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October 25

Curbside Limb Pickup Last pickup for the season

October 26

Ely Spook Walk Hosted by the Businesses of Ely, 5:00-7:00pm

October 31

Trick or Treating 5:30-8:00pm

November 8

Gubernatorial General Election 7:00am-8:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church

November 11

Veterans Day City Hall will be closed on Friday

November 24 & 25

Thanksgiving City Hall & Public Works closed

December 23 & 26

Christmas City Office & Public Works closed

December 30 & January 2

New Year's City Office & Public Works closed

Ely Website
www.elyiowa.com
Library Website
www.ely.lib.ia.us

Nixle Voice & Text Alerts

The City utilizes the Nixle system to notify residents, who elect to receive messages, of emergency and advisory alerts. These alerts include snow emergencies, boil advisories and water main breaks. Sign up by texting our zip code: 52227 to the phone number 888-777 or sign up on the City website at the bottom of the home page. If you have questions or need assistance, please call City Hall at 319-848-4103.



Ely Halloween Treaters!

It finally looks and feels like Fall. The trees are losing their leaves, the air is crisp, and the ghosts, goblins, and superhero's will come knocking on your door on Halloween night (October 31) between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. Please remember to turn your front light on so Trick or Treaters know that you are home and whether or not to stop at your house.

The Great Pumpkin Float

2nd Annual Pumpkin Float is back in 2022! For this one special night, the City Park pond will come aglow with floating pumpkins. The smell of fire pits and roasting marshmallows will fill the air while your favorite Halloween tunes help to bring the spooky vibe. Ely Parks & Recreation will be selling \$1 s'more kits, hot chocolate, delicious hot dogs and other beverages at the concession stand during the event. Families are welcome to bring snacks and blankets or chairs to sit on.

Want to watch your own pumpkin float on the water? You can! Ely Parks & Rec Staff will provide the rafts (12in. X 12in. foam for your pumpkin) as well as the light - all you need to provide is the carved pumpkin. Your pumpkin MUST weigh 5lbs or less to float. You may carve your pumpkin with a face, polka dots, your initials, or any other design - just make sure it's family friendly. To reserve a raft, you must sign up via CivicRec.

There are a limited number of rafts to reserve in advance - 60 total. The fee is \$2 per raft, families can reserve as many as they would like. One pumpkin per raft, please.



Next Active Election:

November 8, 2022 - Gubernatorial General Election

Early Voting Locations & Hours:

October 19 - November 7, 2022

Election Day Polling Place:

St. John Lutheran Church, 1420 Walker St, Ely

Election Day Polling Place Hours:

7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Voter Pre-Registration Deadline:

5:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022

Absentee Ballot by Mail Request Deadline:

5:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022

Waste Management

Please remember all service calls must be placed by residents. For example, if Waste Management: misses your bin, does not completely empty your bin, if you need maintenance (i.e. a wheel fell off) or you need to request a replacement bin, please contact 1-800-964-8988. You have the option to wait on hold or receive a call back.

Drinking Water Treatment Facility Project

Per Mayor Miller's monthly newsletter, in August Council approved an RFQ for preliminary engineering services related to a Drinking Water Treatment Facility Project. The goal of this first phase is to get bids on the engineering, award the contract and then put together a design and preliminary cost estimates to present to council and the public. An open house will then be set up for residents to view the plans and understand the benefits and costs associated with the project. This project will only move forward if it is supported by the public. The goal of this project is to reduce the iron in the water and thus the yellowing issue we have.

Friends of Ely Parks & Recreation

Friends of Ely, Iowa Parks and Recreation is made up of community members who support the development, enhancement, and support for public parks, open spaces, and community recreational programs and facilities for the benefit of the citizens of Ely, Iowa. They plan to host several new socially oriented events throughout the year for both adults and families. This newly established group welcomes anyone in the community to join and participate in whatever way you can! To find more information on how to get involved visit their Facebook group: Friends of Ely, Iowa Parks and Recreation



Community Ice Skating Rink

Winter is approaching which means the Ely Ice Skating Rink will be open near of the start of the New Year (weather permitting)! When the temperatures begin to drop, the gates to the tennis and basketball court will lock so that the rink can be installed. The fenced recreation courts outside of the Community Center will remain closed until the ice is frozen solid. We appreciate your understanding during this transitional period. Stay tuned for more details and check the City Facebook page for updates.

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

Ely Expression



ELY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL 150 YEARS!

Ely's Sesquicentennial celebration on August 12 & 13 was one for the record books! Thank you to ALL who came out to help our community celebrate 150 years! To the Planning Committee, History Society, area businesses and organizations that hosted events, our main tent sponsor T&K Roofing, the volunteers, vendors, elected officials, staff and attendees - you all made this such an incredibly special weekend and we cannot thank you enough.

Veterans Memorial

On Monday, August 8, 2022, Aureon and South Slope Cooperative Communications provided a total of \$10,000 to the American Legion St. Quentin Post 555. The American Legion plans to build an All-Veterans Memorial in downtown Ely for the city's revitalization project. Eldy Miller, the mayor of Ely says, "Ely is one of the few small towns doubling its size." The Memorial will be another attraction to bring people into the town.

Using Aureon's and The Iowa Area Development Group's Ripple Effect program to help provide economic development programs to rural Iowans, the Ely American Legion was awarded \$5,000 from South Slope Cooperative Communications and \$5,000 from Aureon to assist in engineering and building the Veterans Memorial Monument. Rob Smith, a member of the St. Quentin Post 555 American Legion says, "We want to support all communities that we serve. This project is a way we can honor all the Veterans in Ely."

An additional \$5,000 is being contributed from Ely's Sesquicentennial proceeds from the beer sales and t-shirt fundraiser, as well as over \$6,000 raised from the Legion's Golf Cart Raffle. This brings the current total to over \$20,000. There will be additional fundraising opportunities over the next year - keep an eye out on the City's Facebook page for more information. If you wish to contribute to the Veterans Memorial, please contact the Ely American Legion directly.



COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Ely has a website!

Check it out at

ELYIOWA.COM



Ely Fall Fest That's a wrap on the 15th annual Ely Fall Fest!

On behalf of the Park Board and Fall Fest Committee; we would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteered, sponsored and came out to celebrate this year.

We would like to extend a sincere and special thank you to:

Ely Public Works

Ely Fire Department

Friends of the Public Library

Friends of Ely Parks & Recreation

Odie's Bar & Grill

E & J Geothermal

DS Disposal, Inc.

T & K Roofing

FJ Krob & Company

JDM Concrete

Price Mechanical

Atlantic Bottling Company

MSA Professionals, Inc.

Harger's Acoustics, Inc.

My Mom's Bakery

South Slope Cooperative

Innovative Signs

All 2022 event Sponsors

All of our local businesses

All Ely residents!



ELY FALL FEST
PRESENTED BY ELY PARKS & RECREATION

To the vendors, Wiffle Ball teams, classic car owners, families and all others - you are what make Fall Fest so special. On behalf of the Park Board and Recreation Department, thank you for your continued support. This annual event cannot happen without the support of all the organizations, businesses and individuals mentioned above - we are forever appreciative.

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