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The City of Eldon will hold our Spring Cleanup Day event May 11, 2023. This is a one-day event. This annual event gives all our residents a chance to get rid of unwanted items and helps promote beautification of our city. Eldon feels this is a worthwhile service to our residents and an investment in the tidiness of our community.

During Spring Cleanup, city workers will pick up **NO MORE THAN ONE** of the following: Refrigerators, freezers, carpet, air conditioners, lawn mowers, water heaters, bicycles, tricycles, washers & dyers, windows, mattresses and box springs, furniture.

ITEMS IN CARDBOARD BOXES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

Car parts weighing no more than 40 pounds and scrap metal will be picked up.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP INCLUDE:

Tires, new construction or demolition debris [including lumber and boards, concrete, bricks, asphalt, roofing materials and wastes that are toxic, hazardous, infectious, explosive or liquids.

Please bag the items so they are not loose. Loose items will not be picked up.

Spring and summer weather will soon be upon us and the following are just a few reminders to residents in order to keep our city safe and clean.

- Grass must be a height of no more than 9 inches. Tall grass is not only unsightly, it also attracts bugs/insects, rodents, and snakes.
- Grass must not be mowed into the street. If this happens, property owners are responsible for removing the grass. The grass will wash to the storm sewers when it rains, clogging them and backing up the water.
- It is unlawful to burn any garbage in trash containers or any other place within the city. Combustible yard waste may be burned, provided objectionable odors and smoke nuisance does not occur or a fire embargo is not in effect as declared by the fire chief or mayor. Refuse, rubbish, construction and demolition waste, toxic and hazardous waste, shall not be burned within the city.
- With the warmer weather, more people are walking. Pet owners are reminded that it is unlawful to allow dogs to run at large. Be considerate of others.

Eldon city council meets the second Tuesday each month at 5:30pm. If you have business for the agenda, items are required to be submitted by the end of business Thursday, prior to the regular meeting.

Reminder that sewer rates will be adjusted for July billing. Rates will be \$28.46 per month for the first 1,000 gallon and \$6.70 per month over 1,000 gallons.

Interested in playing Pinochle? Come join us in the activity room at the Senior Housing on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. For more information contact George at 641-652-3499.

Permits

The City of Eldon would like to remind all residents that permits are required before certain work can be done to improve your property. All permits are required to be authorized by the city council prior to work begins. Below is a list:

- Building Permits for all structures including a deck and a lean to.
- Fence Permits are required when you are constructing a new fence.
- Driveway Permits are required if you construct or repair a driveway.
- Permits are required for all excavations of water service pipes and sewer pipes.

Call Before You Dig

Spring is here. Please remember that contractors and professional excavators are required by law to notify Iowa One Call at least 48 hours prior to ALL excavations. Upon notifying the Iowa One Call center of a pending excavation the contractor will be assigned a ticket number. Contractors and sub-contractors may not use the same dig ticket number. If a contractor is to excavate on a homeowner's property, it is the contractor who is required to notify Iowa One call for locate markings – not the homeowner. The number is 1-800-292-8989 or 811.

Eldon's Outdoor Warning System

The warning system is in place to warn residents of tornados or severe thunderstorms with wind speeds expected to reach or exceed 70 mph.

When the sirens are activated, go inside to the lowest level, the most-interior room of the structure, and tune to NOAA All-Hazards Radio or the local media for more detailed information on the storm's location, timing, and intensity.

The intent of the sirens is to provide ample warning for persons to seek shelter and additional information before the storm hits. Because of this, sirens may sound before hazardous conditions exist. Due to the nature of severe weather, hazardous conditions may also develop before an activation of the sirens is possible.

The safest approach is to be proactive and use all of the information available to protect yourself and your family from threatening weather. If a storm is approaching, the lightning alone is a threat. Sirens are only one part of a warning system that includes preparation, NOAA All-Hazards Radio, and the local media.

Outdoor warning sirens shall be tested on the first Saturday of each month at 12:00pm (noon). A "growl" test may be performed on the third Saturday of each month at 12:00pm. A "growl" test activates the system without the full audible alert.

If a severe weather watch or warning is in effect for Wapello County area prior to 12:00pm on a scheduled test day, the sirens should not be tested that day. Outdoor warning siren tests will resume on the next scheduled monthly date.

For some time, the City Council have been exploring ideas about relocating City Hall. On March 14th, the city council unanimously voted to build a new city hall. The building will be attached to the public works building on 5th Street. The new building will house city hall and contain council chambers. The bid was awarded to Sunset Builders in the amount of \$44,620.00, which includes the building and concrete.

Ground is expected to be broken on the new City Hall in Spring 2023, with the building completion anticipated before the end of 2023. Construction is being financed with funds from the sale of the previous medical clinic building. For more information, contact city hall.

Street and alley repair, potholes and minor street repairs

Routine street and alley repairs are scheduled and performed by the Public Works Department. Scheduling considerations for street repairs include the type and cause of the damage. L.L. Pelling is scheduled to do seal coating this year. Our public works department will begin their street and alley repair this spring.

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. Their contractor will be back to continue installation, repair and seed ground where installation is complete. For more information, please contact Citizens Mutual at 641-664-2074 or www.mycmtech.com.

TREE DUMP

It is once again that time of the year residents will be using the tree dump. Items that are allowed to be dumped at the tree dump are as follows: Tree branches, grass and leaves. You will need to come to City Hall to pick up a key as the gate is locked at all times.

