

The City utilizes the Nixle system to notify residents, who elect to receive messages, of emergency and advisory alerts. These alerts could include snow emergencies, boil advisories and water main breaks just to name a few. Sign up by texting 52227 to 888777 or sign up on the City website at www.elyiowa.com/nixle/. If you have questions or need assistance, please call City Hall at 319-848-4103.



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**City Council Meeting** 1st & 3rd Monday of each Month at 7pm

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# it's winter time!

# Snow Emergencies in Elu

When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, typically a two-inch threshold, the Mayor shall proclaim a snow emergency. Notices will be announced via local TV news channels, on city social media sites and through the Nixel text/email system. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue



from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the 48-hour period after cessation of the storm. The exception is for streets that have been fully opened. Such emergency may be extended or shortened when -- conditions warrant.

## Snow Recommendations

The City recommends purchasing 4' orange snow stakes (available at home improvement stores, or similar) and mark the edge of your curb along the street. This helps our snowplow drivers push snow as far to the edge as possible without getting into your lawn and causing damage.

### Vehicle Towing Policy

Our goal is to remove snow and ice from the streets safely and quickly. In order to do that, the Mayor may declare a snow emergency - at which time, vehicles must be removed from City streets, parking areas and alley ways. The Mayor, City Admin or a peace officer is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, a vehicle from a street, public alley, public parking lot or highway when any vehicle is parked in violation of a ban. Violators of the snow parking ban will not be personally notified in advance of removal of a vehicle from a public street or alley.

# A Courtesy Reminder about Removing Snow and Ice from Sidewalks

It is the duty of property and homeowners to keep sidewalks abutting the property clear of snow and ice. Sidewalks need to be free of snow and ice within 24 hours of the precipitation. With everyone's cooperation, our sidewalks will be safe for families, friends and visitors. When Shoveling snow in your driveway or sidewalks, you are not permitted to push it into the street, it must stay on your own property. If snow is pushed back into the street after the plows have passed, you are liable for a municipal infraction.

# Community Ice Skating Rink

For the duration of winter, the ice rink will be open from 8am - 10pm. Make sure to bring your own skates as they will not be provided by the City. Hockey is permitted ONLY if there are not others looking to ice skate, please be respectful. If you are interested in reserving the rink for a pickup hockey game, contact the Recreation Coordinator at 319-848-4103. Be sure to check the City event calendar at **www.elyiowa.com** for exciting events happening out at the rink this winter.



### **Spring Soccer**

Ely's spring soccer league is an introductory program for children ages 4 & 5. We focus on teaching them the fundamental skills, good sportsmanship and how to be a part of a team. Registration is open January 1 - mid March. Practice and games will be on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 - 6:30pm at Ely City Park. Registration fee for this five-week program is \$30 - each child receives a team jersey. The season runs from March 30 - April 27. Register online at www.elyiowa.com.

# Youth Baseball



The changing of the year means that baseball season is almost here! Ely is one of three organizations involved in the Prairie Youth Baseball League. Our players, tball through 8th grade, play against Prairie and Walford teams once games begin in mid-May. Registrations are open January 1 - March 14. Practice and game schedules vary depending on division level concrete information is provided once registrations close. The season runs mid-April through end of June. Registration includes uniforms for all players. Register online at www.elyiowa.com. (Division is based on CURRENT grade)

# New! Introduction to Sports

Have you been looking to get your little one involved in something new? Look no further than Into to Sports through Ely Parks & Recreation! This new program is open to children ages 3 & 4 years old. Participants will try a new sport or activity each night, including soccer, blast-ball, football and more! Parents are strongly encouraged to assist. Intro to Sports will be offered in the fall of 2021. Stay tuned for more information on registration dates and deadlines. For the most up to date information, visit www.elyiowa.com

# 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 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. Stay tuned for more information in 2021 as the program continues to be developed. For the most up to date information, visit www.elyiowa.com







## American Legion

The Ely Sons of the American Legion offer to put a flag in front yards for the four major patriotic holidays (Flag Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day). By signing up for this service, you are supporting the Ely American Legion. For more information go to the Ely American Legion webpage elylegion.com and click on Sons of the Legion Honor Flag Program. Look for the American Flag on the right-hand side labeled Click for Details.

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

> Check it out at FLYIOWACOM



# Like Us on Facebook; **Follow Us on Twitter!**

That's "City of Ely, Iowa" on Facebook and Twitter for the most up to date information on what is happening with the City of Ely.

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# Mayor Eldy's Updates

Get an email update on what happened at the most recent City Council meeting by Mayor Eldy Miller himself. To sign up, send your email address to eldy@elyiowa.com and you will automatically start receiving the monthly update. Call City Hall if you do not have access to email or you would like a hard copy.

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City of Ely **1570 Rowley Street** P. O. Box 248 Ely, Iowa 52227 www.elyiowa.com

Phone: 848-4103 **After Hours Emergency** 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.



**Casey Grover** Director of Safety & Code Enforcement casey@elyiowa.com



Callie Stulz-O'Brien Parks & Recreation Coordinator callie@elviowa.com

Nick joined the Ely Public Works crew on Monday December 14, 2020. He was born and raised in North liberty Iowa. His two hobbies are fishing and hunting, which lead him to his four-year degree. He recently graduated from Upper Iowa University in the field of conservation management. This is his first job right out of college and he's very excited for the opportunities that may come. We want to wish Nick a warm welcome to Ely; we are happy to have him join our team!.

# **bression** Meet Your City Staff











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# Welcome, Nick Kertels!