



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Community Association Officers:

Co Presidents: Marcy Olson
Dan Dean

Secretary/Treasurer:

Jon Rollefson

Board Members:

Marv Norem

Pam Hocking

A new format is being tested by the Community Association for the Ellsworth monthly newsletter. As costs are rising it is becoming more difficult to continue as in the past. The newsletter will be published once a month on the first day of the month, in digital form and included on the City of Ellsworth's website, ellsworthiowa.org and the Ellsworth Historical Museum website, ellsworthia.us. A hard copy will be placed in City Hall, Ellsworth Public Library and Ellsworth Cooperative Telephone Association for those who do not have access to computers. For those that have articles to be included in the publication, they can be sent to ellsworthca@netins.net or PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia by the 25th of the month prior to publication. Please let the officers of the Community Association know your thoughts on the change.

Ellsworth Public Library News

The spotlight book of the month is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman.

At first sight, Ove is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever mee. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots – neighbors who can't reverse a trailer properly, joggers, shop assistants who talk in code, and the perpetrators of the vicious coup d'état that ousted him as Chairman of the Residents' Association. He will persist in making his daily inspection rounds of the local streets.

NEW BOOKS AND DVDS

Adult Fiction:

- *The Bookshop on the Shore* by Jenny Colgan
- *The Bachelor Contract* by Rachel Van Dyken
- *Endless Summer* by Elin Hilderbrand
- *Wicked Dreams* by Lisa Jackson and Nancy Bush
- *Sleep No More* by Jane Ann Krentz
- *The Shadows* by Alex North
- *The Wit and Wisdom of Bridgerton: Lady Whistledown's Official Guide* by Julia Quinn
- *Last Night at Chateau Marmont* by Lauren Weisberger

Young Adult Fiction:

- *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay

Graphic Novels:

- *Shuna's Journey* by Hayao Miyazaki

Beginning Reader Fiction:

- *Spike it, Mo!* by David A. Adler
- *Nate the Great and the Missing Tomatoes* by Andrew Sharmat

Early Reader Fiction:

- *Rissy No Kissies* by Katey Howes

New DVDs:

- Ticket to Paradise
- Ghostbusters Afterlife

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JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on January 9th, 2023 with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: Funk, Gelder and Sogard. Absent: King and Norem.

	December Receipts	December Disbursements
General Fund	36001.00	23000.57
Road Use Fund	5956.43	2358.05
Employee Benefit Fund	1309.74	832.00
Emergency Fund	480.57	
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	10499.36	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1		
Tax Increment Finance Area 2	297.51	
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend	32154.93	
Bingo Fund	2622.93	1959.90
Debt Service Fund	1123.05	
Capital Improv Reserve		
Capital Project-Ind. Park Rd.		
Capital Project-EL Util Impr		
Capital Project-Well Project		
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Water Fund	23564.17	12712.68
Water Sinking Fund		13072.50
Sewer Fund	6733.95	6336.37
Electric Fund	56974.55	52944.71
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	3725.55	
Storm Water Sinking Fund		<u>5473.00</u>
	<u>\$181443.74</u>	<u>\$118689.78</u>

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

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

- a. Motion to approve December 12th, 2022 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve December payment of claims.
- c. Motion to reappoint Jayson Evans as the City’s representative to Hamilton County’s E911 Board and Hamilton County’s Emergency Management Board with Dolorus Yager named as the alternative representative beginning January 1st, 2023.
- d. Motion to re-name South Hamilton Record News as the official City newspaper.
- e. Motion to approve Fire Truck payment in the amount of \$11,349.00 due 2/1/2023.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES - CONTINUED

PUBLIC FORUM: Thom Marsh with Rotoform Molding Corporation was present to discuss moving forward with his new building located in the Industrial Park. The request to vacate several streets was mentioned, however there is still missing information regarding the City's utilities being under said streets. Supervisor Vanlangen will reach out to the City engineer and attorney to determine if the streets are able to be vacated.

CITY ATTORNEY: Raphael M. Montag Attorney at Law with Groves and Chizek Law Office, was in attendance at the council meeting to discuss possibly representing the City of Ellsworth moving forward. After speaking with the council

and obtaining his current fee schedule, there was a motion by Funk, seconded by Sogard to accept Mr. Montag's proposal for the City Attorney position. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Motion by Gelder, seconded by Sogard to approve the FY23/24 Library Budget request of \$44,955.00. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried

Motion by Sogard, seconded by Funk to approve the South Hamilton Post Prom donation of \$500.00 for FY22/23. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR WATER TOWER PROJECT: Motion by Gelder, Seconded by Funk to approve the engagement letter from Nathan Summers from UMB Financial Services to act as Municipal Advisor for the Water Tower Project. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

MAYORIAL APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Yager made the following appointments

