

Thank you Scott County Regional Authority!

Hickory Creek Park soccer fields get irrigated thanks to a grant from the SCRA.

In spring of 2023 the City of Eldridge received a grant from the Scott County Regional Authority (SCRA) for \$25,000 to help with stage 2 of the irrigation project at the soccer fields in Hickory Creek Park.

The second stage of this irrigation was completed in the fall of 2023 by Puls Company of Eldridge.

The North Scott Soccer Club (NSSC) and the City of Eldridge are looking forward to green fields, no matter what the weather is this year. The build up of turf won't just look great, it will contribute to safer playing conditions for the children involved in the soccer program there.

The first stage of the irrigation project was completed by Puls Co. in 2022, the lowest of five



bidders on the project, at a cost of \$138,000.

The City partnered with the North Scott Soccer Club to complete stage 2 of the project. In addition to the SCRA grant the NSSC donated \$10,000 to help finish the project. Total cost of stage two of the project was \$67,000.

These soccer fields will serve over 400 youth

in the upcoming season. They will be used for practice on a nightly basis and hopefully will be the home of tournaments this year due to the increased quality of the fields because of the new irrigation system.

Please log onto www.northscottsoccerclub.com for more information on their program.

Centennial Park bathroom project started!

Thanks to fall grants from the Scott County Regional Authority and Regional Development Authority a bathroom will be built in Centennial Park this year.

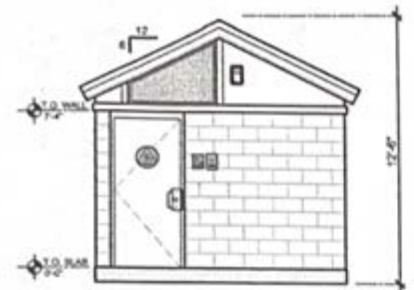
The City received a \$25,000 grant from each entity. The total cost of the project will be \$62,320. The Eldridge Park Board will be picking up the remainder of the cost.

The bathroom will be located on the north east side of the park east of the shelter. It will be handicapped accessible and will be able to be reached from sidewalks. In past years the City has had to use porta-potties to serve citizens at this location.

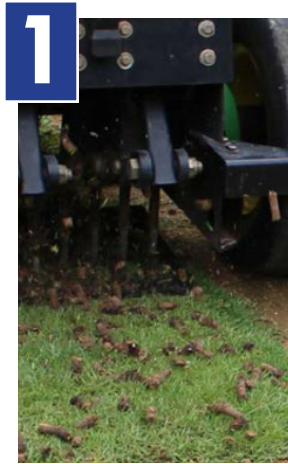
This will be a welcome addition as the shelter at Centennial Park is a popular place to host birthday parties, anniversaries, family reunions and other events throughout the summer. To reserve the shelter contact City Hall at 563-285-4841. The park is also the home of several summer programs. It also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

The bathroom will feature LED lighting, a water heater for the sink and a stool and urinal. It will have a concrete slab outside of the door with a sidewalk connecting to the city walk. It will have vinyl siding and asphalt shingles to match the concession stand.

The project will be built by the Eldridge construction firm Quad City Construction Services. They have done work for the City in the past as well as several area school districts. Construction is expected to begin this spring with completion later this summer.



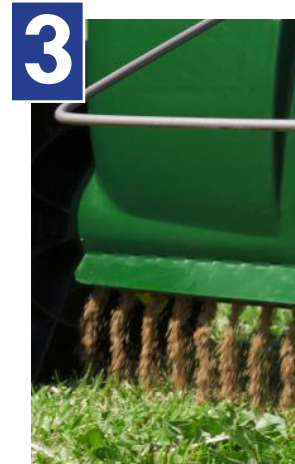
Soil Quality Restoration Program



1 Treat your lawn with deep-tine aeration. This practice decom-pacts your soils and opens up space for organic matter to move deeper into the soil profile.



2 Spread a minimum of 1/2 inch and maximum of 3/4 inch of compost on your aerated lawn. The rich organic matter will settle into the aerated soils to increase the organic content of your lawn.



3 Apply grass seed to the blanket of compost. The grass will quickly fill in, leaving you with a fuller, more beautiful lawn. (Seeding is not a reimbursable expense.)

Apply for a city grant! You may be eligible for a 50% match, up to a maximum of \$1,000, for your project.

This program is to improve the quality of storm water runoff and reduce the pollutants entering the City's storm sewer system and waterways through the use of best management practices (BMPs). The BMP chosen for this project is Soil Quality Restoration (SQR). This program started in 2022, and until all funds are expended, the City will be accepting applications for SQR. While funds are available, SQR projects are eligible for 50% funding up to a maximum match of \$1,000.

Only residential properties constructed prior to 2022 are eligible to participate in the program. The property owner is required to contract with a City accepted contractor for deep tine aeration and the application of a minimum of 1/2 inch to a maximum of 3/4 inch of compost.

The application of grass seed following the placement of compost is not eligible for reimbursement. Any costs associated with seeding will be fully at the expense of the property owner.

