STH 67 AND ADJACENT CITY STREET IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As WisDOT marches forward to complete the STH 67 resurfacing project (south of IH-43) in October of this year, the City will continue efforts by performing roadway improvements to adjacent streets including a roadway extension in consideration of Tax Incremental District No. 4. In accordance with a Traffic Impact Analysis performed by the City’s Engineer and adopted by WISDOT, existing traffic patterns and roadway geometry warrant adjustments as summarized below.

STH 67 Improvements performed by WisDOT within Elkhorn City Limits

- Northbound and Southbound STH 67 roadway improvements will incorporate isolated right and left turn lanes at both O’Connor Drive and Commerce Drive
- Commerce Drive and Commerce Court traffic exiting onto STH 67 will be limited to right turns only

Future City of Elkhorn roadway improvements adjacent to STH 67

- Resurfacing of Commerce Drive from Tasch Drive to STH 67
- Resurfacing of Tasch Drive from O’Connor Drive to Commerce Drive
- Reconstruction and resurfacing of O’Connor Drive west of STH 67
- Adding traffic signals at O’Connor Drive and STH 67 intersection
- Roadway signals of Commerce Court to Koopman Lane at Arnold Avenue. Said extension will facilitate southbound traffic movements exiting the business park onto STH 67 in consideration of left turn restrictions at Commerce Court and STH 67

City performed improvements are slated to begin in September of this year with completion by summer of 2019.
MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

There was so much going on this summer, I don’t know where to start. There were the normal summer activities such as enjoying the events at the pool, exciting softball and baseball games, and the numerous other recreation programs that were offered. Also exciting for our City is the progress on Highway 67 reconstruction, the new Public Works building, construction of Market Street from Highway 11 to Geneva Street, the new fairgrounds entrance that improves safety on Highway 11, and the new project with Loves Travel Stop and Holiday Inn Express was started. To add to that excitement was the remodeling of the high school, complete with their own softball fields. The Walworth County Fair was great as usual this year, even with all the rain. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the high school sporting events, Oktoberfest, and many other events in our wonderful City this fall!

Yours truly,

Mayor Howie Reynolds

13th Annual Elkhorn Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 20, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Downtown Elkhorn: Craft and Vendor Booths, Chili Cook-Off, Wine and Beer Tasting, Car Show, Kid’s Activities, Live Music, Shuttle Service, 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk, Entertainment and more!

Visit the Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce’s website for more information: elkhornchamber.com

DISCOVER ELKHORN ON DISCOVER WISCONSIN

The Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism is excited to announce that Elkhorn will be featured on the Discover Wisconsin media program in June of 2019. The 20-minute segment will feature Elkhorn throughout the seasons focusing on why it is a great place to visit and live. The crew has already filmed a flea market, the Fair, Ribfest, and aerial shots around the community. It has plans to shoot the lakes areas, Oktoberfest and our Christmas Card Town Parade in the coming months. So, set your calendars to check out the video streaming on Hulu, YouTube, all area tourism and city websites coming in June.

Says Chris Clapper, Executive Director of the Chamber, “If you see the cameras around town, be sure to wave and say hi. Let’s show everyone what a gem of a town Elkhorn really is!”

The Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism is funding the video shoot as part of their mission to advance tourism and promote the economic and civic interests of its members and the Elkhorn community. If you have any questions or would like more information, call the Chamber today at 723-5788.
**CITY OF ELKHORN TRICK OR TREATING**

Trick or treating within the City of Elkhorn will take place **Wednesday, 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.

**CHRISTMAS CARD TOWN**

Experience the small town comfort and joy of the holiday season in Elkhorn. Join family and friends Friday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. as we light up the town with Christmas Spirit at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting with the big man himself—Santa Claus—and his special helper, as they wave their wands to magically light the tree in the downtown square. Afterwards, all are welcome to the Matheson Memorial Library for a fun filled reception with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Enjoy free hot chocolate, cookies, music and crafts while the kids wait for their turn to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Parents don’t forget to bring your cameras!

