

## Progress Back to Normal

July 4th weekend is upon us and it looks a lot more normal than this time one year ago. The Fireman's Pancake Breakfast is back on along with the 4th of July Parade which starts at 6pm. I will be at the front of the parade escorting the Grand Marshal, Josh Entler, our Ely Citizen of the Year. Please make sure you cheer extra hard for Josh as we drive by! I also get the question each year what time the fireworks are on the 4th. The city does not actually shoot off fireworks on the 4th, that happens during Fall Fest in September, however Ely residents do a fine job lighting up the sky so just sit back and enjoy from the comfort of your own back lawn! Now let's get you caught up on the month.

First off, council rescinded the requirement for masks inside city buildings. This was voted on after reviewing the updated CDC guidelines, feedback from staff and actions of other surround communities.

Next council approved a 4-way stop at Dows Street and Walker Street downtown. The request was made by staff and reviewed by the library and some downtown businesses. The signs will be installed as soon as they come in and the public will be reminded about the new stop signs through city social media outlets.

Lastly, departments took the time and presented to council all of the accomplishments over the past year, which were vast, including new park equipment, road improvements, new equipment for Public Works to better serve the community, updates to staffing, process improvements and more. We have a wonderful staff here in Ely and I appreciate their dedication to our town every day. They are truly here to serve the community!

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. Hopefully I get to see some of you during the 4th of the July festivities. Until next time!

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