Progress Continues Towards Construction of New DPW Facility!

The existing Department of Public Works building, constructed in the 1940s, which is located at 12 E. 1st Ave. has outlived its usefulness and continues to require extensive repairs. The existing facility has housed numerous operations over the years including the Police Department, Electric Department and Public Works.

Architectural and Engineering plans for the new facility are currently being finalized by Kueny Architects. 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. The City is anxiously awaiting construction of the new facility which is slated to begin in early summer with completion anticipated in mid-year of 2019.
MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring everyone!

So many things are happening in our City that I don’t know where to start. Street projects will be starting, a new public works building will be built, our new water treatment plant is in full use, the Love’s Travel Center will start construction in July, a new Holiday Inn Express will be built and SCI will start building too! (SCI is a new manufacturing plant)

There is a lot of work to be done on Highway 67 south with the addition of more turning lanes and two more sets of stop-and-go lights, all to accommodate all the new businesses building in the southern part of our City.

Then you have your normal activities—Rec Director Wendy is signing up our children for all the great Rec programs and the Chamber is gearing up for several fun festivals and projects that go on around the City during the nice summer weather.

Come out and enjoy our wonderful City—it is a great place to live and raise a family!

Yours truly,
Mayor Howie Reynolds

Plan for Fun in Elkhorn this Summer!

Elkhorn Community Days—Saturday, June 16
Kick-off the summer with friends and family over Father’s Day weekend. Enjoy live music, good food, cold beer, water ski shows, kids activities, a 5K run/walk, movie on the beach and a car show. All these events and more will take place at Babe Mann Park. A weekend with something for everyone!

Star Spangled Celebration—Friday, June 29
Start the holiday weekend with a BANG! Starting at 5 p.m. in Sunset Park there will be music in the historic bandshell by the Holton Band. Food, ice cream and soda will be available to purchase. The spectacular fireworks show begins at dusk! Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the show!

Elkhorn Ribfest—July 12 through 15
The Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce partners with The Walworth County Fairgrounds to host the largest barbecue festival in Wisconsin! This four day event features great entertainment, kids activities and an artisan village—and of course, delicious, mouth watering barbecue!

Corn & Brat Days—Friday & Saturday, August 3 & 4
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days
Enjoy the sounds, smells and tastes of summer! Formerly the Festival of Summer this two day event takes place in Veteran’s Park in downtown Elkhorn. Both days will feature artisans and crafters, activities for kids including bounce houses, slides and more. Enjoy a delicious roasted ear of corn and grilled brat while watching entertainment from different local groups.

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

www.cityofelkhorn.org  (262)723-2219
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 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.

CITY SCHEDULES OPEN BOOK, BOARD OF REVIEW

Property owners will have an opportunity to meet the City’s assessor, Accurate 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 4th, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Assessment Roll Book is available for viewing at City Hall during office hours. Appointments with Accurate Appraisal, LLC may be made by calling 1-800-770-3927 or on-line through the assessor’s website, www.accurateassessor.com.

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

BOARD OF REVIEW: Wednesday, May 23rd, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In order to attend Board of Review you need to fill out an Objection Form and 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, 2018.

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.

IMPORTANT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REMINDERS

Be especially careful at intersections as failure to yield right-of-way can occur when drivers are turning onto another street and a pedestrian is in their path.

When possible, cross the street at a designated crosswalk. Always stop and look left, right, and left again before crossing. If a parked vehicle is blocking the view of the street, stop at the edge line of the vehicle and look around it before entering the street.

Increase visibility at night by carrying a flashlight when walking and by wearing retro-reflective clothing that helps to highlight body movements.

It is much safer to walk on a sidewalk, but if you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.
The Spring Election is Tuesday, April 4th

Voting will be organized by Districts and will take place at the Recreation Building located at 200 Devendorf St. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

For information on your Ward go to https://myvote.wi.gov/

NEW! REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE!

NEW! REGISTER ONLINE! Up to 20 days before the election, voters who have a valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can register to vote online on the MyVote Wisconsin website: http://myvote.wi.gov. To register online, the voter must enter a name, date of birth, Driver License or ID number and address that matches what is on file with the Wisconsin DMV. If all of the fields match, the voter will be able to register to vote completely online without needing to print, sign or mail the form and without needing to send a proof of residence document. Voters who are not able to match their information with the information in the DMV database will be given the option to register by mail (see instructions below) or in the municipal clerk’s office.

