



City of Elk River
MAYORS UPDATE
4th OF JULY HOLIDAY

Fireworks will be permitted FRIDAY 7/2, SATURDAY 7/3 and SUNDAY 7/4 in designated areas. We are hoping to have a **fantastic 4th** while keeping it safe and under control. We will be working closely with the Clearwater Sheriff's Department to keep things safe and residents respected. A dumpster will be placed by the RV Dump Station to help with the mess. Councilwoman Diane Olson and her husband Dave are having her "Law Enforcement Appreciation" lunch and refreshments at her house this weekend. This includes Deputies, Fish and Game, Forest Service, etc... Nice job Diane and Dave! The Recreation District office will also have some refreshments for them as well.

The City Cleanup Area on Landing Road is CLOSED until Fall Cleanup. DEQ won't allow dumping out there. We have been a little behind this year with hauling things off. It won't happen again.

Roadwise did another outstanding job with dust abatement. Randy and Hawk had the streets in great shape for them.

In an effort to slow down our speed ramp called Front Street, we are installing a speed **hump** on the hill. This hump is designed to force traffic to slow to 15 mph. It is not as severe as a speed bump that can really rattle a vehicle's front end and bounce trailers. If this approach is successful, we may look at two more. Let me know what you think!

THANK YOU for your support in passing the Special Election Bond with 74% approval. The high approval percentage really assists the agencies helping us in their efforts to secure outside funding. We should be sitting nicely to receive some substantial Federal assistance!

The Elk River Recreation District has the park looking amazing! Troy Inman has been doing a wonderful job installing the new play equipment. There are a few things left to be installed. The kids look like they are really enjoying it.

GRANT \$\$\$... In the past, Elk River just hasn't had a lot of luck in the grant department. That has been changing! Chris St. Germaine, Clearwater County Economic Development, has been leading our local groups in securing several grants. Our local group includes the City, Fire Department and the Fire Department Building Committee. Starting with the Internet Grant \$199,699, we have secured a \$42,200 Fire Station grant, a Transportation Plan grant of \$30,000 and a grant of \$52,000 to repair the Andrew Bloom Community Center. Now Chris is working with the Recreation District as well. Thanks Chris for being a member of our family!

Our Elk River fireworks association, the Thunder Run Committee, have completed two successful Fun Runs this summer. Fireworks are this Saturday night, July 3rd at 10 p.m. May's Fun Run was a new record. Both Fun Runs went very smoothly and without incident. They would like to thank everyone for supporting your local fireworks!

Thanks for listening!

Mayor Dave