Applications will be processed within two weeks of submittal to the City of Eldridge.

Applications are available at city hall or at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2pknm5>

Questions regarding this application should be directed to info@cityofeldridgeia.org or by calling (563) 285-4841.

Instructions for Application

1. Complete the application form. Include a description of the project and sketch or plans for the project.
2. Contact any of the following approved landscape contractors for quotes for SQR work.
 - a. Able Lawn & Landscape 563.424.0441 ablelawns@gmail.com
 - b. All Around Landscaping 563.324.6450 lexie@allaroundtownservices.com
 - c. Valley Outdoor 563.320.2772 valleyoutdoorllc@gmail.com
 - d. Wood Lawn Maintenance 563.210.4969 brianjwood@mchsi.com
3. Attach project cost estimates or quotes.
4. The application is required to be signed by all property owners where this project will occur. If the project is for a homeowner's association or condominiums, the application must be signed by a board member authorized by the association.
5. Return completed application and supporting documents to the Eldridge City Hall: Attn: SQR Project, 305 N 3rd St., PO Box 375, Eldridge, IA 52748 or info@cityofeldridgeia.org
6. You will be notified by email, or mail in the case of no email address. Work must be completed within 6 months of notification of award by the City to the applicant.
7. The completed contractor certification needs to be returned prior to inspection and reimbursement.

Conditions

1. The applicant is responsible for the payment of all expenses associated with the work. Upon submittal of paid receipts and successful field review, the City will reimburse the applicant within 30 days.
2. Implementation of an approved project is the sole responsibility of the property owner. The City is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from said work.
3. Projects approved for funding carry no implied warranty by the City. Implementation and maintenance are the responsibility of the property owner.
4. The property owner is responsible for any local, state or federal permits that may be required.
5. Involve your neighbors. If your neighbors are not a part of the project, at least keep them informed and seek input before doing the work. Drainage issues have been known to cause years of ill will between neighbors.
6. Projects must be completed within a six month period of the applicant receiving notification from the City that the project has been approved for funding.
7. Projects must use Method 8 of the Iowa Stormwater Manual (<http://www.iowastormwater.org/>). Only existing yards are eligible.
8. The property owner shall return the completed contractor certification form to the City when the project is completed to schedule a field review of the project. When the field review verifies the project has been successfully completed, the City will reimburse the property owner within thirty days.

Meet your Mayor and City Council Members



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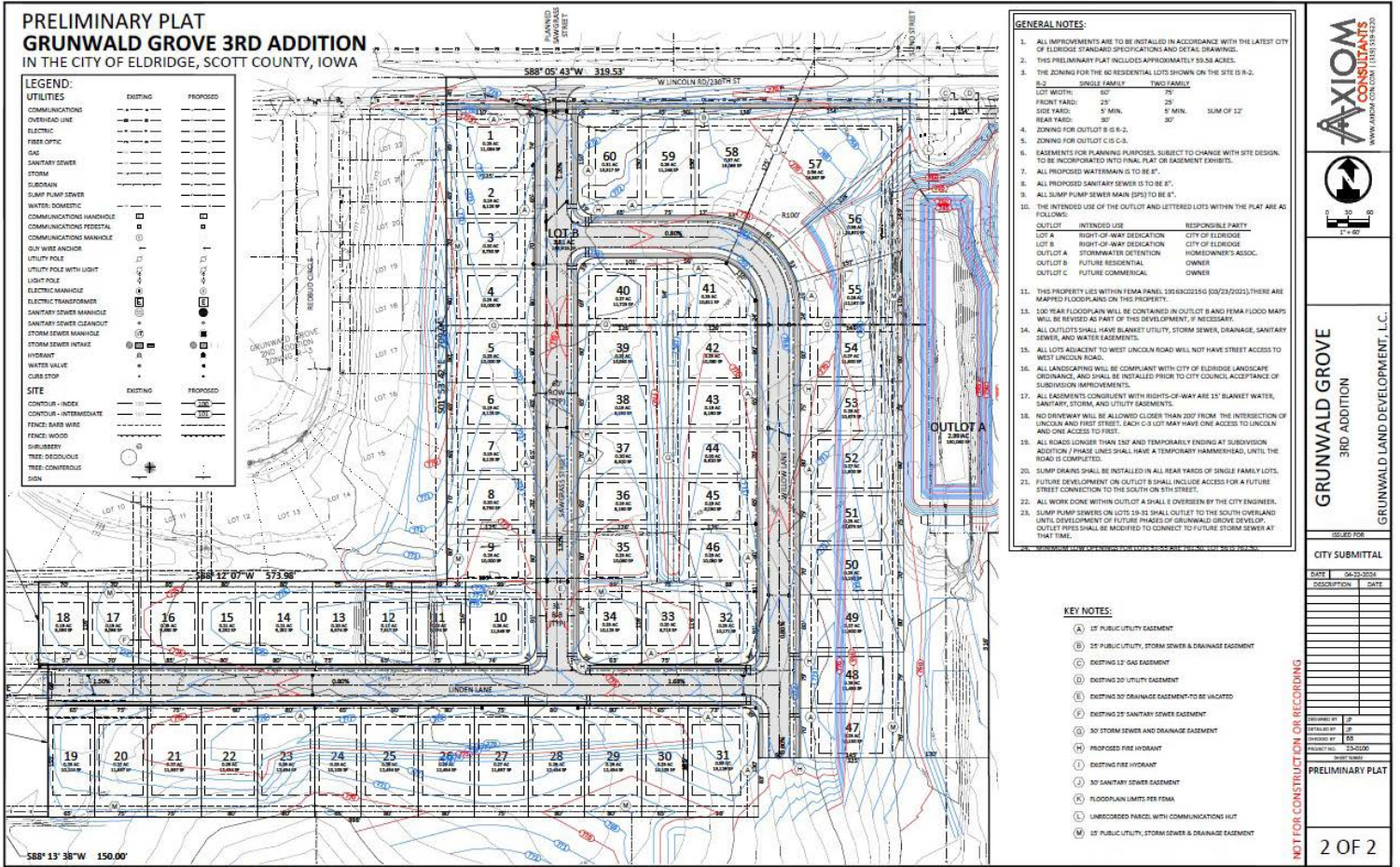


