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CITY OF ELKHART

JUNE 2026

# City Newsletter

## City Update

 THE ELKHART TIME CAPSULE, SEALED IN 1976, WILL OFFICIALLY BE OPENED THIS JUNE! JOIN US AS WE TAKE A LOOK BACK AT ELKHART HISTORY AND EXPLORE MEMORABILIA FROM NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO.



**ELKHART**



**FISHING**  
**DERBY + PANCAKES**  
WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES

The City of Elkhart Parks & Recreation Board invites you to a fun-filled **Fishing Derby** on **Saturday, June 6th**, from **9-11 a.m.** at **Prairie Pointe Park!** Bring your family and friends and enjoy a catch-and-release competition to see who can reel in the most fish.




 **Pancakes** will be served for a freewill donation!

 **Local businesses** will be on-site with merchandise available for purchase.

 **PRAIRIE POINTE PARK**  
**SATURDAY,**  
JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

 **START AT**  
**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

 **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

 JOIN US FOR THE ELKHART FISHING DERBY & PANCAKES ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH FROM 9:00-11:00 AM AT PRAIRIE POINTE PARK! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT FOR A FUN MORNING OF FISHING, PANCAKES, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITY FUN!  

# LICENSE YOUR DOG

it's the law! 

The City of Elkhart Municipal Code 56.01 requires that anyone who owns, keeps, or possesses a dog over the age of six months must have his or her pet registered with current rabies vaccination every year by July 31.



## 3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER



### BY MAIL

Mail required documents and payment (check or money order payable to "City of Elkhart") to:

City of Elkhart  
260 NW Main St.  
PO Box 77  
Elkhart, IA 50073



### BY EMAIL

Email required documents to [mbutler@cityofelkhart.com](mailto:mbutler@cityofelkhart.com)

You can pay by calling 515-367-4735 EXT 3 or stop by City Hall.



### IN PERSON

Visit Elkhart City Hall to register and pay via cash, check, or Debit/Credit Card.



### WHAT YOU NEED:



#### RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

Signed by a licensed veterinarian. Invoice or statement of services is not sufficient.



#### DOG LICENSE APPLICATION



#### \$5 FEE PER PET

Any required documents may be scanned and emailed or submitted later by mail or in our drop box.




### CITY HALL HOURS



MONDAY - FRIDAY  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



Thank you  for helping us keep our community pets safe!



 DOG LICENSES DUE BY JULY 31

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ALL DOGS OVER SIX MONTHS OF AGE MUST BE LICENSED ANNUALLY WITH THE CITY OF ELKHART. CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION INFORMATION IS REQUIRED. LICENSES CAN BE COMPLETED BY MAIL, EMAIL, OR IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. PLEASE SEE THE FLYER BELOW FOR DETAILS.

# City-Wide CLEANUP DAY

## CURBSIDE PICKUP

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026** STARTING AT **7:00 AM**

**THIS YEAR'S CLEANUP WILL BE CURBSIDE PICKUP.**  
Residents must have all items placed at the curb by **7:00 AM** on Saturday.



Please review the acceptable and unacceptable item list below before placing items out.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

1. Table
2. Chairs
3. Mattresses
4. Bed Frame
5. Dressers
6. Night Stand
7. Lights
8. Couch
9. Love Seat
10. Recliner
11. Cabinets
12. Doors
13. Windows
14. Swing Set (Cut Down to Size)
15. TV's
16. Electronics
17. Carpet (Cut Down to Size)
18. Grill (No Propane tank)
19. Bicycles
20. Patio Furniture



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

1. Garbage
2. Tires
3. Yard waste
4. Building Materials
5. Decking Material
6. Metal
7. Appliances
8. Chemicals
9. No Free Liquids (Paint, Cleaners, Oil, Gasoline)
10. Concrete, Brick, Asphalt
11. Material longer than 5 feet
12. Hazardous Waste



*Let's work together TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN!*



CITY-WIDE CLEANUP DAY IS ALMOST HERE! RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE ALL CLEANUP ITEMS PLACED AT THE CURB BY 7:00 AM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH. PLEASE REVIEW THE ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE ITEM GUIDELINES BEFORE PLACING ITEMS OUT. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP ELKHART CLEAN!

TIRE DROP-OFF EVENT JUNE 6, FROM 8 AM-4 PM. DURING THIS EVENT, RESIDENTS CAN DROP OFF UP TO FIVE TIRES AT 452 NW RAILROAD AVE., FREE OF CHARGE. TIRES FROM TRACTORS AND BICYCLES, OR SOLID TIRES FROM LAWNMOWERS OR GOLF CARTS, ARE NOT ACCEPTED.



