



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Important dates in April:

**April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt 9:00
Brunch 9:00-11:00 City Park**

**April 17th - Trivia Night, 7:00
Ellsworth Community Center**

**April 25th - Dump Your Junk
At City Maintenance Shed
8:00-12:00**

**April 30, May 1 & 2 -
John & Janet Lovell Estate Sale
9:00 am - 5:00pm
Maass Farm - 3525 Ubben Ave Ellsworth
Vintage Ladies' Treasurers!!!**

Turkey

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5 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 Easter Sunday	6 🐟 Easter Monday (Canada)	7 Community Association 6:00 Community Center	8 🐟	9 🐟	10 🐟	11 🐟 Bingo Community Center 5:00
12 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	13 🐟 City Council 6:00	14 🐟	15 🐟 Firemen Meeting 7:00	16 🐟	17 🐟	18 🐟 Bingo Community Center 5:00
19 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	20 🐟	21 Community Association 6:00 Community Center	22 🐟 Earth Day Administrative Professionals Day (USA)	23 🐟	24 🐟 Homewood Cemetery Meet 10:00 TLC	25 🐟 Bingo Community Center 5:00
26 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	27 🐟	28 🐟 City Council 6:00	29 🐟	30 🐟		Full Moon: 1 Last Quarter: 10 New Moon: 17 First Quarter: 23
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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.

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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

Jacob Nicholson	1st	Cory Nelson	11th	Adalynne Hill	20th
Jim Hill	3rd	Dawn Hegland	12th	Ronda Olson	21st
Cole Berg	4th	Elizabeth Hill	14th	Brandi Nelson	23rd
Colton Hill	4th	Gail George	15th	Mary Hill	23rd
Jaelyn Hill	8th	Josh Angove	15th	Michael Eckers	26th
Kasen VanLangen	9th	Veronica Olson	18th	Davien Henderson	29th
Zachery Campbell	10th	Austin Busch	19th	Debbie Caudle	29th
Diane Holt	10th				

ANNIVERSARIES

Marcia & Danny Anderson	4th	Brain & Kristal Johnson	10th
Konni & Doug VanLangen	4th	Leah & Bob Maass	17th
Janet & Tony Lindseth	5th	Tory & Jessica Hetland	26th
Barb & Wayne Patterson	7th	Staci & Jason Thompson	27th
Linda & Dale Graham	8th		

REMEMBERING THE PAST: 1325 DELPHI ST

Changes coming for the Ellsworth landscape. The home on the corner of Highway 175 and Ubben Ave has been torn down and the lot being made ready for Dollar General Store.

The home was built in 1899 by Osmund Mansager where Osmund and his wife raised their family, two sons, LeRoy and Theo and a daughter Ester. The two sons married and moved away. Ester remained at home and took care of her father in later years. After the death of Ester, the property was sold to Hill Seed. Hill Seed used the undeveloped land for a Seed Show Plot for a number of years.



Ellsworth Community Association (ECA)
Meeting Minutes
March 3rd, 2026

Meeting called to order by Ashely Platte, President, at 6:06 PM.

Roll call: Ashley Platte, Linda Clark, Brittany Williams, Lori Yager, Kayla Knipple Marcy Olson, Darlene Campbell and Heidi Eckers.

Minutes and treasure report approval: Motion Brittany, seconded Linda. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion passed.

Public form: None Present

Trivia Night: Trivia night was a success. We had 12 teams and everyone had a great time. Brittany makes a motion to make trivia night a monthly event on the 3rd Friday of every month at 7 PM. Seconded by Kayla. Roll call 5-0. Motion passed. Will bring to council for permission to use the community center.

Moriah's Benefit: Meet at the community center at 5:00 for set up. All the money will be put in the account set up for the benefit.

Easter: Linda will reach out about the candy. This year we will stuff the eggs instead of the prizes. There will be multiple age group areas. Egg Hunt starting at 9 AM and the brunch will be at the park shelter house following. Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, cinn. Rolls, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and water.

