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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!

Firemen's Breakfast on July 4, 2009

The Ely Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring their 38th Annual Firemen's Breakfast. This is a perfect opportunity to show how much we appreciate the dedicated volunteers that protect and serve our community and surrounding areas. All proceeds of this annual fund raising event support the department's operating expenses. Tickets are available from any Ely Fire-fighter or local merchant. Adult tickets are \$4.50 in advance or \$5.00 at the door, \$2.50 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 to the Firemen's Breakfast enjoy a terrific morning meal and great company!

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 Sue Sedrel (319-981-3124) for more information. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a great 4th of July parade, and an Ely Independence Day tradition!

City Hall Holiday Hours

Ely City Hall and the Public Works Department will be closed Monday, July 6 for the Independence Day holiday. We will be open regular hours again starting Tuesday July 7. Garbage and recyclables collection will be on Monday July 6 as usual.

2009 City Council Elections

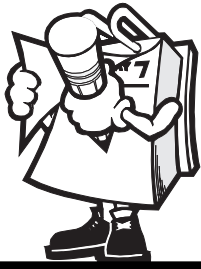
Election for two Ely City Council seats will be Tuesday November 3, 2009. If you are interested in running for City Council you will need to pick up a nomination petition and have it signed by at least ten people eligible to vote in Ely. Then fill out an "Affidavit of Candidacy" and deliver both to the City Clerk's office at Ely City Hall. Nomination papers may not be filed before August 24 and must be filed by no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, September 17, 2009. Nomination papers are available at Ely City Hall, 1570 Rowley Street, or the Linn County Auditor's Office at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids.

East Dows Street Resurfacing

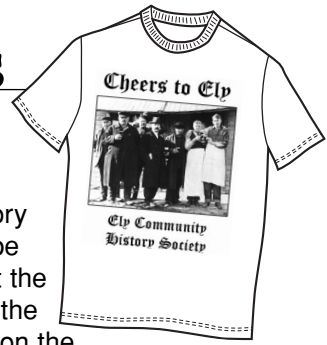
L.L. Pelling Co., from North Liberty, was awarded the bid to resurface Dows Street from Hillcrest Street to Knoll Court; and from Main Street (the post office) to State Street. Work will begin after July 4th and is to take no more than 20 working days. L.L. Pelling is to preserve access to all properties in the work zone to the greatest extent possible. Traffic will be open for at least one lane during construction, two-way traffic is to be possible when LL Pelling's crews are not actively working on site. We will keep you up to date on when work will start in the NoJoCo and on the web at www.elyiowa.com.

Ely's Compost Area

The City of Ely has set up a compost area for Ely residents to dispose of yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, brush and small limbs. There is no charge for Ely residents to drop off their yard waste at the Ely Compost Area. This service is only available for Ely residents and property owners. Only yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, brush and small limbs may be disposed of at the Ely Compost Area. Ely will close the Compost Area from public use if anything other than allowed yard waste is disposed of or dumped there. The compost area is next to the Ely Wastewater Treatment Plant, contact City Hall for directions.



More Front Page News



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, July 4 Ely Firemen's Pancake Breakfast

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

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, July 18 Ely Parks & Recreation Golf Outing

Lake McBride Golf & County Club

Saturday, August 1 Ely Firemen's 1st Annual "Party In Our Backyard"

Live music, hot dogs, brats, beer and pop. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., music from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 16 Annual Community Polka Festival

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

Saturday, September 26 2nd Annual Ely Fall Fest

Trees, Ornamental Bushes, Our Meter Reader and Dogs

Spring has changed to summer and brought beautiful new growth of trees and bushes that while lovely can lead to poor vision at intersections, parking difficulties and can be a challenge for pedestrians on sidewalks. The Ely Public Works Department asks you to trim the trees in front of your property so branches overhanging the street are at least fifteen (15) feet above the street and eight (8) feet above the sidewalk. Please place the trimmed 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. Ely's water meter reader needs to be able to get a read from the meter pad on the outside of your building and occasionally encounters dogs and ornamental bushes that can be difficult to handle. The meter pad will either be a small meter with dials or a black "button looking" pad. Please trim ornamental bushes away from the meter pad and if at all possible keep dogs away from the meter pad, or inside, when meters are being read. Please keep off new park area until turf is established. Please call City Hall for more information. Your help is GREATLY appreciated.

