

Did you know you can receive your utility bill online? Email us at utilitybiling@cityofeldridgeia.org and let us know you would like to change it. Also we have many ways you can set up to autopay.



Stop in and fill out a form for automatic withdrawal or go onto the city's website and set up an account which can make a payment monthly with your debit card or an e-check. If you need any help in setting anything up give us a call at City Hall and we would be more than happy to help!



Have you heard? Eldridge will be switching from Code Red to Alert Iowa 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:

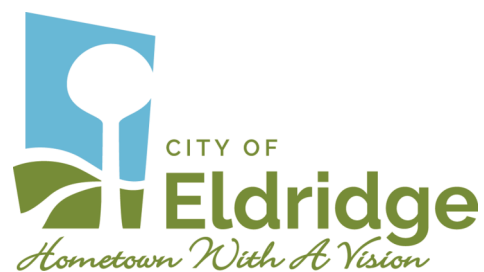
- Weather Warnings & Advisories
- Delays in trash and recycling pick up
- Road Closures

The grass is green, the sun is shining, popcorn is in the air...nothing is better

then playing a baseball game. You can now check the City of Eldridge's website, under the parks tab, there is a link that gives you the field's schedules.



Annual pet license renewals and registrations are due by April 30. Please have your dog or cat registered at the Police Department to avoid late fees.



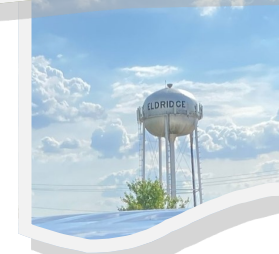
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Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the City of Eldridge's quarterly newsletter! If there's any information you'd like to see in the next edition or if you have a question or comment, please call 285-4841 or visit our website at www.CityofEldridgeIA.org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



Eldridge Happenings

City of Eldridge Newsletter - Hometown with a Vision

Volume 2022 Spring Issue

With Spring just starting, don't think progress has not been made at the new North Scott Community YMCA. With a projected opening date of the first week in October, we are extremely excited for everything the YMCA is going to offer to the community. The variety of amenities, include a six-lane competition pool, a zero-depth entry pool, a full size basketball court, a complete fitness area, a walking track, locker rooms, child watch and a workout room. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved to make this project happen, it will be a staple in the community for many generations to come.



Come Party With Us

Whether you want to roller skate or need a place to host a party, the Eldridge Community Center and Skatepark is the place to do it. We have birthday party packages or room rentals. Whatever you are looking for we can accommodate it.. Now with online booking it has never been easier. Follow the link on our Facebook page.

Open Skate Times: Friday 6-9:30 p.m.
Sunday 1-4:00 p.m.

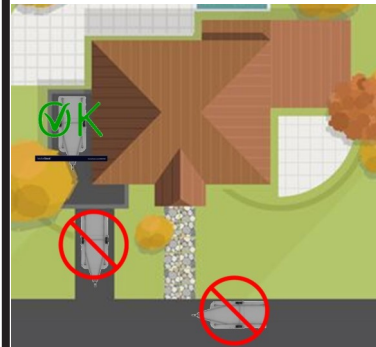


Free Yard Waste Pick-Up Begins April 4, 2022

- Free Curbside yard waste is April 4th—May 9th.
- Yard waste must be placed in appropriate yard waste bags
- Curbside collection is on Mondays
- Yard waste disposal is also available at the city shop on Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning April 2



Boats, Campers and Recreational Vehicles



Major recreational vehicles are defined as including boats and boat trailers, pick-up campers or coaches (designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles), motorized dwellings, tent trailers and similar vehicles. Trailers used for hauling which are required to be licensed by the State of Iowa are also included under provisions of this ordinance. No major recreational vehicle shall be parked on City streets or other public ways for more than **48 hours**. At no time that the vehicle is parked on public property shall it be utilizing public utilities. No major recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored on any lot in a residential district, except in a carport, enclosed building or behind the front yard and side yard setback of a residential lot. No more than 3 major recreational vehicles or hauling trailers per family on the premise shall be permitted.

