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Elko New Market Ranked as Minnesota's Safest City

The City of Elko New Market was recently announced as the safest city in Minnesota according to a 2021 report published by SafeWise, a residential security company.



The City of Elko New Market has been ranked as one of the top four safest cities in Minnesota for four years in a row.

Elko New Market was ranked as the safest city in Minnesota in 2018 and the 4th safest city in Minnesota in 2019 and 2020. Sage Singleton, Communications Manager with SafeWise, said “It’s pretty rare for a city to stay in the top 5 for multiple years in a row.” The continuous ranking of Elko New Market as one of the safest cities in Minnesota is one of the many

reasons Elko New Market is a great community to live in.

When asked about the City’s ranking, Chief of Police Brady Juell said, “I believe that the positive relationship between the community and the Police Department was a significant factor that contributed to the ranking.” Elko New Market has implemented a community values based policing philosophy that proactively engages the community to become involved with the Police Department and requests their assistance to help make the Police Department successful.

<http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-minnesota/>

Low Per Capita Spending Plus Quality Municipal Services Equals Value for Taxpayers

Based on the most recent comparative data from the Office of the State Auditor (2019 Fiscal Year), Elko New Market is among the most frugal cities in the State based on per capita spending and tax levy.

The Office of the State Auditor ranks expenditures and revenues on a per capita basis for reporting cities with populations over 2,500. Elko New Market ranked in the bottom 15 percent of the state in expenditures on a per capita basis and bottom 36 percent of the state in tax levy on a per capita basis.

In the most recent Community Survey (2018), Elko New Market ranked in the top 10 percent for quality and value of city services among suburban and exurban communities in the greater metro area. “The provision of public services without undue burden on the taxpayers of the City and value based policy

decisions are at the core of the City’s fiscal philosophy”, said Tom Terry, City Administrator.

For more information, links to referenced information are provided below:

Office of the State Auditor Comparison Tool - <https://www.osa.state.mn.us/reports-data-analysis/data/city-comparison-tool/>

2018 Community Survey - https://www.ci.enm.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7B97941C7E-666C-4328-9370-1A15F984EEE3%7D/uploads/2018_Elko_New_Market_Summary.pdf



City Wide Garage Sale—Register Online Now

The City of Elko New Market is having its annual City Wide Garage Sale on Thursday, May 20th through Saturday, May 22nd, 2021.

Online registration is now available at www.ci.enm.mn.us/events under “City Wide Garage Sale.”

The deadline for registering to host a garage sale is Friday, May 7, 2021.

COVID-19 Information/Guidelines are provided on the registration form. By registering to host a garage sale, hosts agree to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact City Offices at (952)461-2777 or email sfredrickson@ci.enm.mn.us.

Senior Utility Discount Program

Last fall, the Elko New Market City Council approved a Senior Utility Discount program for eligible seniors in the City limits.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The Applicant must be 65 years or older.
- The Applicant must own the residential premises subject to the utility fees.
- The residential premises must be the Applicant’s primary place of residence.
- The Applicant’s property taxes must be current.
- All City utility bills for the relevant property must be current, including water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer.

UTILITY FEES

Eligible applicants shall receive a 50% discount on water and sewer base fees for their residential premises.

APPLICATION

In order to receive the discount, applicants must complete the City application form and provide a copy of their driver’s license or other Minnesota state issued ID showing the primary address and submit it to the City of Elko New Market. The address on the identification must match the utility account service address.

The application form is available on the City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/cityforms under the “Utility” section and also at City Offices during business hours of 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

REMOVAL FROM PROGRAM

An Applicant will be removed from the Program if the Applicant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or is delinquent in payment of City utility bills or property taxes for a period of 90 days.

For more information , contact City Offices at (952) 461-2777 or email sfredrickson@ci.enm.mn.us.



Recreational Fire Permits



Recreational fires and commercial fire pits require an annual burning permit issued by the City. There is no charge for the permit, but a Recreational Fire Permit Application must be completed and submitted to the City for approval.

A recreational fire is an area of no more than a three foot (3’) diameter circle (measured from the inside of the fire ring or border).

Any fire that DOES NOT MEET the requirements of a recreational fire pit will be

required to obtain a General Open Burning Permit Application.

Open Burning Permit’s can be obtained by contacting Todd Friedges, the Elko New Market Fire Chief at (612)290-0430.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance may be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

If you have questions regarding this ordinance, please contact City Offices at (952)461-2777.

