

## CIVIC CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

### CITY OF ELKHORN

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**Police Chief:** Joel Christensen

**Fire Chief:** Rod Smith

**Recreation Director:** Wendy Ard

**Library Director:** Lisa Selje

### SUNSET POOL CONSTRUCTION NEW ADA PLAY EQUIPMENT

#### Sunset Pool Construction is Underway!

Sunset Pool is well underway to becoming our "New" Sunset Pool and on schedule to open June 2015! We are so excited to bring the City of Elkhorn Red Cross certified swim program with certified instructors and lessons that range from Tiny Tots up through adult swim. We plan on offering early open lap swim, water fitness for all ages, as well as deep water fitness classes and water Zumba. The pool will also have two diving boards and we hope to have a dive instructor on staff. Water basketball hoops will be adjacent to the diving boards and will be available at all times for a game. We also will be starting a "rent out the pavilion area" for special occasions, birthday parties, work functions, etc. and you and your party can have the pavilion to yourself. During certain designated hours, you may rent the entire pool! How about movie night at the pool? You bet! From cannonball contests to triathlons and swim meets, we will offer a variety of swim parties for all ages including mom groups, senior outings, you name it - we will be waiting for you! We are looking for lots of ways to have fun and keep you and your family cooled off next summer! If you have questions, ideas or any interest in being a part of the new Sunset Pool, please contact the Recreation Department at 741-5114.

#### New ADA Play Equipment

The City of Elkhorn has approved the installation of a new playground area at Sunset Park. This new area will be located adjacent to the Lions Den and is equipped with a variety of apparatus including handicapped accessible playground equipment for all ages. This new playground area, together with the new pool under construction, will be ADA accessible and user friendly. The new playground area should be completed in October 2014. Come Play!

#### ADA Play Equipment



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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens of Elkhorn:

I hope everyone in the community has had a safe and enjoyable summer. The many Elkhorn events have been well attended and successful. I've had the pleasure of meeting with many of you and with our local businesses to casually discuss the progress our city is making.

First, I'd like to welcome new members of your Elkhorn City staff; Cairie Virrueta, City Clerk, Jim Heilman, Finance Director and Martin Nuss, Public Works Manager. Several new businesses have been welcomed to the City. I have also seen the expansion of existing businesses to continue and increase their success.

You have noticed quite a bit of building construction in the city which is a sure sign of progress. Not only on the business front, but also with minor road improvements and major improvements in Sunset Park. This fall we are working to continue the progress and we will see more activity. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy the City of Elkhorn's many fall events hosted by community organizations and our Recreation Department. I look forward to seeing you all in the community.

*Brian Olson, Mayor*

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



## 9th Annual Elkhorn Oktoberfest

**Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Elkhorn Veterans and Pocket Parks**

**Craft and Vendor Booths, Chili Cook-Off, Wine and Beer Tasting, Car Show, Kid's Activities,**

**Live Music and Entertainment**

## CITY OF ELKHORN-TRICK OR TREATING

Trick or treating within the City of Elkhorn will take place **Friday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

The following is a list of safety tips to ensure that your trick or treat experience is a fun, safe experience for both yourself and your children:

- Do not allow a child to go "Trick or Treating" alone. Be sure older children TAKE A FRIEND and an ADULT accompanies young children.



- Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without permission from their parents.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing. Facial masks should allow children to see and breathe properly and easily. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or is not wrapped.

## BILLS REMAIN DURING WINTER MORATORIUM

November 1st marks the day that the State of Wisconsin Winter Moratorium begins.

Annually, the date marks the time when electric utilities cannot disconnect customers due to outstanding balances on their accounts, where income is below specified levels. The state created the law to protect those who cannot pay their bills in full when temperatures may plummet.

Disconnections begin after April 15. If customers continue to pay their light and water bills to the extent possible throughout the winter months, a large utility bill on April 16 could be avoided. The bill does not go away, it just accumulates with penalties.

