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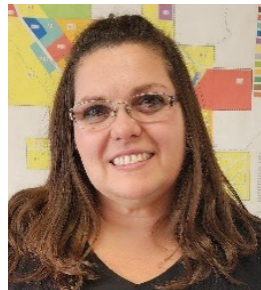
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Living in Ely for nearly thirty-five years, we've made a lot of progress as a community, however I recognize that progress does invite new challenges and opportunities, with the support of the community and our elected officials, Ely, together, can and will continue to prosper far into the future. As we begin a new chapter in our city, I feel it's important to take a moment to reflect on why I love this community. I truly believe Ely is an extraordinary city—not because of our rule setting between metropolitan areas, or incredible grass root businesses, or even its proximity to beautiful lakes and fantastic trails, all of which are vital assets that promote our area—no, we are truly an extraordinary city because of you, the residents of Ely. Thank you, Ely, for giving me the opportunity to lead as we begin this next chapter of our city. My promise to you, our community, will be to inspire vision and advocate only the very best for our community. — **Scott Ladwig**

I enjoy being connected at a local level with my community. We have a lot of levels of government in our world that we don't always get to see much of the results from, so to hear inputs from the residents and help implement that at our local level and watch our community grow is such a rewarding piece to serving on city council. — **Mark Becicka**

I look forward to serving the residents of Ely on the City Council and listening to their feedback regarding how to move forward to make Ely an even better place to live. Ely is a growing community, and it will be exciting to see what will change and what will stay the same into the future. — **Carol Thompson**

I enjoy serving on City Council because it has been a remarkable learning opportunity, offering valuable insights into how the city operates. As I develop a deeper understanding of my role as a City Council Member, I look forward to collaborating with residents and other Council Members to have a positive impact in our community. — **James Cox**

In my upcoming term as a council person, I look forward to continuing to represent Ely residents on city council. I want to move the city forward in the right direction and maintain our level of fiscal responsibility. I will continue to promote transparency and will always be available to residents on any matters. Hope your 2024 is a happy one for you and your family. — **Judy Wery**

What I like most about serving on Council is seeing the changes that happen over time in town and knowing I've contributed to helping shape how that change came about. I also enjoy working with staff and council to bring our policies into the 21st century. — **Dan Whitaker**

## Spring Soccer

Ely's spring soccer program is an introductory league for children ages 4 & 5. Registration is open January 1 – March 1. Practice and games will be on Tuesday evenings at Ely City Park. Registration fee for this five-week program is \$35 – each player and coach will receive a team jersey. The program begins in April. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).

## Youth Baseball

The changing of the year means that baseball season is almost here! Registrations are open January 1 – March 1. Ely baseball is open to players in Preschool - 6th grade. Practice and game schedules vary depending on division level – more information will be provided once registrations close. The season runs mid-April through mid-June. \$75 registration fee includes a full uniform for all players. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).

## Intro to Sports

Have you been looking to get your little one involved in something new? Look no further than Intro to Sports with Ely Parks & Recreation! This small group program is open to children ages 3 & 4 years old. Participants will try a new sport or activity each night, including soccer, blast-ball, football, and field games. A parent or guardian will be asked to assist each night during certain drills. The spring Intro to Sports session will be held on Mondays, mid-April through early May. Registration opens February 1 and will close when the 6 spots are filled. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).

## Summer Day Camp

Parks & Rec is bringing back their five-week, Monday – Friday (8:00am – 3:30pm), Summer Camp program in 2024! This program will keep children moving and learning during their summer vacation. Every week campers will participate in various sport activities; crafts and/or science experiments; they will take walks and enjoy indoor movie days. The sessions will be split into two age groups, 5-7- and 8-10-year-olds. Registration for the all-day program will open on February 1. If available, all-day spots, are not filled by April 1, registration for half day slots. \$575 for full day camp registration, 5 weeks (\$3/hr) or \$275 for half day session. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).



Subscribe to the Ely Social for once a month event updates via email

**1st & 3rd Monday of each Month at 7pm**  
City Council Meeting

**March 30**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**May 18**  
Amnesty Day

**August 10**  
Ely Open

**September 28**  
Fall Fest

**December 14**  
Winterfest





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**Council Meetings:**  
1st and 3rd Monday  
each month 7:00 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber  
2nd floor.

# Ely Expression

## Increasing Communication



The city is spearheading an initiative to improve communication with residents. Communication from the city can range from important information, events, news, and policy changes. To make these improvements, we need to hear from community members – what works and where can we make changes? Please take a few minutes to complete this Communication Survey to help us accomplish this goal!

## Ely Night at the Stable

To those who say you can't have fun in the winter, we disagree! Join your fellow community members for the 5th annual Ely Night at the Stable on Saturday January 20. The RoughRiders will be taking on the Waterloo Black Hawks at 7:00pm. Ely's Parks & Recreation Director, Callie Stulz-O'Brien, was nominated by a resident and selected to receive the Geico Difference Maker award at the game. Come out and help us celebrate! A code for discounted tickets can be found on the city website or Facebook event page. next week. Stay tuned for more information!

## Community Potluck / Volunteer Appreciation

Join your friends, neighbors, and fellow residents at the Ely American Legion on Sunday March 24 at 11:00am for a good old-fashioned Community Potluck! Once everyone has had a chance to eat and catch up with friends, representatives will be recognizing the amazing volunteers who help make Ely such a special place to live. Lunch will conclude with the presentation of the 2024 Jim Miller Citizen of the Year Award. If you're able to bring a dish to share, please do so!

## Snow Emergencies in Ely

When necessary, the city will proclaim a snow emergency. Notices will be announced via local news channels, on the City's Facebook page and most importantly through the Nixel text/email system. To sign up for Nixel alerts, text 52227 to 888-777 or visit [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com). A parking ban shall continue from the start of the snow emergency through the duration of the storm. The parking ban will be lifted after the storm has ended AND the streets have been completely cleared.

## Community Ice Skating Rink

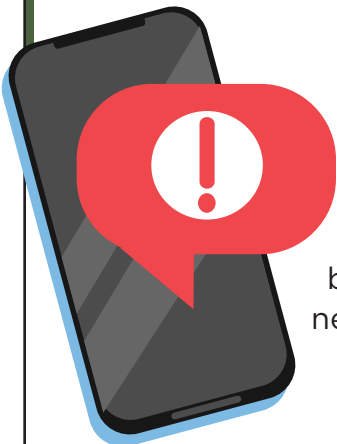
As conditions allow the remainder of winter, the ice rink will be open from 8am – 10pm. Be sure to bring your own skates as they are not provided by the City. Hockey is permitted only if there are not others ice skating, please be respectful. If you use the provided hockey nets, they MUST be removed from the ice when you are finished to avoid damaging the ice or nets.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Ely has a website!

Check it out at  
**ELYIOWA.COM**



## Nixle Voice & Text Alerts

The City uses Nixle to notify residents of important alerts and reminders. These alerts include snow emergencies, water main breaks, upcoming events and more. Sign up by texting 52227 to 888-777 or sign up at the bottom of the home page on the city website. If you have questions or need assistance, please call City Hall at 319-848-4103.

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