Special Use Vehicles: ATVs, UTVs, and Golf Carts

In the fall of 2019, the Elko New Market City Council adopted amendments to the Snowmobile and ATV Ordinance that allows Special Use Vehicles (i.e. ATVs, UTVs, and Golf Carts) to be driven on public streets within the city limits.

The ordinance does require owners of these vehicles to get a permit from the City. The permit fee is \$30 and requires proof of insurance for the vehicle. The ordinance also includes new age requirements for drivers of special use vehicles.

Other information to be noted is as follows:

- Snowmobiles do not need a permit, only ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts.
- Special use vehicles licensed and equipped to be driven as motor vehicles do not need a permit.
- People residing outside of the City limits can get a permit and would need to if

driving on public streets within the City limits.

- A separate application form needs to be completed (and fee paid) for each special use vehicle.
- All permits cover a three year period: January 1, 2020 to December 31 2022.
- The issued permit sticker should be placed on the front or driver’s side of the special use vehicle.

Residents are reminded to make sure to obtain a license for their special use vehicle, if they have not done so already.

Applications are available on our City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/cityforms or can be completed at City Hall.

If you have any questions about the regulation of special use vehicles call City offices at (952) 461-2777 or email hsevening@ci.enm.mn.us.



Common City Code Violations

The City would like to remind residents of common City Code violations:

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.

Inoperable Vehicles—All vehicles parked outside must be currently licensed and operable. Vehicles without license plates or current tabs and inoperable vehicles are not permitted to be parked outside. Please store unlicensed or inoperable vehicles in a garage.

Recreational Vehicles (and Trailers)—No more than three recreational vehicles, including trailers, are permissible on residential property unless stored in an enclosed building. Up to two recreational vehicles that comply with seasonal classifications (see classifications on the right) may be parked in the driveway. Recreational vehicles must be stored on a surface of concrete, bitumen, or pavers. Recreational vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the lawn.

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

In all zoning districts, all waste material, debris, refuse, or garbage shall be kept in an enclosed building or properly contained in a closed container designed for such purposes. For single-family and two family properties, all garbage containers or refuse bins not contained within an enclosed building shall be stored adjacent to the garage.

ELKO NEW MARKET CITY CODE

The City code can be found on our website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/ordinances.

For additional information about city codes, please contact City offices at (952)461-2777.

Periods of Seasonal Use

YEAR ROUND:

(January - December)

- All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- Dirt Bikes
- Dune Buggies
- Go-Karts
- Golf Carts
- Trailers
- Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs)

WARM WEATHER SEASON:

(April - November)

- Campers
- Motor Homes
- Motorized Watercrafts
- Cold Weather Season: (October - May)
- Ice or Fish Houses
- Snowmobiles



Do Not Flush Your Disposable Wipes

Disposable wipes — used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more — cause major problems when flushed down toilets.

Because they don't break down the way toilet paper does, these wipes clog homeowner and municipal sewer pipes, put stress on community wastewater collection and treatment equipment, and cause cities to spend thousands on premature equipment repair and replacement.

Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and grease, and create a "ball" that will grow to plug the pipe. They also get drawn into sewer-line and wastewater treatment plant pumps and clog and damage them. Municipalities must manually clear out pumps or remove clogs.

Although many brands of disposable wipes are labeled "flushable," don't flush them! The clogs and backups they cause may result in expensive plumbing bills for your home, or increased wastewater fees from your city.

The MPCA regulates many aspects of wastewater collection and treatment in Minnesota. Dealing with wipes-related

problems has absorbed more and more city resources as wipes use increases, and clogs and equipment problems proliferate. The resources wastewater facilities expend on wipes could be better spent on systems to improve water quality.

Put your wipes in the trash - it matters more than you realize!

WIPES VS. TOILET PAPER

Wipes do not break down the way toilet paper does. View the following video demonstration. <https://youtu.be/ysTa4iNd5RM>

Information in this article provided by: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/wipes>



3 Ways You Can Reduce Water Pollution this Spring!

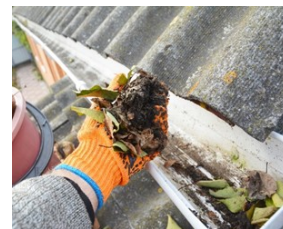
Keep Streets and Storm Drains Clear

Sweep up leaves, trash, and other debris to prevent storm drain clogs, which may result in flooding.



Check Your Gutters and Downspouts

Clean your gutters and redirect your downspouts away from your driveway and the street.



Take Your Vehicle to the Car Wash

Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash that can properly dispose of harmful runoff instead of washing it at home.



