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THIRD ANNUAL NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS (NUTL) ADDS A Second day of fun: June 5 and 6

For the last two years, the City of Elkhorn has celebrated old fashioned fun with baseball games under the lights on the last day of school. This year we are extending the fun with two days and two parks! The fun starts at Harris Park on June 5th at 4:00 p.m. with games played under the lights all evening long. There will also be music, food, inflatables, face painting, raffles, auction and carnival-style games! Wear your 2015 Elkhorn Rec Uniform shirt (Rookie Sports through 14U) and receive a free hot dog!

And **NEW this year**– a second day of NUTL fun! On June 6th at Sunset Park the fun continues at noon. There will be food, games, live music, a home run derby and lively competitions for ages 3 and up. Other events on June 6th:

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Opening Day of Farmers Market downtown at Veterans Park!
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Kids All American Fishing Derby at Babe Mann Park
9:00 AM: Police Bike Ride at Sunset Park. Call 723-2210 for more information.

We will wrap up NUTLFEST with the winners of all events being announced before the outdoor movie being shown at the Sunset Band Shell on June 6!

SPONSORS, RAFFLE ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Last year NUTLFEST had approximately 500 – 600 people attending the event. New this year, we are extending the invitation to all of the teams in our Quad County Baseball/Softball league from all 8 surrounding cities and we hope to have over 1,000 attendees! The Park and Rec Department is currently accepting sponsorships for NUTLFEST III until Friday, March 27, 2015. Your business/ family name will be printed in our event program and on our Facebook/web page. The Top three level sponsors will also be featured on our flyers and t-shirts, as well as being mentioned during the games/activities. There are different levels of support, starting at \$50. Your support makes these

events and programs successful. All proceeds will be put into our Dedicated Park Fund. Your tax deductible donation can be made out to the City of Elkhorn.

Items are needed for the live auction! If you would like to donate an item (i.e. sports tickets, boat ride, rental property, wine tasting, cookout, baked goods, be creative!) let the Park and Rec know about it by Friday, May 29th.

Lots of volunteers are needed! Let us know if you can help!

For more information call (262)741-5114, email <u>elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org</u>, or stop by the Rec Center.

PLAY BALL!



Dear Citizens of Elkhorn:

Spring is just around the corner and there is reason to be excited in Elkhorn! Spring sports and events are in progress and the anticipated opening of the new Sunset Pool is coming upon us. It has been a long winter of construction in Sunset Park, but with a new ADA park, baseball fields and pool, Sunset Park will be sure to offer something for everyone.

Coming this summer we will also see more construction as we are repairing several streets. Please be patient with the

ongoing work that will improve our travels.

I am looking forward to attending the many events our Rec Department and local organizations offer and to seeing all of you there enjoying and supporting our wonderful city. Please visit the city's website at www.cityofelkhorn.org to stay updated with dates and locations on events.

Brían Olson, Mayor

You can contact Mayor Olson at (414) 899-4771 or email him at bolson@cityofelkhorn.org

Update on the New Sunset Pool

If you have been keeping up with our pool progress, we are right on track! This is a very exciting time for the City of Elkhorn and we are planning our grand opening for the middle of June - Just in time for summer! Come down to Sunset Park on June 6th for Night Under the Lights and save a few dollars off your individual or family membership! We also plan on having a new web site dedicated to the Sunset Pool that will be easily accessible to help answer any questions you may have on hours, fees, swim lessons, water aerobic classes, lap swim, and any events we are hosting; along with private parties, concessions, memberships or any of our pool rules. We are currently in the stages of interviews so if you or a loved one are looking for a summer job, now is the time to apply! All pool information will also be in our summer guide or on our Facebook page. Like us at Elkhorn Recreation Department for future information!

CITY SCHEDULES OPEN BOOK. BOARD OF REVIEW

to meet the City's assessor, Accurate 1-800-770-3927. Appraisal, LLC one-on-one during the following date and time at Open Book at City Hall in the First Floor Conference Room:

OPEN BOOK: Wednesday, April 8th, 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 7:00 p.m.

