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Winter Farmers Market Dates

We will be holding a winter farmers market at Ely Public Library on the following dates: November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18, January 15 and 29, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, and April 9 and 23. If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's market or would like to receive our market newsletters and reminders, contact Ali Alldredge, 848-2036 or elyfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Backyard Burning

Outdoor burning of household rubbish is not allowed in Ely, however it is still okay to burn yard waste on your property. That said, Ely residents are encouraged not to burn leaves and grass clippings. You might be asking yourself "So, how do I get rid of my leaves then, Mr. Smarty-Pants Newsletter guy?" This is an excellent question. You could set up your own compost pile, or maybe foist them off on someone you know who can use them for animal bedding or similar alternate uses. Or, you can drop them off at the Ely Compost Pile by the Ely WWTP, for FREE! Alternatively, call City Hall at 848-4103 and arrange for them to be picked up for \$2.00/yard waste bag or if you need directions to the WWTP.

A Hair-Raisingly Fun Halloween in Ely

There are no official trick-or-treat hours in Ely, but, trick-or-treaters are encouraged to do their eerie errands between 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. Make sure costumes have some bright colors, reflective tape or other reflective material so they are visible when crossing the street. Remember to make sure masks and costumes do not inhibit your nocturnal wanderer's vision. Please remember to turn your front light on so the ghosts, goblins, pirates and princesses know you are home and ready to be tricked-or-treated.

The Haunting Glow Sticks of the Ely Fire Department

The Ely Volunteer Fire Department is continuing their tradition of giving glowsticks to Ely's trick-or-treaters to help them be more visible while going about their ghoulish rounds, and so everyone has a spooktacular time. Glow sticks will be handed out to trick-or-treaters at the Ely Fire Station from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Another great thing our dedicated and hard working Volunteer Fire Department does for the Ely community.

Water Tower Project

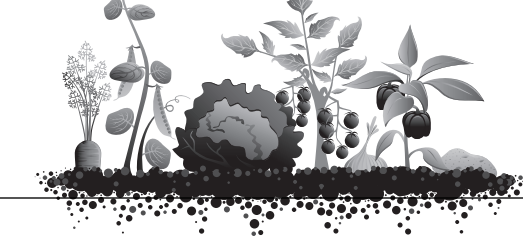
Ely's skyline will change in 2011 with the addition of a new 300,000 gallon water tower. Ely has been working on plans and designs for the water tower since early 2009, and worked with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on environmental and technical design issues as well as the Iowa Finance Authority for a low-interest loan for the project. Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR to their friends and neighbors) clearance of environmental review and construction plans is expected October 15, 2010. We have advertised for bids to build the new water tower and perform related work, which will be opened Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Construction contracts will be awarded after final DNR clearance; with tower construction starting spring, 2011. You can see what the water tower will look like on Ely's website at www.elyiowa.com/water_tower_graphics.htm

New Water Tower Will Increase Water Pressure

You may want to install a pressure relief valve before the new water tower is in service if you own an older home or building in the lower areas of Ely. Water pressure will increase roughly 25 psi everywhere in Ely after the new water tower is in service. Water pressure in the upper areas are expected to range from 40 to 55 psi after the new tower is online; while properties in lower elevations will see water pressures that range from 85 and 100 psi. The expected water pressure ranges are all within "standard" operating levels for residential plumbing, but owners of some older homes or buildings may want to install a pressure relief valve to prevent any plumbing problems in your home or building related to new stress on plumbing joints.

Ely Community Gardens

Anyone interested in getting a community garden plot in the spring can contact Ali Alldredge at elyfarmersmarket@gmail.com or Bob Ballantyne at bob_ballantyne@elyedge.org. Because this is our inaugural year, some fall prep work may be worth our time, so anyone interested should be in touch ASAP.



Annual Garbage Tag

Ely's voluntary annual garbage collection tag allows you to place one container (up to 40 pounds) of residential waste at the curb for pickup every week. Just slap the tag on the body of the container and you're set through December 31. You can purchase your annual voluntary garbage tag at Ely City Hall during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Annual tags will expire at the end of December, so January 2011 is a great time to purchase your first one, or renew your current annual garbage collection sticker. The annual tag can only be purchased at City Hall; the regular \$1.00 tags can be purchased at City Hall, Casey's General Store and Cleppe's 66 Service.

