



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Ellsworth
Christmas
Happenings
2024

Community Association

Officers:

President:

Marcy Olson

cornflower39@yahoo.com

Treasurer:

Linda Clark

Board Member:

Marv Norem

Editor:

Janet Adix

ellsworthia@netins.net

Santa Comes to Town

December 14th 4:30

Ellsworth Fire Station

Santa, Soup, Drinks, Gifts



Table of Contents

Calendar, Notices.....2

Birthdays. Remembering the
Past.....3

Council Minutes,4 &5

Ellsworth Public Library...6



Christmas Lighting Contest

December 18 6:00PM-8:00PM

Call to be sure you are judged

515-297-3883 - 515-729-7484

DECEMBER²⁴

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 New Moon	2	3	4	5 Library board meet 5:30	6	7 Bingo Community Center 5:00 Pearl Harbor Day
8 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 First Quarter	9 City Council 5:00	10 Community Association 6:00 Community Center	11	12	13	14 Santa here at Fire Station 4:30 Bingo Community Center 5:00
15 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 Full Moon	16	17	18 Firemen Meeting 7:00 Christmas Lighting Contest 6:00-8:00	19	20	21 Bingo Community Center 5:00 Winter Begins
22 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 Last Quarter	23	24	25 	26 Hanukkah Kwanzaa Boxing Day (Canada)	27	28 Bingo Community Center 5:00
29 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	30 New Moon	31			NOVEMBER 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	JANUARY 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

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

Staci Thompson	1st
Pam Hocking	6th
Laura Rollefson	7th
Holly Adix	15th
Tanner Thompson	30th

WINNERS OF HALLOWEEN NIGHT DRAWING

Riley Steele	Harper Stangeland
Vaila Downey	Marvin Huebner
Lauren Allen	Addyson Robb
Levi Nelson	Liam Funk
Drevyn Norem	Jeremy Stanislow
Promise Ellis	Gracie Scott
Leslie Hernandez	Eveatt Kuennen
J J Bina	

DRAWING GIFT CARDS FROM
AFFORDABLE'S, HARDEE'S & SUBWAY

REMEMBERING THE PAST; Newspapers of Ellsworth

The first newspaper, The Ellsworth Chronicle was published on Thursday, September 8, 1898 and cost \$1.00 a year. The publishing shop stood where the Kufus Oil Station later stood. Mr. J.A. Digerness was the editor.

In 1903 J.W. Pitzer took over as editor and changed the name to the "Ellsworth News". F. O. Satter, a very original writer became editor in 1910. He was a humorist and said he printed for pleasure, pastime and pecuniary. Falstaff O Satter had another project - a magazine called "The Squirt Gun" published monthly. By this time the publishing building was where the Medical Building eventually was built.

George (Joy) Hanson bought the "Ellsworth News" in 1915 and published it until his death in 1951. His wife then took over the publishing. Verne Goeldner was the next editor. In 1952, Marvin Brown bought the rights and continued doing so until 1970. The newspaper office continued to be on main street until 1957 when Brown's built a building on Dubuque Street.

In 1967 the "Ellsworth News" became the "South Hamilton News" and serviced the South Hamilton School district. Richard Peters bought the rights in 1970 and moved the business to Jewell.

All copies of the Ellsworth newspapers are housed in the Ellsworth Historical Museum. The newspapers up to 2013 are have been digitized and available on the Museum's website, ellsworthia.us.

CO-OPERATION WITH FARMERS

The co-operation between the FARMERS STATE BANK and the farmers of this vicinity has been a distinguishing feature of its service.

A strong bank in the center of an agricultural community finds many ways in which it can benefit and encourage farmers.

The management of this bank believes thoroughly in giving liberal aid to its farmer patrons, not only in the way of deserved financial support, but also in helping them to formulate and carry out plans which will result in greater returns from their labor.

Farmers State Bank
ELLSWORTH, IOWA H. H. LEXVOLD, CASH'R

ICE CREAM CONFECTIONERY

W. A. NELSON
Cafe and Restaurant

CIGARS, TOBACCO SODA FOUNTAIN

A. H. RUSTAD
Buyer and Shipper of
Poultry, Eggs, Cream, Flour, Mill Feed & Salt.
Schumachers & Perina Chick Feed.

FRUIT

WE CAN SUPPLY YOUR wants in the Fruit line.
Fresh Fruit every day.

Fresh bread, short order meals, lunches, soft drinks! confectionery, cigars, tobaccos, etc., etc.

THE BUSY BEE RESTAURANT

Lightning May strike you anytime.

Protect your buildings with Copper Cable Lightning Rods. I have the material, the time and the disposition to put them on for you. Best quality and workmanship guaranteed.

Don't delay. Act NOW.
I also put up eaves trough and spouting.

Geo. E. Bennett
The Corner Hardware
Phone 18

The Corner Store

Desires to extend a very cordial invitation to the readers of this paper to come into their store and inspect the splendid line of Dry Goods, Groceries and General Merchandise that they always keep on hand.

Young men! let us order your Suit. We can make you happy.

HANSON, EITREIM CO

HUNTING FOR WALL PAPER ARE YOU?

WE HAVE JUST WHAT YOU WANT!
WE SELL MAXWELL PAPERS
STOP IN TO DAY

THE ELLSWORTH DRUG CO.

Advertising in "The Ellsworth News"

NOVEMBER 11TH CITY COUNCIL

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on November 11, 2024, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: Sogard, Laube, Funk, Phipps.

