



Events Calendar

Youth Soccer Registration Opens

January 1 – March 8, 2019

Youth Baseball Registration Opens

January 1 – March 18, 2019

Monday January 14, February 11, March 11

Ely City Council meetings at 7:00 pm

Monday January 21, February 18, March 18

Plan & Zoning meetings at 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 20

Corridor Skates
Cedar Rapids Ice Arena Staff will bring 60 pairs of skates to Ely Ice Rink for free skate event at 1:00 pm

Sunday, January 27

History Center Open House / Ice Skating Event at 1:00pm

Sunday, February 3

RoughRider Visit
The players and coaching staff will be visiting the Ely Community Center at 1:00pm

Friday, February 8

Ely Night @ The RoughRider Stable
Discounted tickets are available online – contact callie@elyiowa.com for more information

Sunday, February 17

Community Potluck/ Volunteer Appreciation Event (more details to come)

More Front Page News



When It Snows & Snow Emergencies in Ely

Snow removal can be very challenging for our Public Works Department. Our goal is to remove snow and ice from the streets safely and quickly. Please help by:

- 1) Keeping vehicles off the streets during snow removal whenever possible. The Mayor may declare a Snow Emergency during or immediately after a very heavy snow to further assist the snow removal crews. Parking is prohibited on city streets during a snow emergency from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and for a 48-hour period after the storm has stopped. Parking will be allowed within the 48-hour period **only after both sides of the street have been fully opened**. Snow Emergency notices will be announced on the local TV news channels in the same manner school and other closings are announced.
- 2) Stay at least 50 feet behind snowplow trucks during snow and ice removal.
- 3) 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 snow plows push snow as far to the edge as possible without getting into your lawn and causing damage. With a blanket of white snow, it is very difficult sometimes to know where the road stops and where the lawn starts!

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 natural accumulation 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.

Capital Projects

The Ely City Council is on the verge of making some final design decisions for the capital projects that were identified this past year. These projects include the resurfacing of State Street & Vavra Drive, including upgrading underground water infrastructure along State and Vavra; extending a water line from the water tower north to Mabie Road then west along Mabie to State Street and then back south on State Street to areas currently not served; and finally, the third project is the Hoosier Trunk Sewer Extension. This extension will run from the current sewer plant north along Hoosier Creek to Mabie Road. It's a big chunk of the projects and does not come without a price tag. However, as in the past, it's important for each council to continue to plan and envision for the future. These projects will not only help residents of Ely today, but for years into the future. To learn more about how these projects will be financed, stop into City Hall and visit with our City Administrator.



THE NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW SEASONS FOR YOUTH LEAGUES IN ELY!

Spring Soccer

Our spring Soccer league is an introductory program for children ages 4 & 5. We will focus on teaching the fundamental skills of the sport, learn about good sportsmanship and being a part of a team and of course have lots of fun! Registration opens on January 1st and will close on March 8. Practices and games will be held on Monday evenings from 5:45-6:30pm at Ely City Park. Registration for this five-week program is \$30 – each child receives a team t-shirt. The season runs from March 25 – April 22. Register online at www.elyiowa.com.

Baseball

Warmer weather means it's time to gear up for baseball season! Ely represents our community as a part of the Prairie Youth Baseball League. Registration opens on January 1 and will close on March 18. Practices and game schedule vary depending on division level – more information to come as the registration deadline approaches. The season will run from mid-April through end of June. Registration includes uniforms. Register online at www.elyiowa.com. (Division is based on CURRENT grade at time of registration)

T-BALL – Pre K & Kindergarten (5 - 6 yr olds)

SINGLE A (Coach Pitch) – 1st, 2nd, & skill-based 3rd grade

DOUBLE A (Player Pitch) – Skill-based 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade

TRIPLE A (Player Pitch) – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade

Community Potluck / Volunteer Appreciation Event

Join your friends, neighbors and fellow residents at the Ely American Legion on Sunday, February 17 in the afternoon for a good old-fashioned Community Potluck! Throughout this laidback event, City representatives will be recognizing all the amazing volunteers that we are so fortunate enough to have right here in Ely. The 2019 Jim Miller Citizen of the Year Award will also be presented to this year's recipient. More details to come! Be sure to check the City's website or Facebook page for updates. www.elyiowa.com.



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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.

WINTERFEST

The 3rd annual Winterfest was a success! Families were able to enjoy a day filled with reindeer, carriage rides, shopping, chili sampling and cookie decorating. The beautiful weather made for a perfect 5k race! This new tradition here in Ely would not be possible without the hard work of our local downtown businesses. Thank you to all who helped make this event so magical!



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C O M M U N I T Y N E W S

The City of Ely has launched a *new and improved* website!
Check it out at **elyiowa.com**



Cook’s Corner

Ashley Fields, Ely, Iowa

From the *Fall Fest 2014 Cookbook*

Cheesey Cauliflower Pancakes

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 Head Cauliflower | 2 Large Eggs | Oil (to coat skillet) |
| ½ C. Shredded Cheddar Cheese | ½ C. Panko Bread Crumbs | |
| ½ t. Cayenne Pepper | Pinch of Salt | |

Cut cauliflower into florets and cook in boiling water until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and mash. Stir in cheese, eggs, panko bread crumbs, cayenne, and salt to taste. Coat the bottom of a skillet or griddle with oil over medium heat. Form the cauliflower mixture into patties about 3” across. Cook until golden brown and set, about 3 minutes per side. Add a small amount of 2 C. milk to mustard and mix until smooth.



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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

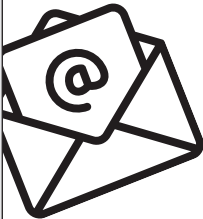


You asked, we answered.
Ely’s citywide mass notification
system is finally here!

The City will be utilizing the new Nixle system to notify residents, who elect to receive messages, of emergency and advisory alerts. These alerts could include boil advisories, water main breaks or weather-related emergencies just to name a few. Users can also opt in to receive a wider range of notifications, such as upcoming community events, youth program registrations or utility reminders. To get signed up for emergency and advisory alerts affecting our community, **simply text your zip code to 888777**. You can sign up to receive emails in addition to or in leu of text messages by signing up online at www.elyiowa.com, a signup widget can be found at the bottom of the home screen. If you have questions or need assistance, please call City Hall at 319-848-4103.

American Legion

The Ely Sons of the American Legion are offering to put a flag in front yards for the 4 major patriotic holidays (Flag Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day) again in 2019. It makes the perfect gift and it requires no work. For more information go to the Ely American Legion webpage <http://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*.



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 and you will get Eldy’s monthly email update. Call City Hall if you do not have email access and want a hard copy.

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, skates will not be provided by the City. Hockey is permitted ONLY if there are not others looking to ice skate. Please follow all posted rules when using the rink. Be sure to check the City event calendar at www.elyiowa.com for exciting events happening out at the rink throughout the winter months! We may have a few surprise guests throughout the season, so stay tuned!

History Center Open House & Skate Event

All kids and adults come out for an old-fashioned skating party and visit the Ely History Center, inside the Ely City Hall building on Sunday, January 27. Cookies and cocoa will be provided! Old photos of Ely, the school building, streets and farm scenes will be on display as well as many other interesting historical Ely images and items to view. The open house will be from 1:00-3:00pm in the lower level of the building. Fun and learning for all! Please bring your own skates if you plan on utilizing the ice rink during the event!