**elkhart**  
**TIRE DROP-OFF**  
JUNE 6, 2026  
8 AM-4 PM  
452 NW RAILROAD AVE.

# ELKHART CITY FESTIVAL

# ★ 2026 ★ ELKHART FESTIVAL Schedule of Events

★ HOSTED BY THE ★  
**ELKHART COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE!**

## ★ FRIDAY, JUNE 19



**6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**CO-ED SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT**  
*at Memorial Park*



**6:00 PM**  
**KIDDIE PARADE**  
*Line up at  
Prairie Pointe Park  
by 5:45 PM*



**COME CELEBRATE  
COMMUNITY, TRADITION,  
AND A WEEKEND OF  
GREAT FUN!**

## ★ SATURDAY, JUNE 20 ★



**7:00 AM – 10:00 AM**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE FIRE STATION!**  
*(Free will donation)*



**8:00 AM**  
**KIDS RUN & 5K**  
*Begins in front of the Post Office.*



**10:00 AM**  
**PARADE!**  
*Begins at Faith Fellowship Church,  
north on 46th, west on Main,  
south on Washington*



**10:30 AM – 1:30 PM**  
**PARK EVENTS FOR KIDS**

- Animal Exhibits
- Mechanical Animal Rides
- Bounce Houses, etc.

**WRISTBANDS  
FOR ALL PARK  
EVENTS.  
\$10.00**



**CAR SHOW** *at City Park.*  
*-Sponsored by  
Knights of Columbus*



**12:00 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**FOOD TRUCKS ON MAIN STREET!**  
*A complete list will be posted on the  
Elkhart Community Betterment Facebook  
page by June 1st.  
(If you only want to come for food trucks,  
please enter through the EAST side on Main Street.)*



**12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**BAGS TOURNAMENT**  
*on the east side of The Hen House.*



**3:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**TRUCK PULL!!**  
*Wristbands are \$15 and may ONLY be purchased at the door.  
CASH OR VENMO  
No alcohol may be brought in to the truck pull.  
You must have a wristband ON to be inside gates.*

**WRISTBANDS  
\$15  
CASH OR  
VENMO**



**7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Live Bands—Neil Hewitt will  
Play**

**9:00 PM – 12:00 AM**  
**Live Bands—Danny Grause will  
Play**



**10:00 PM**  
**FIREWORKS!!!**

★ — THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY! — ★



# Time Capsule OPENING EVENT

ELKHART COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE



**OPENING EVENT**  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00 PM



**VETERANS MEMORIAL  
COMMUNITY CENTER**  
264 NW GARFIELD AVE  
ELKHART, IA



LIVE STREAMED ON OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE



THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME  
TO COME WATCH THE OPENING



*Food Trucks Will Be There*  
SO YOU DON'T NEED TO  
MAKE DINNER PLANS.



**ITEMS ON DISPLAY**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



**VETERANS MEMORIAL  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

The items from the  
time capsule will be  
on display during  
*Elkhart Festival.*



**COME CHECK OUT THE OPENING  
AND THE MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY ON JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>.**



TIME CAPSULE OPENING EVENT



TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM



VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER, ELKHART



**IOWA  
YOUNG  
BIRDERS**

Explore. Inspire. Conserve.



**Explore Nature!**



**Discover Birds!**



**Earn Prizes!**



Learn about birds, explore Iowa's outdoors, and earn prizes  
this summer through our self-guided

**Summer Birding Program!**



**Who:**  
Kids up to age 18



**What:**  
Spend time outside  
looking for birds  
Complete bird-related  
educational activities



**When:**  
June 1 –  
August 15



**Where:**  
Anywhere  
in Iowa!



Scan to learn more  
and register!



[www.iowayoungbirders.org](http://www.iowayoungbirders.org)



KIDS UP TO AGE  
18 CAN EXPLORE  
IOWA'S OUTDOORS,  
DISCOVER BIRDS,  
AND EARN PRIZES  
THIS SUMMER  
THROUGH THE IOWA  
YOUNG BIRDERS  
PROGRAM! JUNE 1 –  
AUGUST 15. VISIT  
IOWAYOUNGBIRDERS  
.ORG TO REGISTER!





#### UPCOMING CITY & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **MON. JUNE 8TH - 6:00PM**  
**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (CITY HALL)**
- **TUES. JUNE 9TH - 6:00PM**  
**PARKS & REC BOARD (CITY HALL)**
- **MON. JUNE 15TH - 6:00PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING (COMMUNITY CENTER)**

# City Hall CLOSURES

**JUNE**

**JUNE 19** **FRIDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
*— Juneteenth —*

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED

**JULY**


**JULY 3** **FRIDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
*— 4th of July (Observed) —*


CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED

★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING! ★



## CITY HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

 **ADDRESS:** 260 NW MAIN ST.

 **PHONE:** 515-367-4735

 **WEBSITE:** <https://www.elkhartiowa.com/>

 **HOURS:** MONDAY–FRIDAY 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM