

## Centennial Park bathroom project finished!

Thanks to \$25,000 grants from the Scott County Regional Authority and Regional Development Authority.

Thanks to grants last fall from the Scott County Regional Authority and Regional Development Authority a bathroom has been built in Centennial Park this year. The facility opened at the beginning of October.

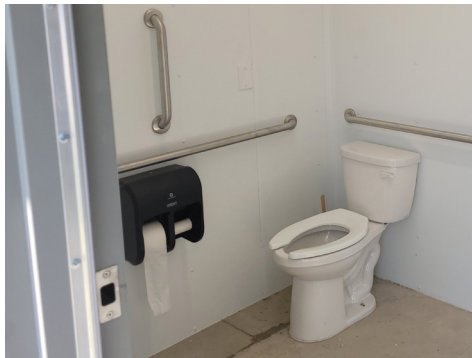
This project was spearheaded by Eldridge Billing Clerk Ashley Lacey with the approval of the Eldridge Park Board.

The bathroom is handicapped accessible and connected to the sidewalk that encircles the park. It is conveniently located next to the baseball diamond on the east side of the park. In past years the City has had to use porta-potties to serve citizens at this location.

This will be a welcome addition to the City as the shelter at Centennial Park is a popular place for the community to host birthday parties, anniversaries, family reunions and other events throughout the summer. To reserve the shelter please contact City Hall at 563-285-4841. The park is also the home of several summer programs and features a baseball diamond that is well used during the summer months.

The project was built by the Eldridge construction firm Quad City Construction Services. This local company has been involved in several other City projects over the years.

This new amenity is expected to serve residents for years to come.



**GO GREEN  
THIS FALL  
AND \$AVE!**



Did you know that more efficient appliances, LED lighting and heating and cooling can save you money on your utility bill each month? You could also receive a rebate when you purchase qualifying items. See this link for more details and an application:

<https://www.cityofeldridgeia.org/rebates>

**Hometown  
Holiday**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
DOWNTOWN ELDRIDGE

**More information  
inside!**

# Hometown Holiday!

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce's Hometown Holiday returns on Friday, December 6th! This is a free family event that the entire North Scott Community is welcome to attend.

The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Eldridge and will feature the following:

Photos with Santa at the fire station! This year, you can snap a photo with Santa yourself! We ask that each family brings a donation of a non-perishable food item for the food pantry or a monetary donation that will go toward supporting the food pantry's work. Donations can be given to Santa's helpers (the Donahue Fire Dept. and Fire Explorers) who will be at the door of the fire station.

S'mores with the Lions Club! The Lions Club will be set up in Wiese Park providing free s'mores for roasting over an open fire.

Free carriage ride! Take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage around downtown in true winter wonderland fashion! The line begins at the Gazebo across from 2 Sisters Resale Shop.

New this year! FolkInart Studio has invited the McCarty Farm Alpacas to her back garden! Stop over to pet them or feed them a holiday snack!

Visit Downtown Businesses! Many downtown businesses will be open, sharing holiday cheer, treats, and activities! Stop by and visit and see the wonderful shops that make up our downtown! Shop, browse and visit with our local entrepreneurs!

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Music and Caroling in the streets! From 5:30-6pm listen to the sweet sounds of the North Scott Junior High and Senior High Choirs as they wander the streets singing classic tunes for the season! The Ukeladies will be performing in Mike's FloorPro and the North Scott High School String Quartet will be performing in Meadows on 2nd. The Eldridge Police Department will be announcing their "Shop with a Cop" winners in Weisse Park at 6:20.

Dancing in the Streets! Weather permitting, at 6:30pm, Tina's Dance Studio will perform an excerpt from the Nutcracker and an excerpt from their Holiday Spectacular in front of the fire station! Come see some spectacular dancing and entertainment and support local artists!

The 2nd Annual Grinch Hunt is on! Kids can pick up a Grinch Hunt card, find seven grinch faces around hometown holiday, and then submit the card at the B100 table or in FolkInart Studio for a chance to win a pair of ultimate experience tickets from the FunStation.

Wreath Contest! The Annual Deck the Doors Wreath Decoration and Raffle kicks off! Volunteers decorate beautiful wreaths and donate them to be raffled off at the Fire Station during photos with Santa! You can stop by and view the wreaths and purchase raffle tickets during the Hometown Holiday. Simply put your raffle tickets in the bucket by your favorite wreaths and you might

win that wreath to take home! Raffle winners will be contacted the following week. All proceeds go to the North-Scott Food Pantry to support our community. For every dollar donated, five meals are furnished to families in need! Call the Chamber if you wish to donate a decorated wreath!

The North Scott's own Grinch will be wandering around the event, spreading holiday cheer! Be sure to say hello!

