



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Would you like to have a say in City Government?

There are 4 City Council seats and the Mayor seat available for election this fall. See the city clerk for necessary papers and the time line for running.

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





























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With the start of the school year, are you familiar with the rules regarding stopped school buses? Failure to comply with these rules could result in a license suspension of up to 180 days, along with a fine.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Labor Day (USA) Labour Day (Canada)	2  Comm. Assoc 6:00 Comm. Center	3  Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7:00	4 	5 	6  Bingo Community Center 5:00
7  Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 City Park  Grandparents Day	8  City Council 6:00	9 	10  Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7:00	11  Library board meet 5:30 Labor Day (USA)	12 	13  Bingo Community Center 5:00
14 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	15 	16  Comm. Assoc 6:00 Comm. Center	17  Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7:00	18  Firemen Meeting 7:00	19 	20  Bingo Community Center 5:00
21 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	22  Autumn Begins	23  City Council 6:00 Rosh Hashanah	24  Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7:00	25 	26 Homewood Cemetery meet TLC 10:00	27  Bingo Community Center 5:00
28 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	29 	30 	GUIDE TO BEST FISHING DAYS BEST  GOOD  POOR 	AUGUST S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Full Moon: 7 Last Quarter: 14 New Moon: 21 First Quarter: 29

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Notices:

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next month's edition. Send by email to ellsworthca@netins.net or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. Subscribe/unsubscribe by email: send your request to ellsworthca@netins.net.

Opinions expressed in the Ellsworth Newsletter are those of the writers and are not necessarily those of the Ellsworth Community Association or the editor.

Ellsworth Meals: Contact Linda Clark 515-297-3012 if you wish to have the noon meal delivered. Delivery Monday thru Friday, no holidays. Each meal \$5.00

Community Coffee - Tuesdays 9:30-?. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Everyone welcome.

Lord's Cupboard: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell, 1st Monday 1:00-2:00, 5:00-6:30, other Mondays 5:00-6:30.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

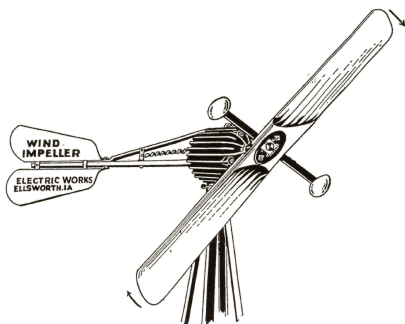
ANNIVERSARIES

LaVone Flygstad	2nd	Britany Nicholson	12th	Teri & Eldon Hill	2nd
Jessica Nelson	2nd	Linda Bottorff	15th	Deb & Steve Senn	4th
Todd Hill	2nd	Brooklyn George	18th	Linda & Kevin Bottorff	5th
Marty Naber	5th	Matt Laube	18th	Marcy & Bob Olson	14th
Molly Henderson	6th	Karlie Hill	21st	Jan & Bruce Thompson	17th
Teri Hill	6th	Brandon Hill	23rd	Linda & Larry Barquist	25th
Stephanie Nicholson	7th	Preston Hill	23rd	Laura & Jon Rollefson	25th
Wyatt Gelder	10th	Carter Nelson	24th		
		Katalina Solis	30th		

REMEMBERING THE PAST: WIND-IMPELLER ELECTRIC WORKS (1937)

The Wind-Impeller Electric Works, initially located at 552 Dubuque Street, (later known as Miller's Party Room,) has gained significant recognition in Ellsworth. As reported in the February 1937 Ellsworth News, this Ellsworth business firm is rapidly emerging as a prominent player in the wind-powered electric power industry. Led by Lloyd A. Coates, the company manufactures and sells high-quality wind-driven electric power plants. The overwhelming response to their products is evident in the increasing number of orders received from various regions across Iowa, neighboring states, and even as far south and southwest as the southern United States.

The Wind-Impeller Electric Works of Ellsworth recently received an extraordinary order for one of their large generators from a hospital in Congo Belge, Africa. This remarkable plant will embark on a journey of approximately 12,000 miles before reaching its destination.



To showcase their capabilities, the Wind-Impeller Electric Works of Ellsworth erected a demonstration outfit atop a 75-foot steel tower. This impressive structure featured a 2400-watt generator, which was primarily sold more in areas east of Ellsworth.

A few of these units can still be found on farms today, their name and Ellsworth remains visible on the tail.

Ellsworth Community Association (ECA)

Meeting Minutes August 5, 2025

Members in attendance: Ashley Platte, Brittany, Williams, Linda Clark and Darlene Campbell.
Meeting called to order by Ashley Platte, President at 6:09 PM.

Agenda and Treasury Report Approval: Motion to approve by Brittany, seconded by Darlene.

Public Form: No one present.

Ice Cream Social: Event was a great success, no complications. The community comments that we should do it again.