REGISTER BY MAIL. Up to 20 days before the election. Registration forms should be mailed to your municipal clerk. You can start your voter registration form online at http://myvote.wi.gov. Your form must be printed, signed, and mailed or delivered, to your municipal clerk. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering. If you are registering by mail, you can use any of the forms of proof of residence except a residential lease.

REGISTER IN-PERSON. You may register in-person in the City Clerk’s office up until the Friday before the election at 5 p.m. You must always provide a proof of residence document when registering to vote.

AT THE POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY. You may register at the polls on Election Day. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering to vote.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO REGISTER TO VOTE? If you have been issued a State of Wisconsin Driver License or ID card that is valid, you must provide the number and expiration date. If your WI driver license is cancelled or expired; or your WI DOT-issued ID is expired, provide the number and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued a WI driver license or WI DOT-issued ID, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you have none of these documents, you will be able to indicate that fact. You must provide a Proof of Residence Document when registering to vote in Wisconsin. A Proof of Residence Document is a document that proves where you live in Wisconsin and examples can be found on the City's website.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REGISTRATION? Photo ID is never required when registering to vote. However, a proof of residence document is always needed when registering to vote in Wisconsin. Voters must reside at their address for at least 10 days by Election Day in order to register to vote. Voters who have moved within Wisconsin less than 10 days before the election must vote from their previous address, either by absentee ballot or at the polling place. Voters who have moved to Wisconsin from another state less than 10 days before an election are only eligible to vote in Presidential elections. Wisconsin law no longer allows a “corroborating witness” to provide proof of residence. You cannot register the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday before an election, but you can register at the polling place on Election Day.

YOU CAN GET A FREE WISCONSIN IDENTIFICATION CARD. Just bring whatever identifying documents you have like a birth certificate and proof of your current address to obtain a photo ID to a Wisconsin DMV office. If you don’t have those documents you may still obtain a document that you can use for voting through the ID Petition Process at the DMV office.

Find more information on the Photo ID law at www.BringIt.wi.gov. Register to vote or check your registration status at: www.MyVote.wi.gov
Contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 1-866-Vote-Wis or at elections@wisconsin.gov.
HIGHWAY 67 CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER

The Department of Transportation (DOT) and City of Elkhorn will be partnering to expand WIS 67 for an incoming development.

DOT Project Improvements
- The roadway will be improved with a mill and overlay of the main roadway in which the project contractor will remove approximately the top 3” of asphalt and replace it with 5 1/4 “.
- At the intersections, the roadway will be widened to accommodate a bypass / right turn lane that will allow motorists to safely go around traffic that is making a left-hand turn.
- The bridge over Jackson Creek will also get some maintenance and safety improvements. This will be done by the replacement of the old guard rail and guardrail ends with the current safety standard end treatment. The bridge deck and parapet walls will undergo some repair to extend their life.
- The expansion of WIS 67 at O’Connor and Commerce Drives for additional turn lanes.

City of Elkhorn Project Improvements
- I-43 ramp improvements to accommodate increased traffic.
- The signalization of WIS 67 and O’Connor Drive.
- The improvement of O’Connor Drive, Commerce Drive and Tasch Drive for the proposed development.

Traffic Impacts
- The roadway will be closed to through traffic. The road will be open to residents and businesses along the project, as well as emergency vehicles.
- There is a posted detour. ( I-43 to WIS 50 )
- Businesses can get a permit for business signs that can be placed at the end of the road closures other side roads closures. The permit application is available on the City’s website.

Project Schedule
- The project is scheduled to begin in late March/early April and be completed in late September/early October.

PLANNING A GARAGE SALE THIS SUMMER?

Garage/Rummage Sales are a great way of cleaning house while making a little extra money for your family. Please be aware that the Elkhorn Municipal Code has established a few specific regulations for garage sales to ensure that they do not pose any problems or inconveniences for your neighbors. Following are those regulations.

