

# Mayor's Upper Window

Arthur Green, Mayor



## Remembering Officer James Coleman Hightower

The Elkton Police Department is proud to honor the service and ultimate sacrifice of Officer James Coleman Hightower.

Officer Hightower was born on January 13, 1901, and lived a life dedicated to serving his country and community. Before joining the Elkton Police Department, he served in the U.S. Army as a First Sergeant during World War II. He later began his career with the Elkton Police Department around June of 1952, where he continued his commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of Elkton.

On the night of January 10, 1967, just three days before his 66th birthday, Officer Hightower was directing traffic around the square following a high school basketball game that had ended early due to a snowstorm. While performing his duties during the storm, Officer Hightower suffered a heart attack. He passed away while being transported to Jennie Stuart Health Hospital in Hopkinsville.



To recognize his dedication and sacrifice, the Elkton Police Department has placed a memorial plaque in the front lobby of the police department so that his service will always be remembered. Officer Hightower was honored during the March 12th City Council meeting, where the plaque was presented to members of his family. Those in attendance included Shaé Hightower, Carol Smith, Lisa Hadden, Chantell Hightower, Michael Hightower, Susan Ferreira, Andy Neathery, Scott Gibbs, and Raine Hightower.

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**City Council Meeting:**  
The April Meeting has been postponed and will now be on April 16 at 6:00 PM @ City Hall

All meeting dates and times can be found on the events calendar at [www.elktonky.com](http://www.elktonky.com), along with information on other city events.



## Soccer Way Kicks Off First Season

It was a great day in Elkton as the Elkton-Todd County Park reached an exciting milestone on March 3 with the first soccer season taking place at our new soccer fields on Soccer Way, located off Highway 181 North of the city square. Although this marks only the beginning of our plans for the park, it is already proving to be a success for our community.



There are many future improvements planned, including additional field lighting, restrooms, concessions, new goals, and paved parking areas. We are dreaming big and continuing to apply for grant funding to help make this area an even greater asset for Elkton and Todd County.

With land provided by the City and the coordination of Judge-Executive Todd Mansfield, the dream of this park is becoming a reality. We would also like to thank the Elkton City Council, Todd County Fiscal Court, and the Todd County Magistrates for their support of the grants and this project.

With this new soccer park, there will be many things to address as we continue to grow, but the future is certainly looking bright on Soccer Way, and this milestone is only the beginning of what's to come.

## 20 Years of Service – John Service



The City of Elkton would like to congratulate **John Service** on reaching the remarkable milestone of **20 years of service** as the City's **Animal Control Officer**. John plays an important role in keeping our community safe by responding to animal-related concerns, assisting residents, and ensuring the well-being of both people and animals throughout the city. His dedication, reliability, and commitment to serving Elkton have made a lasting impact over the past two decades. We greatly appreciate the hard work and care he brings to this role each day. Thank you, John, for your many years of service and dedication to our community.

**Congratulations, John!**





## Elkton's Annual Spring Cleanup

The City of Elkton's Annual Spring Cleanup will take place **Monday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 14, 2026**. This annual event allows residents to dispose of unwanted junk and large items that cannot go in regular household trash.

All items must be placed at the curb by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, April 14th. Items set out after this time are not guaranteed to be collected. The following will not be accepted: batteries, construction or demolition debris, paint, appliances containing Freon, electronics, televisions, tires, tree toppers, limbs, oil, gasoline, or other hazardous materials. Electronics and televisions may be taken to the Garth Lane Convenience Center for disposal at your own expense. We appreciate the cooperation of our residents and thank our Public Works team for their hard work in helping make



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The City of Elkton is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Elkton Touch-A-Truck Event, taking place on Saturday, June 13th at the Elkton-Todd County Park! After a successful first year, we expect this year's event to be even better for families in our community.

We are inviting local businesses, organizations, and individuals to bring trucks, tractors, cranes, wreckers, ambulances, and other large vehicles for kids and families to see up close and explore. Space is limited, so anyone interested in bringing a vehicle should complete an application available on the City's Facebook page or at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

O'Reilly Auto Parts will once again be on site grilling and serving lunch. HES will also sponsor a bike raffle again, giving kids the chance to win a new bike. There will be plenty of hands-on fun for the whole family. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for another exciting day of community fun in Elkton!

## Message from the Mayor

If you believe in the power of prayer, please keep our troops, now and always, in your prayers for their safety and protection as they protect and serve the United States. We must always remember that freedom is not free and requires the sacrifice of our servicemen and women, who are always in danger and standing in our place. God bless our troops.



If we want to change the world, our community, and our homes, we must first change our hearts to be filled with what is good and not evil toward our fellow man. Luke 6:43-45 tells us: "For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, brings forth what is good, and the evil man, out of the evil treasure, brings forth what is evil. For his mouth speaks from the abundance of his heart." Only God can change our hearts.

**HAPPY Easter**

*CityEvents*

**City Hall will be closed Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday**

**Cruisin' on the Square: Car & Truck Show  
April 26th - 4:00-8:00 PM**

**Rev, Ride, & Rock: Elkton's Bike Night Feat. The Bicho Brothers  
May 31st - 6:00-9:00 PM**

For a full list of our events for 2026, check out Elkton, KY government's Facebook page, or visit our website @ [www.elktonky.com/events](http://www.elktonky.com/events)

**For EVEN more information about city and county activities listen to 1070 AM or 92.1 FM radio, or visit the WEKT Facebook page.**

## Get to Know Your City of Elkton Team



Behind every city service is a team of dedicated employees working to serve our citizens, businesses, and visitors. We invite you to visit the City of Elkton website to see photos and learn more about the staff members who proudly serve our community. As Mayor, I am proud of their commitment to our city.