Automatic Renewal of Your Annual Garbage Collection Tag

Ely offers automatic renewal of your annual garbage tag. If you requested automatic renewal the annual fee will show up on your December utility bill; your new 2011 annual garbage tag will be mailed promptly after the bill has been paid. You can pick up a 2011 Annual Garbage Collection Tag at Ely City Hall beginning December 1.

'Tis the Season!

Ely's Holiday Lights

Can you see them now - the beautiful display of lights in Ely during the holiday season? A wonderful sight that brings warm fuzzy winter feelings! The entire display of lights, replacement bulbs, and any necessary repairs are paid for strictly by donations. Our local volunteer fire department works each year to check the bulbs, hang them up at the beginning of the season and take them down at the end. The staff at Solon State Bank of Ely works hard to keep inventory of displays and supplies ready for the season. Please show your appreciation and send a thank you to them all!

Your donations for Ely's holiday lights can be mailed or dropped off to:

- Solon State Bank of Ely, 1540 State Street, P O Box 166, Ely, Iowa 52227
- *** Make checks payable to "Holiday Decoration Fund"***

Your support is greatly appreciated.

When It Snows & Snow Emergencies (when it snows a LOT)

With the leaves starting to turn it is time to prepare for the (far too quickly) approaching snow and ice season. Snow removal can be very challenging for our Public Works Department. Our goal is to remove snow and ice from the streets safely and quickly. Please help by keeping vehicles off the streets during snow removal whenever possible. The Mayor may declare a Snow Emergency during or immediately after a very heavy snow to further assist the snow removal crews. No parking on city streets will be allowed during a snow emergency from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and for a 48-hour period after the storm has stopped. Parking will be allowed within the 48-hour period only if the street has been fully opened on both sides of the street. Snow Emergency notices will be announced on the local TV news channels in the same manner school and other closings are televised.

A Courtesy Reminder about Removing Snow and Ice from Sidewalks

It is the duty of property and homeowners to keep sidewalks abutting the property clear of natural accumulations of snow and ice. Sidewalks need to be free of snow and ice within 24 hours of the accumulations. With everyone's cooperation, our sidewalks will be safe for families, friends and visitors.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa knows there are a lot of good people in Ely, so he comes to the Ely Fire Station every year to visit with all of Ely's good girls and boys! Santa texted his good friends at the Ely Fire Department to tell them he will be at the Ely Fire Station on Friday, Dec. 17th, at 7:30 p.m. Bring your children for a visit with Santa and have some fun. Hope to see you there! This event is made possible by the Ely Volunteer Fire Department, local area farmers and businesses, so please remember and thank them for all they do this holiday season.

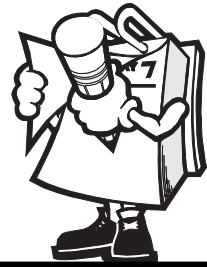


Back to School - Watch for Kids and School Busses

Yep, it's already "Back to School Time" in the Ely area, and we will once again see kids waiting for the bus at various locations and sharing the road with school busses, among the plethora of stuff "back to school" means for us and our families. So, please drive safely and watch for kids on their way to and from the school bus stop. Also, please be safe around school busses and STOP when the school bus' flashing red lights are on and the "STOP" sign extended. "Safety is no accident", and with a fine for violation of \$330, can save you more than a few bucks!

Watching Out For Our Younger Residents

Ely's City Council reminds everyone to be aware of where our younger residents are playing, and to make sure kids don't routinely walk or ride their bikes in the middle of the street. Ely's small town feel only happens when we all do our part to make sure everyone is careful and safe.



Upcoming Events

Ely Fall Fest
Saturday October 9,
Ely Community Center
and Ely City Park

Thanksgiving

Santa Claus
Coming to Town
Fri., December 17
7:30 pm Ely Fire Dept.

Christmas

New Year's Day





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Cook's Corner

Oh So Good Beans!

