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## National Poppy Day® Friday, May 24

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor

those who have worn our nation's uniform. All donations received will be used by The American Legion Family for their programs that support veterans, the military community and their families. Poppies will be available for distribution in May.



## Public Equipment Shed

The new equipment shed is stocked and ready to use at Community Center Park! This shed and the equipment provided was made possible due to Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation grant funding.

Current equipment includes a pickleball net & accessories, basketballs, soccer balls, chalk, jump ropes, frisbees, a kickball & temporary bases, and so much more! The shed will be unlocked Monday - Friday during normal business hours. For access on weekends and evenings, please obtain the code from city staff. Equipment must be returned and shed should be locked or privileges will be revoked. Enjoy!

## Register or Renew Your Ely Golf Cart & ATV Permit

A new UTV/Golf Cart/ATV ordinance took effect in 2022. Your UTV/Golf Cart/ATV permit is an annual permit that must be renewed by July 1. The city is working to have the flags in at City Hall by May 1. The registration fee is \$25 per year for Golf Carts and ATV's only, there is no fee for UTV's but you still must register with the city. The City Clerk or Deputy Clerk must inspect the vehicle before issuing a new registration. The permit and more information can be found online or in person at City Hall.

## Public Works Will Flush Water System in April & May

This is routine maintenance that is performed to maintain good water quality in the system. Throughout this time period you may occasionally notice minor discoloration to the water while the flushing is taking place; the water poses no health risk and is safe to drink. Public Works has a goal of flushing every Ely hydrant in 2024.

## Pool Fills / Outside Water Use

In 2017, the City Council passed an ordinance allowing residents to purchase a second meter to track water that is used outside for watering, pool fills, washing cars, etc. Due to this water not going into the sewer, the City will give a credit for the sewer portion. For more information on the two options available, visit [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com)

## Pets in Ely

As the weather improves, please remember that pets must be on a leash when they are outside the home or not in a fenced area. We also ask that you please clean up after your pets when you are walking them. There are pet waste stations located along the trail behind City Hall, at the corner of Dows & Main Street and two at City Park.

## Legion Flag Program

The Ely Sons of the American Legion is offering the community an opportunity to display a 3'x5' nylon American Flag on a 10' pole in front of your home or business on four national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day. The annual subscription is \$50 for the four holidays with all proceeds supporting the Ely American Legion and other local organizations. Join our neighbors in this colorful, patriotic program. You may also subscribe in honor of a soldier, or in memory of a loved one, or you can donate a subscription to someone else's home or business, just be sure we have their address for One-Call and flag placement. For complete details visit [www.elylegion.com](http://www.elylegion.com).

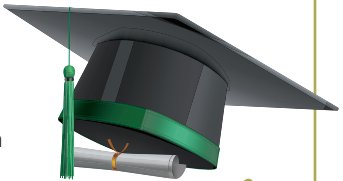
## Ely's Community Garden

Do you want space to grow your own fresh vegetables? If so, Ely's Community Garden plots offer an opportunity for quality gardening space. Garden plots are located near the water tower on Jappa Road and must be rented at the start of the season. Gardeners must sign off on and follow the written rules or be subject to losing their deposit. Contact Theresa Grieder 319-848-3074 or City Hall 848-4103 by April 5 if you are interested in a plot.

## Congratulations to Ely Seniors!

As a community, we want to congratulate all the seniors in Ely. We would also like to thank everyone who donated in support of the annual banner campaign. We wish you all a wonderful, fun filled summer and hope the best for you and your future endeavors!

Ella Vernon	Todd Kiser	Corey Shadle
Emily Stuecker	Josie Koppes	Marina Sharapova
Jules Robinson	LeeAnn Ladwig	Denise Steen
Tori Allard	Mitch Mahoney	Mia Stepanek
Bradley Alldredge	Kallie McGaffee	Bryson Steuhm
Emily Bohlken	Landon Meyer	Lucas Sunner
Maya Carrizales	Sophia Miller	Gabrielle Weaver
Jacob Corrin	Isabella Miller	Kamryn Westphal
Rebecca Cross	Kyla Moyle	Jensen White
Cassidy Fangmann	Aiden Neumann	Collin Velky
Nash Hayek	Brittney Opitz	Bronwyn Wallace
Ben Healy	Lilly Otter	
Lucee Howe	Landon Reed	
Allison Jarvela	Catie Reittinger	
Bryce Kavitz	Carlie Robertson	