How often can I hold a rummage sale at my home?
The Elkhorn Municipal Code permits rummage/garage/yard sales provided no sale continues more than 3 days or parts of days consecutively. Further, no more than 3 days such sales are permitted by any individual or upon any premises within any calendar year. Sale items may not be displayed or sold in the public right-of-way, such as on a sidewalk.

What kind of things can I sell?
Just about anything around your house that you no longer have room or use for. Just remember that anything you sell shall consist of the sale of personal property by private citizens from your own residence.

Can I post signs to advertise my rummage sale?
Signs may be posted on other people’s property, but only with their written permission. For signs in the public right-of-way, the City’s Municipal Code has the following requirements:

Do not attach garages sale signs to utility poles or traffic signs.
Each sign may be no larger than 2 square feet in area.
Signs placed in the public right-of-way shall require the consent of the neighboring property owners or tenants. Do not place the sign so that it will cause a physical or visual obstruction or pose a safety hazard to the public.

The sign may not be placed in public rights-of-way further than 500’ from the site of the garage sale.

Remove the signs within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event.
**SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

*Brush Collection during all weeks begins on Tuesday*

- **Tuesday, April 3, May 1 & June 5:** (NE) Northeast Section
- **Tuesday, April 10, May 8 & June 12:** (SE) Southeast Section
- **Tuesday, April 17, May 15 & June 19:** (SW) Southwest Section
- **Tuesday, April 24, May 22 & June 26:** (NW) Northwest Section

**Guidelines:**

* Brush should NOT be in the terrace earlier than Saturday prior to your pickup week
* NO vines, rakings or roots (see the Yard Waste Drop-off Site below)
* Brush MUST be in the terrace no later than 7:00 a.m.
* Do NOT combine leaves with brush
* Place cut ends facing direction traveling on street
* Maximum length—12 feet; maximum diameter—6 inches

The public works crew will begin the route on Tuesday morning and will pick up your properly disposed of brush sometime during your scheduled week. Please do not place brush out after the crew has gone by, they will only go through the route once during the week. If you hire a contractor for tree work, the contractor must take all debris. Parked cars must not block brush piles.

**Special Collection.** The City’s DPW crew may be requested to return to a property to chip brush if chipping goes beyond the homeowner’s normal pruning or trimming during the brush collection season. If additional chipping is required, then a charge will be invoiced to the property owner and due immediately. The DPW office may be contacted at 723-2223 for fees but only during the Spring Brush Collection season that ends the week of June 26.

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**SPRING LEAF COLLECTION**

BEGINs: Monday, April 9th  
ENDs: Friday, April 20th

Advanced Disposal, the City’s refuse/recycling contractor, conducts this leaf collection. The City is divided into 5 colored sections during the Spring Leaf Collection. Each colored section on the map will have leaf pickup on an assigned day of the week Monday through Friday (see page 7).

* Leaves will only be collected during your assigned day
  * Leaves should NOT be 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 pickup day
  * Rake leaves into the street; Advanced Disposal will pick the leaves from the gutter
  * Do NOT combine brush with leaves
  * Do NOT place leaves in bags or boxes

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**SEASONAL LEAF BURNING**

Allowed between April 1 and May 31 without a permit, any other dates require a permit

* Burning should 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 is permitted between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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**YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE—CITY GARAGE**

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

Opening date: Wednesday, April 4

Wednesdays: 8 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

* Accepts leaves, vegetables and grass clippings
* Accepts yard/garden debris and brush—including clean, woody vegetative material no greater than 3 inches in diameter
* Tightly bundle tree 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 3x3 feet
* NO stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls
* NO plastic bags!

**INFORMATION ALSO AVAILABLE ON CITY WEBSITE AT cityofelkhorn.org**
Yard Waste Collection

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- 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
Coming this Summer 2018...

