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## 2015 Halloween Party

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual Halloween Party scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015.

Details and registration forms will become available in September. Watch the city's website at [www.ci.enm.mn.us](http://www.ci.enm.mn.us) for more information.

## 2015 Community Survey

### ELKO NEW MARKET IS AN 'EXCELLENT' PLACE TO LIVE

#### *Results of 2015 Community Survey places ENM in top 10% of metro area for quality of life*

The 2015 Community Survey confirmed what many of us in Elko New Market already know: this is a great place to live! The results indicate that residents find the City provides excellent services, facilities and activities, as well as an overall quality of life. Our community ranks among the highest in several categories relative to other metro communities surveyed by the research company, Morris Leatherman Company.

The survey report stated, "Elko New Market residents have become more engaged and enthusiastic about their City and its services. While favorable ratings have improved from the 2012 study, the key change is the large increase of 'excellent' ratings on numerous questions...It is clear from the results, the City Council and staff made significant improvements in areas of concern from the 2012 survey. The results of these changes have made a major positive impact in the quality of life for residents in Elko New Market."

Since the 2012 survey, the City has increased its community activities, children's programming, police coverage, parks improvements and public works investments, leading to the improved ratings.

"The survey results allow residents to inform the City's decision-making process and priorities, even if they're not present when the Council votes on a particular issue," said Thomas Terry, City Administrator.

#### **Future Priorities:**

Seventeen percent of respondents stated the "quality of drinking water" was the most pressing issue facing the City, whereas 15% said "lack of businesses."

The City is addressing drinking water quality with the central water treatment facility, which will be in operation in early 2016. Additionally, it is seeing renewed interest in commercial developments. The recently completed environmental review on 265 acres at the I-35/ County Road 2 interchange brings an attractive parcel of land closer to development.

Respondents also expressed interest in an ice rink, tennis courts and community center; and increased programming for seniors, and adult and teen sports.

#### **According to the survey findings, Elko New Market:**

- » Ranks in the top 10% for quality of life for metro suburbs and in the top 10% of metro communities rated as "excellent" by residents.
- » Ranks in the top 10% for quality and value of City services among the metro area, with 72% responding positively.
- » Employs "best practices" for street maintenance and snow plowing relative to other metro communities. Four other core services were in the top 10% and the remaining services in the top 25%.
- » Has "excellent" police and fire protection, as rated by 94% and 95%, respectively.

#### **Other findings:**

- » Since 2012, the City's mean approval rating increased by more than 10% and "excellent" ratings of City services increased by 21%.
- » 89% said there were no additional services they would like in the City.
- » 77% had attended a community event, a 36% increase from 2012. Ninety-nine percent of those rated their experience favorably.
- » 89% said the current recreational facilities met their needs.

To view the full survey results, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/otzylos>.



## Curfew Regulations

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in juvenile crime. A significant percentage of juvenile crime occurs during curfew hours.

Because of their lack of maturity and experience, juveniles are particularly susceptible to becoming victims of older perpetrators. The younger a person is, the more likely he or she is to be a victim of crime.

While parents have the primary responsibility to provide for the safety and welfare of juveniles, the city also has a substantial interest in the safety and welfare of juveniles. Moreover, the city has an interest in preventing juvenile crime, promoting parental supervision, and providing for the well being of the general public.

A citywide curfew reduces juvenile crime and advances public safety, health, and general welfare.

**Juveniles Age and Hour Restrictions:** It is unlawful for a juvenile to be present in any public place or establishment within the city during the following hours:

### **Under 12:**

- ~ Sunday-Thursday: 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- ~ Friday-Saturday: 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

### **Age 12-14:**

- ~ Sunday-Thursday: 10:00p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- ~ Friday-Saturday: 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

### **Age 15-17:**

- ~ Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- ~ Friday-Saturday: 12:01 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

**Parents / Guardians:** It is illegal for a parent or guardian to knowingly, or through negligent supervision, permit a juvenile to be in any public place or establishment within the city during curfew hours.

## Distracted Driving—Minnesota’s “No Texting Law”



### **Extra enforcement results in a significant jump in citations for texting and driving.**

Minnesota law enforcement officers cited 909 drivers statewide for texting and driving from April 13 – 18 (6 days). This compares to 550 drivers cited over a 10 day enforcement period last April. More than 300 law enforcement agencies across Minnesota participated in the campaign conducted by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety.

### **Minnesota’s “No Texting” Law:**

In Minnesota, it is illegal for drivers to read, compose or send texts and emails, as well as access the web while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. This includes sitting at a stoplight or stopped in traffic. It also is illegal for drivers with a permit or provisional driver’s license to use a cell phone while driving, except for emergencies to call 911.