Historic Ely T-Shirts

Ely Community History Society T-shirts will be for sale for \$12.00 at the history booth during the Fireman's Breakfast on the 4th of July and also during Ely Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Proceeds go to support the Ely Community History Society Archives project, which is working to preserve our area history. The Archives room is open Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, or by appointment. Call Barb Horak at 848-4074 or Clary Illian at 848-4963. Visit our web site at: www.elyiowa.org/history.html.

Your Local Sales Taxes at Work

Ely is using revenues from the one-cent local option sales tax approved in March to pay for the Dows Street Resurfacing project and roughly half the cost of the grading, excavating and seeding project at the new Ely City Park. The other half of the cost of the Ely Park project will be paid through existing cash balance built up over the last few years.

Ely Parks & Recreation NEWS!

Ely City Park

Grading work for ball diamonds, play areas and storm water control is done and grass is growing at the "New" Ely City Park at the north end of Hillcrest Street. Make your plans now to join the celebration of its inaugural use during Fall Fest, September 26!

Thank You! Thank You!

The Parks & Recreation Commission would like to thank those who helped clean up the city parks on Saturday, May 9th. Not only did we have great group of volunteers ready to muscle up, get dirty, and get the job done; we also had beautiful day weather wise. Without your help we would not have been able to cover all the areas we needed to. It is with much appreciation we say thank you for your energy, great teamwork and gift of your time. – *Ely Parks & Recreation Commission*

Opportunity to Serve on Park & Recreation Committee

The Mayor and City Council are looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Ely Park & Recreation Committee. The committee works with the Mayor and City Council to plan and develop Ely's parks and recreational activities including the new Ely Park and Fall Fest; and meets once a month (occasionally more often). The City Council approves appointments to this important city board. Please contact Ely City Hall (848-4103 or email elycity@southslope.net) if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

The 2nd Annual



**Saturday,
September
26, 2009**

Ely Fall Fest Volunteers, Marketers & Food Vendors Needed!

The 2nd Annual Ely Fall Fest is set for Saturday, Sept 26, 2009. The Ely Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for volunteers. If you or your organization would be willing to offer your time and talents - please contact the P&R Crew at 319-848-4103 or email us at elyparcs@gmail.com. Interested groups can help out as a service project or as a potential fundraiser for their organization.

New to this year's Fall Fest will be a Farmer's Market and Craft Fair. The Ely Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for interested farmer's marketers and crafters. If you are interested in having a market or craft table that day please let us know. The cost to set up a table is \$25 and you must be registered to participate.

If you have a favorite food vendor or know someone that may be interested in being a food vendor at this year's Fall Fest please contact the Ely Parks & Commission. We are looking to expand the variety of foods, beverages and snacks available at this year's Fest. Last year we had a great turnout for all of the day's events and this year is looking to be even bigger!

Stop by the Ely Parks & Recreation table at the 4th of July, Ely Fireman's Breakfast for all the latest information on the Ely Fall Fest or visit us on the web at www.elyiowa.com.

TENATIVE 2009 FALL FEST EVENT SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Race Registration
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Breakfast / Bake Sale
8:30 a.m.	5K Run
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Farmer's Market / Craft Sale
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Kid's Inflatable's / Pumpkin Patch
9:30 a.m.	1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Food Vendor Sales
10:00 a.m.	Performance by UNI Dance Team
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Pumpkin Decorating / Plant Sales
10:45 a.m.	Running Events Award Ceremony/Door Prizes
11:00 a.m.	Kiddie Dash
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Music performances by a variety of local musicians
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Bingo Tent
12:00 p.m.	Duck Races
12:00 p.m.	Adult / Co-Ed Kickball Tournament
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Ely History Tours
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Youth 3 on 3 Soccer Tournament
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Family Hayrack Rides
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Chili Supper
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Family Friendly Bonfire
8:30 p.m.	Fireworks (Rain date Sunday, Sept 27)



ELY PARKS AND RECREATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

A "FUN" RAISER

4 PERSON BEST SHOT AT LAKE MACBRIDE GOLF COURSE

Saturday, July 18, 2009 Tee-Off: 1:00 PM

Cost: \$50 per person

Includes: 18 holes golf, cart rental, and meal

Flag prizes, door prizes, and more.

