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Planning Commission Seeks to Fill Vacancy

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community? Are you interested in the future growth and development in the City of Elko New Market?

Due to the recent resignation of Planning Commissioner Kent Hartzler, the Elko New Market Planning Commission is looking for a dedicated person to fill a vacancy on the Commission. The new member would be appointed by the Elko New Market City Council to complete a mid-term appointment ending March 31, 2020.

The Elko New Market Planning Commission is made up of five residents appointed by the City Council. Among the Commission's responsibilities are to discuss and make

recommendations to the City Council on zoning, subdivisions, building, land use development and comprehensive plans.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December.

The Planning Commission Application Forms are available on the City Website at www.ci.enm.mn.us under Employment.

Applications must be received at Elko New Market City Offices by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

More information on the Planning Commission can be found on the City Website under City Government, or by calling City Offices at (952) 461-2777.

2018 Fire Rescue Days—Official Sponsor is Elko Speedway

It is that time of year again! Hopefully, everyone has marked their calendars for the upcoming annual Fire Rescue Days celebration!

Details are still being finalized, but below is a tentative list of activities.

Wednesday, June 20th

- Hope for the Community Food Shelf—Wagner Park

Thursday, June 21st

- Family Fun Night Event—Mad Science, begins at 6:30 p.m. at Wagner Park

Friday, June 22nd

- ENM Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament—starts at 10:00 a.m.
- N.E.W. Lions Steak Dinner—450 Main Street from 5-8 p.m.
- Live Pro Wrestling Event—Doublewide Parking Lot, at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 23rd

- Don Quixote 1K & 5K Runs—7:30 a.m. at Police Station (26518 France Avenue)
- Beer Garden & Karaoke Dave—450 Main Street
- Fire Rescue Days Community Parade—begins at 1:00 p.m.
- Games & Activities at Wagner Park following the parade.
- NASCAR Racing at Elko Speedway—Gates open at 5:00 p.m.
- ENM Fire Relief Street Dance & Silent Auction—2 Live Bands

Sunday, June 24th

- Troop 325 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast—8:00 a.m.-Noon at Wagner Park
- Church Service—10:00 a.m. at Wagner Park

Watch the City Website at www.ci.enm.mn.us for more details as they become available.



PLAY BALL! Free Minnesota Twins Youth Clinic

When: Saturday, May 26, 2018
 Where: Fredrickson Field
 26520 France Avenue
 Elko New Market, MN 55020
 Cost: Free of Charge

The Minnesota Twins Youth Baseball/Softball Clinic will take place in Elko New Market on Saturday, May 26, 2018, at Fredrickson Field - Home of the Elko Express Baseball Club - for boys and girls ages 6-13. In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be relocated to the Elko New Market Fire Station.

Presented in partnership with Great River Energy, the Play Ball! Minnesota Youth Clinics program provides boys and girls with the opportunity to enhance their skills and have fun,

while also hearing positive messages.

The Clinic is divided into two 90-minute sessions, and provides quality and fun instruction for boys and girls ages 6 to 13.

Session 1	Session 2
Boys & Girls Ages 6-9 10:00-11:30 a.m.	Boys & Girls Ages 10-13 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The clinic focuses on enhancing baseball and softball skills - hitting, fielding, and throwing.

Parents are encouraged to participate with their children! For more information, please visit <http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/min/play-ball-minnesota/programs/youth-clinics/> or call (800)33-TWINS.



