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When: Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Where: Water Treatment Plant
 25499 Natchez Ave
 Free Tours, Hot Dogs/Snacks

Open House for New Water Treatment Plant

The City will be hosting an Open House at the Water Treatment Plant on **Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The location of the Water Treatment Plant is 25499 Natchez Avenue - 1/4 mile north of County Road 2 on County Road 91/Natchez. *(Please drive slowly along driveway.)*

Come learn how water is: drawn from the aquifer; filtered for radium, manganese and iron; and delivered to your home.

Tours and hot dogs/snacks are free. This is a great educational opportunity for the kids!

Water Treatment Facility Delivering Improved Water Quality, Taste

If you're on City water, you're surely enjoying the benefits of the City's new water treatment facility every time you turn on a faucet. The new plant was put into service in February and quickly improved the quality, taste and color of City water.

According to Public Works Superintendent Corey Schweich, "The plant is working really, really well. It is removing virtually all of the iron and manganese from our water and we're well below the allowable levels for radium. We've had a lot of compliments on how much better the taste and quality of the water is."

As communicated in previous newsletters, the need for the facility was driven by higher-than-allowable radium levels, a naturally occurring metal that can be harmful to people exposed to it over a long period of time. The existing wells were treated regularly to ensure the safety of the water supply but that approach was a short-term, expensive measure.

In addition to the improved water quality and taste, the new facility offers other advantages:

- The lowest operational, maintenance and overall long-term costs.
- Eliminates the need to construct another

water tower.

- Capacity to serve up to 10,000 residents.
- Less frequent hydrant flushing – spring and fall only.
- Fewer personnel hours are needed to treat and maintain the water system.

Construction began on the water treatment facility, well 4, and the water lines connecting the existing water system to the plant's location in August 2014. Well 4 located at the facility and two existing off-site wells provide all raw water to the plant.

At \$8.8 million, the water treatment facility was the largest capital improvement project ever undertaken by the City. The City secured a loan at 1% annual interest rate to finance the facility, which is being repaid through water utility service. Visitors who attend the open house on Saturday, September 10, will get a sense of the magnitude of the project and the intricacies of the system that keep the nearly 1,000 homes and businesses supplied with fresh water.

City Water System Facts:

- 15,000 feet or 2.84 miles: length of water main connecting water treatment facility to homes and businesses
- 1700+ cubic yards of concrete and 200 tons of reinforcing steel used to construct the water treatment facility
- 677,000 gallons: total capacity of all water tanks at new facility; 305,000 gallons are storage reservoir
- 1,600 gallons: per-minute capacity of new well at the water treatment facility
- 500 feet: depth of well at new plant
- 8,327: total square feet of new water treatment plant



Monitoring Safety of County Roads 2 and 91 Intersection

If you're traveling in one of the nearly 10,000 vehicles passing through the intersection of Scott County Roads 2 and 91 (260th Street/ Natchez Avenue) each day, you may wonder about your safety. Social media chatter about accidents there may also elevate your concern. Rest assured, both Scott County and the City are monitoring the safety of the intersection regularly.

While accidents are inevitable when cars are traveling in, or turning from, multiple lanes in each direction, a recent report from the Scott County Engineer's Office found the intersection to be below civil engineering standards warranting a stoplight or roundabout. The report, requested by the City Council, indicates it could be 10 years or more before a traffic control change may be needed. Rapid development in the community could expedite the timing.

Heightened Awareness

"Residents may be surprised to know there were only six intersection-related crashes at County Roads 2 and 91 between 2013 and 2015," said Kate Miner, Scott County Traffic Manager. "With residents' proximity to the intersection, social media attention and four of those accidents occurring in 2015, residents may currently have a heightened awareness of each accident and therefore perceive a greater safety threat than reality would merit."

Crash Rate Below 'Critical' Level

The crash rate for the intersection is 0.53 crashes per million entering vehicles (MEV), which is above the state average for similar intersections but below the "critical" crash rate of .68/MEV – which is considered safe because there is a high probability that the higher than average crash rate is due to the random nature of crashes ra-

ther than site conditions.

Wait Times Increase Risk-Taking

We know current average wait times to cross Co. Rd. 2 during peak hours of 25-35 seconds may seem unreasonable when you're in a hurry. Impatience, however, can lead to a crash. To decrease your risk of an accident, wait to enter or cross traffic until you can do so without accelerating rapidly, consider accessing Co. Rd. 2 via side streets, turn right whenever possible, proceed through the intersection with caution when traveling east or west on Co. Rd. 2 and be sure you have a clear line of sight of all vehicles approaching the intersection before turning.