Assessment Roll Books will be available at City Hall beginning March 30th during BOARD OF REVIEW: Wednesday, May office hours. Appointments with Accurate Appraisal, LLC may be made on-line website, through the assessor's

If you are not satisfied with the results of Open Book, Board of Review is the next By following the steps outlined step. below you may attend Board of Review at City Hall in the Common Council Chambers:

20th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In order to attend Board of Review you need to fill out an Objection Form and

Property owners will have an opportunity www.accurateassessor.com, or by calling submit it to the City Clerk prior to the Board of Review. Objection forms and a Board of Review Guide for Property Owners will be available in the Clerk's Office May 1, 2015.

> Business Owners: If you no longer have taxable personal property in Elkhorn, please notify the City Clerk. If not notified, you are responsible for the taxes.

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ACT 274 RESULTS IN DPA **POLICY CHANGES**

In April 2014 Wisconsin Act 274 was signed into law. Act 274 revised the law applicable to residential tenants' delinquent utility charges. The revisions have resulted in changes to Wisconsin Statute §66.0809 which applies to municipal public utility charges. These changes affect how the City of Elkhorn handles Residential Tenant Customers. We have highlighted a few items that have changed.

- Upon an owner's request, a municipal utility must disclose whether a prospective residential tenant has outstanding past-due charges in their name in the utility's service area.
- Utilities are no longer required to offer deferred payment agreements (DPAs) to customers who are residential tenants. (See the criteria below for those instances)
- Utilities are permitted to adopt application, deposit, disconnection or collection rules and practices that distinguish between customers based upon whether the customer owns or leases the property that is receiving the utility service where the possibility exists for any unpaid bills of a tenant to become

a lien on the property that is receiving utility service.

- The utility department shall provide a notice to each tenant against whom the municipality has a lien (past due 3. utility bill being placed on the tax roll.) The notice shall be in writing and shall state the amount of arrears including any penalty assessed pursuant to the rules of the utility, that the tenant is subject to a lien upon his or her assets for arrears for which he or she is responsible, that the lien will transfer to the owner of the rental dwelling unit if the owner pays the arrears, and that April 15, 2015 marks the end of the winter the lien will be enforceable upon the filing of the lien with the clerk of courts.
- The City of Elkhorn Light & Water Department has applied with the Public Service Commission to change our tariff as a result of this new law. Effective June 1, 2015 the City of Elkhorn Light & Water will not offer a Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) to a residential tenant if any of the following criteria applies:
- 1. The residential tenant has greater than \$100 of account arrearages that options.

are more than 90 days past due.

- 2. The residential tenant has defaulted on a deferred payment agreement in the past 12 months.
- The residential tenant is responsible for account arrearages that were placed on any property owner's tax bill in the utility's service territory in the past 24 months.
- The residential tenant has a balance 4. that accrued during the winter moratorium that is more than 80 days past due.

moratorium for all utility customers, which means anyone who has a past due balance will see a disconnect date on their bill that will be mailed on 03/31/15. We encourage you to pay your past due in full or contact us to inquire on setting up a DPA as soon as possible. Assistance may be available through Energy Assistance at the Walworth County Health and Human Services Office. Call (262)741-3337 immediately to setup an appointment as funds may be limited. You may also call First Call for Help by dialing 211 to inquire on other assistance

MEDICAL ALERT WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT

If you use medical equipment that needs electricity to run, please To apply, a Medical Alert Response Application must be completlet us know.

The City has a Critical Needs Response Plan that allows customers with critical needs to be notified of a power outage.

A "Critical Care" customer is defined to be:

- A customer with specific medical conditions requiring uninterrupted electric service; or
- Elderly, disabled and/or home-bound customer who is at risk and requires uninterrupted electrical service to maintain their well-being.

The City will attempt to make contact with the customer or designated contact person if there is an outage to provide an estimate of how long the power is expected to be off in case other arrangements need to be considered for the customers well being.

