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Golf Carts in Ely

Summer months bring an increased number of golf carts and side-by-sides to city streets in Ely. Driving golf carts and side-by-sides may be a convenient means of transportation around town or may seem like a fun activity for children to do in the summer; however, they are still vehicles that can cause serious harm and even death if not used properly. Our highest priority is to keep everyone safe, which is why the City would like to remind residents and visitors of safety tips and specific City ordinances regarding golf carts: Registered golf carts shall be operated by persons at least 18 years of age possessing a valid Iowa operator's license, the number of occupants shall not exceed the number of seats installed by the manufacturer in said vehicle, golf carts may be operated on City streets only between sunrise and sunset. Please remember to: keep feet, legs, arms (entire body) inside the golf cart at all times. All occupants should remain seated when in motion, slow down for turns and obey all traffic laws and DO NOT drive while intoxicated.

Youth Fall Soccer League

Each fall Ely offers an inclusive four-week soccer program for boys and girls ages 6, 7 and 8. The season will run through the month of August with practices on Tuesday evenings and games on Thursday evenings. Online registration is open June through July 19. Late registration will not be accepted. For registration information or more details visit the City's website at www.elyiowa.com. If you have questions, contact callie@elyiowa.com or call 319-848-4103.

Fall Fest Can Drive Fundraiser

Each year Ely Parks & Recreation accepts Can Shed bag donations as part of an annual fundraiser for Fall Fest. With many of their events and programs being cancelled this summer due to COVID-19, the Park Board is hosting a ramped up can drive through Fall Fest 2020. If your garage is overflowing with bags due to the Can Shed being closed, the Park Board will gladly take them! Full can & bottle bags can be dropped off outside of the City Shop on Main Street next to the Creamery! Staff will check the site periodically throughout the day and move the bags into the garage. Please set them up against the building. Your donation will greatly benefit Fall Fest 2020 fundraising efforts! The Park & Recreation Board as well as the Fall Fest Planning Committee sincerely appreciate any and all contributions!

Fall Flag Football

Football season is fast approaching! Registration is open July through August 16. Late registrations will not be accepted. Practice will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:45-6:45PM at Ely City Park. Games are Saturday mornings at 8:30 & 9:30AM. The season will run from September through early October. The league is an all-inclusive opportunity for boys and girls ages 6-10 years old. All players will receive a team jersey and mouth guard. Register online at www.elyiowa.com. If you have questions, contact callie@elyiowa.com or call 319-848-4103.

Annual July 4th Ely Firefighter's Breakfast

An update from the Ely Fire Department regarding the 49th Annual Firefighter's Breakfast: "After much thought and discussion the volunteers of the Ely Fire Department have decided it best to cancel this year's 49th Annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast. Our purpose is to serve and protect our community and we believe the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and potential health risks make having this kind of a community fundraiser unfeasible at this time. We plan on resuming the breakfast next Fourth of July and are extremely grateful and humbled by the level of support we have received over the last 49 years from our community." You can find more information and stay up-to-date on potential fundraising opportunities by following the Ely Fire Department on Facebook!



Ely City-Wide Garage Sales

The Friends of the Library have decided to not hold the city-wide garage sales this year for the health and safety of everyone in our community. We hope to host this popular event next May. Stay safe and healthy everyone!



Monday, September 7 Labor Day

City Hall, Library and Public Works closed

Friday, September 25 & Saturday, September 26 Ely Fall Fest

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

Summer Reading Program

www.facebook.com/elylibrary
www.zoom.us

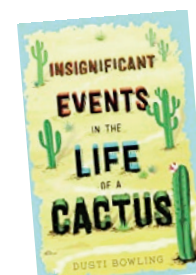
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6/29 Zoom: Toddler Time @ 10:00 am Zoom: Alphabet Art @ 10:30 am 	6/30 Absolute Science Pre-recorded: Laser Show Zoom: TEENS Code Breakers @ 2:00 pm Zoom: Bedtime Books @ 7:00 pm	1 Illustrator Tim Read Pre-Recorded: Imagination Storytime Zoom: TEENS Cooking Challenge @ 2:00 pm	2 Zoom: Storytime @ 10:00 am Zoom: Preschool STEAM @ 11:00 am Zoom: TEENS Kahoot Trivia @ 2:00 pm	3 Zoom: TEENS: Build It Challenge @ 2:00 pm Pick up next week's packets in library lobby
6 Zoom: Toddler Time @ 10:00 am Zoom: Alphabet Art @ 10:30 am 	7 Absolute Science Pre-recorded: Bigger Bang Bubble Show Zoom: TEENS Code Breakers @ 2:00 pm Zoom: Bedtime Books @ 7:00 pm	8 Illustrator Tim Read Pre-Recorded: Imagination Tricks Zoom: TEENS Cooking Challenge @ 2:00 pm	9 Zoom: Storytime @ 10:00 am Zoom: Preschool STEAM @ 11:00 am Zoom: TEENS Kahoot Trivia @ 2:00 pm	10 Zoom: TEENS: Build It Challenge @ 2:00 pm Pick up next week's packets in library lobby
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Mystery Prizes will be handed out to everyone who finishes the reading program in early August!