Police Department Cautions of Fraud/Scams

Every year the Elko New Market Police Department receives Dozens of fraud calls. Citizens report that they have either fallen for scams, someone attempted to scam them out of money, or steal their personal information.

Below is a list of common scams we and other agencies are seeing.:

CROSS-BORDER FRAUD

Cross-border fraud is a growing serious problem. With the Internet and cell phones, it is easy for victims to be targeted from anywhere in the world. Minnesotans lose over \$30 million to these scams annually. The most common cross-border frauds involve:

- Phony prize promotions
- Foreign lottery schemes
- Advance-fee loans
- Travel-offer scams
- Unnecessary credit card loss "protection"

Minnesota works closely with Canadian, Jamaican, British and other foreign authorities to shut down cross-border crimes. The following warning signs may keep you, a family member or friend from being victimized:

- Be wary of anything that promises large sums of money, such as sweepstakes or lottery winnings, in exchange for advance payment.
- Don't be pressured into making a decision about an offer. Check it out first.
- Be cautious about any business that tries to conceal their mailing address and phone number.

FOREIGN LOTTERY FRAUD

Playing a foreign lottery through the mail will pretty much guarantee that you will lose. Once you play, you'll be put on a list. And you can count on receiving more "chances" to play - and lose. Things to know about foreign lotteries:

- It's illegal. Federal law prohibits mailing lottery tickets, advertisements or payments to purchase tickets in a foreign lottery.
- Foreign lottery agents take your money and don't even buy the tickets.

- Scammers will tell you you've won and want to charge you a fee to collect non-existent winnings.
- Don't give out personal or financial information to anyone over the Internet or phone who tells you you've won — but need to pay taxes or a fee to collect your winnings.

SWEEPSTAKES AND PRIZE SCAMS

Every day, Minnesota consumers receive sweepstakes promotions by mail, phone or Internet. If you have to pay to play or pay to receive "winnings," the promotion is a scam. You never have to pay to enter a sweepstakes. That includes paying shipping and handling fees, taxes or buying a product to receive your "prize." Those sweepstakes that notify you by a postcard that you've won a free prize are run by con artists whose sole purpose is to rip you off. And that "free prize" could end up costing you thousands of dollars.

Here are some tips to evaluate the legitimacy of sweepstakes or other promotions:

- Rules and entry instructions for the promotion should be easy to find and understand. If you can't understand what you must do to be eligible, don't respond.
- You never have to pay to play when the contest is legitimate.
- No legitimate prize company asks for your credit card number, bank account information or social security number to declare you a winner.

Information provided is courtesy of LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com And the MN Department of Public Safety.



If you or a family member come into contact with someone who is trying to fraud you and you have questions, please call the Elko New Market Police Department through our dispatcher at (952)445-1411 or reach out to the contact information listed below.

Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota at (800)646-6222 or email ask@thefirstbbb.org.

AARP at 1-888-our-AARP or member@aarp.org.

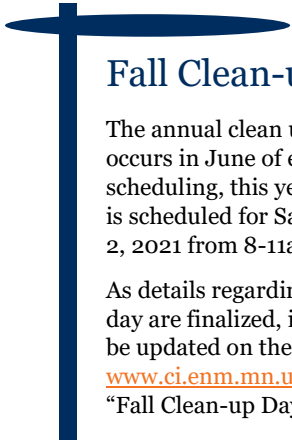
Minnesota Board on Aging-(800)333-2433 or www.minnesotahelp.info.

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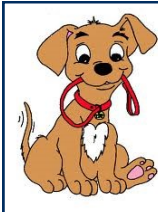


Fall Clean-up Day

The annual clean up day typically occurs in June of each year. Due to scheduling, this year's clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 8-11am.

As details regarding the clean-up day are finalized, information will be updated on the city website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/events under "Fall Clean-up Day."

*****ECRWSEDDM****
Postal Customer
Elko New Market, MN



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

May 2021 Calendar

12	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
13	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
25	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
27	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
31	Memorial Day	City Offices Closed

June 2021 Calendar

9	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
10	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
24	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
29	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

July 2021 Calendar

5	Independence Day Observed	City Offices Closed
8	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
14	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
22	EDA/Workshop City Council Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
27	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2021 Community Events

Tentatively Scheduled

City Wide Garage Sale	May 20-22
Fire Rescue Days	June 24-27
Night to Unite	August 3
Community Picnic	August 28
Fall Clean-up Day	October 2
Halloween Party	October 23

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

Social Media

Want more frequent information on all things Elko New Market? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Facebook: bit.ly/ENMfacebook
Twitter: bit.ly/ENMtwtter

