city corporate limits.)

New Councilmember Henry (Hank) Marotska was sworn in at the January 23, 2014 City Council meeting. His appointment is for the remainder of Councilmember Sulich’s four year term which expires December 31, 2014.



Pictured from left to right: Councilmember Henry Marotska, Mayor Tony Gabriel, and City Clerk Sandra Green

2013 BUILDING PERMITS

The City experienced a significant increase in new home starts for the second year in a row. There were 40 new homes built in Elko New Market in 2013, an increase of nearly 50% over 2012 and ten times more than 2011. The increased building activity is consistent with trends in the southern metropolitan area.

There was also across-the-board increases in all building permit categories with the exception of re-sidings and re-roofings.

If you are interested in pulling a building permit in 2014, permit forms can be found on the Municipal Inspections website at www.minspections.com or contact Gary Staber, Municipal Inspections, at (952) 461-4777.

Type of Permit	2011	2012	2013
Building <i>(Not including Mechanical, Plumbing or Fence)</i>	92	107	125
Single Family Homes	4	27	40
Mechanical	15	47	79
Plumbing	19	42	71
Fence	19	8	17
Finish Basement	16	13	20
Deck/Porch	26	26	26
Reside/Reroof	19	20	14



MEET YOUR NEWEST POLICE OFFICER: OFFICER JUSTIN SCHROEPFER

On February 4, 2014, Officer Justin Schroepfer will start working full-time for the Elko New Market Police Department. He started as a part-time police officer in November of 2013. Officer Schroepfer is currently in his Field Training Program, working shifts with other officers of

the Police Department. It is anticipated that Officer Schroepfer will be done with his field training and start patrolling on his own in March of 2014.

Officer Schroepfer brings to the department and community a wide variety of experience as a police officer. He has over eight years of experience as a police officer and deputy sheriff.



Officer Schroepfer has specialized training in: First Responder, Firearms Instructor, and Handheld Radar Instrument (Lidar) Instructor. He has also received specialized training in Critical Incident Stress Management.

Please join the Police Department in welcoming Officer Schroepfer to the community.

Chief Mortenson

NEW PRAGUE AREA COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Kids' Company Pre-K is coming to Eagle View! Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, Kids' Company will be offering a full day wrap-around experience for children who are one year before entering Kindergarten. Kids' Company Pre-K is an enrichment based program that will allow your child the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including social skills, music, art, literacy, math, science, fine and large motor skills. Kids' Company Pre-K staff work closely with the District 721 Preschool teachers to ensure each child has the skills and experiences necessary for a successful transition to all-day, every-day Kindergarten.

This new program is open Monday-Friday from 6:30 am - 6:00 pm with care offered before and after your chosen District 721 Preschool class. For more information about this and other New Prague Area Community Education programs, please go to ce.np.k12.mn.us or call us at (952) 758-1734.

LAKEVILLE AREA COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Brush-Up Painting Class

Bring out the Picasso inside you— join local painter Sue Kemnitz in creating two Picasso-like paintings. Week one will be a portrait; week two, a painting of your pet. (Bring a picture of a favorite dog or cat.) Both in the bright, bold style of Pablo Picasso on 12"x16" canvas. This is a great activity to share with a friend, or as a family activity with your daughter, son, or grandmother. Ages 14 and up.

Thursdays, Feb. 6 & 13 6:30-9:00 pm

Elko New Market Library

\$59/person, \$100 per couple and \$14 per person supply fee payable to instructor at class.

Sign up at www.LakevilleAreaCommunityEd.net or call (952) 232-2150.

Yoga in Elko New Market

Come practice yoga with your friends and neighbors. It's a great opportunity to improve your flexibility, strength, balance and endurance as you practice the yoga poses. Your practice will also include yoga breathing that may help to reduce stress and calm your mind. This class is open to beginning and intermediate yoga students with modification to help personalize the practice. Instructor: Joanne Moerbitz

Tuesdays 6:45-7:45 pm

Feb. 25-April 15 (not 3/11 & 4/1)

Elko New Market Library

\$42/6 sessions

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DUMPING OR PLOWING SNOW INTO STREETS

Elko New Market residents are reminded that it is illegal to blow, dump or plow snow onto a city street (MN State Statute 160.2715).

