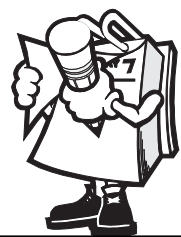


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## The Anatomy of Ely City Government

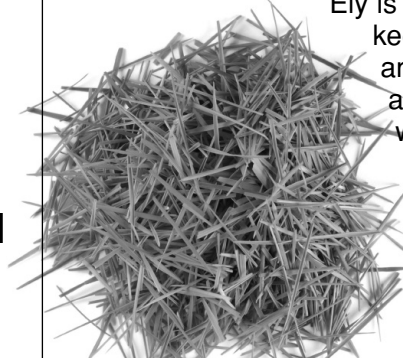
Ely's elected officials, volunteer board members and appointed staff are the heartbeat of our city government. Our civic minded elected officials are Mayor and City Council. Community oriented volunteer members serve on the Library Board of Trustees, Parks and Recreation Board, Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning Commission, Historical Preservation Commission, Airport Zoning Commission, Emergency Management and E911 Board. Other appointed officials are Clerk/Administrator and Deputy Clerk.

The mayor is the chief executive officer of the city and presides over city council meetings. The mayor cannot vote on items before the council, but can veto on ordinance or resolution of the council. The city council votes on and passes motions, resolutions and ordinances. Resolutions are statements of policy and ordinances are the laws of the city. The council also approves the budget, expenditures, contracts, and land use decisions. The votes of each council member are recorded in the meeting minutes. The Clerk/Administrator has many responsibilities set by Iowa and City Code.

## Ely's Compost Area in Jeopardy!

Ely's compost area is at risk of having to be closed because people have illegally dumped items other than yard waste. The compost area is available exclusively to Ely residents to dispose of yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, brush and small limbs at no charge. No junk, building materials or garbage of any sort is allowed in the area by Department of Natural Resources regulations. Ely can be cited and penalized for violating DNR regulations as the result of illegal dumping. Report any illegal dumping at the site to City Hall.

Ely is only able to keep the site open and offer this as a free service when it is not abused by dumping of unacceptable junk.



## Jappa Road White Topping

Linn County, in conjunction with Ely, will "white top" Jappa Road from just north of Rogers Creek Road in Ely all the way to Highway 30 late this summer. Linn County will place a roughly 5-inch thick PCC surface on this stretch of Jappa Road. Linn County's plans call for the work to start around September 5, 2011, resurfacing is expected to take 35 working days.

## Your Local Sales Taxes at Work

The City of Ely is using revenues from the one-cent local option sales tax to pay for the Hillcrest Street Rebuilding project, our portion of the Jappa Road "White Topping" project, resurfacing Dows Street in 2009 and to develop the new Ely City Park.

## Ely's New Water Tower Will Increase Water Pressure

Ely's new water tower is being built right now; you can see progress on the north side of Ely. 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 and range from 55 psi in the upper areas of Ely to 100 psi in the lower areas after the new water tower is in service. 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 check where their water pipe enters the house and/or install a pressure relief valve to prevent any plumbing problems related to new stress on plumbing joints.

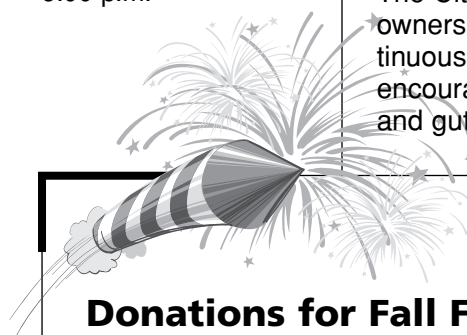
## Fire Hydrant Flushing July 11-15

The Ely Public Works Department will be flushing fire hydrants July 11-15. This is routine maintenance that needs to be done on a regular basis. While this is being done you may notice some discoloring of your water from time to time. Although the water may look a little different, it will be safe to drink and creates no health risk. When doing laundry, be sure to check for water discoloration before adding clothing, the discoloration will affect the brightness of your laundry. If you notice discoloration, please run the water until it runs completely clear before doing laundry.



