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Elko New Market

Official Newsletter of the City of Elko New Market

2025 Halloween Party

It is almost that time of year again! Planning for the 2025 annual Halloween Party is underway. Join us at Eagle View Elementary School on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please plan to arrive by 11:30.

Pre-registration is requested. The pre-registration form is available on the City's website as well as at City Hall. This is a wristband event and the deadline to pre-register by mail is Friday, October 17th. Wristbands will be mailed out on Monday, October 20th. The deadline to pre-register in person at City Hall is Friday, October 24, 2025 at 4:30 pm. The cost to pre-register is $3 per child, or $5 at the door without pre-registration. The maximum cost per family is capped at $15.

If you are a local business owner and would like to register to sponsor a door or make a monetary donation, please contact Recreational Planner Jessica Davidson at jdavidson@ci.enm.mn.us or call City Hall at (952) 461-2777.

Details and the pre-registration form can be found on the City's website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/events under "Halloween Party".

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Delinquent Utility Bills To Be Certified to 2026 Property Taxes

The City of Elko New Market would like to remind residents that all unpaid delinquent utility bills are certified once a year to Scott County. The outstanding debt then becomes a lien against the property, collected with property taxes the following year. Even if the property is sold after certification, the buyer must pay the debt. Certification prevents large delinquent bills from carrying over from year to year and also ensures that payment is collected.

This month, the City will be mailing letters to all property owners with delinquent utility balances on their accounts. This letter will inform property owners of the full amount that is pending certification to 2026 property taxes. If full payment of the delinquent utility bill is not received at City Offices by the deadline, the City will certify the outstanding balance to Scott County.

If you have any questions, please contact Utility Billing/Office Technician, Stephanie Fredrickson at (952-461-2777 or email sfredrickson@ci.enm.mn.us.

UTV Safety Reminder

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 riders 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

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 that may have additional regulations/requirements.

Officers will continue to do 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. Please refer any questions you may have regarding this article to the Elko New Market Police Department, or call us at (952) 461-6068 and ask to speak with the officer on duty.

Fall Stormwater Best Practices

Leaf debris is a stormwater pollutant. Follow these tips to keep your lawn and our local waterways clean and healthy.

Rake and Sweep up leaves right away to prevent them from entering storm drains. Leaves may be natural, but they add nutrients to our water and cause unwanted algae blooms. Please contact your waste hauler for disposal options.

Let your lawn grow. Set your mower height to 3 inches or higher. Taller grass has deeper roots, prevents soil loss, and keeps extra nutrients from entering storm drains and polluting our water.

Aeration. If a lawn has a thick layer of thatch or it's compacted, use aeration (via tiller or raking) to improve capacity for water absorption, helping grow a stronger lawn.

Less is more. Fertilize only when necessary, with a phosphorus-free fertilizer. Never fertilize after October 15th. The lawn can't use the nutrients and they become water pollutants that disturb the natural balance in our waters.

Little Free Libraries

Little Free Library is a non-profit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Their mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Library book exchange boxes. There are several Little Free Libraries located within the City, including the newest one recently installed at Boulder Heights Park. Below is a list of all Little Free Library locations on City owned property:

- Boulder Heights Park
- City Hall Front Entrance
- Historic Elko Park
- Little Windrose Park
- Wagner Park
- Webster/Park Street

September Calendar

City Council
Meeting - 11th @ 7:00 PM
Meeting - 25th @ 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
Meeting - 10th @ 6:00 PM

Planning Commission
Meeting - 30th @ 7:00 PM

October Calendar

City Council
Meeting - 9th @ 7:00 PM
Meeting - 23rd @ 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
Meeting - October 8th @ 6:00 PM

Planning Commission
Meeting - 28th @ 7:00 PM

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Night to Unite

The City of Elko New Market hosted the 2025 National Night to Unite event on August 5th. The Elko New Market Police and Fire Departments attended six Night to Unite neighborhood parties in the city, taking the opportunity to meet with residents and to give attendees the opportunity to ask questions as well as to check out the squads and fire trucks.

The gracious party hosts also accepted donated items and gift cards for the Southern Valley Alliance (SVA), a non-profit organization that provides victims and family members of domestic violence with support and resources. The Elko New Market Police Department delivered the donated items to the SVA where they were put to good use to help people in need. The City would also like to make a special thanks to Johnny Pops for donating treats for the parties.

We want to again extended our gratitude to the party hosts for the invitations, and we encourage everyone to consider taking part in hosting a Night to Unite party next year, which always takes place on the first Tuesday of August. It's a simple process to sign up via the City of Elko New Market website, and it is a great way to meet your neighbors, as well as members of your Police and Fire departments.

2025 Community Events

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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Construction Underway on New Residential Development

Parkway Meadows. In April, the City Council approved the final plat for Parkway Meadows, located at the easterly end of James Parkway.

The overall development contains a total of 80 single-family residential lots, with the initial phase containing 37 lots. The property is being developed by national developer and home builder, MI Homes. Construction began in May, and they are currently working on the completion of the local streets that will serve the development.

