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2017 Annual Halloween Party



When: Saturday, October 28, 2017
 Where: Eagle View Elementary School
 25600 Nevada Ave, Elko New Market
 Times: Session I: 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 Session II: 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
 Cost: Pre-registered: \$3/Child
 (Deadline to pre-register is Oct 20th.)
 After Oct 20th: \$5/Child or \$20/family

Residents are requested to pre-register their children for this event. The deadline to pre-register is Friday, October 20th. Wristbands will be mailed out on Monday, October 23rd.

Children attending the party must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. In addition, a Food Allergy Disclaimer & Media Release Form must be signed for a child to attend the Halloween Party.

The registration form is inserted into this newsletter and is also available on the city's website at www.ci.enm.mn.us and at city hall located at 601 Main Street, Elko New Market.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Green at sgreen@ci.enm.mn.us or call (952) 461-2777.



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Public Meeting on Rowena Pond Park Improvements



The City of Elko New Market Parks Commission will be holding an Open Public Meeting on Thursday, October 26th at Elko New Market City Hall (601 Main Street) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, to review a proposed option for upgrading Rowena Pond Park.

The neighborhood and interested residents are invited to ask questions and make comments on the option during the meeting to assist the Parks Commission in making a final decision on upgrading the park.

Those who cannot make the Public Meeting will be given the opportunity to submit comments either in writing to Mark Nagel, Assistant City Administrator, PO Box 99, Elko New Market, MN, 55020 or by email to Mark Nagel at mnagel@ci.enm.mn.us. Questions regarding the Public Meeting can be referred to Mark Nagel at (952)461-2777.



Halloween Safety Tips for Kids

COSTUMES:

My costume is short and snug: Baggy sleeves, big capes, puffy skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candle flames.

My shoes fit: Big Floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes) that are hard to walk in may make you fall.

My costume props are flexible: Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of flexible plastic or rubber.

The eyeholes in my mask are wide enough: Make sure if you wear a mask that it fits you properly and the eye-holes allow you to see fully. Don't wear a mask that is too loose; it can slop and block your vision. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask. Make-up is a better option over masks.

STREETS:

Drivers can see my costume in the dark: Be original with a glow in the dark costume by attaching some reflective tape and stickers. Attach glow sticks to your costume.

I'm trick or treating in a group: Don't go it alone while trick or treating. Kids, if you're under age 13, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go with buddies.

I cross the streets at crosswalks and intersections: Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing, and don't cross between parked cars! Remember, never step into the street without looking to see if a vehicle is coming.

TREATS:

I make sure my parents check my treats before I eat them: Pick only wrapped candy when you trick or treat. Ask your parents to check all treats to make sure they are safe.

BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!

Chief Steve Mortenson

Delinquent Utility Bills to be Certified to Property

The City of Elko New Market would like to remind residents that all unpaid delinquent utility bills are certified once a year to Scott County to be collected with property taxes.

Letters were sent to property owners on October 2, 2017 with delinquent utility balances on their accounts. This letter informed property owners of the full amount that is pending certification to property taxes. If full payment of the delinquent

utility bill is not received at City Offices by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017, the City will certify the outstanding balance to Scott County.

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



Wagner Park Skate Park Hours Changing

The Wagner Park Skate Park will close during the weekdays beginning Monday, October 16th. It will be open on weekends through Sunday, November 5th and will close for the winter on Monday, November 6th, which coincides with

the change in Daylight Savings Time.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Nagel at (952)461-2777 or email mnagel@ci.enm.mn.us.

Did You Know?

Grass clippings and leaf litter are stormwater pollutants.

Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. When you blow your lawn waste into the street it can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues. Storm drains are not connected to the wastewater treatment plant. There is no treatment to remove the debris from the water before it reaches nearby lakes, streams, or wetland.

Why are grass clippings and leaf litter harmful? As this waste breaks down in our local waterways, it adds excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus to the water. This leads to unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and native and non-native aquatic weeds.

What is so bad about algae? Algae will naturally occur in lakes and ponds, but excess nutrients can lead to high levels of algae growth. Apart from looking unsightly, excessive algae blooms can block out sunlight and deplete the oxygen level in the water, which can lead to fish kills.

What can you do to protect water quality while keeping your yard maintained?

- ◆ Mow your lawn often enough so no more than one-third the length of the grass is removed. Taller grass has deeper roots - that prevents soil loss & helps the rain soak into the ground.
- ◆ Leave the clippings on the lawn or compost them. Be sure to sweep or blow clippings off paved surfaces and back onto the lawn. Intentionally blowing or placing lawn waste in the street is a violation of the City's Ordinance which deals with illicit discharges to the storm sewer system.
- ◆ Fertilize only when necessary, or not at all if it might rain in the next day or two.
- ◆ Clean up after your pets. Scoop up pet waste and put it in the trash.
- ◆ Only use dry cleanup methods (broom and dustpan or absorbent chemicals or fuels); **never hose a spill into a storm drain!**



Home Repair & Water Quality

Home improvement projects are important for increasing the value and the lifespan of homes. These same projects can have adverse effects on water quality beyond the home. Before beginning your next house project stop to think about what affects you might be having on the waters around you, and how you can eliminate the negative effects to create a healthier home and a healthier environment.

Many home improvement projects involve materials and products such as concrete, mortar, paints, solvents and cleaners that can pollute surrounding bodies of water. These materials are essential to projects, but they must be treated with care to help keep waterways clean.

Ways to help:

- Before beginning your project locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from

debris and other materials

- Sweep up your debris and dispose of it properly in lined trash cans
- Limit hazardous substances like paints, solvents and cleaners to the smallest amount possible
- Immediately clean up any spills
- Store hazardous substances in a secure location where they will not leak or spill
- Clean paint brushes in a sink instead of outside
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products whenever possible



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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

October 2017 Calendar

5	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
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

November 2017 Calendar

2	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
9	City Council Work Session—Rescheduled	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
10	Veteran’s Day	City Offices Closed
14	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
23	Thanksgiving Day Holiday	City Offices Closed
24	Day After Thanksgiving Holiday	City Offices Closed

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2017 Community Events

2017 Event Schedule

Halloween Party October 28

2018 Community Events

Tentative Schedule of 2018 Events

Egg Hunt	March 24
City Wide Garage Sale	May 17-19
Spring Clean-up	June 9
Fire Rescue Days	June 21-24
Night to Unite	August 7

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