Dump Your Junk: Linda talked to Trash Man for 3 dumpsters and Ashley talked to the salvage people. Location will be in front of the city sheds. Will talk to council about shutting the road in front down for unload traffic flow.

Highway Clean up: May 2nd we will meet at the Welcome to Ellsworth sign at 8 AM. Linda will get the vest and bags.

Mother's Day Brunch: We have planned the menu. Need to talk to the florist about flowers.

Extravaganza: Approved for Friday and Sunday expansion. Got some updates on more vendors. We will start working on agenda, donations and advertising.

Review By Laws: Bring ideas on what we would like to add and take out of the by laws.

Scholarships Update: Would like to update so every senior with a Ellsworth address, regards less of school would be eligible.

Approval of Upcoming Fliers: Brittany will send all fliers out in the group chat for approval.

Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion Marcy, seconded by Kayla. Roll Call votes 5-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.



APRIL 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- . BASE Exercise Group – Meets 10:15 – 10:45am EVERY FRIDAY
- . Story Time for Children ages 0 to 5 is every Thursday at 10 am till 11 am. We read stories, sing songs, create a craft and have a snack.
- . **STOP IN AT THE ELLSWORTH LIBRARY ON SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026 after the EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK- WE WILL BE GIVNG AWAY EASTER TREATS AND EASTER THEMED CRAFTS! (9 am till 12 pm)**
- . Card Club will be starting back up in April 2026.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD April 2, 2026 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. (open to the public).

- . We have many NEW EASTER THEMED BOOKS for children – New Adult Fiction and Non Fiction Books, Magazine's, DVDs, local newspapers, puzzles, Hot Spots & much more!
- . Check out our Ellsworth Library Facebook and Instagram Pages for Weekly Book Releases, Events, Activities, and much more!
- . This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Plant A Seed Read." It will begin on June 8, 2026 and go through July 28,2026. This year we have may exciting entertainers, programs, and craft projects to enjoy! So, make sure you get a copy of our Summer Reading Calendar which will be available in May 2026.

In case you missed our Civil War Presentation by O.J. Fargo it was a big hit and quite entertaining. We plan on having more presentations here at the library so make sure you check our website and other social media platforms for details.

More details about programming will be available on our website ellsworth.lib.ia.us/events.

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.Here are some examples of our new releases – (**adult fiction**)

“Want To Know A Secret?” by FREIDA McFADDEN

“DEAR DEBBIE” by FREIDA McFADDEN

“BILLION DOLLAR RANSOM” by JAMES PATTERSON

“THE PICASSO HEIST” by JAMES PATTERSON

“THIS STORY MIGHT SAVE YOUR LIFE” by TIFFANY CRUM

“THE CROSSROADS” by C.J. BOX

“GOOD PEOPLE” by PATMEENA SABIT

“ANATOMY OF AN ALIBI “ by ASHLEY ELSTON

“AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE” by TAYARI JONES

“THE FAVORITES” by LAYNE FARGO

CHILDREN’S & JUNIOR FICTION

I Survived The Attack of The Grizzlies, 1967

Taylor Swift – ALL ACCESS

Goosebumps SLAPPYWORLD – PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WEIRDO

WESTFALLEN & WESTFALLEN INTO THE FIRE

DIARY of a Wimpy Kid – The LAST STRAW

It’s the EASTER BEAGLE, CHARLIE BROWN

Dr. SEUSS’S SPRING THING

Little Blue Truck Makes a Friend

HAPPY EASTER!! FROM THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Roxann Boyce

Director / Ellsworth Public Library

515-836-4852

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Ellsworth Historical Museum

An Iowa Historical Society grant has been applied for the digitization of the South Hamilton Record/News. The earlier years of the Ellsworth Chronicle, Ellsworth News and South Hamilton Record/News up to 2012 were completed in 2012. This digitized version is on a Hamilton County website “Digital Archives of Hamilton County” and the Ellsworth Historical Museum website, ellsworthia.us. The current grant covers the digitization of 2013 to June 2026. The estimated cost of the digitization process is \$5,573.97. The Iowa Historical Society will provide half of the funding, amounting to \$2,786.98. The City of Ellsworth has generously contributed \$1,500.00 in Bingo money towards this project. A personal donation of \$300.00 has also been received. This leaves \$986.98 to complete the project. If any community members or businesses would like to contribute, please leave a check at City Hall, designated for the Digitization Of Papers.

