



## Events Calendar

**Sunday, April 6  
American Legion  
Breakfast**

7 a.m. - noon

**Friday, April 25  
Ely Parks  
Clean-Up Day**

**Saturday, April 26  
3rd Annual Plant  
Swap**

**Saturday, May 3  
Citywide Garage  
Sale Day  
Friends of the  
Library Annual Book  
Sale at Ely Library**

**Saturday, May 17  
Ely Spring Spruce  
Up Day**

**Saturday, June 7  
Ely Firefighters  
Waterball Fights**  
Noon until 4 p.m.  
Ely Fire Department

**Friday, July 4  
Ely Firefighters'  
Breakfast**

**Saturday, September 27  
Fall Fest!**

### At Your Service - Sewer Problems

Residents experiencing slow drains, sewers, and/or sewer backups are encouraged to call City Hall at 848-4103, or after office hours and on weekends at 848-7603, as soon as possible. A random blockage in the City's main may be creating the problem. Ely Public Works will check the main and clean any blockages in the main. Blockages located in the home sewer system are the responsibility of the homeowner. Ely has a scheduled inspection and maintenance program of the sanitary sewer system. Please be aware that, according to case law, if a city maintains an inspection and maintenance program they cannot be held responsible for any damage resulting from sewer main back-ups.

### Have Breakfast at the Ely American Legion!

Start the morning of Sunday, April 6 enjoying breakfast with champions! The Annual Legion Breakfast is Sunday, April 6th from 7AM to 12 PM at the Legion Hall, 1545 Main St. in Ely. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under the age of 12 and kids 5 and under will be admitted free. Tickets are available from Legion members prior to the breakfast and will also be available at the door. On the menu: pancakes, fried potatoes with or without onion & caraway, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, biscuits & gravy, milk, juice and coffee. Mark your calendar now and come enjoy.

### What You Need to Know:

## Emergency Sirens & Severe Weather

### Take shelter immediately when the Fire/Emergency sirens sound continuously for three minutes!

Ely's Fire/Emergency sirens sound for three continuous minutes when there is a severe weather event like a tornado or thunderstorm with dangerous winds in the area. Go to shelter in a windowless room in your basement or the lowest level of your home immediately when the sirens sound for 3-minutes. Take shelter in the innermost room of the lowest level of your home if you do not have a basement. After you are safely in shelter check local radio, TV or other local media for more information on the weather emergency.

Linn County Emergency Management Agency (LCEMA) partnered with our trained weather spotters will closely monitor the weather conditions and activate the sirens from the Ely Fire Department when dangerous high winds or tornados become a threat to the area. Additionally, with radar indicated weather situations Linn County EMA will direct our weather spotters to activate the sirens as well. An "All-Clear" siren will sound for 1 continuous minute once the severe weather event has passed.

**The last Monday month, the sirens will be tested by Ely Fire Department.** There are 3 sirens located within the city. What you will hear is one short buzz followed by voice warning, this will cycle 3 times, one for each siren.

**Why is the siren sounding for three long wails on a sunny day, snowy day, rainy day?** This will happen when fire and rescue have been called to respond to a non-weather related emergency or meeting. You will hear wail 1~30 second pause, wail 2~30 second pause and then wail 3.

### Join Us in Giving Ely's Parks Some TLC April 25

We need you to join a crew of community minded Prairie Point Middle School volunteers and the Ely Park & Rec gang in giving our city parks some tender loving care during this year's annual Parks Clean-Up Day starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 25. Please contact City Hall at 848-4103 or Parks & Recreation Commission via email at elyparks@gmail.com to let us know you are helping out. Please join us at City Hall (1570 Rowley Street) starting at 10:00 AM if you have some energy and a little free time to get our parks ready for another great year of fun!