Annual Spring Clean-Up

When: Saturday, June 9, 2018
 Time: 8:00-11:30 a.m.
 Where: Elko New Market City Hall
 601 Main Street
 Elko New Market, MN 55054
 Who: Open to residents of the City of Elko New Market & New Market Township

Partial list of things you can bring for disposal:

- Furniture (including mattresses and box springs)
- Household items including housewares, toys, clothing and bedding
- Scrap metal
- Household appliances: air conditioners, refrigerators, microwave ovens, etc.
- Tires with or without rims
- Consumer electronics: computers, monitors, peripherals (keyboards, mice speakers, etc.), printers, cell phones, TV's, DVD/VCR players and fax machines

Items not accepted include: Tractor tires, propane tanks, hazardous waste, construction debris, and yard waste

Fees:

- \$20/consumer electronic device
- \$35/carload
- \$45/pickup or trailer (8' or less)

- \$5/tire
- No fee for lead acid batteries.

The Minnesota Swampbucks 4x4 Club will be taking the following types of batteries free of charge:

- Automotive
- Motorcycle
- Implement (lead acid batteries)

Free Yard Clean-Up

In conjunction with Spring Clean-Up, the City will be doing a FREE pick-up of the following:

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Branches (3' lengths bundled)

Please use compostable brown paper bags for leaves and grass clippings. Please, NO PLASTIC BAGS.

NEW CHANGE THIS YEAR! Yard waste will be picked up by your specific garbage hauler on your regularly scheduled pick-up day the week of June 4, 2018. Bags must be curbside by 7:00 a.m.

See City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us for details. Call the City of Elko New Market at (952) 461-2777 with any questions.

2018 Community Picnic

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Community Picnic to be held on Saturday, August 18th at Wagner Park from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tentative activities include face-painting, balloon twisting, and bouncy houses.

Food and beverages will be provided.

Watch for details on the City Website at

www.ci.enm.mn.us.

10th Annual Night to Unite

Join neighbors across Elko New Market on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018** for the 10th Annual Night to Unite in Minnesota. Sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, AAA of Minnesota/Iowa, and local law enforcement agencies, Night to Unite will celebrate and strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships.

Night to Unite is designed to:

1. Get to know one another in your neighborhood.
2. Build neighborhood involvement by bringing police and communities together; and
3. Bring awareness to crime prevention and local police department efforts.

Chief Steve Mortenson said, "I invite neighborhoods in Elko New Market to become

involved in Night to Unite Activities. This is an opportunity for neighborhoods and the community to band together, enjoy a summer evening getting to know their neighbors and police officers as well as who belongs in their neighborhoods."

If you would like to sponsor a neighborhood gathering in your neighborhood and have a visit from local police department, fire department, paramedics, mayor/councilmembers and/or city staff, please go to the City's website at www.ci.enm.mn.us and look for "Night to Unite" under the Events tab for online registration.

To add to the fun, this year's Night to Unite event will include an appearance by "Dazzling Dave" the Yo-Yo Master!

If you have any questions, please call City Offices at (952) 461-2777.



2018 Summer FREE Family Fun Nights at Wagner Park

Brought to you by the Elko New Market Parks Commission, FREE Family Fun Nights are back this summer for the 6th year!

When: Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Park (121 Todd Street)

The lineup of events has been finalized and can be found below.

2018 EVENTS

Thursday, June 21st

Mad Science

This spectacular event depends on the weather. It may be a foundation of sticky soda or an avalanche of bubbles. Whatever happens, it is bound to be messy!

Thursday, June 28th

Movie—"Boss Baby"

Safety Demo by Elko New Market PD

Join ENM Police Officers and learn important summer safety tips in a fun & friendly family way. Great for kids of all ages!

Inflatable Water Slides

Thursday, July 12th

Reptile & Amphibian Discovery (RAD) Zoo

Back by popular demand! Visit with your

favorite fascinating reptiles and possibly meet some new amphibian friends. We offer an opportunity for our audience to touch some of the animals in a controlled setting, after which we provide hand sanitizer.

Thursday, July 19th

The Big Fun Show

Our Elko New Market families loved it this winter, and they asked for a summer edition. With a mix of comedy, juggling, magic and audience interaction, we guarantee you'll be laughing. Don't miss this one!

