

Large Item Pick-Up

One large item per week may be picked up free;
You must call 285-4841 to schedule a pickup.

The following items may be picked up: furniture, mattress/box springs, toilets, non-metal sinks, small appliances, empty paint cans with the lid off, carpeting rolled & tied in 4 ft sections under 50 lbs. Large boxes full of junk are not considered large items.

The following items may be dropped off at the City Shop: stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters and waste oil.

Construction materials must be taken directly to the landfill. E-waste, such as computers or TVs or fluorescent bulbs may be recycled free of charge at the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility (1048 East 59th Street, Davenport)

City NUMBERS TO KNOW:

City Hall 285-4841
City Hall (After Hours) 328-4853
Police (Non-Emergency) 285-9822
Community Center 285-0123
Fitness Center 285-9561

CITY COUNCIL (dates of term expiration)

Frank King (01-02-26)

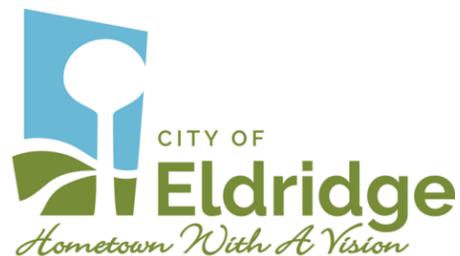
Councilmembers:

Dan Collins (01-02-26)

Brian Dockery (01-02-26)

Bernie Peeters (01-02-24)

Bruce Cheek (01-02-24)



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Welcome to the Summer 2022 edition of the City of Eldridge's quarterly newsletter! If there's any information you'd like to see in the next edition or if you have a question or comment, please call 285-4841 or visit our website at www.CityofEldridgeIA.org or our Facebook page. We're here to serve you.



Have you heard? Eldridge will be switching from Code Red to Alert Iowa in June of 2022. Alert Iowa is one of the most reliable ways to stay informed of the items you are most interested in. The following types of text, email, and phone notifications are available in Alert Iowa:

- Weather Warnings & Advisories
- Delays in trash and recycling pick up
- Road Closures



Let Us Work Together in Taking Better Care of Our City.

The City of Eldridge needs your help. We are looking for volunteers to focus on cleanup in targeted areas throughout the city that need some cleaning up. Please visit www.cityofeldridgeia.org to sign up!

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Eldridge Happenings

City of Eldridge Newsletter - Hometown with a Vision

Volume 2022 Summer Issue



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

COME JOIN THE ELDRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR A FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

There will be \$5 burger and hotdog baskets with chips and a drink! KONA ICE! **Bounce Houses!** K-9 Demonstrations, Emergency Vehicle Tours, Face Painting, Drunk goggles golf cart course, The Seatbelt Convincer, **LIVE** radio DJ, **Special Guests:** Spider-Man, CHASE from PAW PATROL, a Magician, McGruff, The Mayor of Eldridge and many others. **HUGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 8:30**, there will also be a Silent Auction with AWESOME prizes! **AND SO MUCH MORE!!** Follow this event on FB "1st Annual National Night Out & Eldridge Police Department" for updates!

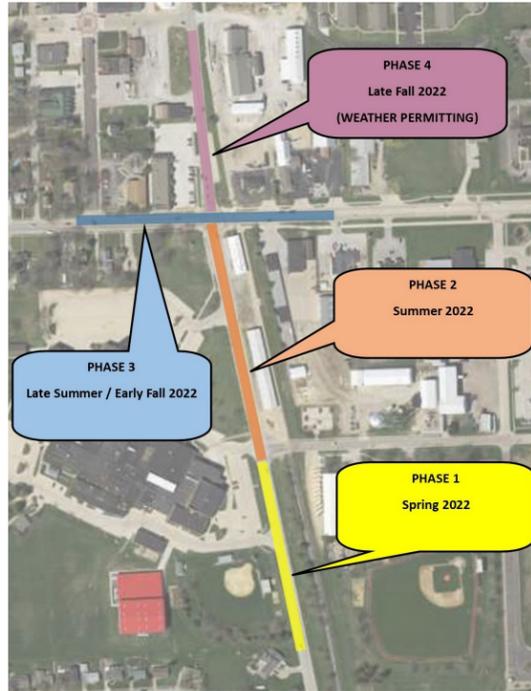
Honoring our Past

You may have noticed some exciting things happening at Sanctuary Garden. This project has been in the works for some time, and we are excited with the progress. A beautifully laid out path now leads you around the outskirts of the park, from which you can view our progress on the remaining phases of the project. Still to come: beautiful serene landscaping, a new gazebo, and a commemorative sign. We were also very fortunate to receive a \$3,000 grant from Mid-American Energy Trees. Please, to purchase trees for all to enjoy.



First St and LeClaire Intersection Construction

The \$4.8 million First Street and LeClaire intersection widening project is underway. This project will be done in four phases and is set to move from south to north, with hopes of wrapping up before winter begins. Along with widening the lanes, there will be new turning lanes and traffic lights, new sanitary sewer, water mains, and underground electric. Please look for updates on the City's website.