	October Receipts	October Disbursements
General Fund	5750.38	23052.72
Road Use Fund	5690.30	1612.86
Employee Benefit Fund		851.57
Emergency Fund		
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	6165.30	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1		
Tax Increment Finance Area 2		
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend		
Bingo Fund	3398.25	1341.70
Debt Service Fund		
Capital Project-Storm Water		
Capital Project-Water Tower		1723.00
Water Fund	31199.25	
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	8840.80	7414.84
Electric Fund	66137.91	57223.44
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	3953.40	45.10
Storm Water Sinking		
	\$131135.59	\$93265.23

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

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

- a. Motion to approve October 22 minutes
- b. Motion to approve October and November payment of claims
- c. Motion to approve annual cemetery contributions
- d. Motion to approve annual urban renewal report
- e. Motion to approve annual iron meter reading subscription renewal
- f. Motion to approve annual GASB77 letters

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

City Council minutes continued on page 5

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

ECA: Linda Clark, Marcy Olson, Ashley Platte, and Kayla Knippel were present from the ECA. Request was made for Bingo to donate the cost of a newly purchased microwave in the Community Center kitchen. Motion made by Funk and 2nd by Laube. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. ECA members updated council on results from recent free-will donation fundraising supper, turnout for Halloween event and the upcoming collaborative event with the Ellsworth Fire Department for Christmas on December 14, 2024.

IPAIT PRESENTATION: Caleb Walter with IPAIT was present to discuss municipal investing options. The council will discuss and be presented with a doable figure as a Resolution for the next council meeting.

COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL USE – Travis Anderson present to request gym usage for Thursday in the evening and Sundays in the afternoon for a local 5th grade tournament basketball team practice. Team would offer to set up and tear down tables and chairs to not disrupt Saturday Bingo event. Council discussed. Motion made by Sogard to allow Travis Anderson's team to rent the Ellsworth Gym from November through February for a \$100 fee with \$150 damage deposit upon contract signing, to include Thursday evenings for a 3-hour span and Sunday afternoons for a 3-hour span. 2nd by Laube. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

FIRE/EMS: Jaysen Evans was present to give the council updates on the old fire station building. He is still acquiring quotes for removal of building, pad and approach. Request was made to order new LED bolsters and lighting for inside the current fire station building as well as replacing one of the furnaces that is no longer in working condition. City clerk will speak with PW Supervisor Vanlangen to acquire quotes through current vendors of the city prior to approval from council. City clerk will put together sealed bidding process for the EFD 69 Pumper truck by next council meeting. Discussion about an emergency credit card for the EFD led to Motion by Sogard to approve an emergency credit card be secured for the EFD, with a limit of \$1200 and a max of \$500 per month unless approved through city hall. 2nd by Funk. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY: Email from Library director Karlie Hunter requesting adding a "donation" widget to the library's website was discussed by council. No vote required.

CITY HALL UPDATES: Annual reports have begun. City Clerk has a training through IMFOA for Budget Process next week.

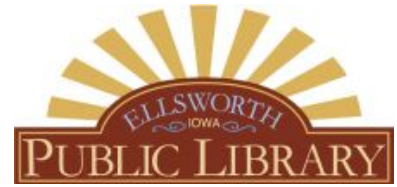
PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES: Staff not present

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Dolorus Yager called for adjournment at 9:02 p.m.

Dolorus Yager, Mayor

Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

December 2024,



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- After School Snack & Activity | 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, December 5
- Board Meeting (open to public) | 5:30-6:30pm on Thursday, December 5
- BASE Exercise Group | 10:00-10:30am on Friday, December 6
- After School Snack & Activity | 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, December 12
- BASE Exercise Group | 10:00-10:30am on Friday, December 13
- After School Snack & Activity | 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, December 19
- BASE Exercise Group | 10:00-10:30am on Friday, December 20
- Early Out Snack & Activity | 2:00-3:00pm on Friday, December 20
- Library Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (December 24-25)
- Early Childhood Storytime | 10:30-11:00am on Friday, December 27
- BASE Exercise Group | 10:00-10:30am on Friday, December 27
- Tablet/E-Reader Assistance Drop-In | 1:00-3:00pm on Monday, December 30
- Young(ish) Adult Book Club | 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, December 30
 - Come pick up a book to join this new book club for adults age 18-30(ish)! This month is *The Most fun We Ever Had* by Claire Lombardo.
- Library Closes at 3:00pm on Tuesday, December 31

More details about any of these programs can be found at ellsworth.lib.ia.us/events.

NEW BOOKS:

Adult Fiction:

- The Blue Hour by Paula Hawkins
- Distant Sons by Tim Johnston
- The Last Thing He told Me by Laura Dave
- Playground by Richard Powers

Adult Nonfiction:

- The Cancer Code by Dr. Jason Fung
- Fast by Heather E. Carson
- Holy Hygge by Erickson
- Millionaire Mission by Brian Preston
- The Obesity Code by Dr. Jason Fung

Biography:

- Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
- The Truths We Hold by Kamala Harris

Junior Reader:

- Finally Seen
- Home Away From Home
- The Midnight Children
- Rover's Story

Beginning Reader Fiction:

- The Gingerbread Man: Class Pet on the Loose
- Secret Santa Surprise

Early Reader Fiction:

- How to Catch Santa Claus
- The Night Before Christmas
- The Polar Express

DVDs:

- Inside Out 2
- Twisters