Then, on **Saturday, December 1st** bundle up the family and grab a spot downtown to watch the **37th Annual Christmas Card Town Parade beginning at 1:30 p.m.** Many line up to see the many decorated floats, novelty acts, music, animals, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**WINTER SIDEWALK CLEARING**

A reminder to keep sidewalks safe this winter. Per [Elkhorn Municipal Code](https://www.cityofelkhorn.org), 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 street, alley, sidewalk or public land 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.**
NEW DPW FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The future Department of Public Works facility is now under construction with plans to have the exterior of the building finished before snow flies so that work can continue through the winter months to keep the project on track to be operational in May, 2019. The project was awarded to Scherrer Construction Company, Inc. in June and a Ground Breaking Ceremony was held on July 2nd.

The new 37,500 SF DPW facility will be located at the SW corner of Centralia St. and Getzen St. The proposed facility is being designed with a 50 plus year service plan in mind which provides opportunity for future expansion. The facility will house services performed by the Department of Public Works including maintenance and repairs of streets, parks, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, buildings and grounds; additional duties include snowplowing operations and compost.

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

The parking or leaving of any vehicle on any street in the City is prohibited when the National Weather Service has issued any of the following winter storm messages which are in effect for our area: winter weather advisory, winter storm warning or blizzard warning. These parking restrictions will remain in effect for a period of 12 hours after the expiration of the winter storm message. Failure to comply may result in the removal of any vehicle parked in violation of this, and the vehicle owner shall be responsible for the cost of towing, storage and any other charges in connection with its removal in addition to the penalties set forth in city ordinance.

RECEIVE PARKING REGULATIONS TO YOUR CELL PHONE

The City offers an alert notification reminder when National Weather System winter storm messages prompts winter parking regulations. To sign up to receive text notifications to your cellular phone about the start of parking restrictions in the City, text this message:  @elkhonwpw  to:  81010 (this service is free, however, texting rates may apply). You can opt-out of messages by replying:  @LEAVE  at any time.
BE SURE TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL THIS WINTER

Just a reminder for customers to continue to pay their utility bills throughout the winter months, so that a large utility bill on April 16th can be avoided. The bill does not go away, it just accumulates with penalties.

Elkhorn Light & Water will not offer a DPA to a residential customer who is a tenant if any of the following criteria applies:

1. The residential tenant has greater than $100 of account arrearages that are more than 90 days past due.

2. The residential tenant has defaulted on a deferred payment agreement in the past 12 months.

3. 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.

4. The residential tenant has a balance that accrued during the winter moratorium that is more than 80 days past due.

Anyone within any of the above categories will not be allowed to make a DPA in the future.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Energy Services for Walworth County is taking applications for home energy assistance. To qualify for assistance, households must have gross income for the three months immediately preceding the month of application that is at or below 60 percent of the state median income guidelines. Income guidelines for the 2018-2019 program year are:

$6,870 gross income 3 months prior to application for household of 1; $8,983.75 for household of 2; $11,097.75 for 3; $13,211.50 for 4; $15,325.25 for 5; $17,439.25 for 6; $17,835.50 for 7; $18,231.75 for 8.

To apply, applicants must provide Social Security numbers for all members of the household, most recent energy bill, photo identification and written proof of household’s gross income for the three months prior to the application.

To apply or for more information call 1-262-427-8505 or visit homeenergyplus.wi.gov.

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CITY OFFICES AT SPRING ELECTION

Anyone interested in running for the elected offices of Alderman in District 1, 2, 3 or 5 or Municipal Judge may obtain the necessary documents from the City Clerk’s office beginning November 12, 2018 or on the City website. New candidates should file a Campaign Registration Statement as soon as intent to seek elective office is known and before funds are collected or spent. Candidates may begin circulating nomination papers on December 1, 2018. Signed nomination papers must be filed with the Clerk by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Contact the City Clerk with any questions on running for office. The spring election will be held on April 2, 2019. If necessary, a primary election will be held on February 19, 2019.

My Vote Wisconsin

A website for voters to find their elected officials information, voting location, registration status, ballot and absentee information, and more!

Register to vote and request an absentee ballot ONLINE—and more!

https://myvote.wi.gov/
The City of Elkhorn recently became a permitted MS4 community as defined by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). With that in mind, storm water from Elkhorn, which travels to the Rock River and Upper Fox River, is now being monitored by the WDNR. In order to stay compliant and protect the environment we maintain ordinances and policies to keep grass, dirt, branches, yard waste and garbage off the street. This prevents said debris from clogging inlets and ending up in our tributaries. We ask that you do your part and follow said policies and ordinances as outlined within this notice and as found on our website.

