



Wednesday, October 21
5-7 pm

Ely Spook Walk

Hosted by the Businesses
of Ely

Tuesday, October 27

Curbside Limb Pickup

Last pickup for the season

Tuesday, November 3
7 am-9 pm

General Election Day

at St. John's Lutheran Church

Veterans Day

City Hall will be closed on
Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving

Ely City Hall & Public Works
closed all day Thursday &
Friday November 26 & 27

Holiday Hours

Ely City Hall & Public Works
will be closed on December 24
& 25 and again on December
31 & January 1, 2021



That's a wrap on the 13th annual Ely Fall Fest! On behalf of the Park Board and Fall Fest Committee; we would like to thank EVERYONE who supported, sponsored and came out to celebrate this year. The event may have been different than in years past but what is important is that even just for a few days, we were able to come together as a community to find a bit of joy.

We would like to extend a sincere and special thank you to:

Ely Public Works	All 2020 event Sponsors
Ely Fire Department	Wears Auctioneering
The Friends of the Ely Public Library	FJ Krob & Company
Derek Parrott & Innovative Signs	All of our local businesses
All of our residents for their patience & support	

And all of the vendors, Wiffle Ball teams, classic car owners, families and so many more that came out to help us celebrate!

This event cannot happen without the support of all the organizations, businesses and individuals mentioned above - we are forever appreciative.
#beEly #beHome

Community Ice Skating Rink

Winter is approaching which means the Ely Ice Skating Rink will be open by the end of the year (weather permitting)! When the temperatures begin to drop, the gates to the tennis and basketball court will be locked so that the rink can be installed. Once the shell of the rink is put together and filled with water, the entire fenced recreation courts outside of the Community Center will be closed until the ice is frozen solid. We appreciate your understanding during this transitional period! Stay tuned for more details and check the City Facebook Page for updates!



Ely Snow Emergency - Vehicle Towing Policy

No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during any snow emergency proclaimed by the Mayor unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. 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 except as above provided upon streets which have been fully opened. When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, the Mayor shall proclaim a snow emergency and the Mayor shall inform the news media to publicize the proclamation and the parking rules under the emergency. Such emergency may be extended or shortened when conditions warrant

The Mayor, City Administrator or a peace officer is hereby 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 on parking during a snow emergency as proclaimed by the Mayor or during snow removal operations. Violators of the snow parking ban will not be personally notified in advance of removal of a vehicle from a public street or alley.

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS Now OPEN

We are excited to see you and welcome you back into the library!
We will still need to limit the number of patrons in at a time.

CURRENT OPERATING HOURS:

Monday: 9am-6pm	Friday: 9am-4pm
Tuesday: 9am-6pm	Saturday: 9am-12pm
Wednesday: 9am-4pm	Sunday - Closed
Thursday: 9am-4pm	



SERVICES > The bathrooms and drinking fountain will not be available at this time. All toys have been removed. Use of the meeting room is available through rental/appointment only. Browsing the collection and use of the computers, printing, copying, and faxing services are all available. Holds and care packages will still be available. As we currently do, we will contact you once your holds and/or care packages are ready to be picked up. To use our Library Care Package Form you can visit <https://forms.gle/7Z9Yd9mJMyoQfE957> or find a direct link on our website at www.ely.lib.ia.us.

SAFETY > The safety of our community and staff is of the utmost importance to us. All people over the age of 2 will be required to sanitize hands and wear masks per CDC guidelines. The library will provide a mask to anyone who does not have one for their appointment. Please do not come into the library if you or a member of your household are feeling ill or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks.

ARRIVING > Put on your mask (masks are to be used at all times in the library) & sanitize your hands. Each person entering the library will need to use a blue browsing basket. Any materials that are touched need to be placed into this basket. When checking out, you will be able to check out only the items you wish to take home with you, and the remainder of the items in the blue browsing basket will be sanitized before being placed on the shelves again.

