

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on March 3, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at the Elkhart Village Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Kyle Farmer, John Galassi, Matt Fights, Ernie Shaw, and Dave Barker. Travis Moore was absent. Clerk Ann Curry, Treasurer Theresa Moore, and attorney Don Behle were also present. Visitors present were Amy and Jay Roberts.

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Ernie Shaw, to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, and D.

- A. Approve meeting minutes from February 3, 2025
- B. Approve submitted bills and bill sheets
- C. Approve employee reimbursements
- D. Approve Treasurer's report

Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

No report.

STREETS/ALLEYS

The alleys will be resurfaced soon.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave went over the preliminary budget and will have it for passage next month.

OLD BUSINESS

We will look into possibly dropping the price of the lots in Prairie Point. We will discuss it more next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Elkhart has been invited by the Logan County Economic Director to share ideas and goals on projects we might like to see in Elkhart.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Kyle Farmer, to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By Ann Curry Village Clerk ***Items for the newsletter MUST be turned into Sarah by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday following the Village Board Meeting. If they are not received by 5:00 pm, they will not be in the newsletter. ***

Thank you! Elkhart Village Board

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the April 2025 newsletter should be turned in before 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2025

Please email your article in Word to sarahvball@hotmail.com
If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,
Please call (217-494-0059) or e-mail the information.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be on March 20, 2025, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.

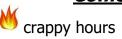
For questions, please call Anita at (217) 341-0167.

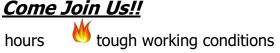


We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!



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GREAT SATISFACTION!!

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

ELKHART VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Jay Akers 217-737-6500

Assistant Chief: Paul Hayden 217-871-0121



Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd) **Sponsored by NAG**

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm Village Hall





Pre-K Screening

Thursday, March 13th and Friday, March 14th (morning appointments only on the 14th)

If your child is 3-4 years old
—or will be 3 by Sept. 1st—
please call Mt. Pulaski Grade School at
217-792-7220
to schedule your child's screening!

*Children must be screened at MPGS to be eligible for placement in our PreK or TK programs for the 2025-2026 school year.

Elkhart Historical Society Press Release "The Taste and Tunes of Ireland"

Elkhart, Illinois For Immediate Release February 23, 2025

The Elkhart Historical Society has for many years celebrated the Irish heritage that exists in our surrounding area and are inviting you to join us at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the Elkhart Christian Church's Fellowship Center, at 206 South Gillett St., in Elkhart, Illinois, for "The Taste and Tunes of Ireland." Wild Columbine, a trio of musicians featuring Sally McDaniel-Smith (flutes and whistles), Megan Turner (violin), and William Furry (guitar,



concertina, mandolin and percussion), will perform a repertoire of traditional Irish, Scottish, and English music of the 18th and 19th centuries. For this program the band will play mostly Irish reels, jigs, airs, and polkas, and sing a few songs from traditional sources.

Wild Columbine has been performing as a band for 10 years, but the members' collective experience totals more than nine decades. Furry, a five-generation native of Springfield and now a resident of Petersburg, is the executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society. McDaniels-Smith is a sought-after soloist and frequent "pit" player for musical theater productions. Megan Thornberry's evolution as an artist has been enhanced by her work with community orchestras, the opera, and her passion for traditional music.

This spring and summer you can hear the band play in Macomb, Edwardsville, Decatur, Charleston, Hillsboro, and Springfield.

The "Taste", will be traditional corn beef or pot roast, accompanied by cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, and onions, with a roll and butter, and warm bread pudding with a delectable sauce or sherbert for dessert. The all-inclusive cost for the event is \$45 per person.

Reservations are required and should be made by calling (217) 947-2238 between 8 a.m. -7 p.m., between February 23 and March 14, 2025. Once you receive a call back confirming your reservations, payment should be sent within 5 business days to the Elkhart Historical Society, at PO Box 255, Elkhart, IL 62634, arriving no later than March 14, 2025. Cash and checks may also be dropped off at The Country Bumpkin Shop at 103 Gov. Oglesby St. in Elkhart, IL 62634 Wednesdays – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Reservation forms may be downloaded from the elkharthistoricalsociety.org website.