## Curbside Limb Pickup Policy April - October

- 1 | Brush and limbs will be picked up at your curb by the City of Ely Public Works Department every Tuesday starting at 8am during the months of April - October at no charge.
- 2 | All limbs must be cut to a length not to exceed 8' and must be less than 6" in diameter.
- 3 | All limbs must be trimmed of their smaller branches.
- 4 | All limbs and brush shall be placed by the curb in a neat pile. Please avoid one large pile but rather put in smaller piles for easy hand pickup.
- 5 | **DO NOT** tie or bundle brush together. Simply place them in a pile at curbside.
- 6 | All brush and limbs will be chipped on site and may leave a small amount of debris. The homeowner will be responsible to "sweep" this up occasionally.
- 7 | This service is not intended for the removal of an entire tree but for trimmings only. If you are removing an entire tree, you should arrange to have it removed and hauled away. In the case of a windstorm or an emergency event, this policy may be changed to accommodate the extra material.
- 8 | **DO NOT** place leaves, garden waste or grass clippings at your curbside, they will **NOT** be picked up. These items can be taken to the compost bunker near the water tower at 1124 Vista Rd.
- 9 | If your brush pile does not follow the guidelines listed above, it will not be picked up by the City.
- 10 | Questions can be directed to Public Works at 319-848-4260.



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

**Sunday, April 14**  
Legion Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, May 4**  
Citywide Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 18**  
Trash Amnesty Day

**Friday, June 7**  
Library Summer Block Party

**Thursday, July 4**  
Ely Firefighters' Breakfast

**Saturday, August 10**  
Ely Open Golf Outing

**Saturday August 17**  
Touch a Truck

**Sunday, September 22**  
Fall Fest 5k

**Saturday, September 28**  
Fall Fest



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

# Ely Expression

## 2024 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year Award



The Jim Miller  
**Ely Citizen  
of the Year**

Upon the submission of a thoughtful nomination, the Selection Committee has named **Aaron Cooper** the recipient of the **2024 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year!** Volunteers are the heart and soul of every community which is why Ely is fortunate to have someone like Aaron helping make Ely a better place for us all to call home. After reading through the nomination, it was easy to see why Aaron is deserving of such recognition. Over the two decades he has lived in Ely, he has been actively involved with the Friends of the Ely Public Library, College Community School District, and 24 years of service as a volunteer in the Ely Fire Department, including his current position of Fire Chief. This does not even include short-term volunteerism such as serving on the steering committee for the City's Comprehensive Plan. He has worked to secure grants with the purpose of extending STEM opportunities; as well as donated financially to the library's mission of early literacy, impacting countless young residents in our community. For these reasons and so many more, it is our pleasure to announce Aaron Cooper as the 2024 Ely Citizen of the Year! Please join us in celebrating all of Ely's wonderful volunteers and Aaron at the annual Community Potluck on March 24!

## Project Updates

**City Park Parking Lot** • On January 31, 16 bids were received and reviewed for this project. The low bid being \$206,812.25 from Dave Schmitt Construction. The bid came in \$50,000 lower than the engineer's original estimate! Phase 1 of this concrete parking lot will include 41 standard stalls, 3 handicap accessible spaces, a sidewalk connecting the lot to the pavilion area and a chip & seal access drive from Northgate to the new parking area. Construction of this parking lot on the north end of City Park will begin later this spring. Keep an eye out for updates as they become available.

**Banner Valley Sidewalk** • The current phase of the Banner Valley Sidewalk Project includes Pacific St. to Rock Island Dr. The city is working on cost estimates to add one more block of sidewalk to include Rock Island Dr. to Glendale Ln. If it works within the FY25 budget, the additional block of sidewalk will be added into the project. Estimated costs will be presented to council this spring for approval.

**Old Town District Phase 1** • After a public hearing on February 5, council approved the Phase 1 of the Old Town District Infrastructure Project to be put out for bid. Received bids were opened at City Hall on February 27 with staff and project engineers. Council reviewed the bids at the March 4 meeting and approved the contract to the lowest bidder, Mainline Construction. A pre-construction meeting will take place in later March - early April. City staff will share more information as the process continues to move forward. For more information on this project or to follow along with updates, visit the Project Page on the city website.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Ely has a website!

Check it out at

**ELYIOWA.COM**



## Email & Text Alerts



Would you like to receive important text alerts and reminders periodically from the City throughout the year? If so, simply text 52227 to the phone number 888-777 to get signed up. These messages will contain a variety of information including link to the monthly newsletter, utility bill reminders, snow emergencies and other important news specifically relevant to residents.

## Monthly E-Newsletter

Stay up to date on the most recent council meetings, city projects and social happenings by signing up for the city's monthly e-newsletter. Sign up in one of the following ways: scan the QR code, send your email to callie@elyiowa.com or visit the City Updates page at www.elyiowa.com. For those without computer access, you can sign up for a hard copy of the monthly newsletter by reaching out to City Hall.



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