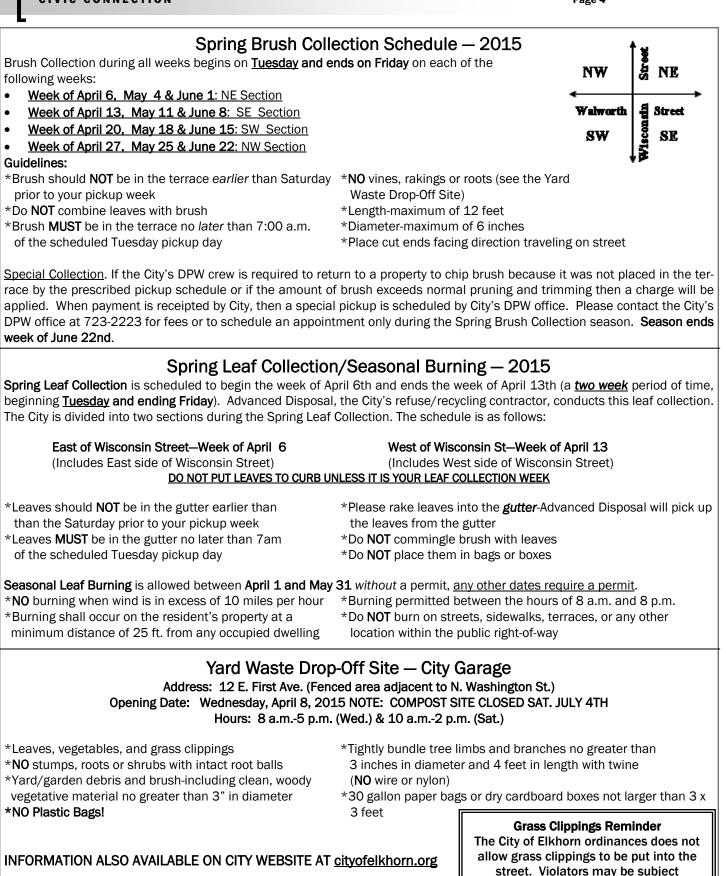
ed. Information required includes name, address, phone number, and contact information for another person the City may contact if the critical needs resident does not answer the phone. The application also contains a section which must be completed by a physician stating the patient's medical condition and the type of life sustaining equipment used which requires continuous electric service for the health and safety of that individual.

This qualification requires an annual renewal. The information on the form may be subject to verification and additional information may be required from you or your physician.

The Medical Alert Response Application is available at City Hall or on the City's website. Completed forms may be submitted by mail or dropped off at City Hall. For more information call City Hall at (262) 723-2219.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE CUP OF COFFEE AT A TIME

Engaging our community in public safety efforts is a top priority of routinely exist between police officers the Elkhorn Police Department. We share the community's and community members, allowing for concerns and make every effort to address them. Coffee with a the relaxed, one-on-one interactions Cop is a national movement that aims to build trust between which are the necessary foundation of community members and police officers, one cup of coffee at a partnerships. Informal contact in a time. The Elkhorn Police Department is proud to be the first in friendly atmosphere increases trust Walworth County to offer this program to its community.

It's a simple concept: Police officers and community members come together in an informal, neutral space like restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, and local businesses to discuss commu- If you or someone you know would like to consider hosting a nity issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. In over 80 cities Coffee with a Cop event, give us a call. The events are normally in 24 states, Coffee with a Cop has done wonders for community about two hours in length and scheduled on a date agreed upon trust and partnership building. One of the keys to Coffee with a by yourself and the Elkhorn Police Department. Cop's success is that is removes the physical barriers that

between police officers and the



members of our community which is critical to public safety and problem solving.

