

# MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER



## **ELKO NEW MARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS COMMUNITY “POINT OF IMPACT” TEEN DRIVING PROGRAM**

On April 24, 2014, the Elko New Market Police Department in cooperation with the Elko New Market Chamber of Commerce sponsored the first Point of Impact – Teen Driving Program at the Scott County Library – Community Room, located in Elko New Market.

Traffic crashes are the leading killer of Minnesota teens. The information provided, which was from a power point program designed by the MN Department of Public Safety/Office of Traffic Safety, was intended to educate parent and teen drivers on laws pertaining to MN provisional drivers license and safety tips in hopes to minimize these tragedies in our community. The program was presented by Police Chief Steve Mortenson and Bill Hammes, the metropolitan area law enforcement liaison from the Office of Traffic Safety. Part of the program featured a video, narrated by the MN State Patrol that showed the impact to families throughout the state whose lives had been changed by bad decisions made by teen drivers.

There were 53 residents in attendance and many of them afterward commented on how much they learned and the valuable information they obtained from this program. Bill Hammes stated, “This is a program that the MN Department of Public Safety/Office of Traffic Safety feels is very important to get out into the communities throughout MN. The Elko New Market Police Department is one of the first police department’s to sponsor such a program.”



“We’re hoping that this program provided valuable information for our parents and teen drivers. Sponsoring meetings of this nature is consistent with our mission of delivering Community Value Based Police Service and our Community Oriented Local Government philosophy of Community Involvement,” stated Chief Mortenson.

A special thank you to the Elko New Market Chamber of Commerce and our other sponsors, Tim Sadusky – Farmers Insurance Agent and Melissa Kreuser – American Family Insurance Agent for providing the pizza and beverages.

## **CITY COUNCIL SEEKS TO FILL VACANCY**

Councilmember Denise Schneider has submitted her resignation from the Elko New Market City Council effective May 31, 2014 due to other commitments. The City Council must appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilmember Schneider. The individual appointed will fill Councilmember Schneider’s seat on the Council until the position is placed on the ballot for the General Election held on November 4, 2014 and the elected official is sworn in. At that time, the elected councilmember will fulfill the remainder of Councilmember Schneider’s four year term which expires December 31, 2016.

The City Council is seeking applications from interested, qualified individuals for consideration for appointment to the vacant position. Interested individuals may obtain an application, after May 2, 2014, on the City’s website at [www.ci.enm.mn.us](http://www.ci.enm.mn.us) under Employment or at City Hall during regular business hours. Application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on May 22, 2014. Eligible candidates must be: an eligible voter, have no other affidavit on file as a candidate, 21 years of age or more, a US Citizen, and resident of the City of Elko New Market.

Councilmember Schneider was elected to the City Council in 2008 and re-elected for a second four year term in 2012. While serving on the City Council, Councilmember Schneider has served on the Economic Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, Elko New Market Fire Relief Board Representative, Administrative Review Board and the Community and Civic Events Committee.

Questions regarding the vacancy or the position may be directed to the City Administrator at (952) 461-2777 or email at [tterry@ci.enm.mn.us](mailto:tterry@ci.enm.mn.us).

**PAY ATTENTION!**  
**ONE-IN-FOUR CRASHES BLAMED ON DRIVER DISTRACTION**



According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety:

- There have been more than 86,000 crashes attributed to distracted driving during 2009-2013, translating to 25% of all crashes in those five years.
- On average, distracted driving accounts for approximately 60 fatalities and 8,000 injuries annually.
- In 2013, inattention was the contributing factor in 17,598 crashes (23% of all crashes), 68 fatalities and 8,038 injuries.

**Minnesota's "No Texting" Law**

In Minnesota, it is illegal for drivers to read, compose or send texts/emails, as well as access the web on a wireless device while the vehicle is in motion or part of traffic – including at a stoplight/stop sign or stopped in traffic. It also is illegal for drivers under age 18 to use a cell phone at any time.

Minnesota's "no texting" law was enacted in August 2008 and citations have increased each year statewide:

- 2009 — 388 | 2010 — 847 | 2011 — 1,270 | 2012 — 1,718 | 2013 — 2,189

Driver distractions go beyond texting. Daydreaming/taking mind off driving, reaching for items, manipulating radio/music/vehicle controls, eating/drinking, dealing with rowdy passengers and grooming all can be driver distractions.

Please concentrate on driving! We want everyone out there to be safe!! Chief Steve Mortenson

**SPRING CLEAN-UP**

The annual Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Elko New Market Area Hall located at 601 Main Street, Elko New Market.

The Spring Clean-up is open to the City of Elko New Market and New Market Township residents.