Thursday, July 26th

Pony Party Express

Come and give the ponies a carrot and a pet. If you're feeling up to it, take a safe gentle pony ride! Children 10 years of age and younger please.

Thursday, August 2nd

Como Zoo: Let's Get Buggy!

There are so many bugs in our world and they all look so different! In this program students will sort bugs into different categories and learn how they change throughout their lives. Students will get an up close view of some of Como's bugs to help them explore these ideas.



BORN LEADER





Water Restrictions

With summer upon us, please remember the City of Elko New Market does have city code regarding the watering of lawns.

9-1-10: CONSERVATION AND EMERGENCY MEASURES:

A. Conservation Measures:

1. Odd/Even Restriction: Use of the city water supply system for lawn or garden sprinkling or other irrigation shall be limited to an odd/even schedule corresponding to the property address effective each year from May 1 to September 30. Lawn or garden sprinkling or other irrigation is not permitted between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) p.m.

2. Exception: The watering of new seed or sod for a period of two (2) weeks from the date of

seeding or sodding shall be excepted from the odd/even water use restrictions provided under subsection A1 of this section, but not the restriction on hours of sprinkling or irrigation. This exception for seeded or sodded areas shall not apply to previously established areas of the same lot.

B. Emergency Restrictions: Whenever the city council determines it in the public interest, the city council may, by resolution, further limit the use, times and hours during which water may be used from the city water supply system by giving notice by publication or by posting in the city hall and at such public places as the city council may direct.

Water Conservation Tips

Residents should closely monitor their water usage to prevent high water bills. With the current water rates for 2018 (listed to the left), over irrigation or accidental water usage can be costly.

In the Home

- Check faucets and pipes for leaks: A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- Check your toilets for leaks: Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.
- Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks: Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.
- Take shorter showers: One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower while soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.

- Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads: Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation.

In the Yard & Garden

- Plant drought-resistant lawns, shrubs and plants: Many beautiful shrubs and plants thrive with far less watering than other species.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants: Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture while discouraging weed growth.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it: A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering. Letting the grass grow taller (to 3") will also promote water retention in the soil.

These are just a few simple and relatively inexpensive steps to conserve water and save your household money.

Water Usage Rates for 2018:

Tier 1 (0-10,000 gal):
~ \$3.41/1,000 gallons

Tier 2 (10,001-20,000 gal):
~ \$9.87/1,000 gallons

Tier 3 (20,001 gal +) :
~ \$19.74/1,000 gallons



Did You Know?

Blowing grass, leaves and other debris into the street is considered an "Illicit Discharge"

Improper dumping of yard waste in streets, storm drains, wetlands, and other water bodies pollutes surface waters. Yard waste includes any organic debris such as grass clippings, leaves, and tree branches.

Here are some simple steps you can take to carefully handle your grass clippings and help keep our water clean:

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn
- Direct grass clippings away from streets, driveways, sidewalks and other paved areas
- Sweep up grass clippings and return them to the lawn
- Set the lawn mower at a higher setting (over 2.5 inches), letting shorter blades fall back onto the lawn as natural fertilizer
- Sharpen mower blades every 1-3 years
- Mow when your lawn needs it, not on a fixed schedule
- Mix grass clippings with leaves and soil to

make a backyard compost pile

Leave your grass clippings on the lawn whenever possible.

Mulching reduces the size of grass clippings, thus increasing the rate at which they decompose. Mowing on a regular basis with a sharp mower blade produces clippings that decompose fairly quickly. They do not contribute to thatch build-up because when they decompose they become a valuable organic source of nutrients for grass plants. In fact, yearly nitrogen applications may be reduced by 1/3 to 1/2 when grass clippings are left on the lawn.

Contact your waste disposal company for compost pick up options that they have available for residents. Typically they have several options available for yard waste pick up during the growing season. Some have compost facilities where you can bring your yard waste. You can also use your own compost bin or pile to create rich gardening soil for next year.

