

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!!!



 bad pay  crappy hours  tough working conditions

Come Join Us!!

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 _____ OR
Pot Roast _____

Dessert choices: Bread Pudding with Sauce _____ OR
Sherbet _____

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 only be made by calling **217-947-2238 no later than March 14th- - Once you are confirmed, print this form, fill it out and mail it with your check **payable to: The Elkhart Historical Society, P.O. 255, Elkhart, IL 62634**
Prompt payment is required as **RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE HELD LONGER THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Doors open at 5p- -Please park in the paved parking lot and come in the south doors. **After** 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: www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org**

"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

Newsletter

March



Feeling Lucky?

SCAVENGER HUNT

WIN PRIZES!!!!

Scavenger hunt for **ALL AGES** on now!



The competition concludes on **Monday, March 17th**, 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!

FIND US:

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.