This winter event would not be possible without the help of the City of Eldridge, the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department, the North Scott FFA, and the many businesses that participate. Hometown Holiday is a great event and we invite you to come and bring the family! ! For the most up-to-date information about this event, follow the North Scott Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce puts on several excellent events through the year. In 2025, keep an eye out for our Annual Golf Outing, Summer Concert Series, Moonlight Chase, North Scott Experience Virtual Auction, and more.

## 2023 Eldridge Water Quality Report

Follow this link:

[https://www.cityofeldridgeia.org/\\_files/ugd/3cc86b\\_cace52856d6345cdb3d508d7f13361cc.pdf](https://www.cityofeldridgeia.org/_files/ugd/3cc86b_cace52856d6345cdb3d508d7f13361cc.pdf)

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FREE FAMILY FUN!  
MEET SANTA CLAUS IN THE FIRE STATION!  
CHRISTMAS WALK CARRIAGE RIDES  
CAROLERS AND LIVE MUSIC  
HOT CHOCOLATE CIDER WREATH RAFFLE  
HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS  
S'MORES AND MANY OTHER TREATS



WE'RE FILLING SANTA'S SLEIGH FOR THE NORTH SCOTT FOOD PANTRY!

PLEASE BRING A CASH DONATION OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND DROP IN THE SLEIGH IN THE FIRE STATION OR AT THE BOOKMOBILE!

EVENT SPONSORS:

**First Central State Bank**  
Bruce Builders  
DuTrac Community Credit Union  
Gottschalk Service Co.  
Dominos Pizza

**First Trust & Savings Bank**  
North Scott HyWee  
US Bank  
The Fun Station  
Amhof Trucking

**Central Broadband**  
Mediacom  
Jansen Roofing  
D & D Wrecker

**North Scott Press**  
Classic Concepts Dentistry  
Big Bear Insurance  
Steve's AutoSales

CONSTITUENT	UNIT	TYPE	CLASS	STATUS	Notes
Asbestos	ML	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Barium	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Boron	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Calcium	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Chloride	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Copper	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Lead	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Manganese	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Nitrate	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Nitrite	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Total Dissolved Solids	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Total Hardness	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Total Suspended Solids	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Turbidity	NTU	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Fluoride	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Iron	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Sulfate	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD
Zinc	MG/L	MSD	MSD	MSD	MSD

## Meet your Mayor and City Council Members



**Mayor**  
**Frank**  
**King**



**City Council**  
**Adrian**  
**Blackwell**



**City Council**  
**Scott**  
**Campbell**



**City Council**  
**Dan**  
**Collins**



**City Council**  
**Brian**  
**Dockery**



**City Council**  
**Ryan**  
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## Meet our newest staff members!

This week city staff welcomed Letty Goslowsky, the new Finance Manager/City Clerk. With over 14 years of Public Service experience, Letty's passion and commitment to the public will be an asset to the continued successful growth of our City.

### Letty Goslowsky



**City Finance Manager**

with a Bachelor of Business Degree in Business Management, she possesses the distinct advantage of both education and real-world experience.

Outside of work, Letty enjoys reading, cooking, watching football and most importantly spending times with her close-knit family.

Letty's experience in the public sector includes project and program management, finance, human resources, and team leadership. Because Eldridge is a smaller community, these qualifications will be beneficial in her new role, as management staff are often tasked with a variety of job duties.

As a graduate of Western Illinois University



### Amber Lindle

**Utility Billing Clerk**

Amber Lindle is a North Scott graduate and resides in Eldridge with her husband Brent and their two children.

She has previously worked for a contractor on the Rock Island Arsenal as an Office Manager and most recently worked for the North Scott School District.

She is very excited to be working for The City of Eldridge. She is looking forward to seeing and talking to the citizens of Eldridge on a daily basis, meeting new people and learning lots of new things.

**Follow Us on Facebook for a list of Upcoming Events!**



**Eldridge Community Center & Skatepark!**

Open Skates:

Friday Nights  
6-10 p.m. \$9 Admission  
Skate Rental \$2

Sundays  
1-4 p.m. \$7 Admission  
Skate Rental \$2

400 S. 16th Ave.  
Eldridge, Iowa  
563-285-0123

cityofeldridgeia.org



**Don't be caught with a full recycle bin or garbage can over the holidays! Check the pick up calendar today ...**

**2024 Garbage and Recycle Calendar**  
Follow this link:

[https://www.cityofeldridgeia.org/\\_files/ugd/9a7e9c\\_f81995873bc2438eacdce2141d18fe19.pdf](https://www.cityofeldridgeia.org/_files/ugd/9a7e9c_f81995873bc2438eacdce2141d18fe19.pdf)