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on Website

The City of Elko New Market is now posting the annual CCR Report on the City Website (Under: Departments/Public Works/Water)

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which can also be called an annual water quality report provides information on your local drinking water quality.

The link to the 2017 CCR is provided below.

http://www.ci.enm.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7B97941C7E-666C-4328-9370-1A15F984EEE3%7D/uploads/2017_CCR_Report.pdf

Lawn & Garden Care Tips

Erosion Control: Bare spots in your lawn and garden can cause soil and sediment to wash into storm drains and choke out natural vegetation and aquatic life.

Watering: Make sure sprinklers and hoses direct water onto the lawn and garden - not onto sidewalks and driveways, where water can pick up pollutants and sediments and carry them into storm sewers. If you choose to water your lawn to help keep it green, water it in the early morning so that the grass retains the moisture better. Lawns generally require about one inch of water per week, so use a rain gauge to determine how much (if any) extra watering you really need.



Turf Selection: Choosing the right grass can

make a big difference in the quality of your yard. In Minnesota, Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, fine fescues and tall fescue or mixtures of the four are good varieties for our region.

Fertilizers: Based on your soil test, use only the amount and type needed for your lawn and garden. Fall is the most effective time to fertilize a yard. Use only zero-phosphorus fertilizers.

Soil Testing: Use a soil test to determine what type of fertilizer or soil amendments are right for your lawn and garden. The University of Minnesota can run an inexpensive test on your soil to determine the right kind of fertilizer that is best for your yard.

Composting: Use grass clippings and leaves in a compost pile - the nutrients in the cut grass, when mixed with other organic materials such as leaves, help to form a beneficial compost which can improve soil quality in your lawn and garden.





Influence of Crime

When you witness a crime, it is your responsibility to report it to the Police Department. This is one of the ways we keep our community safe. Often people assume that if the crime seems minor or the damage can be repaired by insurance, they shouldn't bother the police.

Under reporting can affect crime statistics. Not reporting a crime always gives the impression that it is acceptable to break the law. To report a crime or suspected crime - call 9-1-1.

The Neighborhood Watch program and other crime prevention efforts have an impact on crime. If citizens are kept informed about crime trends and prevention measures, and if they are comfortable calling the police when they see something suspicious, crimes are prevented.

What is suspicious?

Anything that seems out of the ordinary to you - follow your instincts.

Listen to Your Inner Voice-

"We intuitively evaluate people all the time, quite attentively but they only get our conscious attention when there is reason. Thus, when something does call out to us, we ought to pay attention. For many people, that is a muscle that they do not exercise." Gavin DeBecker - The Gift of Fear

Crimes of Opportunity

With summer approaching, many of us turn to outdoor activities. Many days we don't go inside our house until after dark forgetting to lock doors to vehicles parked outside and closing our garage door.

Help protect yourself from becoming a victim of a "Crime of Opportunity" by following these tips.

- ◇ KEEP valuables inside
- ◇ ALWAYS lock your car doors
- ◇ NEVER leave garage door openers, GPS units, iPods, radar detectors, or other items of value in your car
- ◇ NEVER leave wallets, purses, credit cards, or checkbooks in your vehicle

The Power of Observation

What you observe is of great importance because the police can't be everywhere at once. If what you are observing is suspicious to you, then it is very important that you call 9-1-1 immediately.

What if you interrupt or witness a crime?

- ⇒ Stay Calm
- ⇒ Get yourself to a position of safety
- ⇒ Evaluate the situation - observe what's happening
- ⇒ Call 911 - stay on the phone with the dispatcher
- ⇒ Give the following information:
 - direction of travel
 - suspect info (height, weight, age, race, clothing)
 - vehicle description (license #, color, make)

Chief Steve Mortenson
Elko New Market Police Department

- ◇ NEVER leave keys in your vehicle
- ◇ ALWAYS close and lock garage doors
- ◇ Use outside security lighting at night
- ◇ Report SUSPICIOUS activity... DIAL 911
 * If you THINK it's SUSPICIOUS CALL!
- ◇ HELPFUL information: descriptions of people, height, weight, clothing, vehicle description, and anything you observed.



