

# More Front Page News



## Sunday, April 7

Ely American Legion Spring Breakfast

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Saturday, April 13

16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00 am behind the  
Ely Community Center

## Saturday, April 27

Earth Day at the Ely Library  
Meet at 8:30 am

## Saturday, April 27

Plant Swap Ely Community  
Center/City Hall  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Saturday, May 4

Ely Citywide Garage Sale Day  
Friends of the Library Annual  
Book Sale at Ely Library

## Saturday, May 4

First 2019 Farmers Market  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Saturday, May 11

Walford City Wide Garage Sales  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

## Saturday, May 18

Ely Spring City Spruce Up Day  
8 am – 12 pm

## Saturday, June 1

Fireman Water Ball Fights  
Starts at 12:00 pm

## Thursday, July 4

Ely Firefighters Breakfast



Ely Website  
[www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com)

Library Website  
[www.ely.lib.ia.us](http://www.ely.lib.ia.us)

## Renew Golf Cart & ATV Permit

Reminder, your annual golf cart/ATV permit was supposed to be renewed by April 1, so it is essential that you renew it as soon as possible. The registration fee is \$25 per year; and the City Clerk/Administrator must inspect the vehicle before issuing a registration. Stop by City Hall Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to renew your permit.

## Ely Construction Projects

At the March meeting council accepted a bid from Boomerang Corporation, Anamosa, Iowa in the amount of \$1,079,588 “to resurface State Street and Vavra Drive. The bid includes replacing some water and sewer lines, a new sidewalk from Solon State Bank to Northgate, and storm sewer work. The council will consider an alternate bid at the April 8 Council meeting. The alternate bid in the amount of \$73,165 includes a sidewalk along Vavra Drive, a parking area at Vavra Park, steps going into Vavra Park and a sidewalk from the parking to a future shelter area. Construction will begin as soon as weather permits. Check [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com) for updates or contact Ely City Hall 848-4103.

## Mowing Ordinance

The City of Ely has posted the mowing ordinance at the Bank, Post Office, City Hall and Library. Please note that the ordinance requires all developed residential properties be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than six (6) inches during the months of April, May, June, July, August, Sept. and Oct. of each year. Vegetation shall be measured from the ground to the tip of the longest blade. Any undeveloped residential property within the City of Ely, is required to be mowed and maintained a minimum of at least one time per month during the months of May, June, July, August, Sept. and Oct. of each year.

Any business and industrial areas within the City of Ely, whether vacant or occupied, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than six (6) inches during the months of April, May, June, July, August, Sept. and Oct. of each year. Vegetation shall be measured from the ground to the tip of the longest blade.

## Outside Water Use/ Pool Fills

In 2017, the city council passed a new ordinance allowing residents to purchase a second meter to track water that is used outside for watering, pool fills, washing cars, etc. Because this water does not go into the city sewer, the city makes provisions to give an allowance for the sewer portion. If a resident purchases a large water meter and hard plumbs the meter into their home the city will read the meter each month along with the regular house meter, however, we only charge for water on the second meter, not sewer. If it is difficult to hard plumb a meter in, residents have the options to purchase an “\*outside” meter that they can hook directly to their garden hose. At the end of the water season, residents are required to turn in a reading for the “\*outside” meter and the city will reimburse the resident for the sewer portion on the gallons that went through the meter. Please note that credits for pool fills will not be allowed any longer unless they are tracked by one of the two above options.

\*Outside meters can be purchased at Ely City Hall for \$75.00

## Public Works Will Flush Water System

Beginning in April through June 2019, we perform this is routine maintenance to maintain good water quality in the system. You may occasionally notice minor discoloration to the water while this is being done; the water poses no health risk and is safe to drink, even though it may look a little different.

## Tree Trimming

Ely Ordinances state that property owners with trees along a street, shall keep the trees on, or overhanging the street trimmed so that all branches will be at least fifteen (15) feet above the surface of the street and eight (8) feet above the sidewalks. If you are unable to trim your trees, there are good contractors in the area that you can hire.