For more details on the program go to: www.coffeewithacop.com

YOUR CALLS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

decision, than have something happen that could have been 723-2210. avoided. Elkhorn Police Department always appreciates citizen input and information. We often hear, "I didn't want to bother

That doesn't look right... I wonder if I should call the Police?" Yes! you." You are not bothering us though, it's our job to check things You know what is suspicious for your neighborhood and we count out and keep you safe! The information we receive from our cition you to be our eyes and ears. If something doesn't look right zens is often very helpful. Remember, if it is life threatening or a and your instincts make you wonder if you should call... you prob- crime in progress, you can call 9-1-1. If it is suspicious activity or ably should! We would rather you just call and let us make the you are not sure, you can call the Non-Emergency number: (262)

We appreciate you caring enough to call in!

SPRING CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
- Always lock any storage shed you have on your property.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.
- In warm weather months personal property thefts increase; there is a tendency to leave items, such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, weed eaters, and other vard tools lying around in the open.
- Make sure you lock up your personal property in your garage or yard shed; it doesn't take long for someone to ride by and quickly take your property.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of

the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can identify activity that is not "normal" to their neighborhoods and alert the police.

The ultimate goal of Crime Prevention is to reduce the risk of being a victim. In order to do this effectively, it is important to remove opportunities for a criminal to take advantage of you or your property.



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OYEE SPOTLIGHT





Justine Grimm joined the City Hall staff in December. She graduated from Cardinal Stritch University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. She worked for several years as a restaurant manager and office assistant. Justine enjoys spending time with her 4 year old daughter, family, friends, floral arranging, gardening, scrapbooking, and DIY projects. Welcome Justine!

VOTING: REGISTRATION, ABSENTEE

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Elkhorn, you are encouraged to register prior to the April 7th Spring Election. If you have moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you also need to fill out a new registration form prior to voting. Residents may register by mailing a completed Application for Voter Registration to the Clerk's office. The last day to mail registration forms is March 18th. Remember to include proof of residence if you mail your form; you will not be registered without it. Residents may register to vote at City Hall during regular office hours. The last day to register to vote is April 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, Mondays through Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., starting March 23rd and ending April 2nd, or by appointment. Please note that absentee voting will not take place found at https://myvote.wi.gov/.

Friday, March 27th or Friday, April 3rd.

To request an absentee ballot by mail, you need to fill out an Application for Absentee Ballot or send a request to the City Clerk in writing requesting an absentee ballot which substantially provides the information required on the application form. The elector making the request must sign the application. The request can be sent via email, fax or by mail. The deadline to request to vote absentee by mail is Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

You do not need a photo ID for voting.

In-person absentee voting will take place in the Clerk's Office at For more information about voting, visit the City website or contact the City Clerk at (262)723-2219. Registration and absentee forms, and election information and more can also be

The Spring Election is Tuesday, April 7th

Voting for all districts will take place at The Recreation Building, 200 Devendorf St. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. For information on your District go to https://myvote.wi.gov/ call 1-866-VOTE-WI or contact the City Clerk

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YOUR BUSINESS SERVING ALCOHOL ILLEGALLY? IS

Many types of business celebrations (grand openings, anniversaries, holiday celebrations, spa parties, customer appreciation events, etc.) that serve alcohol to their customers are doing so illegally under state law. Wisconsin law prohibits the selling or giving away of alcohol on any unlicensed public premise. Under alcohol laws, private business premises that do business with the public

are considered a public premise (ex: jewelry stores, hair salons/spas, credit unions, banks, etc.). In addition to being subject to criminal penalties, a business owner should consider before trafficking in alcohol at their unlicensed establishment what potential liability they are incurring through providing alcohol illegally. Will the business insurance cover resulting liability if a customer leaves the premise after consuming alcohol and is involved in a tragic accident? Most insurance policies will not cover liabilities stemming from illegal activities by the insured. Wisconsin law requires licensed premises where alcohol is being served to comply with extensive state and local licensing laws including server training requirements, closing hours, restrictions for underage on premise, licensed bartenders, purchase and invoice inspection requirements and compliance visits by local and state police authorities. Celebrate your accomplishments and reward your loyal customers, but don't risk it by serving alcohol illegally.