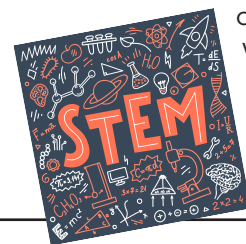
RETURNS > To return library materials, place your items in the book return slots located in the alley, in the lobby or in the circulation desk book return slot. Please do not hand materials directly to staff or place them on the circulation desk.

LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up for our montly e-newsletter to know what is happening at the library. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, e-mail tclair@ely.lib.ia.us to sign up.

STEM KITS & LITERACY GAMES

We are excited to inform you of some wonderful new kits and literacy games to enhance learning and curiosity at home or in your classroom! We have a variety of STEM based inquiry kits available for youth preK-6th grade. New to our collection as well are literacy games to help with reading, writing, retaining, vocabulary skills and more! To see what we have available, check out our wakelet at <https://wakelet.com/@ElyLibrary>. Due to the kits having a large number of pieces, we are allowing one kit/game to be checked out at a time.



Halloween in Ely

City Council will be discussing Halloween procedures at their **September 21** meeting. Tune in to the meeting online or visit the City of Ely's Facebook page to read the most up to date information. Depending on this discussion, the Ely Fire Department may or may not be continuing their tradition of giving glow sticks to Ely's trick-or-treaters to help them be more visible while going about their ghoulish rounds. More information to come!

Ely Spook Walk

Join the Ely businesses in celebrating Halloween with their fifth annual Spook Walk from **5-7pm on Wednesday, October 21**. Participating businesses will have spooky treats, special deals and of course trick-or-treating for the kids! Goodwill donations welcome, proceeds will go toward Ely's Winterfest. You won't want to miss this Spook-tacular event. Be sure to follow the City of Ely's Facebook page for more information in the coming weeks.

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Ely Expression

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We Are Ely

These past several weeks have gone by in a whirl wind as we all have been working to clean up, rebuild and get back to our normal routines. We are surrounded by Cities who are still reeling in the aftermath of the storm. The destruction that Iowa experienced is something that each of us has been working to process since August 10, 2020. With all of this in mind, it is easy to see that we here in Ely are incredibly fortunate that our streets and community look the way that they do today. This inspiring feat wouldn't be possible without the hard work and determination that was put forth by SO many wonderful people right here in Ely. From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank every single person who has helped get us to where we are today.

Shortly after the storm hit, JDM Concrete, LLC paused work on their job sites to come help the City of Ely in our clean-up efforts. Within days, their crews were hitting the streets, bringing in dump trucks, equipment and a great deal of manpower — they did everything that they could to help Ely get back on their feet.

Thank you to Keith Schulte for not only spending numerous sweltering days out in the streets helping our crews but for also bringing in equipment that helped to speed things up tremendously.

Thank you to each and every resident who busted their tails for days on end. Everyone worked hard to not only clean their own properties but there were also many selfless people who assisted their neighbors; checked on older residents; donated supplies to the Library and even helped to clean the parks.

Thank you to our wonderful Ely Public Library and their staff for organizing a center for relief supplies. They were also gracious enough to provide a safe place for people to to cool down and charge their phones.

Thank you to the men in our Public Works Department who have spent the last three weeks continuing to clean up storm debris. Through the excessive heat and extremely long days, they have always put Ely first. Also thank you to our Office Staff, each of them was out in the field, getting their hands dirty; helping in ways far outside of their typical duties.

We came together as a community. Neighbors helping neighbors; working as one to accomplish a common goal. These past three weeks have proven to exemplify what it means to Be Ely.

This is our Home and we will come back together.

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



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.

Nixle Voice & Text Alerts

Ely's citywide mass notification system is here! The City utilizes the 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. Sign up by texting 52227 to 888777 or sign up on the City website at <https://www.elyiowa.com/nixle/>. If you have questions or need assistance, please call City Hall at 319-848-4103.