2018 Fall Brush Collection Schedule

- **Weeks of October 15 & October 29 (Tuesday-Friday)** | East of Wisconsin St
- **Weeks of October 22 & November 5 (Tuesday-Friday)** | West of Wisconsin St

**RESIDENT GUIDELINES:**

- *No* vines, rakings or roots (these may be brought to the Yard Waste Drop-Off Site, see below)
- *Do NOT* co-mingle leaves with brush
- *Place cut ends, no larger than 6 inches in diameter, facing direction of traveling traffic

All brush must be placed on the terrace by 7 a.m. on Tuesday of your brush collection week. Public Works personnel will begin the route on Tuesday morning and will collect properly disposed of brush sometime during your scheduled week. Please do not place brush out after Public Works personnel have gone by, they will only go through the route once during the week. Parked cars must not block brush piles. **If you hire a contractor for tree work, the contractor must take all debris.**

2018 Fall Leaf Collection/Seasonal Burning

**Fall Leaf Collection** begins the week of October 15—October 19 (Monday-Friday) and ends the week of November 19—November 24 (Monday—Saturday). In consideration of Thanksgiving holiday falling within the last week, the Thursday route will be picked up on Friday and the Friday route will be picked up on Saturday. The City is divided into 5 color coded sections; each section has an assigned week day for leaf collection. **Please view the map on the next page** or the City’s website for your pickup day. Advanced Disposal is contracted to conduct leaf collection.

**LEAVES WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED DURING YOUR LEAF COLLECTION DAY**

- *Please rake leaves into the street at least 12 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to pass, leaves will be picked up off of the street
- *Do NOT* place leaves any sooner than the Saturday prior to your pickup week
- *Leaves MUST* be in the gutter no later than 7 a.m. of the scheduled pickup day
- *Do NOT* combine brush with leaves or place leaves in bags or boxes

**SEASONAL LEAF BURNING** is allowed between October 1st and November 30th without a permit

- *Burning Shall occur on the resident’s property at a minimum distance of 25 feet from any occupied dwelling
- *Do NOT* burn on streets, sidewalks, terraces, or any other location within the public right-of-way
- *NO* burning when wind is in excess of 10 miles per hour
- *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 17, 2018 (Saturday prior to Thanksgiving holiday)

**Wednesdays:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. & **Saturdays:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**LEAVE OUTSIDE IN THE STREET**

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

Christmas Tree Collection

January 2–11, 2019
Yard Waste Collection

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Municipal Boundary

**Leaf & Yard Waste Program**

Please refer to the current Newsletter or website for dates of pick-up.

All leaves need to be on the street, 12" away from the gutter, by 7 a.m. on day of pick-up.
Please call the Department of Public Works with any questions: 262-723-2223.
Items to be Recycled

Have your trash and recycling out to the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Cardboard (flattened)
Clean cardboard only; broken down and flattened, and placed inside the cart.

Aluminum
Aluminum beverage cans only. No food trays, aluminum foil, etc.

Glass (bottles and jars)
No window glass, light bulbs, TV tubes, drinking glass, etc.

Tin and Bi-Metal Cans
Soup, vegetable, juice cans, etc. All cans must be rinsed out completely.

Plastic and Aseptic Containers
This includes plastic bottles with threaded caps with recycling symbol 1 through 5 and 7. Juice and milk cartons are also accepted. All plastic bottles must be rinsed out completely.

Look for 🔄 on the container.

Newspapers, Magazines, Office Paper
Glossy inserts, catalogs, mail circulars, phone books, paperback books, school papers, cereal boxes, envelopes, wrapping paper, etc.

Place your recyclables in the recycling containers provided. These containers are to be left with the residence if you move.

Please keep your recyclables separate from your other garbage and easily accessible. Keep carts at least three feet apart and away from other objects (mailboxes, light poles, etc.)