Elkhorn Electric Utility can take non-paying customers who have the ability to pay to court. *The court could require the custom-*

*er to pay three times the balance at the time of judgment.*

“The bill does not go away, it just accumulates with penalties.”

## UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Several payment options are offered to customers to help take the hassle out of paying your utility bills.

One option is to enroll in the “Auto-Pay” program. No more late payments or late fees assessed! Signing up for this service will allow your utility bill payment to be deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date for **no charge**. An “Authorization for Auto Pay” form is available at City Hall or on the City’s website. The completed form which provides the City with your account number and financial institution’s routing number may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall.

Consider using Online Utility Bill Payment Service Network (PSN). Once you register with PSN through a link on the City’s website, you will be able to pay online using a credit card, debit card or electronic check through the secure payment processor. You can make a one-time

payment or set up Auto-Pay for the amount of your bill or a fixed amount up to \$300.00 per transaction. You will be able to print PSN payment receipts, view your bills, change how you pay, cancel Auto-Payments and much more, instantaneously. There is a third-party convenience fee of \$2.99 per transaction for this service.

After registering with Payment Service Network (PSN) you will be able to view your bills and consumption history on line free. PSN will email you when a new bill is available to view and will email you a reminder the day before the bill is due. You can easily make an online payment right from your email notification.

Please consider “going green” and opting out of paper bills. When registering with PSN, you can take this step immediately or if you would prefer to test out receiving your emails electronically for a month or two, you can take this step at any time.

Pay your utilities anytime from anywhere with **PSN’s free app**. You can use your existing PSN user ID to make an immediate payment, schedule a payment, change how you pay, change your password or view your payment history. If you have not yet registered on PSN’s website, you must do so before using this app. If you have questions on the app please email [CustomerService@PaymentServiceNetwork.com](mailto:CustomerService@PaymentServiceNetwork.com) or call 866-917-7368. There is a third-party convenience fee of \$2.99 per transaction for this service. Paying on-the-go is quick and easy with PSN’s mobile, online and phone payments!

Elkhorn chose Payment Service Network as its payment and billing provider because of its high level of security and its ability to help the City lower administrative cost.

We hope you enjoy this service.

## ELECTRIC BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Starting October 1st, electric assistance appointments will be made through the Walworth County Human Services office at W4051 County Rd NN, Elkhorn. Walworth County will administer the Commitment to Community Electric Bill Payment

Assistance Program by distributing available funds during each heating season October 1 through May 15.

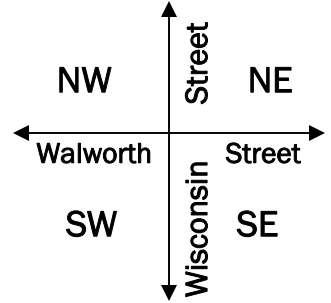
Qualified applicants must make an appointment by calling (262) 741-3337 or toll free (800) 365-1587 or TTY (262) 741-

3255 between October 1 and May 15. Funds are limited, so apply early while the money is available.

Find more information on the this program at: [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org).

### 2014 Fall Brush Collection Schedule

- Weeks of October 7 & November 4 (Tuesday-Friday): NE Section
- Weeks of October 14 & November 11 (Tuesday-Friday): SE Section
- Weeks of October 21 & November 18 (Tuesday-Friday): SW Section
- Weeks of October 28 & November 25 (Tuesday-Friday): NW Section



### Guidelines

- \*Brush should **NOT** be placed in the terrace earlier than Saturday prior to pickup day
- \*Do **NOT** combine leaves with brush
- \*Brush **MUST** be in the terrace no later than 7 a.m. of the scheduled Tuesday pickup day
- \*Place cut ends facing direction traveling on street
- \***NO** vines, rakings or roots (see the Yard Waste Drop-Off Site)
- \*Length-maximum of 12 feet
- \*Diameter-maximum of 6 inches
- \*Place cut ends facing direction of traffic traveling on street

**Special Collections**, if the DPW crew has to return and chip brush because it was not out by the prescribed time, or if it goes beyond the homeowner's normal pruning and trimming, a charge will be immediately applied and due by property owner prior to the pickup of the brush. Property owners may call the DPW office at 723-2223 for fees.