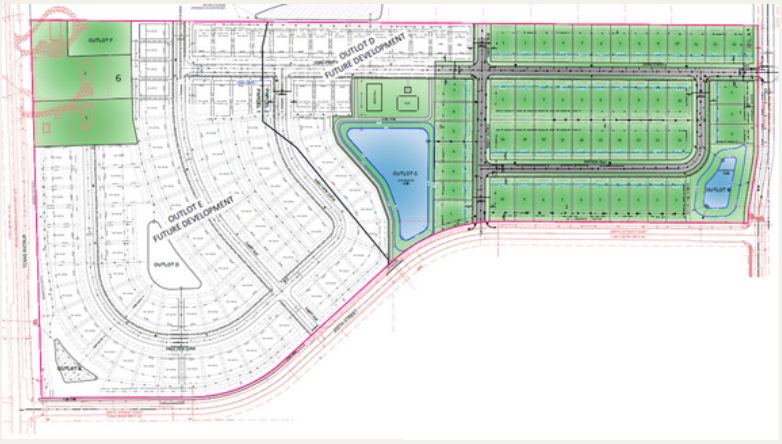
Site Plan

Location of Development

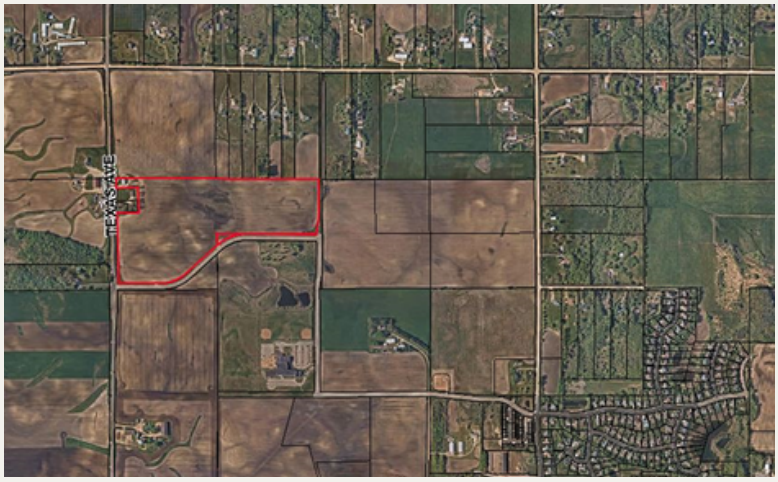
Construction Scheduled to Begin on New Residential Development

Highlands at Eagle View. At the September 11 City Council meeting, the Council approved the final plat for Highlands at Eagle View, located north of Eagle View Elementary School in the northwestern portion of the community.

The overall development contains a total of 148 new single-family residential lots, with the initial phase containing 53 lots. The property is being developed by Tamarack Land Development in conjunction with the builder, DR Horton. Site grading began in September and work will continue through the construction season.



Site Plan



Location of Development

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Planning Commission Reviewed Development Application

Old Town Apartments Second Addition. The City has received an application for preliminary and final plat approval of Old Town Apartments Second Addition.

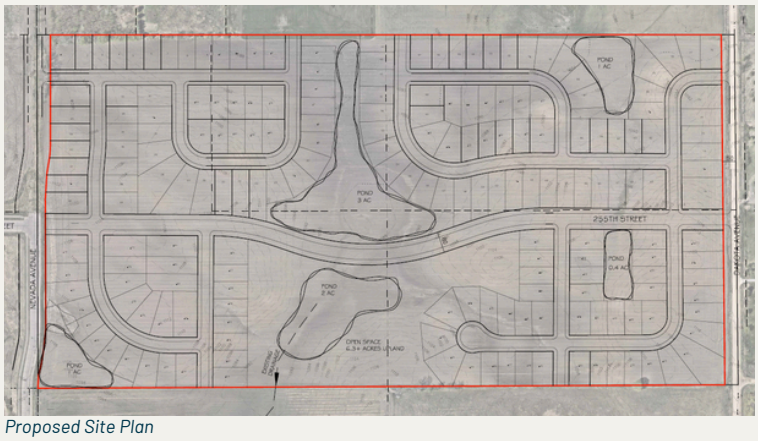
Construction of the first phase of this project was completed in 2024 with the construction of a 36-unit apartment complex. At the August 26, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting, the Commission recommended approval to the City Council of the preliminary/final plat for Old Town Apartments Second Addition - a mirror of the 36-unit apartment complex completed in 2024, located on the adjacent lot. The City Council is scheduled to make a decision regarding the development at their September 25, 2025 City Council Meeting. The apartment building is expected to be under construction this fall, with completion in the summer of 2026.

Photograph of Phase I

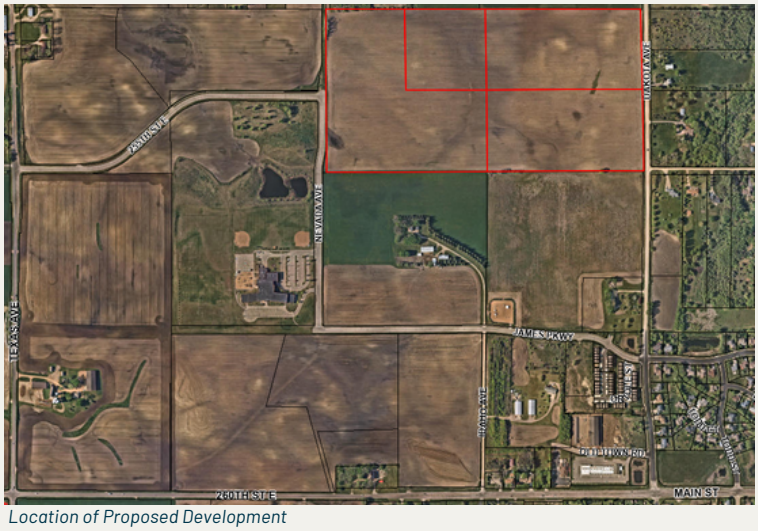
Location of Proposed Development

Planning Commission Reviewed Concept Development Plan

Eagle View Meadows. The Planning Commission reviewed a concept development plan for a single family residential home development at their August 26, 2025 meeting. The concept plan depicts a total of 194 lots on approximately 80 acres. The concept plan is scheduled for review by the City Council at their meeting on September 25, 2025.



Proposed Site Plan



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