"You can't sell it and you can't give it away either"

PLANNING A PUBLIC OR LARGE EVENT IN ELKHORN

Whether the event is a small neighborhood We are here to help! festival, charity run/walk, sporting event or public gathering, the City of Elkhorn is a great place for special events. The event organizer is responsible to ensure that event participants are provided with a safe and enjoyable event. It is also the organization's responsibility to make sure that the park or other location and park users and the surrounding neighborhood are also safe and not unduly impacted. It is the City's goal to assist the event organizer in planning a safe and successful event through the event permit process. Please

Elkhorn is a city that loves to celebrate! do not hesitate to contact us at any time. Applying for a permit

What types of events need a permit?

According to the City's Ordinance, "an event is any planned occurrence on the public right-of-way or public premises which is not within the normal and ordinary use of the public premises" or "which, by nature of the event, may have a greater impact on City services or resources than would have occurred had the event not taken place." If you are unsure if you need a permit, call the City Clerk's office for Permit applications are available on the assistance.

A completed, signed application form must be filed with the City Clerk at least 45 days prior to the event being held. A certificate of insurance, naming the City of Elkhorn as Additional Insured must accompany the application. The cost of the permit is \$50 payable when the application is turned in. Other fees for street closure, electric hookup, temporary alcohol licenses, etc. will also be payable at that time, if needьч

City's website or at City Hall.

CITY LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE BEING EVALUATED

Storm

In October 2014 the City of Elkhorn was receiving storm water flows. Among the vice; a subject that is being evaluated by added to the list of communities that are sources of such discharges are leaves and the Council Municipal Services Committee. subject to the requirements of the DNR grass clippings that accumulate along the Although the Spring leaf/brush collection Water Management Program. curb and are washed into the storm water service will not be impacted, the Fall Among the requirements of the program is system. In order to effectively reduce this program could be affected. For additional a reduction of "illicit discharges", which source of pollutants it may be necessary information regarding the MS4 program, are essentially pollutants that are consid- for the City to substantially alter or perhaps please see the accompanying article on ered to be harmful to the bodies of water eliminate the current leaf collection ser- page 8 of the newsletter.



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CITY OF ELKHORN SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AND STATE STORM WATER RUNOFF RULES



The City of Elkhorn owns and maintains a network of storm sewers throughout the City to collect, transport and discharge storm water runoff from rain and snow melt. In October of 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, (WDNR) notified the City that a permit would be required to continue to discharge storm water through its municipal storm sewer system. Under the federal clean water act and state regulations, municipalities serving a population of 10,000 or more are required to obtain a Municipal Storm Water Permit. Based on the 2010 US Census, the population of the City of Elkhorn surpassed 10,000.

Storm Water Pollution. Storm water runoff can pick up dirt, fertilizer, debris, oils, yard waste, chemicals, bacteria and other pollutants as it flows into the storm sewer system or directly into a

stream, river, lake or wetland. This polluted runoff can harm water quality and have an adverse effect on fish and wildlife, plants, and people.

Clean Water is Everybody's Business! The City of Elkhorn is required to develop and implement storm water pollution control measures, including pollution prevention and "good housekeeping" measures to keep pollutants out of the storm sewer system. Households can prevent storm water pollution by picking up after their pets, checking their cars for leaks, using fertilizers only if needed, composting leaves and grass clippings, and sweeping driveways and walkways, instead of using a hose. Over fertilized lawns and yards and leaves and grass clippings piled by the street for days or weeks awaiting collection are a rich source of nutrients, when rain washes them into the storm sewer system. The City will explore simple, economical and environmentally sound ways to help property owners reduce yard waste and the discharge of pollutants to the storm sewer system. Complying with the new storm water rules will require the cooperation of the City residents and businesses.

