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CITY OF ELKHART

FEBRUARY 2026

City Newsletter

City Update

WARMER DAYS ARE ALMOST HERE WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING YOUR OUTDOOR EVENINGS!

AT CITY PARK, THE NEW ADJUSTABLE NET IS SET AND READY! WHETHER YOU'RE INTO PICKLEBALL OR TENNIS, THE COURT CAN EASILY SWITCH BETWEEN BOTH. JUST BRING A PADDLE OR RACKET AND SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION.



PRAIRIE POINTE PARK IS READY FOR FISHING SEASON WITH THE BRAND NEW PIER, NOW COMPLETE WITH DONATED BENCHES SO YOU CAN RELAX, ENJOY THE VIEW, AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR THAT NEXT BITE.



ELKHART COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FREE WILL
DONATION



DATE

March 7, 2026



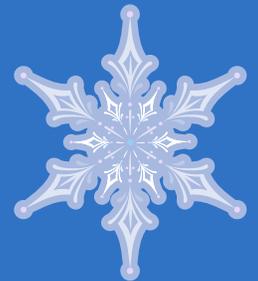
TIME

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM



LOCATION

264 Garfield Ave, Elkhart,
IA 50073



REMINDER: ELKHART CITY SNOW ORDINANCE IS IN EFFECT UNTIL MAY 31!

DURING THE TIME THAT A SNOW EMERGENCY IS IN FORCE, NO PERSON SHALL PARK, ABANDON OR LEAVE UNATTENDED ANY VEHICLE ON ANY PUBLIC STREET, ALLEY, OR CITY-OWNED OFF-STREET PARKING AREA FROM THE TIME THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCUMULATION OF ONE (1) INCH OF SNOW UNTIL 48 HOURS HAVE PASSED OR THE SNOW HAS CEASED TO FALL AND HAS BEEN REMOVED OR PLOWED FROM THE PARKING AREA.



ELKHART RESIDENTS: SIGN UP FOR CITY ALERTS!

ALERT IOWA

Sign Up Process

Residents can sign up for Alert Iowa online through an online portal. Go to the [Polk County EMA webpage](#), or to [Smart911.com](#) to sign up.

Once you are at the sign up page you will be asked to create an account.

You must provide:

- Your name
- Phone Number
- And create a username and password

ALERT IOWA

Sign Up Now

Buena Vista County Iowa Emergency Alerts

Sign up here for Buena Vista County/Alert Iowa Alerts! In the event of an emergency or severe weather, an alert will be sent to the phone number and/or email address provided by voice, text and/or email. This is a free service provided by Buena Vista County and the State of Iowa. However, normal message fees may apply. To receive text messages to your cell phone, your cell phone must have text messaging capabilities. Notifications are dependent upon service providers and receipt of notifications by the intended recipient cannot be guaranteed. Alerts sent from Buena Vista County may originate from the following codes: 228787, 67583, 78015, 83437, or 77235 for text messages, (712) 311-0911 for voice notifications, and BuenaVistaCounty@iowa.gov for email messages. Please be sure to save these in your phone and/or address book.

* * * required field

First Name:

Last Name:

Resolving Assistance: Someone is assisting me in setting up my account

Email Address:

User ID:

Password: Minimum Requirements: @ least 8 characters, @ least 1 lower case letter, @ least 1 upper case letter, @ least 1 number, @ least 1 special character or symbol

Confirm Password:

Phone Number:

Phone Type: Mobile Other (LAND LINE, VOIP, CELL)

Drive Code (OPTIONAL):

I agree to the Terms of Use.

CREATE ACCOUNT

THE CITY OF ELKHART HAS PARTNERED WITH POLK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACTIVATE ALERT IOWA / SMART911 FOR ADDRESSES WITHIN ELKHART CITY LIMITS. THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS US TO SEND TIMELY PUBLIC SAFETY AND CITY NOTIFICATIONS DIRECTLY TO YOUR CELL PHONE.

HOW TO SIGN UP:
SIGN UP AT [HTTPS://WWW.SMART911.COM/](https://www.smart911.com/) TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT.

WHEN REGISTERING, MAKE SURE YOU OPT IN TO BOTH:

1. PUBLIC SAFETY ALERTS
2. ELKHART CITY NOTIFICATIONS

THE CITY WILL BEGIN USING THIS SYSTEM AS AN ADDITIONAL WAY TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- STREET CLOSURES
- HYDRANT FLUSHING
- SNOW ORDINANCE REMINDERS
- POWER OUTAGES

February is Library Lover's Month

**Visit
Cambridge
Memorial
Library** ♥

Find your next favorite book
• Free • Local • Cozy ♥



KEEP PETS SAFE IN THE WINTER MONTHS



TEMPERATURES BELOW FREEZING ALONG WITH FRIGID WIND CHILLS ARE DANGEROUS FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS! DON'T LET YOUR PETS LINGER OUTSIDE TOO LONG IN SEVERE COLD WEATHER. THEY ARE AT RISK OF FROSTBITE ON PAWS AND EARS. VIEW COLD WEATHER TIPS FROM THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE ON KEEPING PETS SAFE.



City Council Special Election

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

Polls Open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

One vacant city council seat (two-year term)

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at the Elkhart Veterans Memorial Community
Center, 264 NW Garfield Ave, Elkhart, Iowa.



Candidate Filing Deadline:

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

Nomination papers must be filed with the Polk County
Election Office by this date.

Polk County Election Office

2309 Euclid Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50310

(515) 286-3247



Visit www.polkcountyiowa.gov for more information.