

W I S C O N S I N

SPRING/SUMMER 2019



New Public Works Facility Opening this Spring!

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Mayor:** Howie Reynolds
- District One:** Tim Shiroda
- District Two:** Frank Boggs
- District Three:** Ron Dunwiddie
- District Four:** Scott McClory
- District Five:** Tom Myrin
- District Six:** Karel Young

CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Hall	723-2219
Assessor	1-800-770-3927
Building Inspection	741-5124
Library	723-2678
Fire/EMS	723-2277
Municipal Court	723-2340
Police Department	723-2210
Public Works	723-2223
Recreation Dept.	741-5114
Utility Billing	723-2910
Utility Operations	723-3138
Zoning	741-5124

After Hours (Electric, Water, Sewer)
Emergency No. 741-3229

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The new Public Works facility has been worked on all through the fall and cold, snowy winter and is anticipated to open this Spring or early Summer. The new 37,500 square foot Public Works facility will be located at the SW corner of Centralia and Getzen Street. The facility is 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 which includes maintenance and repairs of streets, parks, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, buildings and grounds; additional duties include snowplowing operations and compost. Watch for a notice on the City's website for a ribbon cutting and grand opening!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hopefully by the time you read this the weather is nice. What a long winter—it felt like a polar vortex with all the ice storms, cold wind chills and just too much snow. I give many thanks to our Public Works employees, they worked many hours keeping our streets clear!

Moving onto more encouraging news, our new Public Works building on Centralia Street should be open late Spring or early summer. It will be nice to get everything inside while also being able to clean and maintain all the equipment properly.

Other happenings—we have hired a new Parks and Recreation Director, Karl Sorvick. Please welcome him to Elkhorn! More good news is the new Love's Travel Stop and Holiday Inn Express that should be opening this summer. You can see them being constructed south of Elkhorn on Highway 67. And last but not least, City Administrator Sam Tapson will be leaving us later this summer and the Council is in the process of moving people to replace Sam. I would like to thank Sam for all he has done.

Sincerely,
Howie Reynolds, Mayor

Saturdays on the Square

**Saturdays: May 18 through October 12,
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

This is a new concept inviting all types of vendors. A variety of local, handmade products along with fresh local growers and food vendors. Our vision is to provide a market where everyone can sell their items and give visitors a great community market. We will be featuring an upcoming event, organization, or activity each week. Your input, ideas and help spreading the word is greatly appreciated.

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



Start your holiday weekend with a **BANG!** Join the Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, June 28th starting at 5pm and enjoy an evening in Elkhorn's beautiful Sunset Park with music performed in our historic band shell by the Holton Band. Hungry? Food and snacks such as hot dogs, walking tacos, burgers, popcorn, chips, ice cream and soda are available for purchase from the Elkhorn Chamber, Elkhorn 4-H and Elkhorn FFA.

So bring a blanket or chair, family and friends, and have some summer fun with activities for the kids, music, food and a spectacular fireworks show at dusk!

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.

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.

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 3rd, from 2:00 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 at 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 22nd, 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, 2019.

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 2nd



***NEW* Electronic Poll Books ("Badger Books") will be used at this election! Just remember your PHOTO ID! Election will take place at the Rec Center, 200 Devendorf St. from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

To register or request a ballot online, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/>



A REMINDER ABOUT MOWING YOUR LAWN



Just a reminder that grass clippings may not be mowed onto the sidewalk or street (City Ordinance 8.02.9). Grass clippings end up in the City's storm sewer and can clog drains causing flooding and do not comply with the Wisconsin DNR MS4 permitting requirements. Either mulch your clippings back into your lawn or bag the clippings and bring them to the Public Works building. Sometimes it is unavoidable that some clippings will get on the sidewalk or street; please clean up the clippings afterwards.

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?

Sure. 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.

Signs placed in the public right-of-way shall have the address of the site of the garage sale and the name of the person placing the sign on the back of the signs.

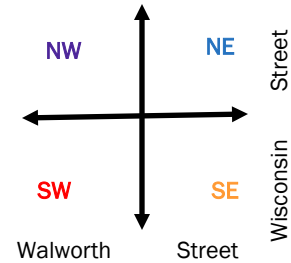
Remove the signs within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event.

The second weekend in June is the Elkhorn City Wide Rummage Sale - a great time to take advantage of the many people out looking for a deal or to find that one-of-a-kind item for yourself. Visit elkhornchamber.com or call 723-5788 for questions.

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush Collection during all weeks **begins on Tuesday**

- Tuesday, April 2, May 7 & June 4: **(NE) Northeast Section**
- Tuesday, April 9, May 14 & June 11: **(SE) Southeast Section**
- Tuesday, April 16, May 21 & June 18: **(SW) Southwest Section**
- Tuesday, April 23, May 28 & June 25: **(NW) Northwest Section**



Resident 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 25th.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

BEGINS: Monday, April 8th ENDS: Friday, April 19th

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 6).

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

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.