The 37th Annual Moonlight Chase July 9, 2022

The Moonlight Chase is the area's only nighttime race, starting at 9pm. The four-mile course is flat and fast, through the streets of Eldridge, with the entire course illuminated with luminaries. Our race course features tons of fun on the route with music, disco lights, house parties, and spectators. The Moonlight Chase also offers a ¼ Mile Fun Run for youngsters under age six, starting at 7:30pm, with all participants receiving a medal. The One-Mile Run Youth Run for kids ages 7-14 starts at 8pm. Runners in the One Mile Race and the full Four Mile Race will be timed with disposable chips. Medals will be awarded to the first four places in each of the men's and women's age groups, trophy awarded to the overall male and female winners.

*The Moonlight Chase coincides with the Eldridge Summerfest that takes place downtown surrounding our starting/finish line.

*The Moonlight Chase would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors.

*In past years, The Moonlight Chase has been able to provide grants in excess of \$10,000 to local organizations and it is the goal of the Moonlight Chase committee to do so again in 2022.

*Participants are encouraged to register for the race online at www.moonlightchase.com.



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)

The 2021 Eldridge Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at the City website or by request from City Hall.

Stormwater

Here are some tips to keep your grass green and the storm drains clean, it is also important to keep the clippings off the road for bicyclist or motorcyclist.

Don't go "bare" on your lawn for very long. If you have spots in your yard without grass, that area is subject to erosion when it rains. Reseed those spots and while you are at it—reseeding your entire yard on a regular basis (once every year to every two years). When you do reseed, try aerating first and add a 1/4" to 1/2" layer of compost before seeding to keep your turf healthy and strong.

Got grass clippings? Mulch mowing is a great way to go (mow without collecting the grass clippings) to return nutrients back to your yard. If you mulch mow, make sure the mower faces the yard at all times—not the street or driveway. If grass clippings do end up on the street or on the drive, sweep them up, if not—they can be swept away with the next rain and clog up the storm drain—generating an awful stink as they slowly decompose. If you do bag your clippings, consider backyard composting to turn grass clippings into a great soil amendment.

Before fertilizing your yard test your soil to determine the nutrients it needs—most soil in Iowa has plenty of Phos-

phors in it already—double check to make sure if you need it or not. If it doesn't need it - purchase fertilizer that is Phosphorus or "P" Free. Phosphorus is the "P" in the NPK



(N=Nitrogen and K=Potassium) and is the middle number on fertilizer bags. "P" is the leading cause of algae growth in detention basins and Iowa lakes. The less we use, the more likely your neighborhood detention basin will be algae free. If you do fertilize, avoid overfertilizing—let your soil test determine how much of what you apply on your lawn. The same goes for herbicides and all pesticides and fertilizers—the least toxic product as possible (some weeds are killed by hot water), but only what you need and use it all up. If you have extra, be sure to safely recycle any leftover product with your local Regional Household Hazardous Material Collection Center rather than disposing of them in your trash can. (Courtesy of <https://iowastormwater.org/resources/individuals/>)



This year has brought many changes to the Eldridge Police Department, with five new faces, multiple promotions, and many upgrades, to keep the citizens of Eldridge safe. We invite you to visit the City's website and under the Police tab, take the community survey. We are eager to make our relationship with the citizens even stronger.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...Project Share

Project Share is a plan, created by your municipal utility, to assist needy households in paying their wintertime energy bills.

You can help by adding a regular Project Share contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social services agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently.

So please, add a Project Share to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it.

Eldridge Municipal Utilities
 305 N 3rd Street
 Eldridge, Iowa

285-4841

Dear Eldridge Utilities,

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

I will contribute \$_____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.

I have enclosed a \$_____ donation to Project Share.

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