### 2014 Fall Leaf Collection/Seasonal Burning

**2014 Fall Leaf Collection** begins the week of October 21-October 24 (Tuesday-Friday) and ends the week of November 25-November 28 (Tuesday-Friday.) The City's garbage/recycler, Advanced Disposal, is contracted to conduct the leaf collection on alternating weeks. The City is divided into two sections during the Fall Leaf Collection. The schedule is as follows:

**East of Wisconsin Street—October 21, November 4 & November 18**  
**West of Wisconsin Street—October 28, November 11 & November 25**  
*Do not put leaves out unless it is your leaf collection week*

- \*Leaves should **NOT** be placed in the gutter earlier than the Saturday prior to your pickup day
- \*Leaves **MUST** be in the gutter no later than 7 a.m. of the scheduled Tuesday pickup day
- \*Please rake leaves into the **gutter** - Advance Disposal will pick up the leaves from the gutter
- \*Do **NOT** combine brush with leaves
- \*Do **NOT** place them in bags or boxes

**Seasonal Leaf burning** is allowed between October 1 and November 30 *without* a permit. Any other dates require a permit.

- \*Burning shall occur on the resident's property at a minimum distance of 25 feet from any occupied dwelling
- \***NO** burning when wind is in excess of 10 miles per hour
- \*Do **NOT** burn on streets, sidewalks, terraces, or any other location within the public right-of-way
- \*Burning permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

### Yard Waste Drop-Off Site - City Garage

12 E. First Avenue (Fenced in area adjacent to N. Washington Street)



**Open through November 15, 2014**

**Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

- \*Leaves, vegetables, and grass clippings
- \*Yard/garden debris and brush-including clean, woody vegetative material no greater than 3" in diameter
- \*Tightly bundle tree limbs and branches no greater than 3" in diameter and 4ft in length with twine (**NO wire or nylon**)
- \*30 gallon paper bags or dry cardboard boxes not larger than 3 x 3 feet
- \***NO** stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls
- \***NO plastic bags!**

**Christmas Tree  
Collection  
January 5-9, 2015**

## MEDICAL ALERT WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT

If you use medical equipment that needs electricity to run, please let 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 other 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.

To apply, a Medical Alert Response Application must be completed. 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.

## HELP US HELP YOU/WINTER HYDRANT CLEARING

The City of Elkhorn Department of Public Works is requesting the help of residents in maintaining access to fire hydrants during the upcoming winter season.

Any resident of the City who has a fire hydrant located on their property is asked to remove the snow from around the hydrant immediately following each snow

occurrence. Fire hydrants need to be kept clear in the event that City emergency personnel may require immediate access and use of a hydrant. So help us help you, and together we can keep the residents of Elkhorn safe.

The Elkhorn Department of Public Works would like to thank the residents who

maintain a clean area around fire hydrants during the winter season.



## WINTER SIDEWALK CLEARING

A reminder to keep sidewalks safe this winter. Per the Elkhorn Municipal Code, the entire width of the sidewalk needs to be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within 24 hours of the time that the snow or ice ceases to accumulate. If ice has accumulated, the owner is required to sprinkle the sidewalk with necessary material to accelerate melting or prevent slipping. Owners of property with sidewalks on two intersecting streets are required to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks of both streets, including the area bordering the crosswalk and the curb

ramp. Do not plow, push, shovel or throw snow or ice onto any public streets, alley, sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use except for parcels or lots where buildings are constructed within 5 feet of the street right-of-way and the sidewalks exist from the City right-of-way to the curb line. In such instances, it is permitted to deposit, in a nonhazardous manner, snow and ice from their sidewalks only onto public streets. If the City has to remove the snow and/or ice, the property owner will be charged without prior notice.