Janet Adix, Ellsworth Historical Museum Administrator

FEBRUARY 24TH COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall on February 24, 2026, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Funk, Olson, Sogard. Councilman Jensen arriving at 6:03 pm and Councilman Phipps arriving at 6:06 pm. Also in attendance were Ashley Platte, Brittany Williams, and city staff Lee Knickerbocker and Brian Zimmerman.

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

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

- a. Motion to approve February 9, 2026 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve February 24, 2026 payment of claims.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

ECA: No Items

FIRE/EMS: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to approve the FY 27 Fire Department Budget of \$68,750 and the FY EMS Budget of \$21,350. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY: Motion by Sogard and second by Jensen to approve the FY 27 Library Budget of \$45,850. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

MIDAS LMI SURVEY SUBMISSION: Mayor Anksorus and Council members have submitted all but the final three surveys to the City Clerk. The rest will be attempted this week. MIDAS staff will be stopping by City Hall later this week to pick up surveys.

PUBLIC WORKS: FY27 Budget discussion.

CITY HALL UPDATES: A. 2025 Audit struck from agenda B. Nuisance trees: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with examples from Jewell on how the neighboring city dealt with nuisance, dead, and potentially dangerous ash trees. Clerk Eckers will reach out to Robb's tree service for an updated per-tree removal rate and will prepare a Resolution by the next council meeting. C. Main Street Scope: Motion by Funk and seconded by Sogard to approve the WHKS Engineering Scope of Work quote for the Main Street project in the amount of \$9400 to be budgeted for in FY27. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. D. Setting Property Tax Levy Hearing: Motion by Funk and second by Olson to set FY27 Property Tax Levy Hearing for 6 pm on April 13 before the regular Council Session. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. E. FY 27 Budget Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

MARCH 9TH COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on March 10, 2026, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Funk, Olson, Sogard, Jensen, with Phipps arriving at 6:07 pm. Also in attendance were Ashley Platte and Brittany Williams with the ECA, Jim Leiding of Bolten and Menk, Alan Hanson with Central Iowa Water Management, Heather Hanson, and Iowa Governor candidate Eddie Andrews.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Olson, seconded by Funk, to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

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

- a. Motion to approve February 24, 2026, council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve March 10, 2026, payment of claims.

Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried, and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

LIBRARY: None Present

FIRE/EMS: None Present

ECA: Ashley Platte, ECA Board President, represented the community group along with Brittany Williams. The ECA would like to make their recent Trivia night a regular occurrence in the community center. The group asked permission to use the city building on the third Friday of each month unless there was a paid rental on the books. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Jensen to allow the use of the community center for Trivia nights by the ECA on the third Friday of each month. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. ECA also updated the Council on the upcoming April 25th dump your junk event. The group requested partial closure of Dearborn to accommodate the drive-up drop-off traffic in front of the city sheds from 7 am to 2 pm on April 25th. Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to allow this road closure for the event. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST – PARK SHELTER HOUSE: Heather Hanson was present to request permission to pursue a no-sale liquor license and insurance policy for a wedding reception located at the city Park Shelter House on August 1st. Motion by Phipps and seconded by Sogard to approve this request. Clerk Eckers to follow through on the license. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BOLTEN AND MENK: “Resolution 03-10-2026 (3) to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Ellsworth Water Storage Tank Improvements Project, and the taking of bids therefor” Jim Leiding present to answer questions by Council concerning changes made to the project before going out for a third round of bids. Bids will be opened at City Hall on April 7th at 3pm, and Council will consider the bids at the April 13th regular Council session. Public hearing per the Resolution 03-10-2026 (3) to be held on March 25th at the regular Council session. Motion by Phipps and seconded by Jensen to approve Resolution 03-10-2026 (3). Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: HAMILTON COUNTY HAZARD PLAN: Resolution 03-10-2026 “Adopting the Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan” Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to adopt Resolution 03-10-2026. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: HOMETOWN PRIDE – Resolution 03-10-2026 (2) “A Resolution in support of submission of an application to the “Hometown Pride” program”. Clerk Eckers discussed with Council the Ellsworth contribution of \$750 annually for a five-year commitment of \$3750 and the benefits of the vibrancy program and access to a professional to help with grant finding and writing for projects in the city and for the community. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to adopt Resolution 03-10-2026 (2). Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

