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170 East Main Street, PO Box 236, Elgin, MN 55932

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# The ELGIN ECHO

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APRIL/2025

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MAY 26TH & JUNE 19TH



**CITY HALL  
CLOSED**

IN OBSERVANCE OF  
**MEMORIAL DAY &  
JUNETEENTH**

## **BRUSH/COMPOST SITE:**

**NOW OPEN  
HOURS:**

Tuesday/Thursday

5:00PM-8:00PM

Saturday

9:00AM-1:00PM



Closed during inclement weather  
or when site is muddy

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## **SPRING CLEANUP**



**Date: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

*Nothing before or after these hours*

**Location: HOENK PARK**



**FURNITURE:**(each) Humidifiers, Vacuum Cleaners, Kitchen Chairs, Tables: \$5. Recliners, La-Z-Boy, Overstuffed Chairs, Mattresses, Box Springs: \$10. Couches, Loveseats: \$15. Hide-a-bed: \$20.

**APPLIANCES:**(each) Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Air Conditioners, Furnaces, Dehumidifiers, Microwaves, Water Softener, and Water Heaters: \$15.

**ELECTRONICS:**(each) Televisions and Computer Monitors that are 17' or smaller: \$10. Televisions and Computer Monitors that are over 17" \$15. Console TV's: \$20. All computer components and other electronic devices, including printers, fax machines, copiers, stereos: \$15. Cell phones: Free

**FREE:** Miscellaneous Scrap Metal, Bikes (no tubes/tires on wheels), Lawn Mowers, Grills, Car-Lead Acid Batteries, Rechargeable Batteries.

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# Community Garden

- Opens in April to Elgin residents & individuals employed in the City limits
- Size: approximately 15ft by 20ft
- Located near the 7/8 Building and the Ambulance Service building on 1st Ave SE
- Limited number of plots
- It's a first come, first served basis

If you are interested or would like more information, please **contact the Parks & Rec Director, Kim** at 507-876-2291 or [parks@elginmn.com](mailto:parks@elginmn.com)



## 2024 CONSUMER CONFIDENT REPORT

You can find the 2024 Drinking water report on our website

<https://www.elginmn.com/2024-drinking-water-report/>



Hard copies are available at City Hall

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## Local Board of Appeals & Equalization- *OPEN BOOK* -



The purpose of Local Board of Appeals & Equalization is to determine whether taxable property in the City has been properly valued and classified by the county assessor, and to determine if corrections need to be made.

Local Board of Appeals & Equalization will be an **OPEN BOOK** format.

An open book meeting is typically a one-on-one meeting held with the county assessor's office to discuss property owners' questions.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact Wabasha County Assessor's Office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied you may appear before the Wabasha County Local Board.

Please contact the Wabasha county Assessor's Office with any **questions or concerns at (651)565-3669 or**

[https://www.co.wabasha.mn.us/departments/assessor/value\\_and\\_classification\\_appeals.php](https://www.co.wabasha.mn.us/departments/assessor/value_and_classification_appeals.php)

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# THE LATEST FROM THE EDA:

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## Spring FLING

Sat April 26, 2025

10am- 1pm

BlackTop Bar & Grill  
Event Center

Sponsored by Experience Elgin



Music & Story by Logan Kolb & Friends ---Cake Walk, Games  
& Crafts---Flowers from Bakers Field Flowers---  
Trail Walk & Trash Pickup

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## SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT

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Good News – Reimbursement Funds Are Still Available!

If you've recently installed a new sidewalk or plan to in the near future, you may be eligible for reimbursement!

It is first come first served basis and subject to availability of funds.

Check out the City website for more info

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## TREE REBATE PROGRAM



Get reimbursed up to \$75.00 by the Elgin EDA

### Please keep in mind:

- First come, first served basis
- One per household

-Bring receipt to Peoples State Bank for reimbursed up to \$75.00 or price of the tree, whichever is lower.

**FAMILY TREE** of Rochester is offering a 10% to Elgin Residents. Stop by the City Hall to get your coupon.



## Business Support Programs Available!

Are you a current or aspiring Elgin business owner? We offer support to both existing businesses looking to make improvements and new businesses ready to launch. Program guidelines and applications are available on the City's website under the Economic Development tab.

Take advantage of these resources to help your business grow and thrive!

Programs are first come first served and subject to availability of funds.

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## UPDATED BUSINESS PARK SIGN



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## LOCAL BUSINESSES/GROUPS:

Want to be included in the new resident welcome bags from the EDA? We are reaching out and looking for businesses or groups to contribute a discount coupon or promotional item. Anything to get new residents acquainted with the community and show them how making their home in Elgin is a great decision! Be creative!

If interested in participating please contact Heather Speer at [Heather@elginmn.com](mailto:Heather@elginmn.com) or 507.421.0365

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# YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!