2nd Annual Soup Supper: Date of November 9th, 2025 at the community center from 5-8 was decided pending council approval.

Halloween: Need to hear when city is doing Halloween and talk with the fire station about collaboration.

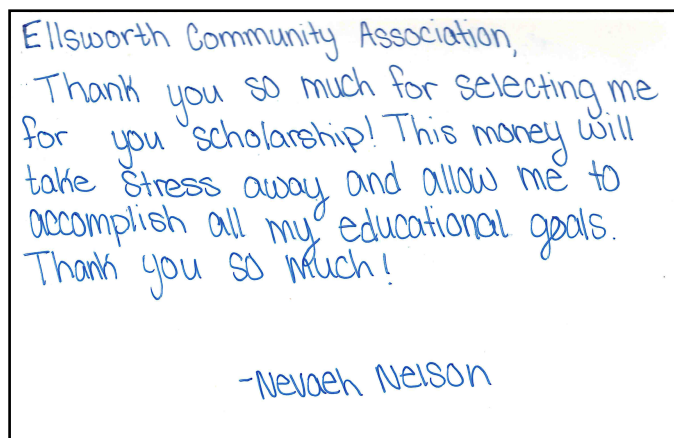
Next Year Event Dates: Date were decided pending city council approval.

Baseball Diamond: We are waiting on the roll down door to be installed. Once the rain lets up we can finish painting the outside. And once the door is installed we can start work on getting the sink and countertop installed.

Comments

Extravaganza: Ashley handed out a list of ideas for the extravaganza to be reviewed and gone over at the meeting next month.

Ajourment: Motion by Brittany, seconded by Darlene. Ashley adjourned meeting at 8:16 PM.



AUGUST 11TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on August 11th, 2025, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council members present: Phipps, Funk, Olson. Holden arriving at 6:25pm. Also in attendance were Ashely Platte and Brian Zimmerman

August Receipts August Disbursements

General Fund	4288.69	59247.50
Road Use Fund	5549.62	4327.42
Employee Benefit Fund	72.62	2471.06
Emergency Fund	0.00	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax Fund.	6498.60	0.00
Tax Increment Finance Area 1.	0.00	0.00
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend	0.00	0.00
Bingo Fund	5734.82	7454.60
Debt Service Fund		0.00
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Capital Project-Water Tower	36134.10	
Water Fund	31480.63	77975.17
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	8535.76	28397.79
Electric Fund	86761.73	107627.25
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	5551.72	0.00
Storm Water Sinking		5473.00
	<u>\$154474.19</u>	<u>\$326636.47</u>

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Funk, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Funk, seconded by Phipps to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

Motion to approve July 22nd, 2025 council minutes.

Motion to approve August 11th payment of claims.

Motion to approve Bingo donation to the Ellsworth History Museum of \$300.

Motion to approve investment of Fire Department savings for a 6 month CD of \$200,000.

Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

CITIZEN COMPLAINT: There has been a slow water leak in the ditch along Ubben north of town. Public Works Supervisor Vanlangen has called Hall's Backhoe to come address the issue by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Clerk Eckers will contact the property owner with an update.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH RALLY SUNDAY: Motion by Funk and second by Olson to approve road closure on September 14th from 9 am -2 pm in front of Trinity Church for their rally Sunday festival. Roll call votes. 3-0. Motion carried.

HALLOWEEN DATE: Motion by Funk and second by Phipps to set Thursday, October 30th, as the city-wide trick or treat night for 2026, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Roll call votes. 3-0. Motion carried.

PARKS BOARD UPDATE: Public works staff Lee Knickerbocker attended the Parks Board meeting on August 6th to update the board on project status in the city park. The Board will be reaching out to DeDe Henderson to ask for help with some grant research and the availability of resources to help with project costs for new playground equipment.

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The public restroom updates are underway, a ring camera will be installed to help alleviate vandalism risks. The Pickleball court project will be initiated by late next week. The Parks Board is looking for volunteers to help with painting the courts once the cracks are filled and sealed.