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025, 5:30P

"THE TASTES AND TUNES OF IRELAND" - WILD COLUMBINE

Name	Address		
Phone #	cell #	Email	
This program will be presented at the Elkhart Christian Church Fellowship Community Center at 206 S. Gillett St, Elkhart, Illinois 62634. Doors open at 5p, and meal service starts at 5:30pm. We bundle it into an all-inclusive package price of \$45, which includes the meal, tax, and tip, and \$15 for the Elkhart Historical Society program.			
Please make your selection:			
Corned Beef Pot Roast	OR		
	ead Pudding with Sa Sherbet	auce	OR
Both entrees are served with cabbage with red potatoes, carrots and onions and roll with butter. Tea, water or coffee will be provided. You will NOT be able to bring alcohol to this event			
Reservations are required as space is limited and can <u>only</u> be made by calling <u>217-947-2238</u> no later than March 14th Once you are confirmed, print this form, fill it out and mail it with your check payable to: <u>The Elkhart Historical Society, P.O. 255, Elkhart, IL 62634</u> Prompt payment is required as RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE HELD LONGER THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS WITHOUT PAYMENT. Doors open at 5pPlease park in the paved parking lot and come in the south doors. <u>After</u> placing your reservation, you may also fill out a form and submit it with your check at The Country Bumpkin (Wed-Sun 10-3p) Additional information and reservation forms for this & other upcoming events can be found on the Elkhart Historical Society website: <u>www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org</u>			
"RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT"			
If you are joining others and wish to be seated with them please list their names below.			





Golf Cart / ATV / UTV

Permit Registration will begin March 30th

Please contact John Galassi via text or call at (217) 341-9831. Or at johngalassi9@gmail.com

For new registrations, rules and requirements. Applications are available on the village website: http://www.elkhartillinois.com

For permit renewals, please provide Proof/copy of insurance on golf cart/ATV/UTV and a valid driver's license.

Permits are \$40.00 cash or check made out to The Village of Elkhart

Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee Update

Our application for Arbor Day Tree City recognition has been approved at the State level. We are waiting for Arbor Day Foundation's final approval. Their review is now occurring in March.

Watch for our Tree Committee meeting in April! You are welcome to attend. We plan to celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

News from the Elkhart Trees and Native Plants person

- There will be a lot going on in town on May 9 and 10. The NAGS will hold their annual
 plant sale, and we are joining forces! I will sell a supply of different Native Plants,
 and the NAGS will sell their wonderful hanging plants and forbs.
- This will be a community fundraiser for each of us. I try to fund a salary for the young people who will help at both the "pollinator habitat" at the entrance to Elkhart and the fishing lake native plant habitats. The NAGS, as you know, fund the "life alerts" for local residents. More to follow!
- Plants etc. Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565292692252 or reach me at justmona2@gmail.com

ELKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY





March



BOOKS

Feeling Lucky?

SCAVENGER BUNT

WON PROZESPOOD



Scavenger hunt for ALL AGES on now!

The competition concludes on Monday, March 17th, s one week left to complete a challe

so there's one week left to complete a challenge and get another ticket in the drawing for the prize in YOUR age category!

K - 2nd Gr.

3rd - 6th Gr.

7th - 12th Gr.

18+

Coming This Spring...

May 5 - 10:

Join us as we participate in CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK with activities and fun this May!



More details will come on our Facebook page and next month's newsletter, so keep an eye out!



Email: elkhartlibrary@mchsi.com Website: elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

Facebook: Elkhart Public Library District



Missed It?



Couldn't make it by to take advantage of our selection?

No problem.

Even though
Black History Month
is over, our books
and DVDs are still
here for you to enjoy
and learn more about
notable figures in
our history.