The City appreciates residents efforts to

ensure safe passage for all pedestrians.

**“the entire width of the sidewalk needs to be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within 24 hours of the time that the snow or ice ceases to accumulate.”**

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



The City of Elkhorn welcomes James E. Heilman (Jim) to City Hall as the new Finance Director. Following his time in the service as a Marine, he graduated from UW-Lacrosse with a degree in Finance, he spent time as a Restaurant Manager with WMCR Corp., and as an Insurance Representative with Prudential and as a Comptroller with Royal Hospitality Group. While he enjoyed each of those positions, he has found all of the financial and administrative challenges of municipal government rewarding. So rewarding he has spent 23 years in municipal government!

He currently resides in Lake Geneva with his wife and dog. He has one daughter who is a college senior.

Welcome, Jim!

The City of Elkhorn is happy to introduce Alyssa Markuson as the new pool manager. You may have seen Alyssa this past summer assisting with summer camps as she was the Summer Camp Lead. She was chosen to be the new pool manager due to her extensive background as a lifeguard, and swimming and lifeguard instructor. She teaches 6th grade math at Lake Geneva Middle School and currently resides in Elkhorn. She loves to work with children and is excited for her opportunity to continue working with the Recreation Department!

Congratulations, Alyssa!



The City of Elkhorn is pleased to announce that Lana Krogh is working at City Hall as a receptionist. She worked for the Lake Geneva School District for 18+ years prior to coming to the city. She is also working part time as a Project Manager doing estate sales/transitions on the weekends/evenings. She is "mom" to a lovable mutt named Goliath and a Boston Terrier named Dottie. She enjoys spending time with family, fishing, cooking, gardening and reading. She is looking forward to moving to Elkhorn soon.

Welcome Lana!



YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Mayor Brian Olson and Utility Director John Murphy recently recognized three utility employees for their many years of dedicated service to the City of Elkhorn. The City is extremely fortunate to have a highly skilled, dedicated staff serving our utility services and community.

Chad Hummel and BZ Kayser received plaques for 25 years of service and Tim Leach received a plaque for 40 years of service. Thank you, gentlemen!

In photo from the left: John Murphy, BZ Kayser, Tim Leach, Chad Hummel, Mayor Brian Olson



## LIGHTS AND LADDERS

Bring your whole family to Sunset Park on **Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** for our Second Annual Lights and Ladders Day. You will get to tour City vehicles, and Department of Public Works other “cool” trucks! This is a **FREE** community event hosted by the Elkhorn Recreation Department and all other City Departments! Take advantage of the opportunity to explore a police car, dump truck, fork lift, ambulance, and more! Your children will be able to crawl up into the driver seat and imagine themselves driving to the scene of an emergency or get a bird’s eye view as they ride to the top in a bucket truck. A delicious breakfast menu will be available for purchase. Free activities, games and crafts will be planned and will definitely fun for all! See you there!



## RENT THE REC CENTER MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Looking for a place to have your birthday party, baby shower, graduation party, holiday celebration or next family gathering? Why not rent the multi-purpose room in the Recreation Center at Sunset Park? This room comfortably fits up to fifty people and has plenty of parking and restrooms. Just let us know how many tables and chairs you will need. Air hockey and ping pong tables are available upon request for appropriate events. There is plenty of room for other indoor activities, as well as the playground equipment adjacent to the building. Stop by for a tour or call for more information: 262-741-5114. Resident Rate—\$20 per hour payable with reservation, correct paperwork and security deposit.

## NFL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Last year the Elkhorn Rec Department joined the Quad County NFL Flag Football League and had great success with the Browns winning the Tournament for the 1st & 2nd grade division. On October 18th, Elkhorn will be hosting the NFL Flag Football tournament for the 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grade teams here at Sunset Park! Five different communities will be involved! Come out and support your favorite team! games will start early and be played throughout the day – please support your favorite team by showing up and wearing the “NFL” jersey they represent! Concessions will be available for purchase.