E-CYCLE WISCONSIN: WISCONSIN'S ELECTRONICS RECYCLING LAW



E-Cycle Wisconsin takes a product stewardship approach to electronics recycling. Each year, manufacturers of products covered by Wisconsin's electronics recycling law must pay for electronics to be recycled. This funding makes it easier for individuals and schools to recycle old electronics. The E-Cycle Wisconsin program is supported by Wisconsin's electronics recycling law (2009 Wisconsin Act

50), which bans electronics such as TVs, computers and cell phones from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators.

Consumers are responsible for recycling their used electronics. Individuals may recycle electronics through E-Cycle Wisconsin. Most businesses are not covered by E-Cycle Wisconsin. By law, businesses must still recycle, reuse or manage their electronics as hazardous waste.

How, What and Where to Recycle Electronics in Wisconsin. Many electronics can no longer be put in the trash in Wisconsin and must be reused, recycled or managed as hazardous waste. To find an E-Cycle location visit the DNR's website or give them a call (info. Is below.) Examples of items to recycle are: TVs, computers, printers, monitors, computer accessories, DVD players, VCRs and DVRs, fax machines, cell phones, major appliances, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters and microwave ovens. Many other types of electronics can also be recycled, especially items like stereo equipment, mp3 players, digital cameras and other hand-held devices. Check with the electronics recycler or collection site for a full list of what they accept. Some websites or stores may also offer small amounts of money if you trade in newer gadgets, like digital cameras smartphones and iPods. For businesses, schools, institutions, non-profits and governments, especially if you have a large number of items to recycle, see the DNR publication *Managing Used Electronics*, available on their website.

Why Recycle? Many electronics contain harmful materials, including lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, other heavy metals and chemical flame retardants. When improperly disposed of, these chemicals can pollute our soil and water and harm human health. In addition, electronics contain valuable reusable materials including plastics, metals and glass. Recycling or reusing these materials lessens environmental impacts and economic costs by reducing the need for virgin materials in new products.

Visit dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin or call (608) 266-2111 for more information

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SUNSET SUMMER CAMPS FOR ALL KIDS AGES 5-12

Sunset Summer Rec Camp is designed to give your child a fun- experience working with children. If you have multiple children or number one goal is to keep kids active and engaged with outdoor ble. We also give a 10% discount for siblings! activities. No cell phones, video games or electronics are allowed. Each week has a new theme and will keep kids learning, moving and excited for the next week! From science to sports or Cake Boss to Pitch Perfect - there is something for



every child. Not sure if your child will like camp try one week at a time! We let you choose - come to one week or all. Camp pricing is \$60 for residents and \$70 for nonresidents. All camp materials, swimming and field trips are included in that weekly fee. Once you have committed to a camp, and registration is complete,

no refunds will be given. (Rare exceptions will be made for an extraordinary circumstance or a doctor's excuse.)

This year with the addition of the new Sunset Pool, your child will also be able to swim during camp (pool entrance is included in weekly camp price). We also will be taking a few fun field trips as well as explore our own city's departments - a favorite from last year. All field trips are included in weekly price. Summer Rec Camp will start around 12:15 after summer school ends. Children will bring a bag lunch and eat at the Lion's Den. At this time, the camp will have free playground time until all children are done eating and then all activities will begin. The camp is for children 5-12 years old and will be divided per age group depending on how many kids are signed up. We have camp instructors that are either high school or college students as well as 2 lead camp instructors, both of which are teachers and have years of

filled memorable summer at a very inexpensive cost to you! Our are signing up for more than 3 weeks, payment plans are availa-

After a fun-filled day of games, crafts and friends, kids will be picked up at the Lion's Den at 4:00 pm. For working parents, we have added the option of 5:00 pm pick up for a low additional fee of \$15.00 a week. Per your requests, we have added 2 additional weeks of Summer Rec Camp to keep your children busy and out of trouble when summer seems to be getting long and hot. We will keep them laughing, running, swimming and enjoying their summer. August 14th will be the last day of summer camp where we will have a picnic on this last day with all who were a part of camp to celebrate another fun summer spent with the Recreation Department. Watch for details on our Facebook page. Please see our summer guide that will be delivered to your home on April 12th.