Residents should be considerate of their neighbors and contain the snow on your own property. Blowing, dumping or plowing snow onto a city street creates a safety hazard for vehicles driving on the street. This also causes the snowplow to place excess snow on neighboring properties and hinders the City's snowplowing efforts.

FIRE HYDRANTS



The City of Elko New Market Public Works Department would like your assistance in clearing snow from around fire hydrants. Please adopt the hydrant near your home or business and keep it clear of snow this winter. If a hydrant is buried, it takes a firefighter valuable time and energy to shovel it out to gain access while a fire continues to burn.

Minimally, make sure the hydrant is cleared of snow enough to be visible from the street. Even better, clear the snow three feet all around the hydrant so firefighters have enough room to connect a hose.

CITY ROADWAYS

The Public Works Department makes every effort to keep the City roads as safe as possible during the winter season. In order to allow Public Works to clear the streets in the most timely and efficient manner, residents are reminded NOT to park on city streets until they have been cleared curb to curb.

MAILBOXES

Residents are reminded that it is a resident's responsibility to clear snow and ice from in front of their mailbox. Residents should contact the Elko New Market Post Office at (952) 461-2150 for complete details regarding clearing snow and ice from in front of their mailbox.

REPORT SNOWPLOW DAMAGE

Residents are asked to report any damage to their mailbox and/or sod or lawn to the City as follows:

- Go to the City's website at www.ci.enm.mn.us.
- Click on the "City Forms" link.
- Under "Citizen", complete the Report Snowplow Damage Form
- The Report Snowplow Damage Form can be completed and submitted online or printed and submitted to City Offices via email, fax or USPS.



Damage to lawns and mailboxes as a result of snowplowing activities is unfortunate, but will occur on occasion. The City and its contractors work to minimize the potential for damage to lawns or mailboxes resulting from City snowplowing activities. Any damage should be reported to the City immediately. The Contractor will be responsible for the damage once the City has verified the damage. It may not be possible to verify lawn damage until spring. Sod damage may be corrected by either seeding or sod at the discretion of the City. The property owner is responsible for watering of repaired lawn areas. The City is not responsible for impacts to lawns resulting from the placement of snow in boulevard areas. Property owners concerned about limiting the potential for damage to lawns should place markers behind the curb to provide a reference for drivers.

The City is not responsible for damage to mailboxes resulting from thrown snow. The City is not responsible for damage to irrigation systems and landscaping (i.e. shrubs, bushes, rock, trees, fence, etc.) located in the public right-of-way, except as otherwise stated in the City's Snowplowing Policy.



REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, DIRT AND RUBBISH ON SIDE-WALKS

Residents are reminded that it is the owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk to use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians.

No owner or occupant can allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than twenty four (24) hours after its deposit.

CITY OF ELKO NEW MARKET

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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

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Postal Customer
Elko New Market, MN

FEBRUARY 2014 CALENDAR

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| 4 | Planning Commission | Cancelled |
| 11 | Parks & Rec Commission | 4:00 pm |
| 13 | City Council Workshop | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 17 | President's Day | City Offices Closed |
| 27 | City Council Workshop | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm |

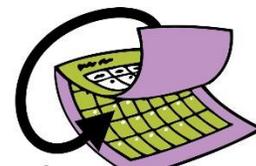
MARCH 2014 CALENDAR

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| 4 | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |
| 11 | Parks & Rec Commission | 4:00 pm |
| 13 | City Council Workshop | 6:30 pm |
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2014 COMMUNITY EVENTS

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| April 12th | Egg Hunt |
| May 15th-17th | City Wide Garage Sales |
| June 7th | Spring Clean Up |
| June 27th-29th | Fire Rescue Days |
| August 5th | Night to Unite |
| October 25th | Halloween Party |
- (Tentative dates—subject to change.)*

Watch upcoming newsletters and the City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us for more community events as they are scheduled.



*Mark Your
Calendar*