ECA: Ashley Platte was present for ECA and requested that hours be extended for the Ellsworth Extravaganza 2026. The date is June 27, and she asked that the park remain open until midnight instead of the usual 11 pm. Discussion about a needed Resolution to make an exception for the one day commenced. Motion by Funk and second by Olson to allow the ECA to rent the community center on November 9th 2025 free of charge for their 2nd annual soup supper from 5 pm to 8 pm. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried. Motion by Funk and second by Olson to approve ECA's use of the Park Shelter House on April 4th, 2026, for their annual breakfast/brunch for Easter. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried. Ashley mentioned a possible date of April 26th, 2026, for the next Dump Your Junk event. Council discussed looking into a later date, closer to summer, and the extravaganza. Motion by Funk and second by Olson to approve ECA use of the Community Center on November 8th, 2026 free of charge for their 3rd annual soup supper fundraiser. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: DEVELOPERS' AGREEMENT PARCEL 40872436226006: A new building permit was submitted by the Overland Group, as well as the appropriate DNR requirements and sewer and utility easements. Motion by Holden and second by Funk to approve the updated Developer's Agreement. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION QUOTE FOR METAL ROOF INSTALL ON SCHOOLHOUSE – After discussion concerning future plans and use for the building, Motion by Funk and second by Phipps to approve quote by Thompson Construction of \$37,312.59 for tear off, repair, and replacement of the roof on the old schoolhouse building. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES: Supervisor Vanlangen updated the Council on the old fire department building being emptied. Sogard Excavating will be tearing the building down in the next week or two. The new doors on the new city shed will be installed this week. Once complete, the fire department equipment currently being housed in a rented space will be moved over to the new city shed where rent will not be charged. The weather siren is still waiting on a custom bracket before it can be mounted on the new pole by the fire station. The water plant is having a valve issue that Vanlangen is addressing. The new RO filters will be installed in the water plant early next week. They have all arrived at the facility at this point.

CITY HALL UPDATES: Clerk Eckers updated Council on a recent visit by state arborist Joe Herring with the DNR and his assessment of re-populating trees throughout city easements, public spaces, the storm water ditch, and the lagoons. Joe prepared a map with locations, suggested species, and recommendations, which clerk Eckers shared with the council. Clerk Eckers will be applying for the DNR Trees for Kids Grant to help cover the cost of initial tree purchases. City Hall building renovations have begun, and Clerk Eckers updated the council on the timeline for the south-facing wall resurfacing, the front façade work, and the rear door work. Clerk Eckers discussed with Council Ellsworth being selected to participate in a comprehensive community planning process with the College of Design through Iowa State University. Clerk Eckers will be reaching out to Ellsworth TelCom to request a partnership contribution, which will make the city eligible for the Ripple Effect Grant through Iowa Area Development Group, which will help offset the cost of the comprehensive planning project. The first visit by the Iowa State students will be on Wednesday, August 27th, from 3 pm to 6 pm, to have their first look at the community and to define priorities with local leaders, and the direction for the community in this 10-year plan. Clerk Eckers updated the Council on upcoming clerk training dates, state audit, and reporting dates.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager called for adjournment at 7:39pm.

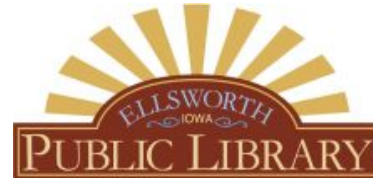
/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

September 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Card Group | 1-4pm EVERY TUESDAY
- BASE Exercise Group | 10:15-10:45am EVERY FRIDAY
- LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY | Monday, September 1
- Board Meeting (open to public) | 5:30-6:30pm on Thursday, September 11
 - The September meeting was moved back one week to have a quorum.
- Young(ish) Adult Book Club | 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, September 29
 - Come join this book club for adults in their 20s and 30s(ish)! This month, we will discuss The Keeper of Happy Endings by Barbara Davis



NEW BOOKS:

Adult Fiction:

- Reason to Believe by Rebecca Yarros
- Rock Paper Scissors by Alic Feeney
- Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
- An Inside Job by Daniel Silva
- She Didn't See It Coming by Shari Lapena
- The Tenant by Freida McFadden

Adult Nonfiction:

- Cleaning House by Lindsay Dahl
- Sea of Grass by Dave Hage

Young Adult:

- The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes
by Suzanne Collins

Junior Nonfiction:

- Better With Butter by Victoria Pointe

- The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead
- A Minecraft Movie: The Junior
Novelization by David Lewman

Beginning Reader:

- Lone Wolf Goes to the Library by Kiah
Thomas

Early Reader Fiction:

- The Flower Thief by Alice Hemming

Spanish:

- Todo o Nada, Valentina by Andra
Beatriz Arango

DVD:

- The Accountant 2
- How to Train Your Dragon (Live Action)

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Ellsworth Community Association membership, whether new or renewal, is always welcome. The dues are \$20.00 for single or family memberships. Please send your check or cash to the **Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Iowa.** Include all the names of the family members, address, and phone number in your payment. If you'd like to be included on the Community Calendar for birthdays and anniversaries, please fill out the form below and send it along with your dues. Thank you for your interest in the Ellsworth Community Association.

Upcoming ECA Activities:

2nd Annual Soup Supper

Halloween Party in October

Santa Claus Comes to Town in December

Lighting Contest in December

Christmas Baskets in December

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the following information for our records:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____

Cell Phone () _____ - _____

E Mail _____

Fill out if you want to be included on the Birthday/Anniversary calendar:

	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Month / Day</u>
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A	_____	_____	____/____
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