Our recent referendum to fund a new Emergency Services Building for our Fire Department, Ambulance Service and Emergency Management Services did not pass—and we want to understand why.

Whether you voted for, against or did not vote we're asking our residents to take a short survey to help us learn more about what's important to you. This is your community, and your input will help shape the future of.



Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Scan the QR code or stop by City Hall to take a short anonymous survey.

Together, we can find the best path forward—for safety, for service, for all of us.

Thank you for your time, your voice, and your support.



## HOMETOWN MEMORIES:

Brought to you by Mayor Keilholtz



### He's Buried in Elgin...

John Bacon Norton was the grandson of a Revolutionary War Soldier and hailed from Vermont. At age 20, he went to New York City and became a sailor earning \$10.00 a month. At the end of his ten year sailing life he was a commander of a ship earning \$100.00 a month. He sailed to the West Indies, Europe, and South America. 1851 found Mr. Norton in California having caught "Gold Fever." He returned to the Midwest in 1852 and turned to farming. In 1864 Norton joined the Minnesota Seventh Regiment and fought in numerous battles. In 1883 Mr. Norton purchased the Eureka Hotel and ran it always being referred to as "Captain." He would serve Elgin as peace officer, town clerk along with other positions of authority. John Bacon Norton lived a long life passing away at the age of 78 in 1899.



Greetings:

It is time to start planning for the 2025 Elgin Cheese Days Parade. The parade will be Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 1:30 pm. Enclosed is the 2025 parade application. We ask for your help in providing the requested information about your organization and the unit(s) being entered.

The application with entry fee must be received no later than June 2, 2025. Any and all applications received after this date will be positioned at the end of the parade in the order they are received and will be omitted from the parade brochure. The brochure will be printed on June 9th with no exceptions. Parade positions will be emailed to you the week of June 9th, along with directions and routes through Elgin to arrive at your line up position.

The entry fee is \$35 per unit, not per entrant. This cost helps to offset the rising costs of hosting the parade. We are a non-profit group and greatly appreciate your understanding of the necessity to charge these fees to provide you with the opportunity to advertise your organization.

If you are unable to enter a unit in the parade, please consider placing a donation so that we can continue our parade for Elgin Cheese Days.

Please complete the enclosed form and mail it back with your check to:

Elgin Cheese Days  
230 Main Street West  
Elgin, MN 55932

Response and Payment Deadline:	June 2, 2025
Cheese Days Parade:	June 15, 2025
Parade Line-up/Check-in:	12:30 pm
Parade Starting Time:	1:30 pm

For questions regarding the parade, please contact:

Andrea Olson 507-251-0170 or [elgincheesedays@gmail.com](mailto:elgincheesedays@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

*Elgin Cheese Days Committee*

Andrea Olson	Heather Speer	Peg Walch
Brittany Speer	Lindsey Walch-Dick	Sirena Speer

# 2025 Elgin Cheese Days Parade Application

Entrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Our organization will be having a unit(s) in the parade (\$35 each unit)  
 Our organization has enclosed a donation to continue the Elgin Cheese Days Parade  
 Our organization is a non-profit (no entry fee)

Please supply an introduction to be used by the parade announcer (50 words or less).  
 The Elgin Cheese Days committee reserves the right to edit introduction.

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## Type of Unit/Units Being Entered:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Group of People Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse Unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle- Car/Pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hitched Horse Unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle with Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Truck/Semi-Truck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cart/2-wheel/4-wheel type of transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tractor/Implements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Explain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**\*\*HORSE UNIT MUST PROVIDE OWN CLEANUP\*\***

### Check on of the following:

- Music of ANY form – includes boombox, radio, loud speaker, band, etc.  
 No Music

**Provide the following dimensions:** Total estimated length of units \_\_\_\_\_.

**Entry fee:** # of units being entered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Entry Fee.

**Please return this form and payment to:  
 Elgin Cheese Days, 230 Main Street West, Elgin, MN 55932  
 by June 2, 2025.**



March 1, 2025

Dear Friends of the Elgin Community:

The Elgin Cheese Days 2024 festival was another SUCCESS! Most of this success can be attributed to our very generous sponsors/donors. We hope you'll consider sponsoring our town's festival this year! This year's festival dates are:

**FRIDAY. JUNE 13. 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY. JUNE 15. 2025**

Our committee has started the planning process for the 2025 event. We are planning another fun-filled festival including 6 live bands, a free kid's event, sports tournaments, a carnival, food trucks, a tractor pull, the grand parade and so much more!

Because the festival is held without direct financial assistance from property taxpayers, but rather through fundraisers and local sponsorships, the planning committee is seeking financial support for the event. We strive to provide a quality festival that is affordable to all participants. Proceeds will support the festival in 2025 and for years to come.

