

Civic Connection

. . .A message from your City

City of Elkhorn

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Elected Officials

Mayor: Michael Roberts

City Council Districts:

One:	Howie Reynolds
Two:	John Karcher
Three:	Doug Gallagher
Four:	Vacant
Five:	Charles Van Dyke
Six:	Julie Taylor

Staff:

City Administrator:	Sam Tapson
City Clerk:	Nancy Jacobson
City Treasurer:	Mary Hinske
Public Works:	Terry Weter
Parks & Recreation:	Dan Wick
Electric Supervisor:	Mike Lange

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CHANGES ON COMMON COUNCIL

The City of Elkhorn enters a new era in government. The Council has new Mayor and three Aldermen.

Michael Roberts, Mayor, and Aldermen Howie Reynolds, First District; John



Mayor Michael Roberts

Karcher, Second District; Doug Gallagher, Third District; Charles Van Dyke, Fifth District; and Julie Taylor, Sixth District is the new Council. Karcher, Reynolds and Van Dyke are in the second year of their term. Gallagher

and Taylor are new to the Council. John Giese, due to a complication concerning his retirement from the City as Police Chief, was unable



Julie Taylor and Doug Gallagher sworn in by Municipal Judge Tom Meyer

to accept his elected position for the Fourth District. The new Council is required to fill the vacancy by appointment.

CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HAS WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS IN 2002

The City's adopted Capital Improvement program calls for a wide range of projects during 2002.

A major road project is E. Geneva Street. After years of discussion and debate, the project includes reconstruction of the street from its intersection at Lincoln Street to the entrance of the Elkhorn Area High School. All utilities will be replaced with a new street being constructed with new curb and gutter.



The street will be closed except for local traffic after June 7 and will be com-

pleted by August 30. The project cost is \$1.25 million

The South Broad Street road project, which is part of the downtown renovation, will likely begin in July. The street will be reconstructed from W. Walworth St. to Rockwell. A boulevard is in the plans. One will be located in front of City Hall, others will be constructed after the Fire Station entrance. In addition to the aesthetic value of the boulevards, it is hoped that it will eliminate the urban violations that occur in front of City Hall.

In addition to the street projects, other CIP projects include construction of a Parks & Recreation Office/

Activity Center; redevelopment of play areas at Sunset Park; and the expansion of Matheson Memorial Library.

Beyond the current year, the CIP targets through 2006 such projects as: completion of downtown street improvements; development of the "White River" Bike Trail; water plant upgrades; a second phase of street reconstruction; and completion of the Sunset Park redevelopment plan.

This rather aggressive schedule of activities may be subject to considerable modification in light of anticipated reductions in State shared revenues.

Employee spotlight

The City welcomes Joel Christensen, its new Police Chief. And, says goodbye and thank you to Chief John Giese after 30 years of service to the City.

Chief Christensen worked up through the ranks of the Elkhorn Police Department. He was hired in 1989 as Patrol Officer.

"I want to expand the Community-Orientated Policing Policy," Christensen said of the goals he as set for himself and the department. Interacting with the citizens is important to him. The residents of Elkhorn can expect to see Patrol Officers out of their cars, walking the streets and interacting with the public.

Christensen plans to develop a crime prevention program to help businesses evaluate their specific needs, such as alarm systems.

An emphasis on the youth through such programs as Counteract, similar to DARE, will continue to be a strong focus of the department.

Like Chief Giese, Chief Christensen has his door open to the public.

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

Welcome to our Citizen Bulletin. Three times a year, we will be updating you on what is happening in the City. We hope this will be a useful tool for you to keep abreast of where your tax dollars are going. We will use the bulletin to inform you of what's next in our Capital Improvement Projects. If there are changes or new faces, the Citizen Bulletin will let you know. We hope this will be our connection to you, the citizens of Elkhorn.

We want to know what you think about our newsletter. Is there something in particular you would like to see highlighted in future newsletters? Are you gaining valuable information from the newsletter? Your comments are welcome. Call me at 723-2219 or send an e-mail to njacobson@elknet.net.