Lakeville Community Education Class in Elko New Market

Clay Studio-Foodie Creations

Ages 6-12

Create adorable food and treats out of clay! Perfect for display or pretend play! Make your own hotdog and chips on a real plate, sculpt a 4 layer cake with icing and real sprinkles! Add your own creativity to donuts, candy, and other awesome projects! Work with paint, clay glitter and jewels! Take home 1-2 creations each day! Messy to make but fun to create!

Class #584-445
Monday July 16th - Thursday July 19th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wagner Park: Shelter—121 Todd Street

\$129/4 sessions

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.



Keep our Community Clean

The City of Elko New Market wants to remind residents to keep their properties neat, clean and tidy. Keep Elko New Market looking nice!

Below are just a few City Code requirements residents need to be reminded of:

Vehicle Violations

- **Parking:** All vehicles must be parked on driveways or in garages. No vehicles may be parked on the lawn, even if in a fenced back yard.
- **Abandoned vehicles:** All vehicles parked outside must be currently licensed and operable. Vehicles without license plates or current tabs and vehicles on blocks are not permitted. Such vehicles may not be parked in back yards, even if fenced. Store unlicensed or inoperable vehicles in a garage.
- **Recreational vehicles (includes certain campers, trailers and boats):** No more than three recreational vehicles are permissible on residential property. Screening must be provided to the height of the recreational vehicle or six feet (6'), whichever is less. (*Some exceptions exist for screening during summer months.*) Recreational vehicles must be stored on a hard, dust free surface.

Exterior Storage

- All materials and equipment must be stored within a building or fully screened so as not to be visible from adjoining properties, except for the following: laundry drying, construction and landscaping materials and equipment currently (within a period of 36 hours) being used on the premises.

Refuse/Garbage

- All waste material, debris, refuse, or garbage must be kept in an enclosed building or properly contained in a closed container designed for such purposes. All dumpsters, garbage containers, or refuse bins that are stored outside must be screened from view. Acceptable methods of screening include enclosures made of wood fencing material or brick. Gates and doors which allow access to the refuse containers must have a latching mechanism which keeps it closed/locked when not in use.



Tall Grass and Weeds

- All property owners are responsible for the removal, cutting, or disposal and elimination of weeds or other uncontrolled plant growth on their property, which is in excess of 12 inches (12") in height.

If you have any questions regarding any of these items, please call City Offices at (952) 461-2777.

City Facebook Page

Did you know that the City of Elko New Market has an active Facebook page?

This is a great place to get information on events and what is going on at City Hall.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Elko-New-Market-220828948350609/>

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Recorded City Council Meetings

The City of Elko New Market is now providing video recordings of the City Council Meetings on YouTube. Links are provided on the City Website at www.ci.enm.mn.us under Government/City Council.

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Postal Customer
Elko New Market, MN



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

May 2018 Calendar

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| 24 | City Council Work Session | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 28 | Memorial Day | City Offices Closed |
| 29 | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |

June 2018 Calendar

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| 12 | Parks Commission | 4:00 pm |
| 14 | City Council Work Session | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 26 | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |
| 28 | City Council Work Session | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm |

July 2018 Calendar

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| 4 | Independence Day | City Offices Closed |
| 10 | Parks Commission | 4:00 pm |
| 12 | City Council Work Session | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 26 | Economic Development Authority | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Business Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 31 | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |

2018 Community Events

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| 2018 Twins Youth Clinic | May 26 |
| Spring Clean-up | June 9 |
| Fire Rescue Days | June 21-24 |
| Night to Unite | August 7 |
| 2018 Community Picnic | August 18 |
| Halloween Party | October 27 |

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



(All meetings are subject to change.)