### Emerald Ash Borer

Trees Forever recently announced: "The invasive insect pest Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has now been officially identified in six Iowa counties: Allamakee, Black Hawk, Cedar, Des Moines, Jefferson, and Union. As a result, a statewide quarantine restricting the movement of hardwood firewood, ash logs, wood chips, and ash tree nursery stock out of Iowa into non-quarantined areas of other states has been issued effective Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Specifically, homeowners must not remove ash trees or firewood to an area outside the quarantine. Tree removal companies must not haul logs or firewood outside the quarantine area unless inspected and treated as required by the regulations." The Iowa DNR reports that all varieties of Ash tree are susceptible to the EAB infestation.

# Ely Spring Spruce-Up Day

**THIS ANNUAL EVENT, OFFERED EXCLUSIVELY  
TO RESIDENTS WITHIN ELY CITY LIMITS ONLY**

**Saturday, May 17**

**Gates open at 8:30 AM & close at 12:30 PM**

Take your items to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1124 Vista Road. As in the past there will be dumpsters for large bulky items. Linn County Solid Waste Agency will be on site to collect household hazardous wastes along with Midwest Electronic Recovery to collect electronic components. Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic, help unload items and maintain a comfortable level of cooperative chaos! If you would like to volunteer please call City Hall for details.

The following list shows Household Hazardous Waste Collection items and E-Waste items that can and cannot be accepted for disposal at Ely's drop off site on Clean-Up Day:

#### Electronic Items Accepted: E-WASTE

Audio/visual equipment • CDs/DVDs/Videos  
CD & cassette players  
Hard drives, keyboards, monitors  
Fax machines, copiers & toner cartridges  
Cell phones and palm pilots  
Video game consoles • Satellite dishes  
Extension cords & Christmas lights

Computer Software  
Blu-ray/DVD players & VCRs  
Scanners, laptops, printers  
Radios, stereos, record players, clocks  
iPod/MP3 players • Televisions & speakers  
Cameras, film, digital movie & video

#### Acceptable Bulky Household Items and Large Appliances Accepted:

There will be a separate dumpster for these items.

Furnaces/Air Conditioners  
Dishwashers • Microwaves  
Stoves/Ovens • Trash compactors  
Box springs/Mattresses • Furniture  
Home construction/Remodeling debris

Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers  
Washers/Dryers • Refrigerators/Freezers  
Furnaces/Water heaters • PCB Ballasts  
Carpet/Carpet padding

#### Acceptable Miscellaneous Items

Appliances and other large bulky items  
Patio furniture Old worn floorings  
Car/Bike tires (LIMITED to 6 and MUST BE OFF RIM)

Damaged toys, old bicycles  
Many household items

**Scrap Metal:** Clean metal only, free of plastic, glass, oil or gas. Aluminum, cast iron, exercise equipment, file cabinets, fire pit rings, grills, lawn mowers, metal shelving, snow blowers, swing sets, wrought iron. Take advantage of the time from now until the event to gather your items that can be safely discarded during clean-up day. If you have any questions please call City Hall. Residents are encouraged to properly and safely discard items with this valuable service.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

#### Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste:

Oil based paints • Spray paint cans  
Solvents and varnishes • Stains and thinners  
Wood preservatives • Floor care products  
Brake fluid • Bug sprays  
Weed killer and pesticides

Adhesives, glues, resins  
Stain removers • Degreasers  
Furniture polishes • Metal polishes  
Kitchen/bathroom cleansers  
Kerosene and gasoline

#### UNACCEPTABLE Household/Hazardous Waste:

Latex paint or caulk  
Antifreeze • Oil & oil filters  
Sharps or medical waste • Glass of any type  
Scrap metal • Explosives & Ammunition  
Household garbage • Brush/Yard waste

Tires • Batteries  
Fluorescent tubes  
Computers, televisions, Ewaste  
Smoke detectors • Appliances

**The City of Ely reserves the right to refuse or divert materials to the Linn County Landfill.** You will be directed to the landfill if you have more than a few items to discard. Each home or business is allowed ONE trip to the Waste Water Treatment Plant to drop off items. You will need to go to the landfill if you have more to dispose of than one trip will allow. You will be given vouchers to drop off at the landfill. You can drop at the landfill multiple times and will need a voucher for each load.

