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CITY OF ELKHART

OCTOBER 2026

City Newsletter

City Update

🚦 NEW SPEED RADAR SIGN IN ELKHART! 🚦

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED OUR NEW SOLAR-POWERED SPEED RADAR SIGN! THE SIGN DISPLAYS DRIVERS' SPEEDS AS A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO SLOW DOWN AND HELP KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE.

THE CITY RECEIVED A \$7,309 GRANT FOR THE SIGN. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR JILL ALTRINGER FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT!





TRICK OR TREAT!

SATURDAY,

OCTOBER 31ST

6PM-8PM

GRAB YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR
A SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT!

GET THOSE COSTUMES READY! 🎃 TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT IN ELKHART IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 FROM 6-8 PM. WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A FUN AND SAFE HALLOWEEN! 🧛🍷

🎃 MONSTER BASH IS BACK! 🧛

JOIN US FOR THE MONSTER BASH ON OCTOBER 31 FROM 3:00-5:30PM AT ELKHART CITY PARK! KIDS AGES 2-16 CAN ENJOY ACTIVITIES, PRIZES, GOODIES, TRUNK OR TREAT, AND MORE. KIDS AND ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME IN COSTUME! A FREE-WILL DONATION MEAL WILL ALSO BE SERVED. THIS COMMUNITY EVENT IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ELKHART PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, ELKHART CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND ELKHART COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE. COME ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF HALLOWEEN FUN! 🎃 🍬



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR COMMUNITY

MONSTER BASH

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

ELKHART CITY PARK
112 Washington Ave.
Elkhart, IA 50073

JOIN US FOR

- TRUNK OR TREAT
- MUSIC & FUN
- GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

WEAR YOUR COSTUME & BRING A FRIEND!

ELKHART
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
- ELKHART, IOWA -

ECBC
ELKHART COMMUNITY
BETTERMENT COMMITTEE
ELKHART, IOWA

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
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6TH ANNUAL TEAL PUMPKIN
BEGGAR'S NIGHT
THE CITY AND ELKHART
PARKS & REC ARE LOOKING
FOR HOUSEHOLDS TO OFFER
NON-FOOD TREATS AND
DISPLAY A TEAL PUMPKIN
AS PART OF THE TEAL
PUMPKIN PROJECT. EMAIL
MBUTLER@CITYOFELKHART.
COM BY OCT. 23RD TO
PARTICIPATE.
(PARTICIPANTS ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
PURCHASING NON-FOOD
ITEMS.)

A GUIDE TO NON-FOOD HALLOWEEN TREATS

Offering treats on Halloween that aren't candy or food promotes inclusion for trick-or-treaters with food allergies or other conditions. It's a simple act that means so much.

- HALLOWEEN ERASERS OR PENCIL TOPPERS
- SPIDER RINGS
- VAMPIRE FANGS
- FINGER PUPPETS OR NOVELTY TOYS
- GLOW STICKS, BRACELETS OR NECKLACES
- PENCILS, PENS, CRAYONS OR MARKERS
- SILLY STRAWS
- STENCILS
- BUBBLES
- BOOKMARKS
- WHISTLES, KAZOOS OR NOISEMAKERS
- BOUNCY BALLS
- MINI NOTEPADS
- FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
- PLAYING CARDS
- COINS
- STICKERS

! Try to choose latex-free items, as there are children who have latex allergies.

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JOIN US FOR YOGA IN THE PARK! 🧘🌸 ENJOY A RELAXING MORNING OUTDOORS WITH JENN VOSS FITNESS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 10:30 AM AT PRAIRIE POINTE PARK. \$5 PER PERSON, AND CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE! BRING YOUR MAT, TOWEL, AND WATER—WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

YOGA IN THE PARK

**Sunday, October 18 @ 10:30
Prairie Pointe Park**

Bring a Yoga Mat/Towel and Water!



\$5 per person
12 & under free!
*cash or check
accepted*

Register here:



Hosted by the Elkhart Parks and Rec Board
Yoga Led by Jenn Voss Fitness

Elkhart Parks and Rec Board presents

Board Game Bonanza

*hosted by
The Dealt Hand*



Join us for a fun, family friendly afternoon of games and connection! The Dealt Hand will bring a wide variety of board games for ages 4 and up, with something for every interest and experience level. Their friendly game hosts will be there to teach the rules, recommend games, and help everyone find a table to join. No experience needed. Just come ready to play, laugh, and make some memories!

Register Here:



**Sunday 11/8,
1pm-4pm**

 **ELKHART COMMUNITY CENTER**

PUBLIC WORKS HYDRANT FLUSHING



OCTOBER 13 – 14



8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Public Works will be flushing hydrants throughout the community on October 13-14 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS THROUGHOUT ELKHART ON OCTOBER 13-14 FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. RESIDENTS MAY NOTICE TEMPORARY WATER DISCOLORATION OR CHANGES IN WATER PRESSURE DURING FLUSHING. IF DISCOLORATION OCCURS, SIMPLY RUN YOUR COLD WATER FOR A FEW MINUTES UNTIL IT CLEARS.

The
ELKHART
of Iowa

Cemetery CLEAN-UP DAY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

• 9:00 AM •

Join us to help prepare the cemetery for the winter!

- ✓ Keep all flowers and decorations close to headstones.
- ✓ Or remove items ahead of time for maintenance.

Items interfering with upkeep may be removed.

*Thank you for helping keep our cemetery
a place of beauty and respect!*





UPCOMING CITY & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (CITY HALL)**
Monday, October 12th – 6:00 PM
Monday, November 9th – 6:00 PM
- **PARKS & REC BOARD (CITY HALL)**
Tuesday, October 13th – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, November 10th – 6:00 PM
- **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (COMMUNITY CENTER)**
Monday, October 19th – 6:30 PM
Monday, November 16th – 6:30 PM
- **CEMETERY COMMITTEE (CITY HALL)**
Thursday, November 19th – 6:30 PM

City Hall
CLOSED
★ UPCOMING CLOSURES ★

OCTOBER 12	★ MONDAY, ★ OCTOBER 12TH — <i>Columbus Day</i> — CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED	
NOVEMBER 11	★ WEDNESDAY, ★ NOVEMBER 11TH — <i>Veterans Day</i> — CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED	
NOVEMBER 26-27	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH — <i>Thanksgiving</i> — CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED	

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
Happy & Safe Holiday!



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