Thank you for your continued support - as always, we look forward to a healthy fun-filled summer at Sunset Park!



MOM AND SON SAILBOAT FUN

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, May 9th at Babe Mann Park in Elkhorn, moms and sons will have fun together building sail boats. All materials are provided to make the sailboat. Just bring a blanket and empty milk jug. A picnic-style lunch will be provided. Registration opens February 9, 2015 and is for sons ages 3-23 (Never too old to spend a day with mom!) The time is 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and the cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Registration fee includes a bandana, T-Shirt, lunch and materials.



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SUNSET COMMUNITY BOOT CAMP WILL BE BACK!

Start your day at Sunset Park!

Calling all teens and adults who want to challenge their bodies and minds this summer – Join Rachel Person along with other fitness experts who will motivate you beyond your comfort zone and push you to a new level! Try it once and you will be hooked! Play tug-a-war lately? How about flipping tires or running hills? We promise that you will get a great workout while making new friends. Rachel lives and works in Elkhorn and knows how to get people involved! She is committed to this community and it shows. She can accommodate every shape, size and fitness level so everyone is welcome! This community boot camp is made possible between a partnership with FLAC and the Recreation Department and will be offered free, however, registration is required before you take class and a



waiver must be signed with emergency contact for your safety. We also will be having a celebration at the end of this year for all who were a part of Boot Camp! Let's see who wins best attendance, hardest working, most improved... etc. The sky is the limit! This is the summer to look and feel your best! Why not start your day out right - Begin your morning with Sunset Park and Exercise! A very healthy combination! Look for more details to come in our Summer Guide coming out April 12th or contact Rachel directly at 743-2000 or Rachel@flaconline.com.

Do you have a small one at home? We will also be offering a Fit Kids program for those who want to bring their children ages 6 and under to camp. They will be watched by our staff for the full hour of your personal time. This will allow you to work out without worrying about your child. Games, activities and fun will be had by all! Registration and various punch cards can be purchased at the Rec Dept. There is no excuse now – we will take care of your children, you take care of you! See you on the hills!

SUNSET PARK BASEBALL DIAMONDS

If you have not driven past Sunset Park lately, you probably have not seen all the new areas under construction – besides the new ADA Park and new Sunset Pool, we have updated all 4 fields with new outfield fencing and new backstops. We also are having the fields redone so that they are ready for spring training! We are excited to be hosting NUTL in June along with a 10U Boys Tournament the weekend of July 17th. If you know an organization that would like to host a tournament here, please contact the Rec Dept. at elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org or (262) 741-5114.

VARSITY LEVEL ATHLETIC CAMPS

Last year, Jacob Schueller, varsity head coach for Elkhorn's softball team ran a youth softball camp for girls 8-14 years of age through the recreation department. We had an outstanding week with over 50 girls who signed up! The varsity softball team helped Jake run this camp and for four days, the girls met at 9 a.m. and finished around noon. They worked hard on various drills and stations. At the end of the week, they received a t-shirt for completing the camp. This year, the Elkhorn Area School District and Booster Club has partnered with the Recreation Department and we are excited to have the varsity coaches running camps through our

department. Please see our guide or go on-line at cityofelkhorn.org to sign up. Most camps will be geared toward 5th grade and up. What a great way to start or continue your child's athletic journey! Show them that hard work will pay off!



OUTFIELD SIGNAGE PROGRAM

Do you want hundreds of people from Elkhorn and the surrounding areas to see your business name, phone or email for the entire summer? And all for a small fee? If yes, we have the answer for you! The Elkhorn Recreation Department is now in charge of all advertising signage for the outfields at Harris Park. If you would like more information on how to put your business information where it will be seen by thousands of people, please contact us at 262-741-5114 or <u>elkhornparkandrec@cityofelkhorn.org</u> All funds raised from the signage program will go back into a dedicated park fund to help support the fields, and other park projects.

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WHAT'S NEW AT MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY?