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE—CITY GARAGE

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

Opening date: Wednesday, April 3

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

Stay Tuned for information regarding when yard waste drop-off will be moved to our new DPW facility when construction is complete at 401 E Centralia Ave.

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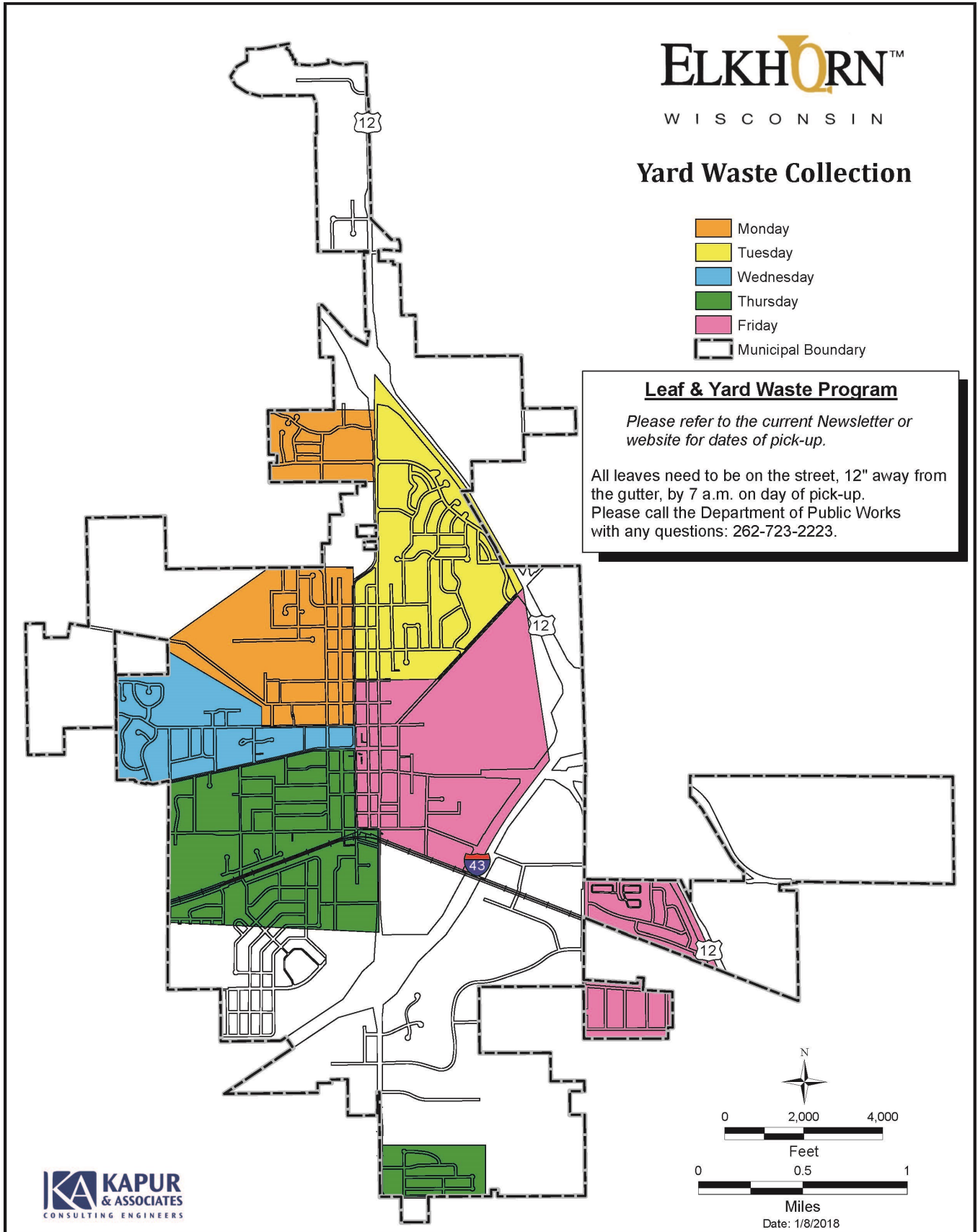
Yard Waste Collection

-  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



CITY OF ELKHORN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BACK TO SUMMER

Find us on Facebook at *Elkhorn Recreation Department*

Questions... Thoughts... Ideas? Email the Rec Director at elkhornparkdir@cityofelkhorn.org

Stop in or call (741-5114) the Rec Center to rent pavilions or pool this summer!

Back to Summer 2019 Line-Up

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 Spring/Summer guide coming out in mid-March. Pick one up around town or elementary kids get one in their backpack at school!

NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS VII – June 7th



Sunset Camp – 9 Weekly Themes including Hope it Floats, Elkhorn Rec Olympics and more!



Holton Band June 14–July 19 Every Friday @7:30pm

Family Fun Fridays at Sunset Pool

Addie & Lexi's Dance

Rookie Sports (NEW Evening Option)

Ballroom Dance

Instructional Sport Camps

Bootcamp by Rachel

Tire Tuesdays by Rachel (at FLAC)

Water Zumba & Aerobics

EASD Sports Camps

Safe Sitter

Gymnastics

Rookie Football & NFL Flag football...