Nancy Jacobson, editor

NEW PROCEDURES, FEES FOR FACILITY RENTALS

The Parks and Recreation Department has established new Facility Rental Fees and procedures.

Rental fee for any facility, except the Municipal Pool is \$50 for residents of Elkhorn and \$75 for non-residents. Non-residents are anyone living outside of the City limits.

A deposit of \$25 is required and will be re-

funded if the facility and/or park area is in its original state after the event and the key is dropped off by 4:00 p.m. on the next working day.

If the event is expecting more than 50 participants, a \$25 fee for garbage disposal is charged.

To serve beer, a \$50 permit is required. The permit must be approved by the Parks and Recrea-

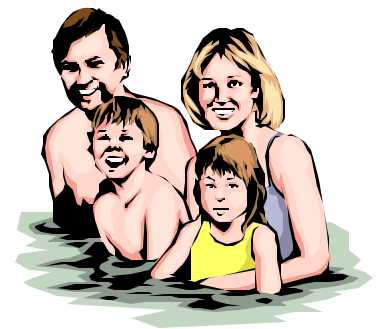
tion Director and is confined within the shelter or a fenced in area only at the Lions Den and Harris Park. If beer is going to be sold, a Class "B" picnic license is required and must be obtained from the City Clerk, 30 days in advance of the event.

Contact the Parks and Recreation Dept. at 262/723-2223 for rental of facilities.

POOL PATCHES ARE ON SALE AT THE ELKHORN CITY HALL

Season Memberships
 Individual
 Resident—\$14
 Non-resident—\$28
 Family (4)
 Resident—\$45
 Non-resident—\$90

Family members must reside at same address
 Additional family members are residents—\$10 and non-residents—\$20. (Non-residents live outside City limits)



RENT THE MUNICIPAL POOL FOR A PARTY

Want a great way to cool off on a hot summer's day and bring 50 of your best friends? Why not rent the Municipal Pool?

When the municipal pool, located at Sunset Park, is not being used for City Parks and Recreation

programs, citizens can rent it for large groups.

The Municipal Pool Rental Fee structure is as follows:

50 people or less

Resident \$50/hour
 Non-resident \$75/hour

51—75 people

Resident \$65/hour
 Non-resident \$90/hour

76 people or more

Resident \$80/hour
 Non-resident \$104/hour

(Non-residents live outside City limits)



HOW DOES THE STATE BUDGET IMPACT ELKHORN

Much has been written and said over the past two months in regard to Governor McCallum's proposed "Budget Repair Bill", but the outcome of the debate remains uncertain at this time.

What does seem certain, though, is that a reduction in State aid to municipalities is inevitable; leaving only the severity of the loss in question. It appears likely that one of several compromise plans, which are less severe in their impact than the Governor's plan, will be implemented.

Depending on which of these plans is adopted by the legislature, the City

would experience a revenue reduction in 2003 between \$190,000 and \$265,000. Additional shared revenue cutback contemplated in 2004 could further reduce the City revenue stream by another \$100,000.

Although the specifics of the legislature's plan are not known, the city staff has been looking at measures that may be taken in response to the anticipated revenue loss. The exact nature of such actions is yet to be finalized, but it is likely that a combination of service modifications, expenditure cutbacks and user fees will be required.

LIBRARY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM AREA RESIDENTS

The Library Board is actively seeking pledges and donations to build the library large enough to meet the needs of Elkhorn and the surrounding towns caused by their growing populations. The City has budgeted \$2.5 million dollars toward the new addition of the Matheson Memorial Library and Community Center. The project costs exceed that amount by \$750,000 to \$1 million depending on the final cost of construction.

Towns of Sugar Creek, La Grange, Lafayette, Geneva and Delavan have been asked to participate in the building project. They represent 40% of the library's circulation.

The major focus of the project is the youth services library which occupies 685 square feet of space. Today's standards call for 1,430 square feet. The present

story hour area is not handicapped accessible. Adults will find more than two easy chairs to sit in and read their newspaper. A tech center, expanded reference and non-fiction area, and CD listening sessions are included. The new Community Center which is part of the library building houses a room for 125 people, a smaller one for 25 and a kitchen. It will be available for rental by the Parks and Rec. Dept.