City Explores Intersection Upgrades

While Scott County found an intersection upgrade is not necessary at this time, the City Council shares the safety concerns many of you have expressed. For this reason, we will pursue grants to subsidize the cost of a roundabout – the only option Scott County would permit on these County roads prior to safety thresholds for traffic signals ("signal warrants") being met. A grant would have to be significant as Scott County is not willing to contribute financially to the project and we do not want to put undue financial burden on residents. A stoplight would be less expensive but would not be permitted until signal warrants are met. Reducing the speed limit on Co. Rd. 2 and placing a four-way stop at the intersection have been ruled out as feasible alternatives. The expense of a roundabout at the intersection was recently estimated at \$4.09 million.

We will update you if and when the project gets the "green light."

Express Your Opinion!

As you learned in last month's newsletter, we are developing a community brand. It will help those outside of our community understand the character and essence of Elko New Market. You can provide your input in late September, we tentatively plan to post the preliminary brand on the City website and share it publicly at an

open house.

Date: Tuesday, September 27

Time: 5:30-7 p.m.

City Hall, 601 Main Street, ENM

Online public comment period: Monday, September 26 – Monday, October 3

Your
Opinion
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Department Spotlight

Community uplifts police department during 'dark days' for law enforcement

It was a Monday in July, around 4 p.m., when a knock on the door at the ENM Police Department caught the attention of Chief Steve Mortenson and Officer Josh Gareis. They opened the door to find three kids about 7 or 8 years old holding a large white poster board with "thank you" in big black, block letters on it. Surrounding the letters were stickers of police badges and one that said "Real Heroes Wear Blue."

As tensions between police and the public have risen to unthinkable levels in recent times, the ENM Police Department has been uplifted and encouraged by the kids' gesture and the outpouring of cards, letters, emails and food

from many of you.

"Our community has always been very supportive – they're great," said Chief Mortenson. "What they've done of late is above and beyond. The visible gestures have been incredible. We don't feel what a lot of officers in more urban areas are feeling because this community has not turned its back on us."

Chief Mortenson and all of the officers express their deepest gratitude to the community for your ongoing support. You make it a pleasure to work in this community!



Summer Family Fun Nights Build Community Camaraderie

If it flies, slithers or has four legs, it drew big crowds to the City's Free Family Fun Nights at Wagner Park event series this summer. More than 700 people attended the events over 8 weeks, with Pony Parties Express, the University of Minnesota Raptor Center and the Minnesota Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Zoo being most popular. The Professor Prchal science and engineering extravaganza, bounce houses & water slides paired with movies including Peanuts, Pandas, and Penguins also held kids' attention while parents connected with one another.

The event series is put on by the City's Parks Commission and New Prague Area Community Education.

Thank you to Holy Cross Catholic School and Parks Commissioner Eve Zahratka for their sponsorship. A special thank you to Jessica Davidson for her planning and managing of these fun events.

Family Fun Nights winter series will return in March 2017 with movies and activities on Thursday nights at the Elko New Market Library Community Room.

Watch the City's website and upcoming newsletters for the schedule of activities.

Have suggestions or want to sponsor an event? Contact Assistant City Administrator Mark Nagel at (952)461-2777 or email mnagel@ci.enm.mn.us.



2016 Halloween Party

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual Halloween Party scheduled for **Saturday, October 29, 2016** at Eagle View Elementary School. There will again be 2 sessions to register your children. The first session is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The second session will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Watch for online details and registration forms to be available soon on the City's website at www.ci.enm.mn.us under Events.



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**Fundamentals of Archery
FREE**

When: Saturday, October 1st
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: Wagner Park
121 Todd Street
Register online now for this free class.

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Residents should be aware that all dogs residing within Elko New Market city limits must be licensed with the City. Please clean up after your pet. In addition, frequent or continual barking is prohibited. Questions? Call (952) 461-2777

September 2016 Calendar

1	Parks Commission—Rescheduled	4:00 pm
1	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
5	Labor Day Holiday	City Offices Closed
8	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
22	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm

October 2016 Calendar

6	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
11	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
13	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
27	Economic Development Authority	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2016 Community Events

2016 Event Schedule

Halloween Party October 29

2016 Three Rivers Park District FREE Events

October 1 Fundamentals of Archery
(See City Website for online registration.)

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

