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COMMUNITY NEWS

Need a Space for Your Gathering?

The City of Ely offers the following areas for meetings, family gatherings, and other social activities.

Ely Community Center

1570 Rowley Street
Meeting/Activity Room: accommodates up to 25 people.
\$15.00 1/2 day rental - \$25.00 full day rental
\$25.00 deposit, refundable (ask for details)

Gladys Holets Dining Room and Kitchen facility: accommodates up to 60 people.

\$60.00 1/2 day rental - \$100.00 full day rental
\$25.00 deposit, refundable (ask for details)

The facility is a non-smoking facility.

National Register of Historic Places Myth

Many people think that if a property or district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the owners of the properties lose control over what they can do to their buildings. This is not true. Listing on the register brings no restrictions whatsoever. Ely has listed the Dows Street Historic District and the Community Center, once the Ely Schoolhouse, on the national register. Listing has some advantages including not only public recognition and education, but also qualification for grant monies on the state level. The restrictions of the National Park Services Standards of Restoration and Rehabilitation which underlie public misunderstanding, are only activated when a city government designates an historic district or landmark by adopting ordinances as part of its zoning structure. Ely has not taken this step, but does take pride in its national register listings because they contribute to the unique identity and history of the city.

For information about historic preservation or the Ely Community History Society's Archives call 848-4963. Visit the community center to see displays of Ely area history. The archives room is open Wednesday mornings 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Donations of historic photos, documents and memorabilia help build the record of our history and will be preserved for the community.

Website

Have you visited our website?

 elyiowa.com

New to the Website:

The City Hall Blog and Online Forum. This new feature encourages discussion of topics related to city activities. You are invited to visit the blog to read current blog postings and share your ideas, thoughts and concerns.

Cook's Corner

Dried Beef Dill Pickle Dip

1 – 3 oz. pkg. dried beef, finely chopped
1 – 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
3 Tbs. chopped green onions
3/4 cup chopped dill pickles, NOT relish
1/4 tsp pepper
1/8 tsp garlic powder

Soften cream cheese and combine the remaining ingredients. Chill until ready to serve. Serve with crackers, vegetables or rye bread.

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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

Voluntary Annual Garbage Tag

Are you tired of having to track down those City of Ely garbage collection tags and have \$52 in your pocket? Then head on down to Ely City Hall to pickup a voluntary annual Ely refuse collection tag that is good for an entire year. Okay, it's actually only good until December 31, so beginning October 1 it will cost \$13 for service through December 31, 2008.

The annual tag allows you to place one container (up to 40 pounds) of waste at the curb for pickup every week. Just slap the tag on 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.). 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.

Don't worry if you've already invested a bunch of cash in the regular \$1.00 garbage tags, they're still good and will be for a long time. The voluntary tag is an additional option available to Ely residents; we will also continue with the \$1.00 tags. It's your decision; you can get the annual tag or continue using the regular \$1.00 tags.

Ely City Council Establishes a Permit to Allow Golf Carts and ATVs to Drive on City Streets

The Ely City Council approved an ordinance in June that allows golf carts and ATVs to be operated on Ely streets if the driver is at least 18 years old, possesses a valid driver's license and has a City of Ely permit. With an Ely permit, golf carts may be operated on City streets (but not State Street) between sunrise and sunset. ATVs with an Ely permit may only be driven on Ely streets (though not State Street) if the driver is actively

engaged in snow removal or lawn/gardening work or special city events. Permits cost \$25.00 per driver and may be applied for at Ely City Hall. You will need to bring a copy of your valid driver's license, proof of DNR registration for the ATV and a certificate of insurance for the ATV or golf cart for the permit to be issued.

To be eligible for the permit to drive on city streets, golf carts are required to be equipped with: a "slow moving vehicle" sign, a bicycle flag, effective brakes, headlights and taillights. If you want to apply for a permit you will need to bring in proof of insurance for the golf cart, and proof that the driver is at least 18 years old and possesses a valid drivers license. Also, please remember that golf carts are not to exceed the speed limit and may not be driven faster than 25 mph.

Even with an Ely "ATV" permit ATVs may only be operated on Ely streets for snow removal, gardening/lawn work or as part of special events authorized by the City Council. To be eligible for an Ely "ATV" permit, the vehicle must be equipped with: muffler, headlight, taillight, brakes and an orange bicycle safety flag that extends at least 5' above street surface. ATVs with an Ely permit must follow standard traffic rules, and may not be operated faster than 25 mph. You will need to provide proof that the ATV is insured, is registered with the DNR and proof that the driver is at least 18 years old and has a valid driver's license to be eligible for an Ely ATV permit.

