



Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat night will be held on October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

~Some Safety Tips~

- Trick or Treat in groups and always with a responsible adult.
- Look both ways before you cross the street.
- Never cross the street from between parked cars.
- When available, walk on the sidewalk, not on the street.
- Only go to houses that have their porch lights on.
- Have parents check treats before you eat them.
- Use brightly colored, flame-retardant costumes that fit and carry a flashlight so you are seen.
- NEVER take a ride from or enter a stranger's car.

**BE SAFE AND
HAVE FUN**

City Hall will be closed on the following days to observe the holidays:

November 11th

November 24th and November 25th

December 23th and December 30th

Garbage collection will be held on Tuesday, December 27th and Tuesday, January 3rd

If an issue arises while City Hall is closed, please contact:

Jerry Potts at 799-9335, Jerred Reed at 799-9015, or Carrie Teninty at 799-8782.

Snow Season will soon be upon us.

Please remember that we do have a snow emergency route ordinance. The city has posted signs on streets that are considered our

"Snow Emergency Routes."

When a "Snow Emergency" is in effect, there is "NO PARKING" on the streets that are posted.



Property owners must remove all snow and ice from sidewalks before noon when the snow falls in the nighttime. In no event shall snow or ice be allowed to remain on any sidewalk for more than twenty-four hours.

The City of Eldon would also like to remind you that it shall be unlawful for any person to remove snow, ice and accumulations from private property and deposit the same upon any public street, highway, alley, or sidewalk.

Citizens Mutual Broadband Expansion in Eldon

Citizens Mutual was fortunate to receive multiple state grant awards and one USDA federal award to expand their broadband network. The network expansion is primarily into Wapello County, which includes Eldon. Once the project is complete, Citizens Mutual will provide phone and internet services. For more information, please contact Citizens Mutual at 641-664-2074 or www.mycmtech.com.

Eldon Assembly of God will hold their annual "His Kidz House" Monday October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm during Trick or Treat. We will be serving hot dogs over an open fire, chips, and hot chocolate. There will be games, prizes, candy, and a castle bounce house.

Come rest, eat, and warm up!

Eldon Community Christmas

The Annual Kids Christmas Party will be held at the Eldon Christian Church on Saturday, December 3rd from 11:30 to 1:00pm. Tom Gay, the Balloon Man will start off the Christmas party. Gifts will be provided for ages baby through 6th grade. Watch for more details!

Every Tuesday and Thursday meals are served at the KD Center beginning at 11:30am. Call in orders must be made by 10:30am to be delivered. Delivery starts at 11:00am. If you would like to have meals delivered, please call 641-652-3365.

American Gothic House Center

Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Children of all ages are invited to a free gingerbread "house" party that will be held inside the American Gothic House. All supplies for children's crafts and activities will be provided for this FREE event. No pre-registration is required.

Please note that all minor children must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.

McHaffey Opera House

We have had many visitors over the summer. Those who toured upstairs could visualize the past performances and events that took place there in the past 131 years, and seemed truly thrilled with our efforts to maintain the historic ambiance of the building. They appreciated the knowledge the purchases they made in the thrift sale went straight back into the maintenance and restoration of the building. We will be celebrating Christmas at the Opera House this year with a movie {probably Polar Express} and will be Friday, December 2nd. Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th will be our lower floor open house with complimentary drinks, snacks, live music and a bake sale - most of the goods for sale on Saturday. A gift shop will also be open. Sunday, a Christmas program is in the works with Megan Guest, Cardinal Schools choir director. In the meantime, we would like to thank everyone who continues to support our project with your purchases and donations. The 2023 calendars with vintage Eldon photos are at the printers and will be available in time for Christmas gift giving.

We have started planning our annual Christmas Market featuring local vendors & crafters.

This year we are changing it up, we will be hosting a Christmas Hop around Eldon. Ace Graphics should be in their new shop by then so vendors will be spread out between the library hall and their shop, with other pit stops all over town. Chommy's will have a new "Chommy's Merch" store, The Lunch Lady will have her food truck set up & Landshark might have his mobile arcade trailer set up for the kids and the kids at heart.

Our vendor list so far:

Chommy's Merch Store, The Lunch Lady, Tupperware with Debbie Sylvester, Paparazzi with Michele Bremer, Josie Babe's Boutique, PS We Love Crafts, Shelby Shull & Kaitlyn Potts, Diane Stephenson, Kristy Ostrander, Ostrander Flowers, S&K Farmhouse Freshies, Landshark 3D Printing Arcade & Vending, Ace Graphics & Printing Company, Thymelyglass Studio, Liles Honey Farm, Pampering All of You by Karen, Sheryl Leedom Crafts, Sugar Mama's Cottage Bakery, Simply Millie, Happily Ever After Crafter, Beyond the Farm, Thirty One. Stay tuned for more information!

Elections will be held on November 8th at the Eldon Library Hall. Polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Below are important dates to remember regarding the election.

October 19, 2022

In-person absentee voting will begin.

October 24, 2022

Voters who want an absentee ballot mailed to them must submit a written absentee ballot request by October 24, 2022 by 5:00pm to the Wapello County Auditor's Office.

Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00am until 5:00pm

The Wapello County Auditor's Office will be open.

November 8th, 2022

The deadline to return a voted absentee ballot is Election Day by 8:00pm in the Wapello County Auditor's Office.

Reminder to residents to take steps to prevent frozen water pipes and water meters in homes and businesses.

Pipes that freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor water faucets and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas like basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Also, pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

Following are measures residents can take to prevent frozen water pipes and meters:

- Check around the home for areas where the water supply lines are located in unheated areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated.
- If your water meter is in a meter pit, make sure it is insulated.
- Disconnect hoses from outside spickets.
- Let water drip from your faucet.
- Find your master shut off valve. It may be near where the water service pipes enter the house from the street. If a pipes bursts anywhere in the house, this valve will turn that water flow off.
- Have a licensed plumber's number handy, in case of an emergency.

What to do if your water line freezes:

- Keep faucet open. As you treat frozen pipes and the frozen areas begin to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt more ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, electric hair dryer, or heat tape.
- Do NOT use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove or other open flame.
- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored.
- When thawing pipes, be mindful that the pipe may already be broken and may start to leak once the pipe begins to thaw. Be ready to shut off the water using the valve.
- If you are unable to locate the frozen area, or the frozen area is not accessible, or you can't locate the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
- If your water meter is broken, contact city hall at 641-652-7510.

Abandoned Nuisance Properties

The city is managing abandoned nuisance properties in our community. While the nuisances are often way to see, the process to remedy a nuisance can be lengthy.

Section 657A.10B of the *Code of Iowa* allows cities to be awarded the title to abandoned property. Under this process, the city must petition the court to enter judgment awarding title to the abandoned property to the city. The petition must include a legal description of the property and filed with the district court of the county in which the property is located. The city must also serve notice on the owner and any other named respondents by certified mail and by posting a notice in a conspicuous place on the building.

If the court finds that the property is abandoned, the court can enter judgment awarding the title to the property to the city free and clear of any claims, liens, or encumbrances held by the respondents. The court can also grant title to the city if the city is able to establish that all parties with an interest in the property have received proper notice and either consented to the entry of awarding the title to the city or did not make a good faith effort to comply with the order of the city within 60 days after the petition was filed.

This process is effective in removing blighted and nuisance properties that are detrimental to our community. The city has obtained four properties and we are working on obtaining three more at this time. Once obtained properties are abated, the city shall legally dispose of these properties to place them back on the tax rolls.