Prepare for an increased electric bill this summer

Energy prices across the country are on the rise due to a combination of factors. These include increased commodity prices and higher than normal natural gas prices. Natural gas is used to generate a large majority of the energy in the Midwest. EMU (Eldridge Municipal Utilities) wholesale cost has increased due to natural gas prices.

MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator) has indicated that there will be a capacity shortfall this year. This is due to the increased transition to renewables such as wind and solar and the retirement of coal generation. The shortfall means an additional increase in EMU's wholesale cost.

In 2020 EMU added a PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) to their electric rates. The PCA reflects fluctuating costs to purchase and generate electricity. An increase or decrease in the PCA is dependent on market conditions. The PCA is included on your monthly statement and may be a credit or a charge depending on market conditions.

Over the past twelve months, EMU was able to credit its customers through the PCA. This was all possible due to lower-than-expected energy costs in 2021.

While our community often benefits from a low cost of living, energy prices are rising nationwide. The increase in commodity prices and higher than normal energy prices will affect the PCA. Eldridge customers should expect to see an increase in the PCA over the next several months. The PCA is designed to cover the increasing or decreasing cost to purchase and generate electricity. EMU does not profit from the PCA in any way. Rest assured that EMU is committed to keeping electric rates as low as possible.

Moving Forward Eldridge Municipal Utilities will continue to monitor costs and work to ensure we will be financially solvent for years to come. We believe we can continue to provide excellent service at a reasonable cost for our community now and into the future.

Avoid Poo-llution

On the Right Side of the Law

Picking up your pet's waste is not only neighborly and loving to your pet...it's the law. City of Eldridge code, Chapter 10, 1.09 states:
 A. An owner or custodian of any animal shall keep all structures, pens, coops, or yards wherein an animal is confined clean and free from excrement and the odor arising from excrement. Such area shall also be clean and free of vermin and any thing that is likely to become putrid, offensive, or injurious to health. An area, structure, pen, coop, or yard not maintained in a clean and sanitary condition may be declared a public nuisance.

B. It shall be unlawful for an owner or custodian to permit an animal to discharge excrement upon any public property, common area, common thoroughfare, street, sidewalk, alley, play area, park or private property unless the excrement is immediately picked up and disposed of in an appropriate refuse container. If the owner of private property has given another owner or custodian permission for their animal to use their private property then this section shall not apply to that particular usage.

C. Animal excrement shall not be placed in storm sewers or street gutters, but shall be picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner in an appropriate refuse container.

The Facts about dog poop

Dog Poop Doesn't Biodegrade Like wild Animal Poop
 Because we feed our dogs food that's very different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. And because of the sheer number of pets in neighborhoods and in local parks, this hardy dog waste accumulates. The only way it disappears is when it gets picked up by dog owners.

Dog Poop Contains Harmful Bacteria, Parasites

Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E. coli, giardia, salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to you or your pet, and may cause health problems.

Dog Waste Pollutes Groundwater, Water Bodies

Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers, and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors. Waste can be carried by storm drains into the Mississippi River.

Stop up at City Hall and pick up a free pet waste bag dispenser and help keep our community clean.



www.casperwy.gov/residents/environment_and_waste/stormwater/scoop_the_poop

Thankful for Grants

The City of Eldridge and The Eldridge Police Department have received some great news in the past month. They have both received grants from different organizations and we want to let you know what they are, and how thankful we are to have been chosen to receive them.

The Scott County Regional Authority awarded The City of Eldridge \$48,872 for the Sheridan Meadows Park Improvements project. These funds will be used to replace the lights and light poles at Sheridan Meadows diamonds #1 & 2.

The Eldridge Police Department received a \$31,825 grant from the Regional Development Authority. This grant money will be used to purchase new toughbook laptop computers and docking stations for each of the patrol cars. Communicating with other law enforcement agencies is a very vital part of the job, and with this grant we were able to replace them years before we would have been able to without it.

Share What You Know. Stop Scams.

Chances are good that someone you know has been scammed. They may not talk about it, but the statistics do. The truth is that sharing what you know can help protect someone who you know from a scam. Here are some common types of scams:

- Identity Theft
- Imposter Scams
- Health Care Scams
- "You've Won" Scams
- Home Repair Scams
- Money Mule Scams
- Work-at-home scams
- Charity Fraud
- Phishing Emails

If you receive a text or email:

- Demanding a call back (with possible threats of consequences)
 - ~Do not call back
 - ~Research and find the correct number, and call them to verify the authenticity
 - ~And remember never give personal information out over the phone.

If it seems suspicious, go with your gut and do not trust until verified. For more information please visit www.ftc.gov/passiton



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The 2021 Eldridge Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at www.cityofeldridgeia.org/utilities or by request from City Hall.

To report a power outage after business hours call 328-4853!