- 1 lb unseasoned bulk pork sausage
- 2 medium stalks celery, sliced (1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 large clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 cans (21 oz each) baked beans
- 1 can (15-16 ounces) northern beans, drained
- 1 can (15-16 ounces) kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce
- 1 Tbls ground mustard
- 2 Tbls honey or packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon white or cider vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper sauce

1. Heat oven to 400°F.
2. In 10-inch skillet, cook sausage, celery, onion and garlic over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until sausage is no longer pink; drain.
3. Mix sausage mixture and remaining ingredients in ungreased 3-quart casserole. Bake uncovered about 45 minutes, stirring once, until hot and bubbly.

Congregate Meals/Senior Dining

Delicious, healthy meals are offered at the Ely Community Center at noon Monday through Friday in conjunction with the Witwer Center. Lunch at the Ely Community Center may be focused on our senior residents, but is available to everyone. We play cards Tuesday and Friday, but the food and company are phenomenal every day! So, come share great company and food at noon every Monday through Friday.

Location: Ely Community Center, 1570 Rowley Street, Lower level dining room.

Cost for 60 and up: \$3.00 Eat in Dining,
\$3.00 Ely Home Delivery

Cost for 59 and under: \$4.00 Eat In Dining

Reservations for your meal must be made a day in advance. To make reservations call 848-4140 or City Hall 848-4103. For more details call Rachel Hodina or Lenna See at 848-4140.

Hours and Activity Schedule:

- Monday 9 am – 1 pm
- Tuesday 9 am – 3 pm, Euchre Cards Played
- Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm
- Thursday 9 am – 1 pm
- Friday 9 am – 3 pm, Pinochle Cards Played

BINGO – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, right after lunch.

City Hall Holiday Hours

November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Day and Friday After – Closed

Friday, December 24 – Closed for Christmas holiday

Friday, December 31 – Closed for New Year holiday.

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Channel 217
South Slope Digital Video

Phone/Fax: 848-4103
After Hours Emergency
Only: 848-7603

Regular business hours:
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Office Closed:
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday, and Christmas Day.

Council Meetings:
2nd Monday each month
7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers 2nd floor.
Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ely Expression



**Fall Fest 2010 comes to you
Saturday, October 9 even bigger
and more fun than before!**

Start your day with the 3rd Annual Ely Fall Fest 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, play (or watch) some kickball, and fortify yourself with a great breakfast. That's just the morning! Ely Fall Fest returns with more ongoing favorites like FREE (yes, FREE) live music, inflatable events for the kids, face painting and a rock-climbing wall; and great new activities like Ely Idol, Classic Car Show and the first ever Fall Fest Sack Race. We will have even more food and meal opportunities this year, including Fall Fest Breakfast and Chili Supper (not at the same time, of course), Craft Fair and a Farmers Market. Fall Fest '10 closes with fireworks and the Fall Fest Dance at the Ely American Legion. So much to do, check out the complete schedule of events!

Sign-Up for Fall Fest Fun!

You may be saying to yourself "Gosh, how do I sign up to participate in the great activities on this year's Fall Fest lineup?" You can get registration forms for all Fall Fest events including the Kickball Tournament, Ely Idol, and the 5k-1Mile events online at www.elyiowa.com; or pick them up at City Hall. You can also pre-register for the Ely Fall Fest 5K-1Mile event online at www.getmeregistered.com.

Tell Us More About This "Free Music"

You can enjoy some of the areas finest performers this year, courtesy of Fall Fest 2010! The free music stage will be in front of the Ely Community Center/City Hall at 1570 Rowley Street. You and your entire family can enjoy all these great performers for free at Ely Fall Fest:

11:30 am-1:00 pm	River Bottom Ramblers	Blue Grass
1:00-1:30 pm	Dr. Bubbles	For the Kids
1:30-3:00 pm	Matt Gogel	Acoustic Pop Guitarist
3:00-4:30 pm	Jason Ray Brown	The One Man Band
4:30-6:30 pm	Ramblin' Fever	Classic Country
8:30-12:30 pm	Lonesome Road at the American Legion Hall	Country Rock

Ely 2010 Craft Fair

The craft fair will be October 9 from 8:00am to 4:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ely. This is the same day as Ely Fall Fest. If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's craft fair, contact Pat Stanek, 319-521-7618 or padastanek@southslope.net. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ely Public Library.