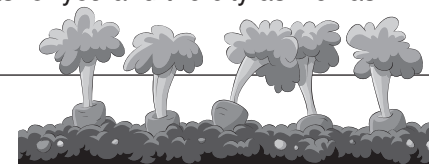


## Curbside Limb Pickup Policy April - October

1. Brush and limbs will be picked up at your curb by Ely Public Works Department every Monday starting at 8:00 AM during the months of April – October at no charge. If items are not out at the time of passing, they will be picked up the following Monday.
2. All limbs must be cut to a length not to exceed 8 foot and must be less than 6 inches diameter.
3. All limbs must be trimmed of 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 a couple of smaller piles for easy had pick up.
5. DO NOT TIE OR BUNDLE BRUSH TOGETHER. Simply place them at the curbside.
6. All brush and limbs will be chipped on sight and may leave a small amount of debris, the homeowner will be responsible to “sweep” this up occasionally
7. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES, GARDEN WASTE, WEEDS OR GRASS CLIPPINGS CURB SIDE – THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. These items can be taken to the compost bunker located at the Water Tower off Jappa Road.
8. This service is not intended for the removal of an entire tree but is for trimmings only. If you are removing an entire tree you should arrange to have it removed and hauled away.
9. In the case of a wind storm, or an emergency event, this policy may be changed to accommodate the extra material.
10. Questions can be directed to city hall at 319-848-4103.

## 2019 Compost Pile Update

When taking lawn waste to the compost pile it creates a large amount of work for staff and also secondary services are hired to haul away the excess which costs Ely taxpayers. While Ely City Council realize the benefits of providing a compost drop site, a goal this year is to reduce the amount of lawn waste being dropped at the site. The year the city is promoting the advantages of mulching your lawn and leaves. Please check out this link: [www.Elyiowa.com/mulching](http://www.Elyiowa.com/mulching) to understand all the benefits for you and the city as well as the flyer included in this newsletter. (See enclosed flyer)



## ELY'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Do you want more (or any) space to grow your own fresh vegetables? If so, Ely's community garden is your opportunity for more gardening space. Garden plots will be near Ely's water tower on Jappa Road and awarded on a lottery basis. Gardeners need to follow Ely's community garden rules. The City will not be responsible for the vagaries of gardening in a public place. Please contact Theresa Grieder 319-848-3074 or City Hall 848-4103 by April 16 if you are interested in a patch of your own in Ely's community garden.

Ely's Farmer's Market New Day	Summer Market Season: May 6 through October 1, 2019 Hours: Wednesdays 4:00pm to 6:30pm (setup starts at 3:30pm) Saturdays 9:00am to 12:00pm (setup starts at 8:00am)
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## 7TH ANNUAL PLANT SWAP

It may not feel like it right now, but Spring is here! Plants of all types and sizes are welcome along with other garden related items at the 7th Annual Plant Swap, **Saturday, April 27** in front of Ely City Hall/Community Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. In case of Rain, the plant swap will be held inside the Ely Community Center. Bring your split plants, yard art, mulch, tools, pots, planters, and bird baths! The goal of the swap is for gardeners to have fun gathering together to share plants, exchange ideas, and to help new gardeners get started. Be sure to bring your split plants in a pot, box, bucket or pail that can go home with the new owner.

For anyone looking for new plants from other gardeners, bring your plants or something to barter. Bring 5 and swap 5, bring 2 and swap 2. The number of items you bring can be swapped 1 to 1. Items remaining at the end of the swap will be cultivated back in to Ely by being placed in the parks and along the trail. If you are interested in helping with the swap, call Teri Billick at 319-389-6808.



Reminder that the Ely  
**Spring Spruce Up Day** is  
**Saturday, May 18**  
**8 am – 12 pm**

for Ely residents only.  
A list of items can be found  
at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com) under  
Headlines, call City Hall  
319-848-4103 or see  
enclosed flyer.

## Fall Soccer

Keep your eyes on the calendar – fall soccer registrations will open online up in early June! This program is offered to 6, 7 and 8-year old's, you do not have to be an Ely resident to participate. For more information, visit [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com)

## A Big Thank you

Ely Parks and Recreation and our Youth Baseball participants would thank you say a HUGE thank you to our 2019 sponsors! Without your continued support, our programs would not be possible!

Brian Berg, Farm Bureau Agent  
Brown Concrete & Backhoe  
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The City of Ely has launched a *new and improved* website!  
Check it out at **elyiowa.com**

Are You Looking to Serve  
Your Community?

The Ely Board of Adjustment is looking  
to fill a vacant position.

