

# Meet Your City Staff



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

**January 1 – March 1**  
Spring Soccer Registration

**January 1 – March 1**  
Youth Baseball Registration

**February 1 – May 1**  
Summer Camp Registration

**April 16**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**April 23**  
Park & Roadside Cleanup 2nd

**June 11**  
Annual Ely Open

**August 12 – 14**  
Ely's Sesquicentennial

**September 23 & 24**  
Fall Fest

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I felt Ely was at a transitional point six years ago due to the growth of the community. I saw a need to help the town take the next step in organization and planning thus making the city less reactive and more proactive. The guiding principle I always use when working through any project or challenge is "What is best for the city in this situation?" – **Eldy Miller**

I decided to serve on council first and foremost because I am raising my family here and would like to help shape the way our community grows. I believe in the impact we can have when residents are civically engaged. I know civic engagement can look a little different for everyone. I hope to help bridge the gap that I currently see between our council and our residents. With my background in sales and lending I've enjoyed opportunities to make hard things simple. I do the legwork to understand complicated problems. I dig in and find out why certain rules exist. I see the gaps and problems, And I bring people together for positive results. Our city officials need to represent the people they are elected to serve, and I look forward to carrying out that opportunity that has been given to me. – **Mark Becicka**

I always loved helping out Ely, whether it was my time on the Fire Department or Planning and Zoning. With the vacancy of Council person Rhoner, I thought that this would be a great opportunity to continue supporting the town I love but in a new way. – **Ben Symonds**

I ran for city council because I wanted to be more involved in the community. I had been volunteering for various events and the next step was to be on council. I care deeply for Ely and its residents. It was important for me to be one of the voices for the community. I wanted to help develop Ely's future, provide sound financial decisions, improve our resident's quality of life and work on the long-range goals of the community. Our residents make our town amazing and it shows because of our continued growth. There have been so many positive things happening in Ely. Thank you for allowing me to be on city council and represent you. – **Judy Wery**

My father served two terms on the Keokuk, IA city council. As a result, I've always felt a need to be involved in city government. I love volunteering and being involved. Even if I was not on council, I would still be involved from a volunteering aspect. It's in my blood. I have skills and business acumen that I believe are beneficial to our community and I want to use them for the betterment of Ely. People make the difference. As a member of the Ely Personnel Committee, I hope to attract and inspire the best employees to serve and represent our community. – **Dan Whitaker**

## Spring Soccer

Ely's spring soccer program is an introductory league for children ages 4 & 5. Registration is open January 1 – March 1. Practice and games will be on Tuesday evenings at Ely City Park. Registration fee for this five-week program is \$30 – each child receives a team jersey. The season runs the month of April. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).

## Youth Baseball

The changing of the year means that baseball season is almost here! Registrations are open January 1 – March 1. Ely baseball is open to players at least 5 years old (preschool) - 8th grade. Practice and game schedules vary depending on division level – more information will be provided once registrations close. The season runs mid-April through mid-June. \$75 registration fee includes a full uniform for all players. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).

## Spring 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 small group 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 field games like duck duck goose. A parent or guardian will be asked to assist each night during certain drills. Intro to Sports will be offered in the spring and fall of 2022. Registrations for the spring program will be open January 1 – March 1, or until the 6 spots are filled. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).

## Summer Day Camp

After great success in 2020, Parks & Rec is bringing back their five-week, three hour per day, Monday – Friday, Summer Camp program in 2022! This program will keep area children moving and learning during their summer days. Every week campers will participate in various sport activities; crafts and/or science experiments; they will take walks and even enjoy indoor movies – all while exploring each of Ely's four parks. Registration opens February 1 and will close May 1 or once all spots have been filled. Summer camp will be split into two groups based on age, children between the ages of 6 – 12 are invited to register. \$175 per camper. Register online at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com).



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**Council Meetings:**  
1st and 3rd Monday  
each month 7:00 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber  
2nd floor.

# Ely Expression



## Snow Emergencies in Ely

When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, typically a two-inch threshold, the Mayor will proclaim a snow emergency. Notices will be announced via local TV news channels, on city social media sites and most importantly through the Nixel text/email system. Sign up for this alert by texting 52227 to 888-777 or visit [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com). A parking ban shall continue from the proclamation of the snow emergency through the duration of the storm and the 48-hour period after cessation of the storm. The exception is for streets that have been fully opened.

## Snow Recommendations

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

## Vehicle Towing Policy

The goal is to remove snow and ice from the streets quickly and safely. 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 or public alley or parking lot when any vehicle is parked in violation of a ban. Violators of the 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. 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.

## 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 ice skating, please be respectful. If you use the hockey nets, they must be moved off the ice when you are done. 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](http://www.elyiowa.com) for exciting events happening out at the rink this winter.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Ely has a website!

Check it out at  
**ELYIOWA.COM**



## Nixle Voice & Text Alerts

The City uses the Nixle system to notify residents, who elect to receive messages, of important alerts and reminders. These alerts include snow emergencies, water main breaks and upcoming events just to name a few. Sign up by texting 52227 to 888-777 or sign up at the bottom of any page on the City website. If you have questions or need assistance, please call City Hall at 319-848-4103.



## Mayor Miller'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](mailto: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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