Last year's event cultivated a cleaner, safer environment with the proper disposal of E-Waste: 11 monitors, 44 non-console TV's, 4 console TV's, 16 complete PC's, 72 large home appliances, many tires, courtesy voucher issued pick-up loads of solid waste land filled weighing 16.49 tons, 1,429 units of household hazardous waste, batteries, antifreeze, 324 pounds of used oil and a large dumpster full of cardboard. Pretty impressive numbers! Taking care of our environment, taking care of our future.



### Help Yourself to Ely's Abundant Bounty o'Compost!

Compost is available for Ely residents to load up and haul away from the Ely compost pile for free. The compost will have some larger twigs and so forth and is useable for outdoor gardens and plantings. The useable compost is from grass clippings and other yard waste Ely residents dropped off. It is available to any Ely residents to pick up, haul away and use as you need.

### Ely's Community Garden

Do you want more (or any) space to grow your own fresh vegetables? If so, Ely's community garden is your opportunity for more gardening space. Garden plots are near Ely's water tower on Jappa Road and will be awarded on a lottery basis. Gardeners need to follow Ely's community garden rules. EDGE and the City will not be responsible for the vagaries of gardening in a public place. Please contact City Hall or Bob Ballantyne at robert.ballantyne.edge@gmail.com by April 15 if you are interested in a patch of your own in Ely's community garden.

### Ely Spring Kids Soccer and Baseball

Kids soccer and baseball leagues start up soon, so kids in the Ely area are going to be busy playing soccer and baseball thanks to the hard working Ely Parks & Rec crew.

• **Soccer Games** – Mondays from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM April 7th through May 5th, at Community Center Park. There will be two weeks of practice and three weeks of games.

• **Baseball Games** – Monday through Thursday starting May 12th and running through June 30th. Teams play at Ely City Park (North end of Hillcrest Street) and the College Community campus. Practice starts in late April.

More information and schedules online at [www.elyiowa.com/Ely\\_Recreation&Leagues.htm](http://www.elyiowa.com/Ely_Recreation&Leagues.htm).

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Ely Community TV  
Channel 266  
South Slope Digital Video

Phone/Fax: 848-4103  
After Hours Emergency  
Only: 848-7603

Regular business hours:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meetings:  
2nd Monday each month  
7:00 p.m. in the Council  
Chambers 2nd floor.  
Public is welcome and  
encouraged to attend.

## ITC to Build a New Electric Transmission Line

ITC Midwest recently announced they will begin construction of a new 69 KV transmission line in the Ely area to replace an existing 34.5 KV transmission line that serves Ely and the surrounding area. The new transmission line will bypass Ely by crossing Ely Road at 76th Avenue, run to Ivanhoe Road than south to Rogers Grove Rd and Hoosier Creek Rd. ITC reports they plan to start work this May and expects to finish by the end of 2014. Contact ITC at (877)482-4829 for more information.

## Reminder - Renew Your Ely Golf Cart & ATV Permit

It is time to renew your Ely Golf Cart/ATV permit; if you haven't already. Your annual golf cart/ATV permit was supposed to be renewed by April 1, so it is essential that you renew it as soon as possible. The registration fee is \$25 per year and the City Clerk/Administrator has to inspect the vehicle before issuing or renewing a registration. Stop by City Hall Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM. to 5:00 PM to renew your permit.

## St John Lutheran Church Building Addition

The Ely Board of Adjustment approved a pair of requests from St John Lutheran Church in Ely, related to their plans to build an addition to the church at 1420 Walker Street. The Board of Adjustment approved a Special Exception to build an 8,000 square foot addition to the church and a variance from the requirement for St John Lutheran to provide off-street parking related to the building addition. The church is working to expand their building to add offices, classroom space and to increase the seating capacity of the sanctuary.