A person who commits a first violation of the terms of the ordinance for golf carts or ATVs in Ely is subject to a 2-month revocation of the permit and \$100 fine; a second violation within 12 months can result in revocation of the permit for 12 months and a \$200 fine; a third violation at any time can result in permanent loss of the Ely permit and a fine of \$300. Please check Ely Ordinance No. 204 (available at City Hall or at www.elyiowa.com) for more details.





Can you see them now?

The beautiful display of lights in Ely during the holiday season? What a warm fuzzy feeling! 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!

If you would like to offer a donation it can be mailed or dropped off to:

Solon State Bank of Ely
1540 State Street
PO Box 166
Ely, Iowa 52227

Make checks payable to
"Christmas Decoration Fund"

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!

It happens the same time every year! Santa Claus comes to Ely!

You will find him at the Ely Fire Department on Friday, Dec. 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring your children for a visit and have some fun. Hope to see you there!

This event made possible by: Ely Volunteer Fire Department, local area farmers and businesses.

Looking ahead to Christmas!

The City of Ely will help with the disposal of your once live Christmas tree. Drop off date begins December, 27 and ends January, 10 2009.

Trees must be cleared of all decorations, with the exception of flocking, and dropped at Ely Maintenance Garage 1580 Main Street located near Vavra Lumber. See clearly marked area for drop off. If you would like to dispose of your tree sooner it can be taken to Indian Creek Nature Center at 6665 Otis Road SE, in Cedar Rapids as early as the first weekend after Christmas. There is no charge for disposal.

For further details call City Hall 848-4103.

More Front Page News

A Glimpse Ahead - Water System Improvements

The City Council has reviewed options to improve the pressure and storage capacity of Ely's water system, and decided to pursue the option of building a larger water tower. The new tower will be at a high enough elevation to give greater water pressure for homes and properties at higher points throughout the community. When completed the new water tower will be larger and able to store considerably more water than our current tower. Our goal is to complete design and permit requirements by October of 2009, with construction substantially complete by November of 2010.

Ely's Living Roadways Visioning Committee

The Ely Living Roadways Visioning committee has been working with Trees Forever, the Iowa Department of Transportation and Iowa State University's Extension Landscape Architecture Department to put together a shared vision for the future of Ely's transportation system and future enhancements of the community's landscape and transportation corridors. The committee's consultant prepared a "Final Report and Feasibility Study" that includes future visions for:

- Downtown Dows Street Streetscape concept and details
- Community Welcome Signage
- Master Plan for Hoover Trail in Ely
- Roger's Creek Corridor
- State Street Landscaping

The Ely Living Roadways Committee is interested in working with the community to help make the envisioned futures a reality. Residents who want more information, are interested in participating in the visioning process or want to help make these visions real should contact the local committee chair Tim Grimm: Ph: 319/848-4181 or Roger Hunt Trees Forever field coordinator at 319/728-2064.

Streetlights Not Working?

Do you know of places where streetlights aren't working? Maybe they flicker off and on, or it's just plain dark where it shouldn't be? Please contact either Ely City Hall (848-4103) or the electric utility for that area. Alliant Energy (1-877-740-5050) is the electric utility in most locations in Ely, but Linn County Rural Electric (1-800-332-5420) also serves some locations in Ely.

Backyard Burning of Residential Waste Prohibited

The backyard burning of household rubbish is no longer allowed in Ely. The City Council adopted an ordinance in August 2007 that prohibits burning residential garbage outdoors, whether the burning is done in the open or in a burn-barrel. The City Council prohibited burning of residential waste for several reasons, including the composition of stuff that is being burned, effect of smoke and chemicals in the smoke on neighbors and risks to the health of people who are susceptible to breathing related health problems.

Burning small amounts of yard waste consisting of grass trimmings, leaves and trimmed branches is allowed. Burning of any other materials is not allowed. Use care in open burning. Be certain it is not done on a windy day, keep fire contained and do not burn at curb or on the street. Keep children away and safe. If fire emits smoke or fly ash that is a nuisance to neighbors it must be extinguished immediately. Recreational fires for cooking, heating, and ceremonies are allowed provided they comply with the limits for emission of visible air contaminants established by the State Department of Natural Resources.