## SCARE ON THE SQUARE!



On October 25th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., join Mercy Health Systems, the Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Elkhorn Recreation Department for an afternoon of frightful fun for the entire family at Veterans Park in the Downtown Square. Kids can wear their costume and enjoy an obstacle course, drawing booth, costume contest, storytelling, giveaways and much more! Bring old flannels, jeans, and any “scarecrow-type clothes” for our new scarecrow decorating-around-the-square-event! Put your family or friend name on your scarecrow and see if it wins best looking scarecrow!

### Activity Guide is Available!

Check out the fall activities available to you and your family! Pick up the Elkhorn Recreation Department Activity Guide at any of the following locations: Recreation Center at Sunset Park, Piggly Wiggly, Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce, Perk Up, City Hall, and Matheson Memorial Library. A digital copy is also available on the City of Elkhorn’s website, [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org).

## SECOND ANNUAL REINDEER RUN



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Elkhorn Recreation Department and the Elkhorn Running Club & White River Multi-Sport Club are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Reindeer Run 5K on **Saturday, December 6th**. There will also be a Santa Sprint for ages 1 – 12. The run will be held prior to the Christmas Card Town Parade and will start and finish at Sunset Park. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the run starts at 9:00 a.m. All money raised will go toward a Park Dedication Fund to replace outdated equipment. With every step you run, you are helping build the community! All participants will receive a Reindeer Run t-shirt, goodie bag and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded to the top winners. Awards will be given for best holiday dressed. Runners and spectators are encouraged to dress up! Bring a non-perishable food item for donation. Corporate sponsors are needed: 262-741-5114. Cost is \$20 if you register by October 17th, \$25 after and \$30 the day of the race. The Santa Sprint costs \$15.



## NOMINATION PAPERS FOR SPRING ELECTION

Anyone interested in running for the elected offices of Mayor or Alderman in District 1, 2 or 5 may obtain the necessary documents from the City Clerk's office beginning

November 17, 2014 or on the City website. Candidates may begin circulating nomination papers on December 1, 2014. Signed nomination papers must be filed

with the Clerk by January 2, 2015.

The election for local office will be held on April 7, 2015. If necessary, a primary election will be held on February 17, 2015.

## VOTING: REGISTRATION, PHOTO ID LAW

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Elkhorn, you are encouraged to register prior to the November 4th General 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 at City Hall or by mailing a completed Application for Voter Registration to the Clerk's office. The application must be postmarked no later than October 15th. Remember to include proof of residence if you mail your form.

The new Photo ID law will be enforced for the November election. When you come to the polls, bring your Photo ID in order to cast a ballot. A list of acceptable photo ID's can be found on the City's website. If you plan to vote absentee prior to the election,

you also need to provide Photo ID to receive a ballot. Absentee voting will take place in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall, Monday–Friday, October 20-31 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you need a photo ID for voting and your documents to prove U.S. citizenship, name and date of birth, or legal name change are unavailable, the WI DMV is providing photo ID's free of charge without them. It can take several days to complete the verification process, so don't wait to obtain the ID. Call them at (608) 266-1069 for more information.

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 found at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.

**The General Election is Tuesday November 4th**

**Voting will take place at The National Guard Armory located 401 E. Fair Street.**

**Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.**



## 2014 WALWORTH COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION

The 2014 Walworth County Clean Sweep program is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th at three locations in the county. This year's event will help household residents properly dispose of banned, damaged, unusable or unwanted products that contain volatile chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Clean Sweep is dedicated to the collection and proper disposal of household hazardous waste products and pharmaceuticals. Services are available to Walworth County household residents free-of-charge, and pre-registration is not required.

The Solid Waste Division has sponsored sixteen Clean Sweep programs since 1992. These collections have successfully removed over 439,000 pounds of hazardous materials from the local waste stream and served 8,946 program participants.

