



## Events Calendar

All events are subject to cancelation due to COVID-19. Updates will be made as events get closer.

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### Easter Egg Hunt

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Saturday, April 25  
**Earth Day Clean Up**

Saturday, April 25  
**Plant Swap**

Saturday, May 2  
**Citywide Garage Sale**

Saturday, May 16  
**Ely Spring Spruce Up Day**

Friday, June 5  
**Kick off to Summer Block Party**

Saturday, June 6  
**Adult Wiffle Ball Tournament**

Sunday, June 7  
**Downtown Street Party**

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



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## Legion Flag Program

The Ely Sons of the American Legion invite you to show your patriotism in the community by participating in the 2020 Honor Flag Program. A \$50 donation "will provide your home or business with a 3x5' sized US flag, which will then be displayed in front of your property on Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Veterans Day. Their volunteers will do all of the work – you enjoy proudly flying the flag! For complete details, email [flags@elyiowa.com](mailto:flags@elyiowa.com) or visit [www.elylegion.com](http://www.elylegion.com).

## Outside Water Use/Pool Fills

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 gives an allowance for the sewer portion. There are two options available to residents. Option 1: purchase a large water meter and hard plumb it into your home. The City will read the second meter monthly as well as the regular house meter; sewer will not be charged on the second meter. Option 2: purchase a portable outdoor meter that can hooked directly to your garden hose. At the end of the season, residents are required to contact City Hall and re-report their gallons used for the outside meter. The City will then reimburse the resident for the sewer portion based on the gallons used. Outside meters can be purchased at Ely City Hall for \$75.00.

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

It is time to renew your Ely Golf Cart/ATV permit; if you haven't already. Your golf cart/ATV permit is an annual permit that must be renewed by April 1. The registration fee is \$25 per year; and the City Clerk/Administrator must inspect the vehicle before issuing or renewing a registration. Stop by City Hall to renew your permit. The registration forms can be found at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com) under City Government/Applications & Forms.

## Furry Friends in Ely

With warmer weather approaching, we would like to remind residents and guests that pets must be on a leash when they are not inside of your home or in a fenced area. This especially includes when you are walking your pet. We also ask that you please clean up after your pets when you are walking them. To better assist residents with this, there are pet waste stations along the walking trail located: behind City Hall, at the corner of Dows & Main Street and at City Park. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

This is routine maintenance we perform 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.



## Mowing Ordinance

The Ely mowing ordinance requires all developed residential properties, businesses and industrial areas be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than six (6) inches during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October 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 same listed months as residential properties.

## 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 a.m. 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 the bundles 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 near the water tower on 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.

## 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 the trees yourself, there are good contractors in the area that you can hire. Branches may be placed at the curb for limb pick up on Monday mornings.

## 7th Annual Plant Swap

Plants of all types and sizes are welcome along with other garden related items at the 7th Annual Plant Swap, Saturday, April 25 in front of Ely City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The number of items you bring can be swapped 1 to 1. Bring your split plants, yard art, mulch, tools, pots, planters, and bird baths! Be sure to bring your split plants in a pot, box, bucket or pail that can go home with the new owner. 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. In case of rain, the plant swap will be held inside the Ely Community Center. If you are interested in helping with the swap call Teri Billick at 319-389-6808.

## Ely's Community Garden

Do you want space to grow your own fresh vegetables? If so, Ely's Community Garden plots are your opportunity for quality gardening space. Garden plots are located near Ely's 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 12 if you are interested in a plot of your own.



2020 ELY



CLEAN UP

**Saturday, April 25 • 8:30 a.m.**

Volunteers are invited to join the Ely Public Library and Ely Parks and Recreation for a morning of spring cleaning! Together we will be cleaning up litter from three of our local parks and tackling the ditches along State Street within City limits and the bike trail through town. We need YOUR help! Volunteers are asked to meet at the Library by 8:30 a.m. on April 25. Wear jeans, good tennis shoes and gloves to protect your hands. Breakfast snacks will be provided for volunteers from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

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*new and improved* website!  
Check it out at **ELYIOWA.COM**



# Mayor Eldy's Updates

Stay up to date on what happened at each City Council meeting by signing up to receive a quick email recap written by Mayor Eldy Miller himself. Sign up by **sending your email address to eldy@elyiowa.com**. Feel free to contact City Hall if you do not have email access and would like a hard copy.



# A BIG Thank You!

Ely Parks and Recreation and our Youth Baseball participants would thank you say a HUGE thank you to our 2020 sponsors! Without your continued support, our programs would not be possible!

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Phone: 848-4103  
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Only: 848-7603

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

## 2020 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year Award



We are pleased to announce the recipient the 2020 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year — congratulations Cheryl Krob! For decades, Cheryl Krob has played an instrumental role in the development and furtherance of the Ely Public Library. She was one of the founding members and has since helped it grow into the Library that is truly the heart and soul of our community. From donating reading materials to be the first volunteer librarian; leading fundraising initiatives and so much more — it is easy to see why she is admired by so many here in Ely. Cheryl's volunteerism spreads well beyond our Library and even our community. She is active with St Mary's Catholic Church in Solon, Senior Dining in Ely and many other organizations. Cheryl's countless volunteer hours and passion to better the lives of those in our Community is inspiring and truly exemplifies what the Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year Award stands for.



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## City-Wide Garage Sale Day

**May 2** The Friends of EPL is sponsoring the city wide garage sale day. Everyone who has a garage sale is encouraged to register. Registration is only \$5.00 and the money is used to buy signs to purchase ads in area newspapers, provide printed sales maps and to place along area highways. Registration forms are available at the library and on the library website. Please complete your form and turn it into the library by Wednesday, April 29 to be included on the map and listings. Registered garage sales receive a poster identifying them as a registered sale. The maps will be available online on May 1.



## SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY Imagine Your Story!

All programs are free and open to the public and we hope you can join us often.

- **Summer Block Party - Friday, June 5 6-8pm** (enjoy free food, fun, games & prizes!)
- **Summer Reading starts June 1** (track your reading to earn great prizes!)
- **Reading Support - Monday-Friday at 1pm** Space is limited call 848-7616 to register.
- **FREE** daily programs Monday-Friday at 2pm for youth