Your sponsorship dollars help fund fun parade units that entertain our parade audience, the bands that keep us dancing all weekend, Port-A-Potties, the tents on main street, garbage receptacles to keep our event clean, advertising, and so much more!

If you would like to contribute financially to the success of this event, please consider the support options on the enclosed form. From sponsoring an entire event to make your presence known, to being a bronze level sponsor, your donation is sure to be greatly appreciated by all festival goers!

**Please consider returning the enclosed donation form by April 30, 2025, to 230 Main Street West, Elgin, MN 55932.**

We appreciate your past and present support to make Elgin Cheese Days a successful event.

Sincerely,

*Elgin Cheese Days Committee*

Andrea Olson  
Brittany Speer

Heather Speer  
Lindsey Walch-Dick

Peg Walch  
Sirena Speer



# 2025 Donation Form

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check One	Sponsorship	Donation	Benefits
	<b>DIAMOND</b>	\$750 +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• event sign advertising your sponsorship</li> <li>• advertising of your sponsorship on social media + web page + radio</li> <li>• free parade entry + sponsorship recognized in parade flyers</li> </ul>
	<b>PLATINUM</b>	\$500 - 749	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• event sign advertising your sponsorship</li> <li>• advertising of your sponsorship on social media + web page</li> <li>• free parade entry + sponsorship recognized in parade flyers</li> </ul>
	<b>GOLD</b>	\$300 - 499	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• event sign advertising your sponsorship</li> <li>• advertising of your sponsorship on social media</li> <li>• free parade entry + sponsorship recognized in parade flyers</li> </ul>
	<b>SILVER</b>	\$150 - \$299	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• event sign advertising your sponsorship</li> <li>• sponsorship recognized on social media</li> <li>• sponsorship recognized in parade flyers</li> </ul>
	<b>BRONZE</b>	\$50 - \$149	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sponsorship recognized on social media</li> <li>• sponsorship recognized in parade flyers</li> </ul>

Please send this form and your donation made payable to

Cheese Days - Elgin

to

**230 Main Street West, Elgin, MN 55932**

by

**April 30, 2025**

so we can properly advertise your generous donation.

*The Elgin Cheese Days Committee thanks you for your donation to support our celebration.*

*If you have any questions, please contact [ElginCheeseDays@gmail.com](mailto:ElginCheeseDays@gmail.com).*

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**170 East Main Street**  
**PO Box 236**  
**Elgin, MN 55932**

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**Important Information**

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**City Hall: 170 E. Main St., PO Box 236**  
Tel: 507.876.2291 Fax: 507.876.2451

**Mayor: Kevin Keilholtz- [mayor@elginmn.com](mailto:mayor@elginmn.com)**

**City Council: Craig Ziebell: [craig@elginmn.com](mailto:craig@elginmn.com)**

**Heather Speer: [heather@elginmn.com](mailto:heather@elginmn.com)**

**Terri Flynn: [terri@elginmn.com](mailto:terri@elginmn.com) &**

**David Gates: [david@elginmn.com](mailto:david@elginmn.com)**

City Clerk: Jessica Cartwright- [cityclerk@elginmn.com](mailto:cityclerk@elginmn.com)  
Admin Assistant: Emily Zabel- [office@elginmn.com](mailto:office@elginmn.com)  
Public Works: Tyler Meyers- [publicworks@elginmn.com](mailto:publicworks@elginmn.com)  
Parks & Rec: Kim McHugh- [parks@elginmn.com](mailto:parks@elginmn.com)  
Fire Chief: Dusty Wehrs- [firechief@elginmn.com](mailto:firechief@elginmn.com)  
Ambulance Dir: Sarah Ring- [ambulance@elginmn.com](mailto:ambulance@elginmn.com)  
Planning & Zoning Chair: Mary Laidlaw- [mjmoo@juno.com](mailto:mjmoo@juno.com)

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

City Council Meeting: 3rd Wed of the month at 6PM  
Planning & Zoning Meeting: 1st Tues of the month at 6:30PM  
EDA Meeting: 2nd Wed of the month at 5:15PM  
All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at  
Elgin CITY HALL

Ambulance Service: (Non-Emergency) .... 507.876.2266  
[ambulance@elginmn.com](mailto:ambulance@elginmn.com)

Post Office: 120 1st Ave NE.....[attn\\_new](mailto:attn_new): 507.871.1005

Law Enforcement: (Non-Emergency) .....  
651.565.3361

For all emergencies, please call 911

Hiawathaland Transit: ..... 1.866.623.7505

**PEM SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBERS**

Superintendent's Office: .....507.534.3651

High School: ..... 507.534.3128

Junior High: ..... 507.876.2521

4-6 Building: ..... 507.876.2213

K-3 Building: ..... 507.534.4232

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