### **Texting-While-Driving Citations:**

- ~ 2010 – 847
- ~ 2011 – 1,270
- ~ 2012 – 1,718

- ~ 2013 – 2,189
- ~ 2014 – 3,200

### **Tips To Make the Right Choices:**

- ~ Cell phones — Put the phone down, turn it off or place it out of reach.
- ~ Music and other controls — Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.
- ~ Navigation— Map out the destination and enter the GPS route in advance.
- ~ Eating and drinking — Avoid messy foods and secure drinks.
- ~ Children — Teach children the importance of good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.
- ~ Passengers — Speak up to stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver’s attention off the road.

*Information provided from news release titled “Speak-up: Distracted Driving, A Cause For Concern” (April 24, 2015) by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS)*

## Lakeville Area Community Education

Enjoy Pilates and Yoga in Elko New Market this fall through Lakeville Area Community Education.

Yoga will be offered Tuesdays at the Elko New Market Library from Sept. 22 - Nov. 10 (not 10/6 and 10/13) from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Cost is \$45 for 6 sessions.

Join the Pilates class on Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30 at the Elko New Market Library. Sept. 21-Nov. 2. Cost is \$52/7 sessions.

Register for all at [www.isd194.ce.feepay.com](http://www.isd194.ce.feepay.com) or call (952)232-2150.



## New Prague Area Community Education

We would like to thank all of the volunteers, adults and children who made our summer program so successful this year. New Prague Area Community Education provided classes to over 600 individuals this summer in the Elko New Market community. Numerous others participated in New Prague, Cedar Lake Farms or other locations. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you in the months ahead. New Prague Area Community Education's fall catalog is chocked full of fun and interesting activities for the entire family.

Check out the following upcoming classes in Elko New Market:

- ~ Gentle Yoga (adults) – begins Sept. 14, 9:30am at the Library
- ~ Flag Football (gr. 2-5) – begins Sept. 15, 4-5pm EV fields
- ~ For the Love of Crafting (gr. K-5) – begins Sept. 15, 6:15-7:15pm EV Elementary
- ~ Children's Self Defense (ages 5-12) – begins Sept. 18, 3:45-4:30 EV Gym
- ~ LEGO Mania: Transportation Timeline (gr. K-5) – begins Oct. 1, 4-5pm EV Elementary

For full descriptions and to register for these classes and more, go online to [ce.isd721.org](http://ce.isd721.org) or call us at (952)758-1734.



## Rainscaping Practices

The following help capture and infiltrate stormwater, reducing your properties hydrologic footprint.

### Rain Gardens and Bioretention Cells

Install a rain garden or bioretention cell on your property and direct runoff to it. Both are depressional, garden-like features with amended soils.

### Restore Soil Quality

Improve your lawn's infiltration of rainwater. The soil in new turf areas requires deep tillage followed by compost, seed or sod. Aerate existing lawns, then top-dress with a thin layer of compost and grass seed.

### Native Landscaping

Plant deep-rooted native flowers and grasses in your yard. Convert large areas of lawn to prairie. Consider native turf that requires minimal mowing, watering and fertilizing.

### Rainwater Harvesting

Purchase a rain barrel to capture and reuse rainwater for watering and irrigation.



Rain barrel.



A two-tiered rain garden.

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**FREE Internet Safety Seminar**

This is a FREE seminar for young people and their parents on the dangers of the Internet. A speaker from the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Internet Crimes Against Children along with the Chief of Police, Steve Mortenson will lead this class.

Class will be held on Thursday, September 17 - 6:30 p.m. at the Elko New Market Library Community Room located at 110 J. Roberts Way in Elko New Market.

To register online, go to <http://ENMChamber.org>.

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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

**August 2015 Calendar**

|    |                                 |         |
|----|---------------------------------|---------|
| 11 | Parks Commission                | 4:00 pm |
| 11 | Planning Commission—Rescheduled | 7:00 pm |
| 13 | City Council Work Session       | 6:30 pm |
|    | City Council Business Meeting   | 7:30 pm |
| 27 | City Council Work Session       | 6:30 pm |
|    | City Council Business Meeting   | 7:30 pm |

**September 2015 Calendar**

|    |                               |                     |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | Planning Commission           | 7:00 pm             |
| 7  | Labor Day                     | City Offices Closed |
| 8  | Parks Commission              | 4:00 pm             |
| 10 | City Council Work Session     | 6:30 pm             |
|    | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm             |
| 24 | City Council Work Session     | 6:30 pm             |
|    | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm             |

*(All meetings are subject to change.)*

**2015 Community Events**

**2015 Event Schedule**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Night to Unite          | August 4     |
| Internet Safety Seminar | September 17 |
| State of the City       | September 29 |
| 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.