The Library will be a busy place this spring. and the third Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. During the month of April, we will hold our annual Food for Fines month. The library will forgive overdue fines, \$1.00 for each nonperishable food item donated (up to \$5.00), to benefit the Elkhorn Food Pantry. This offer may not be redeemed on lost/ damaged fees.

We will celebrate National Library Week, April 12-18, with a variety of activities during the week. The Friends of the Library group is sponsoring an author visit with bestselling author, Mary Kubica, on Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event and open to the public. The Good Girl is her first novel and has received rave reviews.

April 17th kicks off the "MML Countdown to June 6th - 50 Days Before Summer Reading" photo contest. Show us how you are counting down to Summer Reading Kick-off by submitting a creative picture displaying the number of days until June 6th. Photos will be posted on our Facebook page and prizes will be awarded! Support the Friends of the Library by join-Check our web site www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us for more information on these and other programs.

In our children's department we will continue morning story times on Tuesdays with toddlers and on Thursdays with babies, along with our after-school clubs on Thursday afternoons. We have a rotation be- As always, I encourage you to contact me Other programs for adults in April include tween Lego Club, Messy Art Club, and Mad Organic Gardening on April 7, at 6:00 p.m. Scientists Club. Check our website calenand Butterfly Gardening on April 22, at dar for the current week's club and pro-6:00 p.m. No registration is needed for ject. All ages are welcome to drop in bethese free, drop-in programs. We have two tween 3:30 and 5:00 on Thursdays for book discussion groups that meet every these programs. Chick Central will also be month, the first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. coming in April. We will be hatching eggs

so stop and take a look in our incubator and then return in May to see the chicks! Our special event in April is called Under the Sea on April 15, at 10:00 a.m. There will be games, treats, photo ops, crafts and more. This program is co-sponsored by EASD Parent Connections, Step Ahead and Lakeland's Little Learners.

ing for just a \$10 membership fee. We are looking for new members and officers this year. The Friends host a monthly Movie Night, the second Friday of the month and work weekly to maintain their Book Store, along with many other events throughout the year.

with any comments or suggestions regarding the library. You can reach me by phone at 262-723-2678, x22 or by email at lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us.

Lisa Selje, Library Director



Pothole Reporting: Please note that residents are now able to report potholes via the City's website at www.cityofelkhorn.org

2015 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

In August 2014 the City borrowed \$6M to finance a multi-year • Capital Improvement Program to be completed between 2014 and 2016. Although the replacement of Sunset Pool was certainly the focal point of the improvement program, \$2.5M of the debt proceeds was committed to funding a number of street and parks improvements that have been, or will be, completed by the end of 2015. Among the street projects scheduled for completion this summer are:

- Hazel Ridge (limited section): mill, patch, and overlay
- W. Market: full depth mill and repaving
- E. Walworth: full reconstruction; median removal/ replacement; underground utilities replaced.
- Sunset Drive: full depth mill and repaying with water main replacement
- Monica & Maria: full depth mill and repaving with curb replacement



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STAR SPANGLED CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars! The City of Elkhorn fireworks display will be Friday, July 3rd at dusk at Sunset Park. The celebration would not be complete without its traditional Holton-Elkhorn Band and Elkhorn 4-H Club ice cream social!

FARMERS MARKET STARTS SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

Elkhorn's Farmers Market starts June 6th and runs through October 10th. The market is open each Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

FESTIVAL OF SUMMER IS SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

Enjoy a pancake breakfast in the morning or delicious brats, burgers and roasted corn in the afternoon and evening. Stick around Saturday night for the Rotary Beer Tent and enjoy live music from local bands. Do a little shopping with the many crafters and vendors that line the square. The kids will have plenty to keep them occupied with all the activities available such as bounce houses, slides and more. Relax while you enjoy performances on the community stage from local groups. Race enthusiasts are covered with the Run United 5 mile Run and 2 mile Run/Walk that starts in the morning at Veterans Park. A fun, free event in beautiful downtown Elkhorn provided by your Elkhorn Rotary!