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# Newsletter



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## Councilmember Stern Resigns from City Council

Councilmember Jason Stern has submitted his resignation from the Elko New Market City Council effective April 14, 2016 due to relocation.

Councilmember Stern was elected to the Elko New Market City Council in 2015 and served on the Economic Development Authority and the Community and Civic Events Committee.

Councilmember Stern was very active in the community.



## Fire Rescue Days

June 23-26, 2016

Details will become available on the city website at

[www.ci.enm.mn.us](http://www.ci.enm.mn.us) prior to the event.

*Mark your calendars!*

## City Council Seeks to Fill Vacancy

Due to the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilmember Stern, the City Council must appoint a replacement to fill the vacant seat on the Elko New Market City Council.

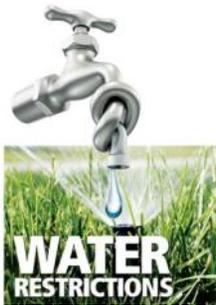
The individual appointed will fill Councilmember Stern's seat on the Council until the position is placed on the ballot for the General Election held on November 8, 2016 and the elected official is sworn in.

The City Council is seeking applications from interested, qualified individuals for consideration for appointment to the vacant position. Interested individuals may obtain an employment application 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. The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2016.

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.

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





## Watering Restrictions

Please remember the City of Elko New Market does have a 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 Usage Rates for 2016:

Tier 1 (0-10,000 gal):  
~ \$3.15/1,000 gallons

Tier 2 (10,001-20,000 gal):  
~ \$9.13/1,000 gallons

Tier 3 (20,001 gal +):  
~ \$18.25/1,000 gallons



## Water Conservation Tips

With summer fast approaching, residents should closely monitor their water usage to prevent high water bills. With the current water rates for 2016 (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 after 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.

## Lakeville Area Community Education

Summer Fun offered through Lakeville Area Community Education:

**LEGO WeDO Robotics**, August 8-11th, 9am-noon, Wagner Park Shelter: Build a ferris wheel, car, smart-house, crane and more. Program them to complete various tasks using LEGO Mindstorms WeDo software.

**Babysitting 101**, July 11 & 13 / August 8 & 10, 9-11:30am, Elko New Market Library: Gain the skills and confidence to be a great babysitter. This course is fun and fast-paced with hands-on activities, exciting video, roleplays and lively

discussions. Bring a peanut free snack and water to class.

Adult Fitness and Special Interest Classes coming up soon at the Elko New Market Library:

- ~ **Yoga and Pilates** starting soon
- ~ **Essential Oils Make and Take**, May 14
- ~ **Spring Wreath Making**, May 14

For complete program information and online registration for classes visit [www.isd194.ce.feepay.com](http://www.isd194.ce.feepay.com) or call (952)232-2152.



## New Prague Area Community Education—May Update

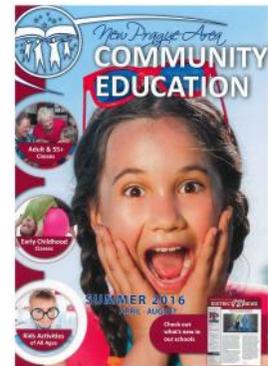
The long awaited green grass and blooming flowers have arrived! Along with that is a full array of fun classes and events to check out and get involved in. Check out these upcoming classes scheduled for Eagle View Elementary.

- ~ Gentle Yoga – Starts April 27, 9:30-10:30 ENM Library
- ~ Early Morning Boot Camp With Sandy – Purchase a punch card and join at anytime
- ~ Smart Driver Course (8 hour initial course) May 9 & 10, 6-10pm
- ~ Smart Driver 4 Hour Refresher Course – May 17, 6-10pm
- ~ Early Childhood End of the Year Picnic – May 18, 6-7:30pm
- ~ Behind the Wheel Driver Training with Rick Engler – many sessions/variety of dates & times

- ~ Simply Silly Stuff Art Camp (ages 4-9)– June 1 & 2, 9am-noon
- ~ Voice, Piano and/or Guitar Private Lessons (all ages) starts June 6
- ~ Dive into Reading (ages 4-5) – Starts June 7, 9-11:30am

There are still some spaces available for No Bummer Summer Kids' Company! Register your 3 year-old through 8<sup>th</sup> grader now for summer 2016 adventures.

For more information on the 50+ classes offered in Elko New Market through New Prague Area Community Education and to register for all of our classes, call 952-758-1734 or go online at [www.npaschools.org/community-education](http://www.npaschools.org/community-education).



## Lawn Fertilizers

Fertilizers containing phosphorus cannot be used on lawns in Elko New Market and other metro areas, unless a soil test indicates that it is needed or if establishing a new lawn.

### Determine if a fertilizer has phosphorus

There are three identifying numbers on a bag of fertilizer. Find the phosphorus content by looking for the middle number. The middle number must be 0.

### About the phosphorus law

Minnesota's Phosphorus Lawn Fertilizer Law was enacted to reduce over-enrichment of rivers, lakes, and wetlands with the nutrient phosphorus. Excessive phosphorus in surface water leads to an overabundance of algae and other aquatic plants.

For more information on the phosphorus lawn fertilizer law, go to the [Minnesota Department of Agriculture's website](http://www.mn.gov).

For more information about soil testing visit <http://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/>.



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**Upcoming Events**

**Geocaching for S'mores**—May 7th  
~ Online registration on city website.

**City Wide Garage Sale**—May 19-21  
~ Deadline to register is May 6th.

**Spring Clean-up**—Saturday, June 11th  
~ Details are available on city website.

Mark your calendars!

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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 2016 Calendar**

3	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
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	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
30	Memorial Day	City Offices Closed

**2016 Community Events**

<b>2016 Event Schedule</b>	
City Wide Garage Sales	May 19—21
Spring Clean Up	June 11
Fire Rescue Days	June 23—26
Night to Unite	August 2
Halloween Party	October 29

**June 2016 Calendar**

7	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
9	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm
14	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
23	City Council Work Session	6:30 pm
	City Council Business Meeting	7:30 pm

**2016 Three Rivers Park District FREE Events**

May 7 Geocaching for S'mores  
August 27 Family Canoeing  
October 1 Fundamentals of Archery  
*(See City Website for details and online registration.)*

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.

*(All meetings are subject to change.)*