## Meet your City Hall Staff



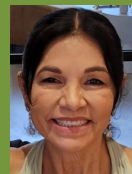
**City Admin**  
Nevada Lemke



**Assistant Admin**  
Jeff Martens



**Building Official**  
Ray Nees



**City Clerk**  
Martha Nieto



**Billing Clerk**  
Ashley Lacey



**Billing Clerk**  
Sadie Wagner

# Homeowners Guide: Winter Salt Use

## Street to Stream, No Treatment in Between

Many use salt to deice driveways, sidewalks and other surfaces for safety purposes. What you may not know is that the salt eventually washes off those surfaces into storm drains in your neighborhood that feed directly into local waterways without filtration. Deicers reduce the freezing point of water that converts snow and ice into a liquid. Most deicers contain chlorides that are harmful to the environment.

## The Concern with Chlorides

Salts contain pollutants called chlorides. Once chlorides get into the soil and water they don't go away. They harm aquatic life, vegetation, soils, concrete and cause rust on vehicles. The most commonly used salt is sodium chloride, magnesium and calcium chlorides are used too. Monitoring conducted in Iowa and neighboring states has revealed elevated chloride levels in streams. Iowa's waterways are freshwater not saltwater.

## What You Can Do

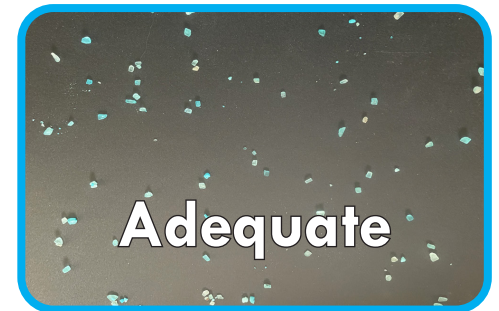
- Shovel, plow, or snow blow first

- Only use what you need in critical areas, more is not always better
- Sweep off any dry excess product and place it back in the container
- Use a hand spreader to more evenly spread the salt, avoid using cup or handfuls of salt
- Know that the most commonly used salt, sodium chloride, is not effective at temperatures below 15 F
- Use sand for traction during freezing rain/ice events

## Try Anti-Icing Ahead of the Snow Storm Using Salt Brine

Anti-icing is adding salt brine to pavement surfaces before a snow storm. It breaks the bonds between snow and ice and the pavement surface. A salt brine can be made by adding 13 lb of salt in 5 gallons of water to make the recommended 23.3% salt brine solution ([https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/Sustainable\\_Winter\\_Operations\\_Resources.asp](https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/Sustainable_Winter_Operations_Resources.asp)). Mix the brine until all of the salt is dissolved. It is recommended by University of Connecticut that a masonry sprayer be used to apply the liquid sever-

al hours before a storm. They recommend to start by applying about 0.25—0.5 gallons to a 10' x 50' area. Application rates should be adjusted based on experience. Spray in a row pattern with several inches of space between rows of spray. Don't over apply and cause slippery conditions. It is not recommended before freezing rain events.



## Other Deicers

There are alternative products that contain acetates, formates and organic products derived from beets and corn. These deicers don't contain chlorides. They don't persist in the environment and biodegrade. However, they can potentially decrease oxygen concentrations if they reach waterbodies. Some of the impacts may be reduced if the stormwater runoff is held in a basin or filtered through a stormwater practice. They generally are less corrosive and have less impact on vegetation.

**Find out more at the Iowa Stormwater Educational Partnership website:**  
[iowastormwater.org](http://iowastormwater.org)



## SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

After two (2) or more inches of snowfall, or any other time a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be parked off the street to allow snow removal. Parked vehicles found blocking the snow removal process will be ticketed and/or towed away at the owner's expense. It is further required that sidewalks are cleared as soon as possible after the snow stops. In the event such snow and/or ice remain more than thirty-six hours (36) hours, then the city may remove snow and/or ice at the owner's expense.

Special Snow Emergency Parking is available at these locations:

- City Parking Lot at N 3rd St & Franklin
- Water Building Lot at N. 5th & Donahue
- Faith Lutheran Church, N 5th St along the north edge of this lot
- United Methodist Church Lot in the area just off of South 2nd St
- Junior High School Lot on S 5th St in the SE corner of this lot
- On the street along Centennial Park, on the west side of N 3rd St and the east side of N 4th St, between Donahue and Davies Streets
- Cornerstone Baptist Church, E LeClaire Rd in the SE Corner of the parking lot

Each of these parking areas are identified with signs. All vehicles must be moved from these areas within 48 hours of the end of a snow emergency. Please contact us at City Hall at 563-285-4841 or the Police Station at 563-285-9822 if you cannot find a place to park and we can help you to find an acceptable place to park.