MIDAS LMI SURVEY UPDATE: The final 5 surveys will be completed by Mayor Anksorus in the next week, and Clerk Eckers will transmit to MIDAS.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EJS 28E AGREEMENT: Police Board members Marcy Olson and Mayor Anksorus discussed with Council the information shared at the recent Police Board meeting. The Police Board will make decisions and consider potential revisions to the proposed 28E agreement at the April meeting. City Council can hold out on adopting and voting on the proposed 28E agreement until the first June meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: A: Discussion and possible action: RO Membranes: Supervisor Vanlangen and Water Affidavit Operator Alan Hanson were present to discuss recent updates about the water plant with the City Council. Vanlangen presented

COUNCIL MINUTES/CLAIMS CITY OF ELLSWORTH March 10, 2026 the Council with two quotes to replace the phase three RO membranes. Used/refurbished would be \$210 each with installation of \$3600. New would be \$440 each with installation of \$3600. Supervisor Vanlangen forwarded an email to the Council, and it was printed by Clerk Eckers, outlining these costs from Consolidated Water Solutions. Vanlangen was instructed by the Council to obtain another agreement by the company in writing stating their willingness to install and be present for troubleshooting when the RO system would be activated with the new stage three filters in place. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Jensen to approve the purchase of 36 new RO filters for stage three replacement pending the receipt of a guarantee from the company for installation and presence for activation and troubleshooting to a total of \$19,440. Roll call votes: 5-0. Motion carried. B: Dollar General Utilities/Development – Supervisor Vanlangen recently spoke with the subcontractors for the Dollar General development and was made aware that the water/sewer changes and driveway relocation that were approved by the Council were not in the subcontractor's hands. Vanlangen will reach out to the Developer directly to address.

CITY HALL: A. Due to the tax levy deadline last week, Clerk Eckers will present the Treasurer's Report at the next meeting. B. Clerk Eckers presented Council with a contract between the City and Robb's Tree Service for FY27 for the flat rate to the city of \$850 per tree. Council members and the Mayor will be performing a tree inventory on private property in the coming month. Clerk Eckers will be drafting a letter to residents and will include a copy of the current ordinance for dangerous/dead trees. Citizens will have the opportunity to either utilize the rate of \$850 per tree removal directly to Robb's Tree service or have the fees assessed to their utility bill in either a 1-year or 2-year financed plan. This plan will be presented to the Council for approval via Resolution at the next Council meeting on March 24th

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AC. Discussion and possible action: Insurance FY27. The Council was presented with a quote for insurance coverage for FY27 from EMC Insurance through Shomo Madsen firm in Jewell. The coverage for FY27 totals \$96,864. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Jensen to continue the insurance contract through EMC and Shomo Madsen. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. D: Discussion and possible action: USDA Wildlife Damage Mitigation – Lagoons: Motion by Funk and seconded by Jensen to approve the request by USDA to mitigate wildlife at the city lagoons as a bird flu preventative measure for the adjoining property’s turkey barns. Roll call votes 4-1 with Sogard voting Nay. Motion carried. E: Comp plan update – Clerk Eckers presented Council with an update from the ISU College of Design on the timeline and upcoming meetings for the comp planning process.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Phipps to adjourn the meeting. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor
/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

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ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM:

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