**Things you can bring include:**

- Furniture (including mattresses and box springs)
- Household items including house wares, toys, clothing, bedding
- Scrap Metal
- Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Microwave Ovens, other Household Appliances
- Tires with or without rims (NO tractor tires are allowed)
- Consumer Electronics: computers, computer monitors, peripherals (keyboards, mice, speakers, etc.), printers, cell phones, DVD/VCR players, fax machines, TV's
- ABSOLUTELY NO PROPANE TANKS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE (i.e. used motor oil, paints, etc.). CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS OR YARD WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



**Fees:**

- \$20/consumer electronic device
- \$30/car load
- \$40/pickup or trailer (8' or less)
- \$3/tire
- No fee for 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 in 3 ft. lengths bundled.



Use compostable brown paper bags for leaves and grass clippings. **PLEASE - NO PLASTIC BAGS.** Bags must be at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014 for pick up.

## **NEW PRAGUE AREA COMMUNITY EDUCATION**



Busy planning your summer activities? New Prague Area Community Education has a full line up of fun just waiting for you and your children in the Elko New Market area.

Kids' Company's (childcare for 4 year olds thru 5th grade) is chocked full of interesting, creative, and cool activities for kids in a safe, nurturing and accessible summer program. Registrations are also being accepted for the new WRAP program for preschoolers. Call Dara for more information on either program: (952) 758-1735.

Youth classes, camps and trips scheduled for June at Eagle View include: Minecrafting in Real Life, Video Game Creation, ClayDazzle on Canvas Camp, Girls with Glitter Art Camp, MS Day at Grand Slam and Skateville, and Children's Self Defense.

Enjoy the great outdoors with the June Camps at Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park which consist of: Fishing and Outdoor Skills, Get Hooked on Fishing, Outdoor Adventure, and Nature Investigator Camps.

Adults will want to work with Heather Novak (the Kitchen Tutor) for Basic Cooking and Canning, and keep the heart pounding in Zumba class.

Please visit our booth at the Elko New Market Health Fair on Saturday, May 10th from 11 to 2 at the Library and register to win a Community Education gift certificate.

For more information and to register for these and others, go to [ce.np.k12.mn.us](http://ce.np.k12.mn.us) or call us at (952) 758-1734.

## **LAKEVILLE AREA COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Put some excitement in your child's summer!

### **LEGO WeDo Robotics for current grades K-5**

Using Mindstorms basic robotics engineering program, you will program robots to complete challenges and tasks. Projects include airplane, boat, waking giant, terrible pterodactyl, and more. Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon at Wagner Park in Elko New Market. Register at [LakevilleAreaCommunityEd.net](http://LakevilleAreaCommunityEd.net) or call (952) 232-2150 ext. 0.



### **Babysitting - age 10 1/2 - 15**

Get your American Red Cross Babysitting certification when you pass this class - July 7-9, 9:30 - noon at Elko New Market Library. Register at [LakevilleAreaCommunityEd.net](http://LakevilleAreaCommunityEd.net) or call (952) 232-2150 ext. 0.

### **Yoga**

Adults, improve your flexibility, strength, endurance and balance on Tuesday nights from 6:45 - 7:45 pm at Elko New Market Library. Register at [LakevilleAreaCommunityEd.net](http://LakevilleAreaCommunityEd.net) or call (952)232-2150 ext. 0.

## **STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN ANNUAL MEETING**

The City of Elko New Market will be holding an annual public meeting to discuss and receive input on the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) on June 12, 2014 at 8:00pm. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 601 Main Street, Elko New Market, MN. This meeting is being held in accordance with the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit to Discharge Storm Water, as issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The intent of this meeting is to present the most recent version of the City's SWPPP, to educate the public on the SWPPP efforts, and to receive public input regarding the SWPPP. The SWPPP document is available online at [www.ci.enm.mn.us](http://www.ci.enm.mn.us) or may be viewed at the Elko New Market Public Library. Interested persons may make comments at the meeting or by submitting comments to City Hall.



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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

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

**MAY 2014 CALENDAR**

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|----|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8  | City Council Workshop             | 7:00 pm             |
|    | City Council Business Meeting     | 8:00 pm             |
| 13 | Parks & Rec Commission            | 4:00 pm             |
| 13 | Planning Commission (Rescheduled) | 7:00 pm             |
| 22 | City Council Workshop             | 7:00 pm             |
|    | City Council Business Meeting     | 8:00 pm             |
| 26 | Memorial Day                      | City Offices Closed |

**JUNE 2014 CALENDAR**

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|----|--------------------------------|---------|
| 3  | Planning Commission            | 7:00 pm |
| 10 | Parks & Rec Commission         | 4:00 pm |
| 12 | City Council Workshop          | 7:00 pm |
|    | City Council Business Meeting  | 8:00 pm |
| 26 | Economic Development Authority | 7:00 pm |
|    | City Council Business Meeting  | 8:00 pm |

**2014 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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|----------------|--|
| May 15th-17th  | City Wide Garage Sales<br><i>(Locations &amp; Map Available on website.)</i> |
| June 7th       | Spring Clean Up  |
| June 27th-29th | Fire Rescue Days   |
| August 5th     | Night to Unite   |
| October 25th   | Halloween Party  |

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.