## Ely Firemen's 3rd Annual Party in Our Backyard

Come to our place...the Ely Fire Department at 1300 Main Street in Ely on **Saturday, August 13** for live music, yummy grilled eats, beer and pop. We're going to have absolutely great live music - watch for the lineup of bands and more information! Gates open at 6:00 p.m.



## Donations for Fall Fest '11 Fireworks - You "CAN" Help!

Want to help make the Ely Fall Fest fireworks even better this year? There is a way you can help! The Ely Parks & Recreation Commission has opened an account with the Can Shed at 4121 16th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. When redeeming your cans just ask for your deposit to go towards the Ely Parks & Recreation account. All the proceeds will go towards the fireworks that will be displayed at this year's Ely Fall Fest on October 1, 2011.

## Downtown Dows Streetscape Project

Rathje Construction is scheduled to start work in July on a streetscape project to make the downtown Dows Street area more attractive and amenable for businesses and pedestrians. The streetscape beautification includes wider sidewalks, storm sewer improvements, relocating the over head electric lines, a new accessible entrance for the building housing the Post Office and Lacey's Barber Shop, decorative street lights, colored crosswalks and rebuilding segments of the street. Project work and timeline will be:

- Starting July 5 Alliant Energy will relocate overhead electric lines and poles along Dows Street and other areas.
- Starting July 12 Dows Street from east of Hillcrest through the intersection with Main Street will be entirely rebuilt as a concrete street with colored crosswalks installed at the intersection of Main and Dows. This segment of Dows Street will be closed during work and traffic will detour via the former railroad right of way and Traer Street.
- New 10' wide sidewalk will be installed on the south side of Dows Street from Main to Walker Street, and a new ramp and access will be installed for the building housing the Post Office and Lacey's Barbershop. The street will be open during this stage with parking available on the north side of the street.
- Dows Street from Walker to State will be rebuilt; including installing curb and gutter and storm sewer, relocating water mains and installing new 10' wide sidewalks. This segment of Dows Street will be closed during work and traffic will detour via Traer and Rowley Streets.
- Decorative streetlights with LED fixtures will be installed in the downtown area of Dows Street.

## Dows Streetscape Open House

Ely is holding an open house to go over project work and construction details Wednesday, July 6, starting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City Engineer and a representative from Rathje Construction will be there to answer questions about the project work and schedule.

## Ely Sidewalk Construction Program

The City of Ely will provide up to \$1.75 per square foot of new sidewalk to property owners who construct sidewalks that meet City standards and fill gaps between continuous sidewalks anywhere in the City. The Ely City Council adopted this policy to encourage property owners to construct sidewalks to fill gaps along established curb and gutter streets to make it easier and safer for everyone to walk and travel in Ely.



## Ely Farmers Market

Stop by the Ely Farmers Market at the southeast corner of Rowley and State Streets every Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:30 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to noon. You will find a great variety of fresh local produce, kolaches and other food every time you visit the Ely Farmers Market! If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's market, contact Ali Alldredge, 848-2036 or elyfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, July 4 Ely Firemen's Pancake Breakfast

7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Ely Fire Station, 1300 Main.

### Monday, July 4 Annual Ely 4th of July Parade

Begins at 6:00 p.m. line-up starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (Corner of Rowley and Main).

### Saturday, August 13 Ely Firemen's 3rd Annual Party in Our Backyard

### Sunday, August 21 Annual Community Polka Festival

Ely American Legion Hall, Fundraiser for St. Luke's Child Protection Center, sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church

### Saturday, October 1 Ely Fall Fest

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### Cook's Corner

#### Slow Cooker Pork

3-5 pound boneless pork shoulder or butt  
1 tsp dried sage  
1 tsp dried rosemary  
1 1/2 tps kosher salt  
1/2 tsp black pepper  
1 tbl brown sugar  
10 whole garlic cloves (peeled, but intact)  
1 tbl Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 cup Dijon mustard  
1/4 cup honey  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
3 bay leaves  
1 cup beer

Put meat in a 6-quart slow cooker. In a small bowl, combine all of your dry seasonings: sage, rosemary, salt, pepper, brown sugar. Rub this mixture on all sides of the meat. Add in the garlic cloves. Combine the Worcestershire sauce, Dijon mustard, and honey. Pour evenly over the top and add in cranberries and bay leaves. Pour beer over top. Cover, and let cook on low for 8 to 10 hours, or until the meat pulls apart easily with two large forks. Discard the bay leaves, and shred completely, stirring into the accumulated juice and sauce. Serve over rice or on toasted hoagie rolls with your favorite sandwich fixings.