One Book One Community



The Ely Public Library will be holding their first ever "One Book One Community" event! They are thrilled to offer this as a family event and have chosen "Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus" by Dusti Bowling. This book is one of the nominees for the Iowa Teen Award and is one the whole family will enjoy! Discussions, activities and a possible virtual visit from the author are all in the works. A copy of the book will be available to the first 200 families who register, and those who complete this event will receive a gift card to a local Ely business.



Congratulations to Ely Seniors!

As a community, we want to congratulate all of the seniors in Ely, everyone is so proud of you! We would also like to thank all of those who donated towards the banner campaign! Each of you made this special project recognizing our seniors, come together so quickly. Our wish is that all of you have a wonderful summer!

Jarrett Bohlken	Abby Johnson
Caden Boyd	Ellie Johnson
Alec Brockmeyer	Austin Kegley
Collin Brockmeyer	Angie Knies
Emily Brunscheen	Jacob Lemke
Parker Coffman	Lexi Little
Josh Corrin	Grace Lullman
Mercedes Davidson	Anna Millard
Grace Estenson	Nate Nisley
Cael Fangmann	Morgan Norem
Brenna Gogel	Torri Nunemaker
Brandon Hanna	Dylan Osborn
Caitlyn Hanna	Carli Reittinger
Justin Haren	Carson Sirwoy
Emma Harris	Maddie Smith
Spencer Heald	Nathan Steffens
Grace Healy	Lane Swartzendruber
Zach Hilleman	Kay Thompson
Alexus Jarchow	Joe Vavra
Johnny Joens	Riley Wheeler
	Tristin Wilcox

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The City of Ely has launched a
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.

Check out the Locally-Owned Businesses in Ely

- Odie's Bar and Grill
- The Downtown Dachshund
- Dan and Debbie's Creamery
- My Mom's Bakery
- House Divided Brewery
- Naturally Chiropractic
- Hair Creations Salon & Boutique
- Lacey's Barbershop
- LUSH Salon
- The Company Store
- Cleppe's 66
- Sweet Auto Repair
- T&K Roofing
- Harger's Acoustic



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Ely Expression

NEW City Staff



Adam Thompson - City Administrator

Adam is a lifelong community developer and was recently hired by the Ely City Council to serve as the Administrator for the City of Ely, Iowa. Adam's first day was May 18, 2020. Prior to joining Ely, Adam served as the Director of Economic Development for the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Prior to that, he served the City of Muscatine in the Community Development Department & Airport Operations. He is excited to serve the community of Ely where he can utilize his diverse skills and experiences to grow and develop not just a livable community but a lovable community. Adam was born and raised in Cedar Rapids where his family still lives. He holds a Masters of Science Degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Iowa. EMAIL: cityadmin@elyiowa.com



Tara Miller - Front Desk Deputy/Billing Clerk

Tara is very excited to be the new Deputy/Billing Clerk. She worked the last seven years as an optical technician at Jensen Eyecare. She is treasurer and board member at Our Lord's Church is Solon. She enjoys season tickets to Hawkeye women's basketball, going to musicals, riding bicycles, riding off road motorcycles, spending time with family and going to all activities for her son.

EMAIL: deputyclerk@elyiowa.com



Luanne Miller - Promoted to City Clerk

By splitting the Administrator/Clerk position and hiring a front desk Billing Clerk, this allows the City to now have a one staff member dedicated as Clerk and one dedicated solely as Administrator. With 5 years of wonderful service to our Community, Luanne was a natural fit for this position! EMAIL: elyclerk@elyiowa.com



Save The Dates for Fall Fest! September 25 and 26

Due to health-related concerns, Ely Fall Fest may look a bit different this year but trust that the show WILL go on! The Volunteer Planning Committee is working diligently to bring residents a safe and fun filled weekend celebrating our community; however, the group wants everyone to understand that certain events or activities may not be possible in 2020. Stay tuned for more information on the schedule and how YOU can help!