Abandoned Nuisance Properties

The city is managing abandoned nuisance properties in our community. 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. Watch for more information on when these properties will be legally disposed of.

2023 Holidays and Events

April 7th Good Friday

City Hall will be closed.

April 21st, 22nd, April 28th and 29th Eldon Methodist Church

Rummage and Bake Sale from 7:00am to 3:00pm. They will be serving lunch.

April 22nd Spring Fling Earth Day Kids' Event

Join us at the American Gothic House as they celebrate Earth Day from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

April 28th and 29th Historic Hills Scenic Byway Spring Shop About 9:00am to 4:00pm

The annual Spring Shop About showcases local businesses and one of a kind shopping and events. Take advantage of the of the Spring About Shop to visit a new business along the route. Here you will find restaurants, antiques, florists, spas, and unique boutiques. Eldon has many businesses participating. Flyers can be found around town.

April 30th Make a May Day Basket - Location to be decided

May baskets are no longer a thing of the past! Learn how to weave a melon basket for a May Day gift. Bring a towel for your lap, your own drinks, and a snack to share. All other supplies will be provided. Ages 14 years and older only. Cost is \$20.00 and preregistration is due by April 14th at 4:00pm. For more information: <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Wapello/Events.aspx>

May through September Wapello County Fair Tentative Race Schedule

We will be running Modifieds, Sport Mods, Sport Compact, Hobby Stock and Stock Cars this year. The following are tentative dates: May 13th, June 3rd, June 15th, June 17th, July 22nd, and September 9th.

May 6th Color Me Crazy Color Run

Crazy times call for crazy measures! Join the fun this spring and run in our Color Me Crazy Color 5K Run at 10:00am. Sponsored by Cardinal A-Club.

May 11th Spring Clean Up Day

May 29th Memorial Day Observed

Garbage service will be held on Tuesday, May 30th.

May 29th Memorial Day Breakfast

Eldon Uptown Downtown will be having a Memorial Day Breakfast from 8:00am to 10:00am at the KD Center.

June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Gothic Days * Watch for a full schedule!

June 6th, June 13th, June 20th, and June 27th American Gothic House Center Youth Summer Camp

All details can be found here: <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Wapello/Events.aspx>

June 14th through 18th Wapello County Fair * Watch for a full schedule!

July 4th City Hall will be closed to observe Independence Day

July 22nd Pioneer Crafts at the American Gothic House Center

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August 5th G.A.T.E. Rib Cookoff and Apple Pie Contest

August 19th G.A.T.E Fun Run

August 26th Porchfest at the American Gothic House Center 11:00am to 5:00pm

The Summer Reading Program: Watch for more details.

Below is a list of items that are allowed to be placed in the bin.

Corrugated Cardboard & Paperboard

Old boxes both corrugated [with the wavy middle layer] and paperboard must be recycled. This would include gift boxes; old packing boxes & boxes that were received in the mail. Please flatten or nest all boxes. No gable-top waxed cartons [milk or juice].

No food contaminated boxes will be allowed.

POP AND BEER BOXES ARE NONRECYCLABLE.

CEREAL BOXES ARE ALSO NONRECYCLABLE.

Office Paper

This would include junk mail, envelopes with or without windows, white & pastel paper, notebook paper, carbonless forms, file folders, fax paper, self-adhesive note paper and business forms. Office paper must be placed in a plastic see-through bag and tied shut. No food contaminated paper, no tissues or hand towels, no Tyvek or carbon paper will be allowed.

Plastic Containers ~ IF LIQUIDS ARE IN CONTAINERS ~ THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

Please rinse and remove the lids. Acceptable bottles would include milk jugs, pop bottles, shampoo and conditioner bottles, dish detergent, or water bottles. No oil containers, no toys, no laundry baskets, no plastic wrap or bags, no styrofoam, no molded plastic containers will be allowed.

Glass

Clear, brown and green glass containers that held food or beverages are acceptable. This would include pop bottles, beer, wine or liquor bottles and juice containers. Please rinse all containers & remove the lids. Throw the lids in your regular garbage. Do not place broken glass in your recycling bin. No mirror or window glass, no drinking glasses or dishware, no light bulbs or safety glass, no Pyrex or similar ovenware, no ceramics will be allowed.

Aluminum & Steel Cans

This includes coffee cans, beverage cans, soup cans and empty aerosol cans. Please rinse and remove all lids. No aluminum foil wrap or pans, no aluminum pet food cans, no propane tanks or gas cylinders will be allowed.

It's important to recycle, but it is also important to make sure the material you are placing in your bin is recyclable. Nonrecyclable material contaminates good recyclable materials. If you have questions about what is recyclable, call City Hall at 652-7510 or call the Recycling Center at 641-683-0685. Some common items that are mistaken for recyclables are pop and beer containers, gable-top milk and juice containers, gift wrap, styrofoam, bubble wrap, or other plastic wrap, plastic bags, paper plates, paper towels, napkins, and tissue. Clothes, shoes, and diapers are not recyclable. Please put these items in the garbage to go to the landfill.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

MONITORING VIOLATION OF THE WATER TESTING SCHEDULE

Our water system violated a drinking water standard(s) over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We, the Eldon Public Water Supply are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During November 2022, we did not monitor or test one required test for Coliform Bacteria and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What Happened? What is being done?

The November 30, 2022 deadline for Coliform Bacteria sampling was not met. A replacement sample was taken January 18, 2023. Coliform Bacteria levels were within the required limits.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact **Eldon City Hall at 641-652-7510.**

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