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Elko New Market

Official Newsletter of the City of Elko New Market

Night to Unite

On Tuesday, August 5, 2025, the City will be hosting the 16th annual Night to Unite! The Night to Unite is an event where members of the community can sign up to host a block party that will feature appearances from members of our Police Department and Fire Department, along with City Council Members and City Staff. Night to Unite is sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, AAA of Minnesota/Iowa, and our local law enforcement agencies. This event is all about celebrating and strengthening our amazing community!

The Night to Unite event is designed to:

- Get to know one another in your neighborhood
- Build neighborhood involvement by bringing police and communities together; and
- Bring awareness to crime prevention and local police department efforts

Chief Craig Bell says, "I invite neighborhoods in Elko New Market to become involved in Night to Unite activities. This is an opportunity for neighborhoods and the community to band together and enjoy a summer evening getting to know their neighbors and police officers."

The City of Elko New Market Police Department will also be collecting donations for the Southern Valley Alliance during Night to Unite. The SVA Night to Unite flyer with a list of donation needs is provided on our website. Bring your donations to your community block parties.

Want to be a part of the action? Host a gathering on your block! Sign up on the City's website by August 1st and fill out the "2025 Night to Unite Online Registration Form". The link to the form can be found here.

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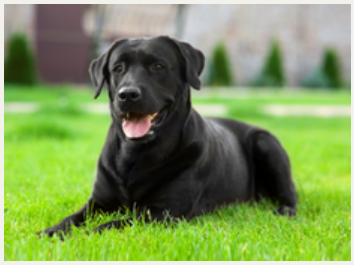
Pet Waste

Pet waste left in the yard is swept into storm pipes during rain events. This contaminates water sources with bacteria and can even cause algae blooms. A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, including E. coli. Elevated bacteria levels in lakes and rivers caused by E. coli, can cause unsafe conditions for swimming and recreational activities.



UTV Safety Reminder

Elko New Market kids are out of school and more are riding on ATVs, golf carts, and scooters. We have been receiving more complaints than ever regarding the operation of ATVs and golf carts by clearly underage juveniles, as well as unsafe operation of motorized foot scooters.

We would like to remind everyone that juveniles under the age of 16 may not operate an ATV or golf cart on city streets unless accompanied by an adult. Juveniles 16 and older must have a valid driver's license. All state statutes also apply including safety certificate requirements for ATV operation. We would also like to remind you that ATVs and golf carts may not be operated on non-motorized trails or sidewalks within city limits. View the links below for the full city ordinance and DNR laws regarding ATV/golf cart operation:

- City Code
- DNR

Motorized foot scooters have grown in size and power and kids are going faster than ever on them, raising concerns that someone will get seriously injured. ENM PD would like to remind everyone that Minnesota State Statue regulates motorized foot scooters and defines them as the following:
Vehicles that have handlebars; can be either stood on or sat on by the operator (saddle optional); are powered by an electric motor or internal combustion engine that is capable of powering the device with or without human propulsion; and have either (1) wheels no more than 10 inches in diameter, or (2) an engine that is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 15 miles per hour on a flat surface. The following rules apply to motorized foot scooters:

- They are not allowed to be operated on sidewalks
- Operators must be a minimum of 12 years old to operate
- Anyone operating a motorized scooter under 18 years of age must wear a helmet
- Motorized foot scooters must be equipped with working headlights and taillight to be operated at night
- Motorized foot scooters generally fall under state bicycle statue on how they can be operated on public streets

If the scooter you are operating can exceed 15 mph, then it is not considered a motorized foot scooter by statute and may be considered a motorized scooter that could fall under different state statues and may have additional regulations/requirements.

Officers will continue to do aggressive ATV and golf cart enforcement, and if juveniles are encountered, they will contact their guardians and if necessary, issue citations to repeat offenders or guardians that continue to allow juveniles to operate ATVs/golf carts in violation of city ordinance and/or state statute. We will also stop anyone that is operating a motorized foot scooter in an unsafe manner or in violation of state statute. You can refer any questions you may have regarding this to the Elko New Market Police Department, or call us at 952-461-6068 and ask to speak with the officer on duty.

Family Fun Nights

The City of Elko New Market is hosting Family Fun Nights again this year at Wagner Park!

Come on down to Wagner Park and enjoy the FREE 2025 Family Fun Night events on Thursdays at 6:00 PM from July 10th - August 14th. The events are fun for the entire family. The events are listed below, and can also be found on our City's website here.

If you have any questions about these events, please contact the City's Recreation Programmer Jessica Davidson at 952-461-2777 or email her at jdavidson@ci.enm.mn.us.

July Calendar

City Council

Meeting - 10th @ 7:00 PM
Meeting - 24th @ 7:00 PM

All City Council meetings include a work session portion of the meeting, which occurs prior to the business meeting. If the work session is canceled, the business meeting will be moved to 6:00 P.M., except on dates Economic Development Authority (EDA) meetings are scheduled. On those dates, the business meeting will be moved to 7:00 P.M.

Parks Commission

Canceled

Planning Commission

Meeting - 29th @ 7:00 PM

August Calendar

City Council

Meeting - 14th @ 7:00 PM
Meeting - 28th @ 7:00 PM

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Parks Commission

Canceled

Planning Commission

Meeting - 28th @ 7:00 PM

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Community Picnic

In 2017, the City of Elko New Market celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the merger between the cities of Elko and New Market by having a community picnic at Wagner Park. This celebration has become an annual tradition held in August each year.

The City of Elko New Market will be hosting the community picnic on Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Wagner Park. The picnic will include free food, beverages, and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. Details of the event will become available prior to the event. Bring your family and friends over to Wagner Park to enjoy a fun community get-together!

Details can be found on the City's website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/Events, and clicking on "Community Picnic". If you would like more information or have any questions you can contact Jessica Davidson at 952-461-2777, or send her an email at jdavidson@ci.enm.mn.us

Dog Leash Ordinance

The City would like to extend a friendly reminder highlighting Title 6-4-3-1 of Elko New Market City Code. This section of code reads as follows: It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, or the parents or the guardians of any such person under 18 years of age, to run at large. Dogs or cats must be on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the City has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs or Cats Prohibited".

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2025 Community Events

Night to Unite - Aug. 5
Community Picnic - Aug 23
Halloween Party - Oct. 25
Tree Lighting - Dec. 6

Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and the City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us for more community events as they are scheduled.

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