Mayor Pro-tem: Kalib King

Personal Committee: Dolorus Yager, Kalib King, Marvin Norem

Finance and Ordinance Committee: Dolorus Yager, Marvin Norem, Amy Zeman

Utilities and Streets Committee: Dolorus Yager, William Funk, Nick Vanlangen

Buildings and Grounds Committee: William Funk, Marvin Norem, Nick Vanlangen

Sanitary Landfill Rep: Kalib King, Dolorus Yager (Alternate), Steven Gelder (Alternate)

Police Board: Dolorus Yager, Ladonna Sogard

Hamilton County Crime Stoppers: Barry Anksorus

ORDINANCE #621 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: Motion by Gelder, seconded by Sogard to pass the second reading of Ordinance #621 pertaining to automatic traffic enforcement being added as a new chapter. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE REVIEW: The City Clerk reminded the council that they would soon be approaching the 90-day review window for new employee Knickerbocker. Discussion also took place regarding a wage adjustment that originally took place last spring, however council members from the Personnel committee were absent, so it will be re-visited at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor

/s/ Amy L. Zeman, City Clerk

HOMEWOOD CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Homewood Cemetery Improvement Association held 7 meetings during 2022 with an average of 8 members in attendance. Adam Lande had the maintenance contract again in 2022. The gazebo was repaired in the spring by the Association members.

Memorial Day services were held at the Cemetery with Julie Ahrens as speaker. A large crowd was in attendance. One hundred sixty three flags were placed on Veterans graves.

Restoration was continued on the grave headstones. A total of 84 have been completed with 13 left to do.

Work was completed with a data base for Homewood Cemetery. This is a list of those buried in the cemetery. The web address for the information is: iagenweb.org. Go to Counties, Hamilton, Cemeteries and Homewood. Information assessable is: Section, Lot#, Name, Dates and Notes. This will be updated once a year during May.

Officers for the coming year are: President-Lisa Hovick, Vice President-Betsi Danielson, Secretary-Joyce Ostebee, Treasurer-Jody Berg, Board Members at Large: Pat Hill & Jon Rollefson, Superintendent-Jayson Evans, Trustee-Meghan Hetland.

There were 16 burials and 8 spaces sold this year.

Those Buried in Homewood during 2022:

Janet Lovell	Clint Olson	June VanLangen	Arling Isvik
Kent Isvik	Julie Bush Nelson	Florence Vold	Jon Danielson
Francis Tjelta	Donnie Baker	Erin Gasaway	James Gasaway
Joyce Knutson	Kenneth Magnuson	Thomas Anderson	Sue Norem

Memorials Given:

Clint Olson: Mark Lunde, Jayson & Lori Evans, Maurine Hemphill, Jim & Pat Hill, Lois Danielson and Janice Lunde

Joyce Knutson: Lois Danielson, Lindseth/Ostebee

June VanLangen: Dale & Linda Graham, Lois Danielson, Lindseth/Ostebee, Gerald & Jacquelyn Hill, Lauren & Teresa Olson, Jayson & Lori Evans, Jim & Pat Hill, Janet Adix, VanLangen family

Leland Jones: Lois Danielson, Steven & Cynthia Hockman, Gearld & Jacquelyn Hill, Shirley McShane, Steve & Pam Larson, Merlyn Hegland, Joel & Lisa Hovick

Lorraine McVickey: Gerald & Jacquelyn Hill

Raymond Hovick: Marty Danielson, Betsi Danielson, Jane Heinlen, Lois Danielson, Craig & Shyrlee Hill

Cynthia Thoreson-Arnold: Lois Danielson

Sue Norem: Lois Danielson

Memorial/At Large donations can be designated to 4 different funds: Maintenance, Avenue of Flags, Weed Spraying, Beautification/Restoration. One hundred per cent of donations go towards these funds, no administration fees.

The Association meets the months April thru October at Trinity Lutheran Church, the last Friday of the month at 10:00 A.M. Anyone interested in the care of the Cemetery is welcome to attend.

February 2023

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Birthdays This Month

Jody Berg, February 3rd

Kristal Johnson, February 21st

Selwyn Rash, February 4th

Chuck VanLangen, Jess Romp, Feb 24th

Nancy Brant, February 13th

Trevor Thompson, February 26th

Gerald Hill, Sydney Gleder, February 16th

Eli Angove, February 28th

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

- 1st Place = Jim & Bea Maxwell
\$75.00
- 2nd Place - Bob and Marcie Olson
\$50.00
- 3rd Place - Dan & Jennifer Nibe \$25.00

FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is again available in Ellsworth at the Public Library, February 15th & March 1st. To make an appointment call the Library (515-836-4852)

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year again for the annual Ellsworth Community Association membership renewal. Dues are \$20.00 for single or family memberships. Send your check/cash to: **Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Iowa.** Please include all names of the family, address and phone number. Thank you for your interest in the Ellsworth Community.

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.



This year is the 50th Anniversary of RAGBRAI. It there anybody local that rode it the first year? How many RAGBRAI rides have your ridden in? Email your answers to ellsworthca@netins.net.

Wikipedia

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