This is a 5-year term, council appointed position. If you are interested, please contact Ely City Hall 319-848-4103 or email [cityadmin@elyiowa.com](mailto:cityadmin@elyiowa.com). The board application can be found on the city website [www.elyiowa.com/](http://www.elyiowa.com/) under Government Applications & Forms.

Mayor Eldy's Updates.

Get an email update on what happened at the most recent City Council meeting by Mayor Eldy Miller himself! Just send your email address to [eldy@elyiowa.com](mailto:eldy@elyiowa.com) to start receiving this email update. You may call City Hall if you do not have email access and would like a hard copy.

Electronic Option Now Available  
for Ely Utility Bills

In the past year Ely has implemented new options for residents to receive and pay their city utility bill. Ely offers:

- **EBilling** – you can receive your utility bill by email rather than US Mail.
- **ACH** - complete a form and you no longer need to worry about writing a check. You will still receive a bill at the beginning of the month and will let you know the amount to be deducted from your checking or savings account.
- **Credit Cards** – the city now accepts major credit or debit cards for the payments either over the phone or stop in person to city hall.
- **ONLINE** – you can go on-line and pay your utility bills, park and recreation fees, and more by using a check, credit or debit card! You can find a link to our payment port on our website at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).



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Phone: 848-4103  
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Regular business hours:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meetings:  
2nd Monday each month  
7:00 p.m. in the Council  
Chamber 2nd floor.  
Public is welcome and  
encouraged to attend.



# Ely Expression

## 2019 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year Award

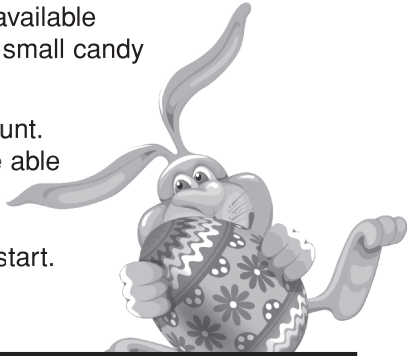


We are so pleased to announce the recipient the 2019 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year - congratulations **Jeff Hilleman**! For over a decade, Jeff has played an instrumental role in the development of Ely's parks and recreational opportunities. From the construction of Ely City Park, to helping found Ely Fall Fest and establishing our youth recreational leagues, he has been a driving force for growth that has positively impacted our entire community. Thank you to all who submitted nominations. Ely is very fortunate to have such inspiring people working hard to create encouraging growth in our community!

## 16TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 13, 10:00am** behind the Ely Community Center. Participants are not required to bring in their own filled eggs before the event. The City will maintain a supply of eggs throughout the year to ensure that there are plenty available to use each spring. We are currently accepting donations of small candy and toys or monetary donations to aid in purchasing candy.

Volunteers will hide the eggs Saturday morning before the hunt. We will not have a cap on how many eggs each child will be able to pick up until the morning of the hunt. This number will depend on how many donations we receive vs how many participants there are. The younger children will get a head-start. All children are invited to attend! If you have questions, please contact [callie@elyiowa.com](mailto:callie@elyiowa.com).



## 2019 Earth Day Park & Roadside Clean Up

**Saturday, April 27, 8:30am.** All are invited to join the Ely Public Library and Ely Parks and Recreation Commission for a morning of spring cleaning! Together we will be cleaning up our four local parks and tackling the roadside ditches. We need YOUR help to accomplish the tasks! Volunteers are asked to meet at the Library by 8:30am on April 27. From there we will form groups and head out to designated areas. Please wear jeans, good tennis shoes and gloves to protect your hands. Be watching for more information on the event in the coming weeks! To sign up in advance, contact Callie at 319-936-8056 or Sarah at [ssellon@ely.lib.ia.us](mailto:ssellon@ely.lib.ia.us) or look for the link online.



One of our amazing local businesses and longtime supporter of community projects, Odie's Bar & Grill, will be sponsoring the meal free to participating volunteers. Stop by the library to fill up on some lunch and socialize after your group has finished tackling your designated area! (Rain date will be Sunday, April 28, 12:30pm).

## Walking your Pet

A reminder that pets must be leashed when not inside a home, kenneled, or in a fenced area and that includes when you are walking your pet. We also ask that residents please clean up after their pets when they are walking them. Thank you for your cooperation!