### Grand Opening of the Hoover Trail between Cedar Rapids and Ely

A warm, sunny day ushered in the grand opening celebration of the Hoover Trail from Cedar Rapids to Ely on June 3. A few dozen people joined Ely Mayor Jim Doyle, Cedar Rapids City Councilmember Kris Gulick, Linn County Supervisors Linda Langston and Lu Barron, State Senator Bob Dvorsky, Linn County Trails Association Tom Pepper and representatives for Senators Harkin and Grassley to bring the pieces of the trail system together. The Hoover Trail connects recreational trail users with other trails to the north including the Cedar Valley Trail and the American Discovery Trail. The trailhead is in Ely City Park (at the north end of Hillcrest Street) – Check it out!



### Ely Fall Fest October 1st, 2011

The 4th Annual Ely Fall Fest is set for Saturday, October 1, 2011. The Ely Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact the P&R Crew at 319-848-4103 or email us at [elyparks@gmail.com](mailto:elyparks@gmail.com) if you, or your organization, are willing to offer your time and talents for Fall Fest. Interested groups can help out as a service project or as a potential fundraiser for their organization. Stop by the Ely Parks & Recreation table at the 4th of July, Ely Fireman's Breakfast for all the latest information on Ely Fall Fest 2011 or visit us on the web at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).

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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

## Fourth of July in Ely!

### City Hall Holiday Hours

Ely City Hall, Public Library and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day. We will be open regular hours again Tuesday, July 5. Garbage & Recyclables will be picked up Tuesday, July 5.

### 4th of July Ely Firemen's Breakfast

The Ely Volunteer Fire Department brings you their 40th Annual Firemen's Breakfast Monday, July 4! This event is a perfect opportunity to show how much we appreciate the dedicated volunteers that protect and serve our community and surrounding areas. All proceeds from this annual event support the department's operational expenses. Tickets can be purchased from any Ely Firefighter or local merchants. Adult tickets are \$6.00 in advance or at the door, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and children 5 and under eat free. All you can eat pancakes eggs, sausage, bacon, milk, coffee and water. Serving from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ely Fire Department, 1300 Main Street in Ely. Rain or shine – Come enjoy a terrific breakfast and great company!

### Get Your 40th Anniversary Firemen's Breakfast T-Shirt!

Celebrate 40 years of the best doggone Firemen's Breakfast anywhere in a limited edition commemorative tee-shirt. Tee-shirts will be for sale at the Fire Department during the Firemen's Breakfast or you can get yours at The Company Store, 1205 State Street. The 40th Anniversary tee-shirts are only \$10 each.

### 4th of July Parade

Ely's annual 4th of July Parade starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Ely Fire Station, and runs along Dows Street, Highland Road, Hillcrest Street, Walker Street to end at Rowley Street. Entry lineup starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Ely Fire Station; there is no cost to enter. Please contact City Hall (319-848-4103) for more information. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a great 4th of July parade, and an Ely Independence Day tradition!



### 2011 City Council Elections

Election for Ely Mayor and three City Council seats will be Tuesday, November 8, 2011. If you are interested in running for Mayor or City Council, you will need to pick up a nomination petition and have it signed by at least ten people eligible to vote in Ely. Then fill out an "Affidavit of Candidacy" and deliver both the nomination petition and affidavit to the City Clerk's office at Ely City Hall. Nomination papers may not be filed before August 29 and must be filed by no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, September 22, 2011. More information and nomination papers are available at Ely City Hall, 1570 Rowley Street, or the Linn County Auditor's Office at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids.

### Key 2011 City Election Dates:

- **August 29, 2011** (Monday) – first day nomination papers can be filed with City Clerk.
- **September 22, 2011** (Thursday) – nominations have to be filed with City Clerk by 5:00 p.m.
- **September 26, 2011** (Monday) – Last day for candidates to withdraw by filing a written request with the City Clerk.
- **October 28, 2011** (Friday) – last day to pre-register to vote in the November 8 City election.
- **November 8, 2011** (Tuesday) – City Election Day – Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.