June 14

Ralph Breaks the Internet



July 19

Incredibles 2



August 23

How to Train Your Dragon 3



WHAT'S NEW AT MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY?

In case you haven't heard the news- There are no fines on children's and young adult items at the library starting in January, 2019. All previous fines have also been forgiven so kids are free to use the library without fear of penalty. We encourage kids to read for fun, visit the library, and check out all the new books and other items we have. Note: we do still charge overdue fines for adult items that are returned late.

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 scavenger hunt and other special events during National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019.

Other programs for adults this spring include a program on cheesemaking, shipwrecks of the Great Lakes, and a program on finances during Money Smart Week. 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. The Short Story book club meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Check our web site calendar at www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us for more information on these and other programs.

In our children's department, Pattie Woods hosts morning story times on Tuesdays with toddlers and on Thursdays with babies. We have art & craft programs, winter wigglers, science programs, sewing workshops and book clubs. Check our website calendar for details. All ages and abilities are welcome to these free programs. The theme for our community party in April is Trains which will be held on April 17, 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.

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 donated by the Friends of the Library





After 40-years of service, Detective Thomas Bushey retired from the police department on December 8th. Mayor Reynolds is shown above presenting a plaque of appreciation to Bushey at a Council meeting. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the City, Thomas!

CITY DEPARTMENTS ARE ON FACEBOOK

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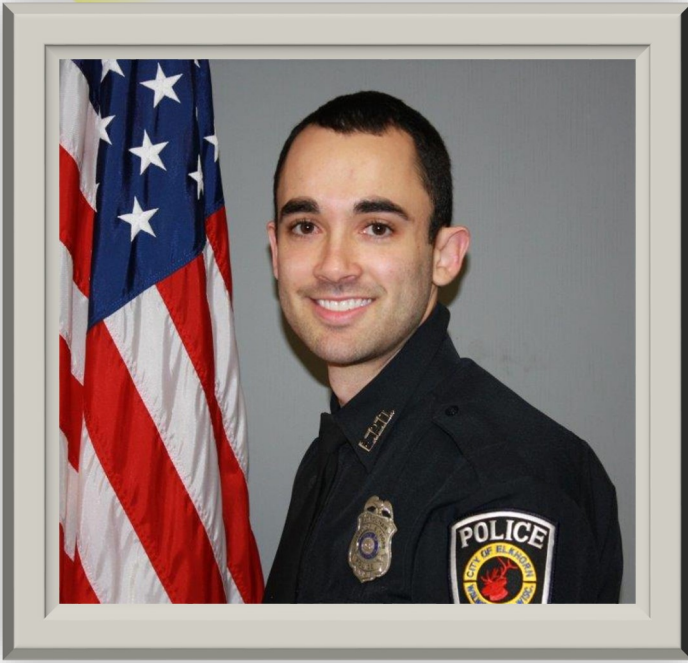
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Website: www.cityofelkhorn.org General email: info@cityofelkhorn.org
General number: (262)723-2219

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, April 19
- Monday, May 27
- Thursday, July 4
- Monday, September 2

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Eric Skipper began his duties as a Patrolman with the Elkhorn Police Department on January 7th. Eric graduated from UW-La Crosse with a bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sport Science-Sport Management. Eric is currently enrolled in the State's 720-hour law enforcement preparatory training and following successful completion of the training, Eric will complete an additional 15-weeks of training with a police training officer.

Welcome Eric!

(Eric is pictured to the left.)

David Aranda began his duties as a Patrolman with the Elkhorn Police Department on February 4th. David attended Gateway Technical College, studying Criminal Justice, before completing the State's 720-hour law enforcement preparatory training at Blackhawk Technical College. David is currently completing 15-weeks of department training with a police training officer.

Welcome David!

(David is pictured to the right.)



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



The City welcomed Tony Postulka to the Public Works Department in October of last year. Tony has lived in the Elkhorn area for the past 12 years. He is married with two kids, ages 14 and 7. He is an avid volunteer in the community where he coaches baseball, football, and wrestling. Other hobbies include spending time with family and friends, sporting events, and long walks on the beach. He brings many skills to the Department including past experience working at Buell Motorcycle company in the Research and Development Department.

Welcome Tony!

(Tony is pictured to the left)

Beginning in 2019 Karl Sorvick joined the City of Elkhorn as the Recreation Director. Karl has worked in the field of parks & recreation for over 12 years, with experience working as the Recreation Supervisor for the City of Jefferson and as the Recreation Coordinator for the City of Waukesha. Karl currently resides in Williams Bay with his wife Katie and enjoys spending time at the lake. He is excited for this opportunity to serve the community of Elkhorn and looks forward to getting the baseball season started!

Welcome Karl!

(Karl is pictured to the right)

