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[www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com)

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## 9th Annual Plant Swap

Saturday, April 23 9:00am – 12:00pm in front of Ely City Hall. Plants of all types and sizes are welcome along with other garden related items at the Annual Plant Swap. The number of items you bring can be swapped 1 to 1. Bring your split plants, yard art, mulch, tools, pots, planters, and bird baths! Be sure to bring your split plants in a pot, box, bucket or pail that can go home with the new owner. In case of rain, the plant swap will be held inside the Ely Community Center. If you are interested in helping with the swap call Teri Billick at 319-389-6808.

## National Poppy Day® Friday, May 27



The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform. All donations received will be used by The American Legion Family for their programs that support veterans, the military community and their families. Poppies will be available for distribution in May.

## Parking Lot Picasso Party

Spend your Friday night on June 24 with friends, eating food, listening to music and taking in all the art at the Parking Lot Picasso party! This FREE event is open to people of all ages. Children & adults can reserve a spot in the parking lot on Rowley Street and let their artistic spirit fly by creating beautiful chalk artwork. There will be a food, music, yard games and fun for all. Chalk will be supplied for free to all participants. 40 parking spaces will be available - a registration link will be released on online closer to the event.

## Salute to the Fallen

Salute to the Fallen is a 501-c3 nonprofit organization bringing awareness and financial assistance to multiple military causes including Gold Star Families, veteran suicide, PTSD, homelessness and much more. With the increase in military suicides this organization will be hosting multiple events throughout the area to help raise funds to care for our Heroes. More information will be announced in the coming months regarding these fund-raising and awareness events, stay tuned.

## Register or Renew Your Ely Golf Cart & ATV Permit

As the new UTV/Golf Cart/ATV ordinance takes effect, the City is working to have the flags in at City Hall by May 1. Your UTV/Golf Cart/ATV permit is an annual permit that must be renewed by July 1. The registration fee is \$25 per year. The City Clerk or Deputy Clerk must inspect the vehicle before issuing a new registration. The permit and more information can be found online or in person at City Hall.

## Pets in Ely



As the weather improved, please remember that pets must be on a leash when they are outside the home or not in a fenced area. We also ask that you please clean up after your pets when you are walking them. There are pet waste stations located along the trail behind City Hall, at the corner of Dows & Main Street and two at City Park.

## Water Meters - Radio Reads



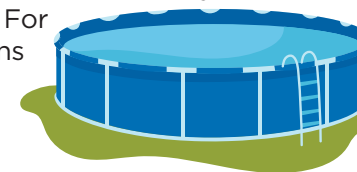
With the warmer weather and yards being cleared from melting snow, Public Works will be pushing to get the new radio reads mounted on the outside of homes throughout Ely. These boxes will replace the black rubber rectangles that were previously used to manually read each homes water meter. With this new system, staff will be able to gather meter reads for large sections of town wirelessly, all at once. The goal is for all homes in Ely to have radio reads mounted within two years.

## Public Works Will Flush Water System in April

This is routine maintenance that is performed to maintain good water quality in the system. Throughout this time period you may occasionally notice minor discoloration to the water while the flushing is taking place; the water poses no health risk and is safe to drink. Public Works has a goal of flushing every Ely hydrant in 2022.

## Pool Fills / Outside Water Use

In 2017, the City Council passed an ordinance allowing residents to purchase a second meter to track water that is used outside for watering, pool fills, washing cars, etc. Due to this water not going into the sewer, the City will give a credit for the sewer portion. For more information on the two options available, visit [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com)

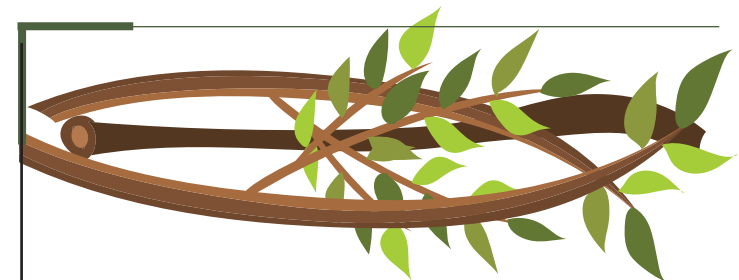


## Legion Flag Program

The Ely Sons of the American Legion invite you to show your patriotism in the community by participating in the 2022 Honor Flag Program. A \$50 donation will provide your home or business with a 3x5' sized US flag, which will then be displayed in front of your property on Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th and Veterans Day. Their volunteers will do all of the work - you enjoy proudly flying the flag! For complete details visit [www.elylegion.com](http://www.elylegion.com).

