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Shop with a Cop... A Huge Success!

The Elko New Market Police Department participated in their first “Shop with a Cop” program this year.

What is Shop with a Cop? The purpose of the event is to foster positive relationships between youth and officers. Young kids are selected each year during the end-of-the-year holiday season to shop at one of the local area stores to purchase gifts for themselves or members of their immediate family. Each child is given a small amount of money to spend, normally \$50-\$100 depending on the size of the child's immediate family. Approximately 1-2 children are assigned to each police personnel, who then escorts them and family members around

the store and assists in selecting appropriate gifts for themselves or each family member.

On Tuesday, December 22, Officers from the Elko New Market Police Department accompanied four children while they did their shopping at the Walmart Store in Lakeville. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

The Elko New Market Police Department would like to thank all of the residents and business owners who donated to this program. Without your help, this program would not be possible!

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1st Annual Elko New Market Christmas Tree Lighting

On December 5, 2015 the Elko New Market Chamber of Commerce, along with assistance from the City of Elko New Market, held their first Community Christmas Tree Lighting Event. The family-friendly event was held on the New Market Bank property located next to Firehouse Grille.

Included along with the tree lighting were activities, games, beverages and singing making the event a success for all ages.



Elko New Market Mayor Bob Crawford performed the ceremonial lighting of the tree. Approximately 300 people were in attendance at this event and from all accounts everyone had a great time. The Chamber plans to host this event each year.





Using Water Conservation to Control Impact of Water Rate Increases

City water customer residents are reminded that water availability rates will increase on January 1, 2016 to help finance the new water treatment facility. (A summary of the utility rate increases is provided on the left.) The facility will be going on line in January. Water should be improving in the first months of 2016 as the rusty water moves through the system and the rust-free water replaces it. Customers will recall that conservation rates were increased in 2015 to promote conservation; however, they too will be increased again in 2016.

Summary of Utility Rate Increases for 2016:		
	2015	2016
Water Base: (Monthly fee)	\$11.35	\$34.00
Water Usage:		
Tier 1 (0-10,000 gal)	\$2.42	\$3.15
Tier 2 (10,001-20,000 gal)	\$7.02	\$9.13
Tier 3 (20,001 gal +)	\$14.04	\$18.25
Sewer Base: (Monthly fee)	\$17.21	\$17.55
Sewer Usage: (per 1,000 gal)	\$4.72	\$4.82
Storm Water: (Monthly fee)	\$7.30	\$9.90

It will be more important than ever for customers to be aware of their water use, especially accidental use or excessive irrigation. Wasting water will be more costly than ever. Did you know that leaving an open tap, leaky toilet, or irrigation leak run at 1 gallon per minute for an entire month would result in an extra 43,200 gallons of water used? At the new rates, this accidental use would add at least \$487.80 to your bill (on top of your other use and availability charges).

If you place a gallon container in your sink and run the faucet wide open it will take around 30 seconds to fill it at most homes. This is about two gallons per minute, so a 1 gallon per minute leak is pretty substantial, and pretty rare – but they do happen. At the same time, a leak of this size should be noticeable. Here are some tips based on the experience of our Public Works staff to avoid accidental overuse of water:

- ◆ Make a habit of listening to the toilet after a flush – wait for it to stop running! A common problem is the flapper valve getting hung up so the tank doesn't fill, but the system keeps trying to fill it. It is often easy to clear by lifting off the tank lid and jiggling the chain and/or flapper until it drops into place. If it doesn't stop, there should be a valve on the water line behind the toilet. Close it and have the toilet repaired. If flapper valve hang-ups happen often you will save money by having the problem corrected. Ask your family to let you know if they hear what sounds like water running. Listen for water running when you are home. If you can't readily explain it, find the source of the sound.

- ◆ Have your water softener serviced on a regular basis to ensure that it is regenerating properly and not too often or too long. This will also save you money on salt.
- ◆ If you notice a wet spot in your lawn check to see that the sprinkler system isn't leaking. You can observe the water meter with all faucets turned off – if the needle is spinning, there is water being wasted somewhere. Turn off the valve to the irrigation system and see if the spinning needle in the meter stops.
- ◆ Call the City at (952)461-2777 for assistance in shutting off water as soon as possible if a leak is noticed. If City Hall is closed, call 911. Emergency dispatch can assist in getting help to you. This will minimize usage until the leak can be repaired.