## Looking to the Future - "White Topping" Ely Road

The Linn County Secondary Roads Department is working on plans to resurface Ely Road with a concrete overlay. They currently plan to perform related ditch and culvert work this summer and place the new "white top" surface during summer of 2015. Linn County plans to "White Top" Ely Road (or State Street in Ely) from 76th Avenue to Ely's north city limits (roughly Harger's Acoustics), and from our south city limit to Seven Sisters Road. Linn County will add a roughly 8-inch thick layer of concrete on top of the existing roadway. Contact Linn County Secondary Roads at (319)892-6400 for more information.

## Ely Winter Farmers Market

Stop by Ely's Winter Farmers Market in the Library Meeting room for a great variety of locally produced food and goodies. The Winter Market is from 8:00 AM. to noon Saturday, April 12 & 26. The Outdoor Farmers Market starts up by the Community Center Saturday, May 3rd. Contact Ali Alldredge, 848-2036 or [elyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:elyfarmersmarket@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a vendor for the winter or summer markets.

## Are You Ready to Install or Repair Your Sidewalk?

Is the sidewalk in front of your house in poor condition? Or, maybe you are thinking of putting in a new sidewalk in front of your place. The City of Ely offers a program to help with your cost to install new sidewalk, or repair deteriorated sidewalk, and will provide \$1.75 per square foot when you do either. You can do the work yourself or hire a contractor of your choice; just call City Hall (848-4103) to let us know where you are and what you plan to do.

*Save the Date for Fall Fest!*  
*September 27, 2014*

The 2014 version of Ely's annual autumnal community celebration is set for Saturday, September 27. The Ely Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact the P&R Crew at 319-848-4103 or email us at [elyparks@gmail.com](mailto:elyparks@gmail.com) if you, or your organization, are willing to offer your time and talents for Fall Fest. Interested groups can help out as a service project or as a potential fundraiser for their organization. Visit us on the web at [www.elyiowa.com](http://www.elyiowa.com) for the newest Fall Fest info.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Website

Have you visited our website?

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

### Cook's Corner

#### Deluxe Egg Salad

3 oz cream cheese, softened  
2 T butter or margarine, softened  
2 T finely chopped celery  
3 T mayonnaise  
1 tsp grated onion  
1 tsp sugar  
1/2 tsp lemon juice  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/8 tsp pepper  
6 hard boiled eggs, peeled and chopped fine

In medium bowl, combine cream cheese and butter; stir until smooth. Stir in celery, mayonnaise, onion, sugar, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Fold in eggs. Cover; chill at least 1 hour. Serve on fresh bread of your choice.

### 3rd Annual Plant and Landscape Tack Swap is Saturday, April 26!

Plants of all types and sizes are welcome along with other garden related items at the Swap, Saturday, April 26 in front of Ely City Hall from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We happily accept yard art, mulch, tools, pots, planters, bird baths and lawn furniture. The purpose of the swap is to have FUN! Our goal is for gardeners to gather, share plants, and exchange ideas, and to help new gardeners get started.

For anyone looking to swap their plants or to get plants from other gardeners, bring your plants or something to barter. Bring 5 and swap 5, bring 2 and swap 2. The number of items you bring can be swapped 1 to 1. Items remaining at the end of the swap will be cultivated back in to Ely by being placed in the parks and along the trail. If you are interested in helping with this let one of the volunteers know. What a great way to start a "Garden Club"!

### 11th Annual Ely Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 19, 2014 10:00 AM**  
**Ely Community Center Park**

Before the event you need to fill one dozen plastic eggs with candy or toys for each child that will participate in the hunt. Drop your filled eggs off by Friday, April 18 at 1925 Southbrook Drive in Ely. The organizers will hide the eggs Saturday morning. Each child will be allowed to pick up one dozen eggs during the hunt. The younger children will get a head-start. All children are welcome.