## Ely's Community Garden

Do you want space to grow your own fresh vegetables? If so, Ely's Community Garden plots are your opportunity for quality gardening space. Garden plots are located near Ely's water tower on Jappa Road and must be rented at the start of the season. Gardeners must sign off on and follow the written rules or be subject to losing their deposit. Contact Theresa Grieder 319-848-3074 or City Hall 848-4103 by April 12 if you are interested in a plot of your own.



## Curbside Limb Pickup Policy April - October

1 | Brush and limbs will be picked up at your curb by the City of Ely Public Works Department every Tuesday starting at 8am during the months of April - October at no charge.

2 | All limbs must be cut to a length not to exceed 8' and must be less than 6" in diameter.

3 | All limbs must be trimmed of their smaller branches.

4 | All limbs and brush shall be placed by the curb in a neat pile. Please avoid one large pile but rather put in smaller piles for easy hand pickup.

5 | DO NOT tie or bundle brush together. Simply place them in a pile at curbside.

6 | All brush and limbs will be chipped on site and may leave a small amount of debris. The homeowner will be responsible to "sweep" this up occasionally.

7 | This service is not intended for the removal of an entire tree but for trimmings only. If you are removing an entire tree, you should arrange to have it removed and hauled away. In the case of a windstorm or an emergency event, this policy may be changed to accommodate the extra material.

8 | DO NOT place leaves, garden waste or grass clippings at your curbside, they will NOT be picked up. These items can be taken to the compost bunker near the water tower at 370 Jappa Road.

9 | If your brush pile does not follow the guidelines listed above, it will not be picked up by the City.

10 | Questions can be directed to Public Works at 319-848-4260.

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

# Ely Expression

## 2022 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year Award



The Jim Miller  
**Ely Citizen  
of the Year**

Upon the submission of a wonderful joint nomination, the Selection Committee has named **Clary Illian** and **Barb Horak** as dual recipients of the 2022 Jim Miller Ely Citizen of the Year award! Volunteers are the heart and soul of every community which is why Ely is fortunate

to have people like Clary and Barb helping make Ely a better place for us all to call home.

After reading their nomination letter, it was easy to see why. To quote the nomination that was received, “Barb and Clary were charter members of the Ely Community History Society, and from its inception, have been the driving force behind it. They have spent countless hours maintaining and preserving the collection, archiving and cataloging. They designed and created all of the historic displays that hang inside City Hall. Historic preservation is an often-underappreciated community asset, but its value, is frankly priceless. We are fortunate to have these two talented and dedicated individuals in our community, who have thanklessly endeavored for years to main the Ely history collection with care, precision and professionalism, and have never asked for anything in return.”

For these reasons and so many more, it is our pleasure to announce **Clary Illian and Barb Horak as the 2022 Ely Citizens of the Year!**

## Ely Earth Celebration in Ely!

**Thursday, April 21 • Outdoor House Plant Workshop  
at the Community Center • 6pm**

Get your hands a dirty while celebrating Earth Day during this fun outdoor activity led by Lily and Rose Floral Studio from Marion! Pre-registration is required, and class size will be limited to 20 participants. Find more information on the City of Ely’s website or Facebook page.

**Saturday April 23 • Clean Up Day • 9am.**

We need YOUR help! Volunteers are invited to join the Ely Public Library and Ely Parks and Recreation for a morning of spring cleaning. Together we will be cleaning up winter litter around three local parks, as well as along the bike trail and State Street within city limits. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Library by 9:00am on April 23. Wear long pants, good tennis shoes or boots and gloves to protect your hands. Breakfast snacks and drinks will be provided for volunteers between 8:30 – 9:00am.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Ely has a website!

Check it out at

**ELYIOWA.COM**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Friday & Saturday August 12-13**  
**ELY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL - 150 YEARS!**

The City and Planning Committee are hard at work putting together a weekend packed full of fun events and activities to commemorate the special occasion, including Pig Chip Bingo, Slowest Bicycle Races, a Dad Joke Competition, live music and SO much more! Watch for Sesquicentennial updates on the Facebook event page, on the City of Ely’s Facebook or visit the City website at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com). More details will be released in the coming months. RSVP to the event online to stay up to date on all the new information!