Residents are asked to support the project by joining the Quill Guild. Silver Quill Guild: Member \$25—\$50; Sponsor \$51-\$100; Patron \$101-\$250; Benefactor \$251-\$500. Golden Quill Guild: Member \$501-\$750; Sponsor \$750-\$999; Patron \$1,000 [nameplate on original card catalogue]; Benefactor \$1,000-\$5000. To join contact the Library, 723-2678.

Open Book Set

You will have your opportunity to state your case concerning your property assessment. Open Book will be held June 25 and 26. Expect a change notice the second week of June. Questions—call the City Clerk or Accurate Appraisals at 800/770-3927.

Spring Clean up

The time has arrived to give your yard a spring cleaning. Leaf burning is allowed from April 15 through May 15, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. City Crew will pick up leaves through May 1.



Don't forget your permit

Greg Klemko, Elkhorn Building Inspector, reminds residents who are planning a spring or summer project to check with him on whether a building permit is needed. Call the Inspector at 741-5115.

Klemko is an employee of Building Zoning Assessment Consultants. The City's Building and Zoning Administrator, also of BZA, is Rex Henke.



Building and Zoning hours are 8 a.m. to noon. Monday—Friday. Call for afternoon appointments.

WHEN YOUR SEWER BACKS UP CALL THE CITY

No one wants it to happen, but it can when the City experiences a major downpour.

When your sewer backs up, please call City Hall. The Public Works Department needs to know and so does the administrative office. It could possibly be a liability claim. The pro-

cedure for such claims begins with notification from the property owner to City Hall at 723-2219. After hours emergency number is 723-3229.

A claim will be filed with the City's liability insurance carrier.

A representative from the insurance carrier will

investigate the matter and contact you with any questions they may have concerning the claim. Once the investigation is complete, a decision will be made by the carrier as to whether the City is liable or not. The procedure is the same if an injury occurs on City property.

In remembrance . . .

The City and the Community lost a very special friend who dedicated himself to developing Elkhorn's Industrial Park since 1988. Elkhorn Development Company's Executive Director George Martin, 76, died March 4, 2002, in Panama.

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Special Events

Elkhorn Area Fire Dept. Dance Saturday, June 15, 2002

The dance is 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in front of the Fire Station, S. Broad St. featuring the Rockerfellers band.



Elkhorn PD. Family Bike Ride Saturday, June 8

Registration 9:45 Ride begins at 10:30 a.m. At the Elkhorn P.D. Station. Entry fee is non-perishable item for either the Lakeland Animal Shelter or the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Drop your item off before ride at the PD. Lunch follows with at prize give away.



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The growth of Elkhorn is responsible for the relocation of the City's Fourth of July Celebration.

New homes have been cropping up around Sunset Park making it impossible to present the fireworks display residents have come to enjoy in years past. For safety reasons City staff had to find

another location.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wick spent time with Bartolotta representatives and it was determined that Elkhorn Area High School was the best location.

New Police Chief Joel Christensen and Wick will work together with the School District and the

Walworth County Fair Board in preparing for the Fourth of July Celebration on Friday, July 5, 2002. Parking and spectator seating will be well marked.

The celebration will not be without its traditional Elkhorn-Holton Community Band and Elkhorn 4-H Club ice cream social.

Spring into Energy Savings!

Free CFL Light Bulb (Compact Florescent Light)

Courtesy of Elkhorn Light and Water—262/723-2910

“Commitment to Community” Public Benefits Fund

With help from

Community Action—800-424-8297 Weatherization/Energy Doctor—608-755-2480

Offer is redeemable one per family with coupon at Elkhorn Spring/Summer Recreation sign up day, April 27, 2002, and at Elkhorn Light and Water Office while quantities last. CFL bulbs last up to 10,000 hours and can save you \$40-\$60 per bulb over the life of the unit.