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St. John's Lutheran Church Receives AED Grant

St. John's Lutheran Church here in Ely had an extra special day in December. Thanks to Kent Noska, a resident in town and congregation member of the church, who successfully applied for assistance in receiving an AED via a grant through Think Safe. AED stands for Automated External Defibrillator is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

In Ely, we are fortunate that our Volunteer Fire Department is located right here in town - meaning that precious minutes can be saved when responding to an emergency. However, an AED may be necessary to use in a moment's notice. In the event of a medical emergency, always make sure that someone is directed to contact 911 immediately. Pastor Brian wants to stress the importance that in the event of a medical emergency, if you are in or near the Church, this life-saving resource is available to the entire community, all residents and/or visitors. The location of the AED is mounted on the wall just inside their front doors off of Walker Street.

Present to receive the donated AED and the first three trained on how to use it were Pastor Brian Middleswarth, Guy Schultz and Ed Mertens. Thank you to Think Safe and St. John's Lutheran Church for helping to keep our Community safe and prepared!

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Subscribe to the Ely Social for once a month event updates via email

City Council Meeting
Monday, January 20

Youth Soccer
Registration Opens
January 1 - March 13

Youth Baseball
Registration Opens
January 1 - March 20

Comedy Night with
Tom Roth
Friday, January 31
Hypnotist Comedian

Legion Valentines
Dinner
Saturday, February 8

Ely Night at The
RoughRider Stable
Friday, February 28
Discounted tickets are
available online - contact
callie@elyiowa.com for more
information

Ely Website
www.elyiowa.com
Library Website
www.ely.lib.ia.us



it's winter time!

When It Snows & Snow Emergencies in Ely

Snow removal can be very challenging. 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. Parking will be allowed within a 48-hour period only after both sides of the street have been fully cleared. Snow Emergency notices will be announced on local TV news channels in the same manner school and other closings are announced, via text through Nixle notifications, on the City's website and on the City's Facebook page.
- 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 the 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 your property clear of natural accumulations 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 all residents and visitors.

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. We may have a few surprise guests throughout the season, so stay tuned!

2019 Winterfest

Winterfest was started as a way to celebrate the Holidays with the Ely Businesses. Winter is often a time where people go into hibernation, but this event provides a family friendly opportunity for people to get out of the house for a day regardless of the weather and enjoy everything that our small town of Ely has to offer. This end of the year celebration is thrown by the Downtown Businesses. It is their way of giving back to the Community and saying 'Thank You' to all of those who patronize their stores throughout the year. The day may have been chilly, but it was filled with laughter and warm smiles. Winterfest kicked off with the annual 5k Fun Run, which is always a big Holiday hit! Hundreds of people enjoyed a day filled with horse drawn carriage rides, a busy vendor fair, cookie decorating, hot cocoa bar and last but not least, a visit from the Ice Princesses AND Santa!

Our local businesses would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to all those who came out to celebrate and would also like to thank the amazing volunteers! On behalf of the City and all of our residents, we would like to thank all of those who worked so hard to make this event so magical! Until next year, Happy Holidays!

The new year brings youth sports to Ely!

Spring Soccer

Our 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 - March 13. Practice and games will be on Monday 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.**

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 AAA, play against Prairie and Walford teams. Registration is open January 1 - March 20. Practice and game schedules vary depending on division level - final information is provided once registrations close. The season runs mid-April through end of June. Registration includes uniforms for all players. (Division is based on CURRENT grade) **Register online at www.elyiowa.com.**

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

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

DOUBLE A (Player Pitch) - experienced 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade

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



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Community Potluck / Volunteer Appreciation Event

Join your friends, neighbors and fellow residents at the Ely American Legion in the afternoon on Sunday, February 9 at 4:30pm for a good old-fashioned Community Potluck! Once every has had a chance to fill their bellies and catch up with friends. Representatives will be recognizing some of our amazing volunteers that help make Ely such a special place to live. Dinner will end with the presentation of the 2020 Jim Miller Citizen of the Year Award. More details will be available in the coming weeks. Be sure to **check the City's website or Facebook page for updates: www.elyiowa.com**.

LOOKING TO GET SOCIAL?

On any given week in Ely there are so many exciting things happening around town, but it isn't always easy to find the details. The Ely Social is an electronic once a month newsletter will be a one-stop shop for all things social in Ely! You can sign up **online at www.elyiowa.com** or via **text by sending ELYSOCIAL to: 888777**.



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Phone: 848-4103
After Hours Emergency
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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

Meet Your City Staff



PW Supervisor
Ron Starks



PW Parks & Buildings
Tyler Schurbon



PW Streets
Christopher Henkel



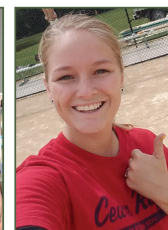
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City Administrator
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Deputy Clerk
Luanne Miller



Parks & Rec Co.
Callie Stulz-O'Brien



Building Official
Mary McGuire

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.



Stay Informed with Nixle

Want to be notified by the City immediately with emergency alerts or important information affecting our Community?

Get signed up for Nixle notifications by simply **texting our zip code, 52227 to: 888777**. You can also sign 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.