Call Stephanie Mai today at (319) 361-5240 or send an email to nsemai@southslope.net to sign up or call Lake MacBride Golf Course at (319) 624-2500

Ely Public Library News

Library Hours:

Monday
9:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

Tuesday
1:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Wednesday
1:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Thursday
9:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

Friday
1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Saturday
9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Our website is:
<http://www.ely.lib.ia.us/>

Drop box available
6:15a.m. – 10:00p.m.

To renew library
materials, call:
(319) 848-7616



ELY Garage Sale Day

The Friends of the Ely Public Library would like to thank everyone who made Ely Garage Sale Day such a success! It was a beautiful day and many shoppers found some great bargains. Thank you especially if you held a registered garage sale (over 60 of you did) that day or helped volunteer at the library's book sale. If you did not register your sale this year, please consider doing so next year. All of the money collected from registrations is used for publicity to bring in more shoppers.

Book Sale

The annual book sale was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who donated items throughout the year. We are already accepting books and movies in good condition for next year's sale. We can provide a receipt for tax purposes if you wish. Thank you also to the volunteers who spent many hours organizing and supervising the sale. If you would like to help next year, please contact the library at 848-7616.

If we are not open, you may leave your donation in the donation box in the lobby. Please do not take books out of the donation box home with you. They were intended to be given to the library and we either add them to our collection for all to enjoy or sell them at the next book sale. Thank you!

Summer Reading Program

June 15 – August 6

Our theme this year is "Get Creative @ Your Library" and we have reading programs for children, teens and adults. There are fabulous prizes for everybody, just for reading! The grand prize drawing for children who complete the reading program is a bicycle donated from Solon State Bank in Ely. Teens will be trying for a \$50 gift card to Best Buy and we will announce the adult grand prize shortly.

Special Programs

The whole family can enjoy the following programs at the library this summer:

7/2: Chalk It Up! at the Ely Fire Station (meet at the library first)

7/9: Picturing America, Picturing Ely sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Ely Historical Society

7/9: Brown Bag Book Club will meet at noon

7/16: Mad Science of Iowa "INNOVATIONS" Assembly Show

7/23: "Being Creative Program" presented by the Linn County Solid Waste Agency

7/30: Magic Show by Magician Rick Brammer

8/6: End of Summer Reading Party Program sponsored by Hills Bank of Mt. Vernon

8/6: Flower Design Workshop from 7:00-8:00p.m. (you need to pre-register)

8/8: Red Cedar Chamber Music Now! Concert (program begins at 3:00)

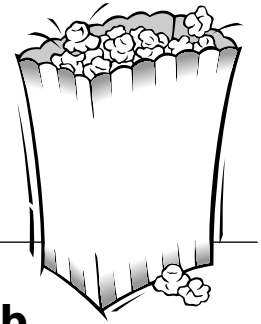
These programs will all begin at 10:00 sharp and last for approximately one hour, unless otherwise indicated. All programs are free and open to the public. Please visit our website for additional details on each of these programs. They are suitable for any age!

Sponsors

We would like to thank the following businesses who have generously donated to our summer reading program. We truly appreciate their generosity!

