



Events Calendar

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Friday, April 23
Movie Night at Library

Saturday, April 24
Park & Trail Clean Up

Saturday, April 24
Plant Swap

Friday, April 30
Arbor Day Tree Planting

Saturday, May 1
Citywide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 8
Walford Garage Sale Day

Saturday, May 15
Ely Spring Spruce Up Day

Saturday, May 15
Volunteer Appreciation and Movie Night

Friday, June 4
Movie in the Park - Sandlot

Saturday, June 5
Ely Library Color Run

Friday, July 2
Movie in the Park

Sunday, July 4
Ely Firefighters' Breakfast



Ely Website
www.elyiowa.com

Library Website
www.ely.lib.ia.us



National Poppy Day® Friday, May 28

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.

Salute to the Fallen

Salute to the Fallen is a 501-c3 nonprofit organization bringing awareness and financial assistance to multiple military causes including Gold Star Families, veteran suicide, PTSD, homelessness and much more. With the increase in military suicides this organization will be hosting multiple events throughout the area to help raise funds to care for our Heroes. More information will be announced in the coming months regarding these fundraising and awareness events, stay tuned.

Water Meters - Radio Reads

With the warmer weather and yards being cleared from melting snow, Public Works will be pushing to get the new radio reads mounted on the outside of homes throughout Ely. These boxes will replace the black rubber rectangles that were previously used to manually read each homes water meter. With this new system, staff will be able to gather meter reads for large sections of town wirelessly, all at once. The goal is for all homes in Ely to have radio reads mounted within three years.

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. 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.

Flush Water System

Public Works Will Flush Water System in April through June. 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 2021.

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 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 as well as an additional radio read at a cost of \$500. Both meters will be read monthly; sewer will not be charged on the second meter. Option 2: purchase a portable outdoor meter from City Hall for \$75 that can attach directly to your garden hose. At the end of the season, residents must contact City Hall to report their gallons used for the outside meter to be reimbursed for the sewer portion.

Legion Flag Program

The Ely Sons of the American Legion invite you to show your patriotism in the community by participating in the 2021 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, visit www.elylegion.com.

Furry Friends in Ely

Remember, 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. There are pet waste stations along the trail located behind City Hall, at the corner of Dows & Main Street and at City Park.



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Ely Parks & Recreation Receives \$10,000 grant!



Our community has been awarded an Alliant Energy Branching Out grant of \$10,000! These funds will be used to purchase and plant trees throughout the parks in Ely as well as along the bike trail through town, allowing our community to become more energy efficient and to begin replanting trees that were lost in the 2020 Derecho. Throughout 2021 there will be multiple opportunities for the public to get their hands dirty. Watch our Facebook page for more information! If your family, business or organization would like to be involved in a planting event, please contact callie@elyiowa.com. Thank you Trees Forever and Alliant Energy for selecting Ely as a 2021 recipient of the Branching Out grant!

New! Summer Day Camp

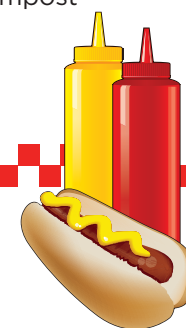
Ely Parks and Recreation will be introducing a five-week, three hour a day Monday - Friday, Summer Day Camp program in 2021! This program will keep area children ages 7-12 moving and learning during the long summer days. Every week campers will participate in various sport activities such as kickball and field games; they will work on crafts and/or science experiments, take walks and even enjoy indoor movie days - all while exploring each of Ely's four parks. Space is limited to 12 participants. Registrations opened April 1, 2021. To get signed up visit www.elyiowa.com

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. **DO NOT** tie or bundle brush together. Simply place them in a pile at curbside.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. **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 370 Jappa Road.
8. If your brush pile does not follow the guidelines listed above, it will not be picked up by the City.
9. Questions can be directed to Public Works at 319-848-4260.

Volunteer BBQ & Movie in the Park on Saturday, May 15

Join your friends and neighbors at Ely City Park in the afternoon on Saturday, May 15 for a good old-fashioned Community BBQ! Hotdogs and chips will be provided for attendees. Once everyone has had a chance to fill their bellies, representatives will be recognizing some of the amazing volunteers that help make Ely such a special place to live. Dinner will end with the presentation of the 2021 Jim Miller Citizen of the Year Award, followed by a Movie in the Park. More details will be available in the coming weeks. Be sure to check the City's website or Facebook page for updates.



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.

A Big Thank You!

Ely Parks and Recreation and our Youth Baseball participants would thank you say a HUGE thank you to our 2021 sponsors. Without your continued support, our program would not be possible. #supportlocal

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Ely has launched a
new and improved website!

Check it out at
ELYIOWA.COM



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY SATURDAY, MAY 1

The Friends of EPL sponsors the city-wide garage sale day. Everyone who has a garage sale is encouraged to register. Registration is only \$5.00. The money is used to purchase ads in area newspapers, provide printed sales maps and to place signs 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 28 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 April 30.



8TH ANNUAL PLANT SWAP SATURDAY, APRIL 24

This annual event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in front of Ely City Hall. Plants of all types and sizes are welcome along with other garden related items at the Annual Plant Swap. 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. 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 Expression

2021 JIM MILLER Ely Citizen of the Year Award



After reviewing many wonderful submissions, the Selection Committee has named Josh Entler the 2021 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 Josh helping make this a better place for us all to call home. After reading Josh's nomination letters, it was easy to see why. To quote the nominations that were received, "Josh is no stranger to hard work and is a neighbor that anyone would be proud to have". Throughout the letters his neighbors spoke of how he immediately jumped into action after the Derecho and

began lending a helping hand. Not only did he help cut down trees and grind stumps in the aftermath of the storm, he has also been there to help those in need with engineering/mechanical issues in their home as well as snow removal. On top of all of the hard work that he has put into his neighborhood, he has also given countless hours of his time by serving on the Planning & Zoning Committee for over 5 years.

He is a generous neighbor and a giving person. His selfless volunteer hours and drive to better the lives of his neighbors and those in our community is inspiring and exemplifies what the Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year stands for. Congratulations Josh and thank you for everything that you have done and continue to do for your community!

Ely Earth Celebration in Ely!

APRIL 22 THURSDAY: Outdoor Succulent Workshop at the Community Center at 5:45pm.

Get your hands a dirty while celebrating Earth Day during this fun outdoor activity led by Lily and Rose Floral Studio from Marion! Pre-registration is required, and class size will be limited. Find more information on the City of Ely's website or Facebook page.

APRIL 23 FRIDAY: Outdoor Movie at the Library, 7:00pm.

Join Parks & Rec and the Ely Library for an outdoor movie showing of WALL-E: short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-class, is the last robot left on Earth. He spends his days tidying up the planet, one piece of garbage at a time.

APRIL 24 SATURDAY: Clean Up Day, 9:00am.

We need YOUR help! 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 winter litter around three local parks, as well as along the bike trail and State Street within city limits. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Library by 9:00am on April 24. Wear long pants, good tennis shoes or boots and gloves to protect your hands. Breakfast snacks and drinks will be provided for volunteers between 8:30-9:00am.