- Sunset Pool, Swim lessons, Birthday Parties, Ice Cream Social, Cannonball Contest... the list goes on and on! Get ready for the best summer yet! See details in our Summer Guide coming out in early April! Pick one up around town or elementary kids get one in their backpack at school!
  - NUTL VI – June 8th
  - Sunset Camp – 9 weeks with different themes
    - Holton Band
    - Movies in the Park
  - Family Fun Fridays at Sunset Pool
    - Addie & Lexi’s Dance
  - Rookie Sports – New & Improved!
    - Ballroom Dance
    - Instructional Sport Camps
    - Bootcamp by Rachel
    - Water Zumba & Aerobics
    - EASD Sports Camps
      - Safe Sitter
      - Gymnastics
  - Rookie Football & NFL Flag football...
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE! Pick up our Summer Guide due out early April.
WHAT'S NEW AT MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY?

The Library will be a busy place this spring. During the month of April, we will hold our annual Food for Fines all 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 items. We will also have a raffle for daily prizes and other special events during National Library Week, April 8-14.

Other programs for adults this spring include a program on the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald that took place on Lake Superior in 1975, a program on financial literacy during Money Smart Week (April 26), and an Art Fest on April 12th. We have book discussion groups that meet every month, the first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and the third Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Check our website calendar at www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us for more information on these and other programs.

In our children’s department, Miss Pattie hosts morning story times on Tuesdays with toddlers and on Thursdays with babies. Our after-school clubs continue on Tuesday afternoons and rotate 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 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for these free programs. The theme for our community party in April is Eric Carle which will be held on April 18, at 10:30 a.m. There will be activities, treats, photo ops, crafts and more. This program is co-sponsored by the library and EASD Parent Connections, Step Ahead, The Learning Curve and Lakeland’s Little Learners. Sewing workshops will take place on Fridays in April and registration is required.

Support the Friends of the Library by joining for just a $10 membership fee. We are looking for new members to help with our projects this year. Many hands make light work! The Friends host movie nights, authors, and work weekly to maintain the ongoing Book Store, along with many other events throughout the year like the Book & Bake Sales and Fridays with Oscar.

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

New seating by a fireplace makes a cozy reading room
The electronic items listed below were banned from disposal in Wisconsin landfills or incinerators beginning September 1, 2010. The bans apply to everyone in Wisconsin - household residents, businesses, institutions, municipal governments, etc.

- Consumer computers
- Computer peripherals
- Televisions and other video display devices
- Fax machines
- DVD's, VCR's and other video players
- Consumer printers
- Phones with video displays (cell phones)

For additional information about Wisconsin's Electronics Recycling Law, the new infrastructure for handling e-waste, and a list of registered e-waste collectors and recyclers please visit the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website at: [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Ecycle/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Ecycle/).

**County-sponsored collection events.**

Wisconsin's legislation shifts the e-waste recycling burden from local units of government to manufacturers. The only requirement for local units of government is to provide their residents information about e-waste collection events or opportunities, and the reasons this material should be recycled.

City of Elkhorn, P.O. Box 920, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121
Website: www.cityofelkhorn.org  General email: info@cityofelkhorn.org
General number: (262)723-2219

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES**

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

- Friday, March 30
- Monday, May 28
- Wednesday, July 4
- Monday, September 3

**2018 Elections**

(all are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.):

- Tuesday, April 3rd: Spring Election: Parks & Rec Center at 200 Devendorf Street
- Tuesday, August 14th: Parks & Rec Center at 200 Devendorf Street
- Tuesday, November 6th: The National Guard Armory at 401 E. Fair Avenue
In November of last year Matthew Lindstrom joined the City of Elkhorn as the Public Works Operations Manager. He oversees 10 full time and 2 seasonal Public Works employees. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville.

Prior to joining Elkhorn, Matthew worked in both the private and public sectors as a design and construction engineer on multiple municipal and transportation projects. He enjoys the numerous aspects that accompany Public Works operations. Matthew has been a local resident for the past 16 years with 4 of those being within the City of Elkhorn.

Welcome Matthew!

The City welcomed Bryant Meinel to the Public Works Team this past January.

Bryant was born and grew up in Elkhorn, graduating from Elkhorn Area High School in 2011. His hobbies include flying helicopters, farming and being outdoors. When he isn’t working he likes to hunt and fish with his dog Blu. He enjoys spending time with family and friends and having cookouts on the weekends.

Bryant said he is happy to be a Public Works Crewman as he has always wanted to help and make the community a better and safer place for the people who live here.