Ely's Curfew

Ely has a curfew that does not allow people less than 17 years of age to be in public places or on the premises of "any establishment in the city" from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Title III, Chapter 6 of the Ely City Code sets out that it is an offense against the City Code for a person under 17 years old to be "in any public place or on the premise of any establishment within the City" between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The parent, owner of the establishment or person who is actually out during curfew hours can be cited and found in violation of the curfew under this section of the Ely City Code.

City Code states the following are defenses to prosecution for violating the curfew - If the minor was: accompanied by their parent or guardian; on an errand for their parent or guardian; in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel; engaged in employment activity, or going to or coming from that employment; involved in an emergency; on the sidewalk abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain about the minor's presence; attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity sponsored by the school or city; exercising rights protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; or is married or has been married.



Come Share Good Company and Good Food!

Congregate meals are offered at noon Monday through Friday.

Location: Ely Community Center, 1570 Rowley Street, Gladys Holets dining room (lower level)

Meal cost:

Age 60 & up: \$3.00 "Eat in" dining
\$3.00 "Shut in" Ely home delivery
60 and under: \$4.00 "Eat in"

Reservations are needed 24-hours in advance so they know how many meals to bring, so please call 848-4140 (or 848-4103 if there is no answer) a day ahead to reserve your meal.

Cards are played every Tuesday and Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m.

For more details call Rachel Hodina or Lenna See at 848-4140

Mark your November calendar!

The Ely Volunteer Fire Department proudly presents the Annual Fireman's Dance!!

This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 15, at the American Legion Hall located at 1545 Main St, Ely. Dance will start at 9:00 p.m and ends at 1:00 a.m. Entertainment provided by Night Moves.

Advance ticket information to arrive at your home as the date draws near. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the dance.

Solid Waste & Recyclables Dos and Don'ts:

Solid Waste:

- **DO** seal your trash bags.
- **DO** have handles on your trashcans.
- **DO** place lids on trashcans on windy days.
- **DO** have \$1.00 tags on hand. Available at City Hall, Casey's and Cleppe's 66.
- **DO** tag your trash bags. \$1.00 per tag per bag unless you have an annual garbage tag.

* See newly adopted Ordinance 203 for details.

- **DON'T** fill trash bags any more than 40 pounds.
 - **DON'T** mix any recyclables with solid waste.
 - **DON'T** mix any broken glass with solid waste.
 - **DON'T** mix in any yard waste with solid waste.
- Call City Hall for yard waste disposal details.

Recyclables:

- **DO** rinse your recyclables.
- **DO** place lids on recycle bins on windy days.
- **DO** place glass on top or in a separate container.
- **DO** place plastic rated 1-7 only in bins. Rating normally found on bottom of containers.
- **DO** cut down/break down cardboard to manageable size. 2 feet in width and length.
- **DO** bundle, tie, or tape large amounts of cardboard together.
- **DON'T** include ANY plastic bags.
- **DON'T** include waxed cardboards or Styrofoam.
- **DON'T** include plastic or metal hangers.
- **DON'T** include batteries, car parts or motor oil bottles.
- **DON'T** include children's toys or disposable diapers.
- **DON'T** mix any solid waste with recyclables.

DO NOT place at curb any bulky items such as small appliances, large appliances or furniture. These items can be disposed of properly at a reasonable fee in a couple of different ways. Call City Hall for details and a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items.



Trees, Ornamental Bushes, Our Meter Reader and Dogs

Summer has come and gone and the new growth of trees and bushes is beautiful but in some areas has caused poor vision at intersections, parking difficulties and become a challenge for pedestrians on sidewalks.

The Ely Public Works Department asks you to trim the trees at the front of your property. Please trim all trees on or overhanging the street so that the branches will be at least fifteen (15) feet above the surface of the street and eight (8) feet above the sidewalk. Once the trees have been trimmed place the limbs at or near the curb (please do not place them in the street) and call City Hall 848-4103 for pick up. The Public Works Department will pick them at no cost to you.

Water meter readings are collected between the 20th and 24th each month. Our meter reader occasionally encounters dogs and ornamental bushes that can be difficult to handle. She needs to be able to get a read from the meter pad on the outside of your home or business. The meter pad will either be a small meter with dials or a black "button looking" pad. Please become familiar with the location of the pad on your home and trim ornamental bushes to allow easy access. If at all possible keep dogs away from the area of the yard with the meter pad, or inside, when meters are being read. Please call City Hall to determine when the water meter reader may be in your neighborhood for the read. Your help is GREATLY appreciated.