The City is aware that accidents happen; however, it also must continue to supply the water when they do. Water use - even accidental - is charged to customers. The best approach is to prevent or minimize accidental use.

Another cause of high bills is overwatering of lawns and gardens. A recommendation from Sam Bauer at the U of M extension office related to irrigation use is to turn off the irrigation system's auto mode and operate the system manually. Most persons are more likely to only water when and in the amounts needed when manually irrigating. They also save money in the process. For more information on maintaining turf and gardens while conserving water we suggest research online, especially at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/turfgrass/>.

Helpful Links:

The Met Council Toolbox: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Planning/Water-Supply-Planning/Water-Conservation/Toolbox/Residents.aspx>

U of M Extension Office: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/landscaping/maint/watering.htm>

Watering tips from MPCA: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/watering-tips-your-lawn-and-garden>



Lakeville Area Community Education

The Winter Spring Community Education catalog will be delivered to mail boxes January 5 -7. Classes in Elko New Market will have the logo (seen at the bottom of this article) next to the class making it easy to see which are in your community.

Pilates in Elko New Market

Develop core strength and flexibility with a concentration on upper body, core, hips, thighs and buns. Mondays Jan. 11-Feb. 29 (not Feb.

15) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Yoga in Elko New Market

Improve flexibility, strength, balance and endurance on Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Elko New Market Library.

Register for these classes and more at www.isd194.ce.feepay.com or call (952) 232-2152.

Look for this logo....



New Prague Area Community Education—January Update

The weather outside may be frightful, but in Community Education, it's so delightful! Get your blood pumping or creativity flowing with these classes happening at Eagle View Elementary (unless noted) during the month of January.

Youth

Kids Can Cook (Gr.2-5) | Parent and Me Zumba (ages 10+ w/ parent) | Masters on Canvas (Gr.K-5) | Grandmasters of Chess (Gr. K-5) | Junior Basketball (Gr.K-5) | Fencing (Gr.2-5) | Extreme LEGOs: Clowns and Cranes (Gr. K-3) | Open Gym (Gr.K-5) | Dinosaur Fun (Gr.K-8) | Art Extravaganza (Gr.K-5)

Adults

January Boot Camp | Gentle Yoga (Library) | Aromatouch Hand Massage | Just Once Guitar for Busy People | Wellness with Essential Oils | Hall Walking | Open Basketball

Don't miss out on the fun, register today! You will find a full listing with details for of all of these classes and more in the New Prague Area Community Education catalog or online at ce.np.k12.mn.us or give us a call at (952)758-1734.



Shop with a Cop... A Huge Success!

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A special thank you goes out to the Elko New Market Chamber of Commerce who assisted the Police Department with the coordination and fundraising of this year's event.



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**“March Madness”
Family Night Events at Library
(Winter Series)**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for all of the Thursday's in March. Join friends and family for fun events at the Elko New Market Library. All events begin at 6:00 p.m. See the list of scheduled events below.

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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

January 2016 Calendar

1	New Years Day	City Offices Closed
5	Planning Commission	Cancelled
12	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
14	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	City Offices Closed
28	Economic Development Authority	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm

February 2016 Calendar

2	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
9	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
11	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
15	Presidents Day	City Offices Closed
25	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2016 Community Events

2016 Tentative Event Schedule

Egg Hunt	March 19
City Wide Garage Sales	May 19—21
Spring Clean Up	June 4
Fire Rescue Days	June 23—26
Night to Unite	August 2
Halloween Party	October 29

2016 March Madness

*Free Family Nights at the Library—Winter Series
All events begin at 6:00 pm at ENM Library.*

March 3	Minions (movie)
March 10	U of MN Raptor Center
March 17	Inside Out (movie)
March 24	Minnesota Zoomobile
March 31	Monsters University (movie)

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