City of Elkhorn’s Recycling Collection is every other week, the same day as weekly trash services

Please call Advanced Disposal at 920-563-4505 with any service questions or issues

🚫 NO MEDICAL WASTE—i.e. needles, rubber gloves, oxygen tubes, IV bags, etc.
🚫 NO YARD WASTE—it is illegal to landfill these items
🚫 NO WET PAINT or HAZARDOUS MATERIALS—contact Walworth County for disposal of these items
✅ EMPTY or DRY PAINT CANS—these items may be placed in the standard trash containers
SUNSET SUMMER CAMP—GETS YOUTH ACTIVE AND OUTSIDE!

Sunset Camp was created 5 years ago with the intention of giving kids a flash-from-the-past type of camp. Our goal is that campers have fun, meet new friends and come home physically exhausted from being out in the fresh air all day! You ask doing what? Playing outside! It is clear that parents and kids alike truly enjoy our camps because this year we had a waitlist almost every week. 45-50 campers per week attended our 9 weeks of summer camp. We began taking registrations in March and we will do so again next year so mark your calendars – registration is based on first come, first serve. For those parents that have multiple children attending or are registering for more than 3 weeks, we do offer payment plan options.

If you are unfamiliar with our camps here are some of the details...Sunset Camp has no “organized” sports allowed. We play. Simply play! We play games that allow kids to meet other kids and form friendships. We see leaders evolve and real relationships formed. We play games such as capture the flag, water balloon toss, scavenger hunts, potato sack races, drip drip drop –just to name a few. We have playground time as well as swimming. We snack on popsicles and popcorn. Simple fun.

On rainy days, we have stations inside the rec center that include but not limited to art, board games, cards, Legos, chalk wall, painting, ping pong tournaments... the list goes on and on. We also have guest visitors come and speak with us or perform an activity. This year we had a juggling group, a musician, a police officer and college athletes. We take at least 3 field trips per summer and this year our trips included bowling, a new park and ice cream picnic, and a farm where campers got to feed piglets.

No cell phones allowed. No computers allowed. We get back to when we were kids –yes back in the “old days” and we had to talk face to face to one another and come up with activities that didn’t involve a cord, a screen and a charger. Sunset Camp is 100% staffed by local high school and college students who are creative and compassionate about kids! Our camp also teaches kids about teamwork without having to put your child in a uniform. Throughout the summer, campers broke into small groups with a lead counselor and came up with many creations too. Junk Wars and Shark Tank week are just to name a few. Campers came up with their “Invention” and presented to the “Judges” why their creation was the best. Campers learned how to present to an audience and listen while their friends spoke. Campers who worked with their team for an end result clearly saw how hard work and shared responsibilities paid off!

We include a new “theme” each week consisting of a variety of interests for kids 5-11 years of age. We partner with the school so a bus takes kids directly from summer school to Sunset Camp. Kids eat lunch outside in the Lion’s Den Pavilion. We also have junior camp counselors who are too old to be in camp but are interested in working for the Recreation Department in the future.

On our last day – I saw tears, hugs and thank you cards exchanged. I can guarantee we will be full again next year so make sure you plan ahead! I think parents, staff and the campers would agree – Sunset Camp is here to stay and will only keep improving and growing! Summer is made for memories... And Sunset Camp will be a memory for many years to come of playing outside and making friends! Just as our neon green shirts read... I Love Sunset Camp!
During the month of September the library parking lot will be closed and under construction for improvements. Our drive-up book return has been moved to the first block of Walworth Street in the boulevard in front of the 1887 Building/Jackson School. Please use the entrance on Wisconsin Street to enter the library as it will be unsafe to cross through the parking lot.

September is “Library Card Sign-up Month” so if you do not already have a library card, stop in the library and get your free card! If you have lost your library card, replacement cards are also free during September. A library card is an important school supply for every child. Your library card will give you access to books, movies, video games and so much more! You can use any of the free databases on our digital resource page. Download ebooks from Wisconsin’s Digital Library called Overdrive/Libby. Other databases include Lynda.com, where you can take a computer class, learn about web design, photography and much more; or research your family tree using Ancestry.com, or learn a foreign language using Duolingo. Gale Courses offer a huge variety of courses you can take to develop invaluable job-related skills in a number of career fields. Examples include using Microsoft Office, Accounting Fundamentals, Business, and Creative Writing. Start developing career-changing skills today! These are all available to you with your library card.