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Grunwald Grove keeps on going with a 3rd Addition



Pictured above is the preliminary plat for Grunwald Grove 3rd Addition which will be the next addition started by Dale and Jill Grunwald.







The third of seven proposed additions has been platted in Grunwald Grove, west of South 1st Street and south of Lincoln Road in Eldridge.

As work finishes up on the 1st Addition and continues on the 2nd Addition of Grunwald Grove, developers Dale and Jill Grunwald have announced plans for a 3rd Addition, and submitted the plat shown above to the Planning and Zon-

ing Commission and City Council for approval. The 3rd Addition will include 60 lots with single family homes connecting Linden Lane to their 1st Addition and Sawgrass Street to Lincoln Road. The addition will also create a new street named Willow Lane. Storm water retention will be handled with a wet pond in Outlot A adding a water feature to the east side of the subdivision. The area to the east is zoned commercial for future development. Residential development will continue to the south as seven residential additions are planned in Grun-

wald Grove. Development of the 1st Addition continues and only a few empty lots remain for sale. The 2nd Addition also continues with lots for sale for single family home outside Red Bud Circle. Four eight-plex condo units are proposed to be constructed in the center of Red Bud Circle. These units will be very similar to the units in Emily Acres on East Franklin Street that are in high demand. Site and construction plans are in the final stages for these condos right now and construction is expected to begin on them this spring.

Meet your City Hall Staff

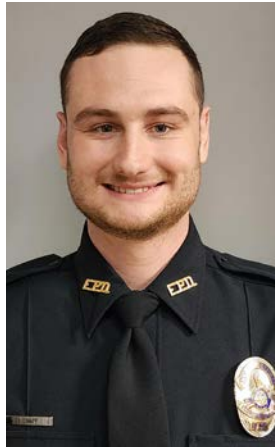
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Andrew Lellig
Eldridge Chief of Police

Eldridge Police Department News

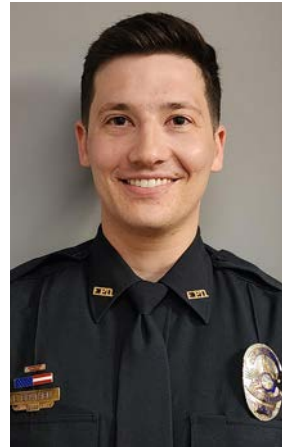
Two new officers hired, sworn in and hitting the streets in Eldridge.



Mahlan Sharf

Officer Mahlan Sharf was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 2016 and enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. He served four years as a rifleman and held billets such as: squad leader, team leader, drone operator, designated marksman, and combat marksmanship coach. He completed his active-duty enlistment in 2020 and attended college at California State University of Long Beach where he studied Psychology. After a semester there, he returned to Cedar Rapids and attended Kirkwood Community College majoring in Criminal Justice. In 2022, he was hired by Iowa City Police Department. He served for approximately a year before being hired by Eldridge Police Department. He enjoys going to the gym, collecting whiskey, and gaming.

Officer Leon Spataru graduated from Davenport Central High School in 2014. He served ten years in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in environmental science. He worked as a Sheriff Deputy with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office for two years before joining the Eldridge Police Department. Officer Spataru loves cars, heavy music, and spending time with his girlfriend and their golden doodle.



Leon Spataru






Eldridge Police Department 2024 K-9 GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024
Tee Time 9:00 a.m.

Join us rain or shine at
Rustic Ridge Golf Course,
1151 E Iowa St, Eldridge, Iowa
4 Person Best Ball Format
Prizes! Raffles! Fun!
Lunch will be provided.

Proceeds will benefit the Eldridge Police
Department K-9 Unit.
Questions call 563-285-3916

REGISTRATION

\$75
PER PERSON

\$300
PER TEAM

Limited Space!
Sign up your
team on the
City website!