Airport National Public Golf Course, Blank Park Zoo, Carlos O'Kelly's, Castlebrook Studio, The Cedar Rapids Symphony, Chick-Fil-A, Dairy Queen (6th Street SW), Ely Historical Society, Friends of The Ely Public Library, Hills Bank of Mt. Vernon, Lacey's Barber Shop, Linn County Solid Waste Agency, Penguin's Comedy Club, The PlayStation, Red Cedar Chamber Music, Solon State Bank of Ely and Theatre Cedar Rapids





Summer Family Activities

Monday Movie Series: Every Monday during summer we will be showing family movies. All movies will start promptly at 10:00, 2:00 and 6:00. Feel free to bring a snack or drink in a covered container. A schedule of the movies is available at the front desk or by visiting our website. The next movie will be July 6.

Gaming Days: We also plan on offering gaming for kids of all ages. Come take a turn at playing Dance Dance Revolution, RockBand or the new Wii Music! We will offer this program every other week, if we are able to find enough volunteers to supervise it. Please call us if you are interested in helping with this fun program. The next program is scheduled for July 2 from 1:00-4:00.

Artist in a Bag Family Recycling Project: Mid July you will be able to pick up a bag of recycled objects to create your own masterpiece! You can do this on your own, with your friends or family. Bring your completed works of art back to the library and receive a small prize. One entry per person, please.

Behavior Policy

Parents, if you feel your child is old enough to come to the library on their own, please discuss with them appropriate behavior. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to our library, however, we do not have the staff nor time to keep children occupied for long periods of time. We try our best to provide quality programming and activities, but it is not in the best interest of your child to be here all day long, all summer long. We have recently implemented a new behavior policy that all patrons will be expected to follow. We want everybody to enjoy our library and we appreciate your assistance in keeping disruptions to a minimum. All of our policies are posted on our website (www.ely.lib.ia.us) and are available for viewing at the library. Please call the library (848-7616) with any questions you may have. Thank you!

New! Movie Club

Ladies, have you been wanting to catch the latest chick flick but are having a hard time convincing your "significant other" to go with you? If so, please join us on Thursday, July 9 at 7:30p.m. in the Ely Public Library meeting room. We will be showing a recently released movie. There is no cost for this and you are welcome to bring a snack and non-alcoholic drink with you. We will be showing a new movie the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 so join us when you can. We will be happy to form a guys pick movie night too, if enough men are interested. Please let the library know!

On-Line Catalog

We are happy to announce that in a few days we will be able to offer our patrons an on-line catalog. What does this mean you may ask? Well, from the comfort of your own home or cubicle, you will be able to browse our collection on-line. It's called WebCollection Plus and you can access it via our website. It is simple to use but we will be offering training classes at the library or feel free to stop in for a quick demo. Along with being able to view our entire collection, you will be able to place a hold on an item or renew items you currently have checked out. We think you will really like this enhancement so check it out soon!

Board Position

We would like to welcome our newest member to the library board, Sandra Winterowd. We thank everyone who filled out an application or inquired about the position. There are many volunteer positions available at the library, please ask if you are interested.



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Cook's Corner

Texas Caviar

1-Cup sugar
3/4-Cup apple cider vinegar
1/2-teaspoon black pepper
Mix sugar, vinegar and pepper in pan.
Bring to a boil and simmer until sugar is dissolved.
Set aside to cool.

1-15 oz can black eyed peas
1-15 oz can black beans
1-15 oz can white corn
1-15 oz can pinto beans
Rinse and drain all of the above.

1 each: green pepper, yellow pepper, red pepper
1 medium purple onion
1-C celery
Chop fresh vegetables.

Mix all vegetables together with the cooled liquid and chill for several hours or overnight. Serve with tortilla chips or corn chips. Also good with grilled meats; will keep for up to 6 weeks in refrigerator.

Website

Have you visited our website?

➔ elyiowa.com



Ely Sidewalk Construction Program

The City of Ely will provide up to \$1.75 per square foot of new sidewalk for property owners who construct sidewalks that meet city standards and fill gaps between continuous sidewalks anywhere in the city during 2009 and 2010. 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, contact City Hall for more information.

Streetlights Not Working?

Do you know of places where streetlights are not 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, or you can report the street light problem to Alliant online at: www.alliantenergy.com/streetlights. Linn County Rural Electric (1-800-332-5420) also serves some locations in Ely.