We offer many programs for all ages at the library. We have baby and toddler story times, after-school programs and a variety of programs for adults including three book discussion groups each month. Our newest one is a Short Story Book Club which will have its first meeting on September 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Not Too Far Away Pub & Grill at N6444 US-12 in Abells Corners. Pick up a copy of the first short story, Graham Greene by Percival Everett, at the Circulation Desk and join us for some drinks and good conversation. Check our website www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us or library newsletter for more information on these and other programs.

Support the Friends of the Library by joining for just a $10 membership fee. We are always looking for new members and volunteers to help at our events. The Friends will host a Trick or Trivia event on October 13th, Fridays with Oscar Movie Nights in February, and they work diligently to maintain their ongoing Book Store in the library, along with many other events throughout the year.

As always, I encourage you to contact me with any comments or suggestions regarding the library. You can reach me by phone at 262-723-9140 or by email at lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

Lisa Selje,
Library Director
The Walworth County Public Works Department is sponsoring a Clean Sweep Program October 5th & 6th. This event will help household residents, businesses, schools and municipalities properly dispose of damaged, banned, unusable or unwanted products that contain volatile chemicals.

Clean Sweep services are provided free-of-charge to household residents who may drop off items without an appointment at the following times and locations:

**Friday, October 5th - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Town of Linn Municipal Garage, N611 Zenda Road, Zenda and City of Whitewater Public Works Complex, 150 East Starin Rd, Whitewater

**Saturday, October 6th - 8:00 a.m. to Noon** Walworth County Public Works Department, W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn

Clean Sweep program services are also available to any business, municipality, school, or other service provider that generates small amounts of hazardous waste, and classifies as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) according to DNR standards. VSQG program participants pay for product disposal but the cost is significantly less than contracting individually for this service. The program is cost-effective and convenient. Anyone interested, must pre-register and provide a list of products they want to dispose of by Wednesday, September 26th.

For more information, please contact the Walworth County Public Works Department, at (262)741-3367 or email: walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us

**City Hall will be closed** in observance of holidays during the fall and winter, the dates are:

- Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23
- Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25
- Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019

*Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 4th at 2 a.m. so be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour*
Tired of raking leaves to the curb only to have the wind put them back into your yard, or your neighbors yard? (Or have your neighbors leaves end up in your yard?) Trees drop leaves at different times, so usually one raking doesn’t get the job done either, then you may end up having to bag those late drop leaves—which can be back breaking work. Try something new, easy and quick this year! Mulch the leaves! It is clean and easy and adds back beneficial nutrients into your lawn. Just use your lawn mower and you will be finished in the same amount of time it takes to mow your lawn! Research conducted by Michigan State and Purdue University show that lawn quality is improved by mulching leaves into the grass. Give it a try this fall.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

The Electric Utility Department welcomes Owen Ellingson as an Utility Lineman!

Owen is originally from Cresco, Iowa and graduated from Northwest Community College with a Power Line Degree and Associates of Applied Science in Power Line Technology. He enjoys hunting, fishing and working out.

Welcome to the City of Elkhorn, Owen!

The Water Utility Department welcomed Nathan Steffen as the new Water Utility Foreman! Nate received an Environmental Science degree with an emphasis of Environmental Resource Management and special techniques of analytical chemistry from the University Wisconsin Whitewater. He also has obtained wastewater certification from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Nate brings a unique set of skills to Elkhorn’s Water Department, for example he has worked with several different agencies including Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection, and Department of Labor-OSHA. Prior to working for the City of Elkhorn he held positions as a Wastewater/Drinking Water Laboratory Analyst, Maintenance Mechanic, along with spending over ten years in the construction industry. After work you can find Nate in the community coaching soccer at Elkhorn High School along with the Elkhorn Soccer Club. He also has been coaching for the Elkhorn Parks and Recreation baseball teams over the last four years. In his spare time you will find him spending time with family, cheering on the Milwaukee Brewers and the Green Bay Packers, or being outdoors camping, hiking, fishing or kayaking.

You can receive this newsletter delivered automatically to your email when it becomes available, just go to the City’s website to sign up!

www.cityofekhorn.org