What is household hazardous waste? It is the unusable portion of a household product containing volatile chemicals that are flammable, corrosive, explosive, reactive or toxic. These

products are identified by labels which are generally marked CAUSTIC, ACID, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, or POISON.

Bring your items to the Walworth County Public Works Department located at **W4097 County Road NN which is only open on Saturday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.** Waste handling and transportation guidelines include:

- ⇒ Keep waste products in their original containers.
- ⇒ Place products in a cardboard box lined with plastic.
- ⇒ Do not mix any substances together.
- ⇒ Transport products in the trunk of your vehicle

Visit the City website, [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org) to view the event flyer which includes information on additional collection locations and times as well as examples of products which will be accepted.

### PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Clean Sweep accepts outdated or unwanted prescription drugs and over-the-counter items.

- ⇒ Pharmaceuticals are collected **ONLY** at the locations and times included in the event.
- ⇒ Leave medications in their original containers. The patient's name may be crossed out.
- ⇒ Keep pharmaceuticals separate from other wastes. Place them in a bag or box and transport in the passenger compartment of your vehicle.
- ⇒ Participants do not have to provide their name—just the name of the municipality they live in.
- ⇒ Preregistration is not required.

Items accepted include:

- Pills & Capsules
- Syrups/Liquids
- Salves/Creams
- Inhalers

Items not accepted:

- Radioactive Materials
- Sharps/Needles
- Oxygen Tanks
- Nebulizers



### CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES

The Business Clean Sweep program targets businesses, industries, municipalities, schools, and service providers that produce less than 2,205 pounds of hazardous waste annually. Business Clean Sweep program participants pay the disposal cost for their chemicals, but the cost is significantly less than contracting with a vendor for this service on an individual basis. The program is

easy, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to pre-register for the October 3, 2014 collection date please contact the Walworth County Solid Waste Division at 262-741-3367.

Please note that agricultural waste materials will not be collected in 2014.

**REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

Starting in 2013 the real estate tax bills full to the City of Elkhorn by January 31st. use the home as their primary residence as format changed, which may have confused Any real estate tax payments made after of January 1st of the year in which the a few you. The information on the bills are January 31st need to go to the Walworth property taxes are levied or if the seller the same, they just have a different look. County Treasurer at 100 W. Walworth used it as their primary residence on Janu- "Tear off" stubs were added to make pay- Street, and NOT to the City of Elkhorn. The ary 1st, qualify for a lottery and gaming- ments easier. The first installment of your Walworth County Treasurer no longer mails credit. An application to receive the credit real estate tax is due by January 31st and a reminder for your second installment so is available at City Hall or at http:// can be mailed or brought to City Hall; make sure you mark it on your calendar. www.revenue.wi.gov/forms/lottery/. The please return either the first installment When reviewing your bill, check to make application can be mailed to City Hall or stub or the full amount stub with your pay- sure you received the lottery tax credit if returned with your payment. ment. Personal Property Taxes are due in you qualify. Homeowners in Wisconsin who

**LICENSING FOR CATS AND DOGS**



All cats and dogs in the City of (Chap. 174) and must accom- Elkhorn, P.O. Box 920, Elkhorn, WI 53121. Elkhorn, over the age of 5 pany the application. **2014 License fees:** Applications and fees for 2015 If mailing in your registration **\$11.00** for spayed or neutered cat and dog licenses will be enclose your check made out animals taken at City Hall during office to the City of Elkhorn, a com- **\$17.00** for unaltered animals hours, Monday–Friday, 8:00 pleted dog/cat license applica- A \$5.00 penalty is added if not registered by April 1, 2015. December 1, 2014. A copy of tion form (available on the City website [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org)) New cats/dogs can be your animal's current rabies and a copy of current rabies licensed at any time without a vaccination certificate along with a self-addressed stamped penalty. required by State Statute envelope and mail to: City of

**Saturday, December 6th**

**Elkhorn's 2nd Annual Reindeer Run: 5K Run or 2 Mile Run/Walk**

Check-in and Registration at 8:00 a.m. - Race at 9:30 a.m.

**Elkhorn's 32nd Christmas Card Town Parade**

Downtown Elkhorn

1:30 p.m.

**WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS**

The parking or leaving standing of any vehi- which are in effect for our area: winter result in the removal of any vehicle parked cle on any street in the City within the peri- weather advisory, winter storm warning or in violation of this, and the vehicle owner od commencing December 1, 2014 blizzard warning. These parking restrictions shall be responsible for the cost of towing, through April 1, 2015 is prohibited when will remain in effect for a period of 12 storage and any other charges in connec- the National Weather Service has issued hours after the expiration of the winter tion with its removal in addition to the pen- any of the following winter storm messages storm message. Failure to comply may alties set forth in the city ordinance.

**WHAT'S NEW AT MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY?**

Fall weather has arrived and we are getting back to our usual routine of fall programs after a very busy summer. We enjoyed a great summer reading program with lots of programs and record-breaking circulation. In July alone, we checked out 27,133 items, our busiest month ever. September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Don't forget the most important school supply, a library card!

Do you have an e-reader, iPad or Android tablet? Did you know you can download popular magazines and e-books for free, right from home? All you need is a library card! You can also read digital magazines and e-books on your computer. A librarian can show you how or you can check out the Digital Resources page on the library website.

In our children's department, we will con-

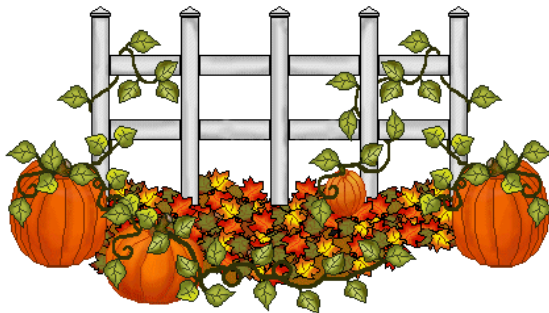
tinue with our after-school clubs on Thursday afternoons. We have a rotation between Lego Club, Messy Art Club, and Mad Scientists Club. Check our website calendar for the current week's club and project. All ages are welcome to drop in between 3:30 and 5:00 on Thursdays for these programs. Programs for adults this fall include two programs on Getting To Know Medicare, on October 14, at 1:30 and November 19, at 6:00 p.m., local author, Linda Godfrey, will talk about her new book, American Monsters on October 22, at 6:30 p.m., and a program on Walworth County Barn Quilts on November 20, at 6:30 p.m. Check our web site [www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us](http://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us) for more information on these and other programs.

Support the Friends of the Library by attending the 2nd Annual Trick-or-Trivia

Night on Friday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a spook-tacular evening of trivia and fun! Tables will work in teams of eight to answer a variety of brain-bending questions. You may purchase an individual ticket or fill a whole table with friends, family or co-workers. A \$25 ticket includes admission, two drinks, and tons of snacks. A cash bar will be available. The winning team will receive a \$200 cash prize. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. For questions, contact Katie at 914-462-8807 or [www.trickortrivia.com](http://www.trickortrivia.com)

As always, I encourage you to contact me with any comments or suggestions regarding the library. You can reach me by phone at 262-723-2678, x22 or by email at [lselfje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:lselfje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us).

*Lisa Selfje, Library Director*



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**RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S SUNSET CAMP**

This summer was our first time to offer a half day summer camp. We offered seven weeks of half day camps for children ages 5-12. Every week the theme changed. The children went on numerous field trips including to all city buildings and an in-depth look at how city departments function, (they even got to play aldermen and mayor and vote on city issues), Burlington Swimming Pool and playground. They also went to Babe Mann park and had a sailboat

race and fishing contest! Every day the kids played a variety of sport games along with arts and crafts and made new friends while having a blast!

We will be back next summer! Sunset Camp is here to stay! Stay tuned and watch for information in our Winter/Spring guide!





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