**CITY OF ELLSWORTH NEWSLETTER April 2021**

**NOBLES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINIC** will be held in Ellsworth on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 beginning at 9:30AM – 11:00AM at the City Hall.

Governor Tim Walz has announced that **ALL Minnesotans aged 16 & older** are eligible to receive a **Covid-19 vaccine** starting Tuesday, March 30th. While the order includes those ages 16 & older, **Nobles County is currently administering the Modema vaccine, approved for ages 18 years older only.**

To pre-register for the COVID-19 shot, use web browser Safari, Firefox or Chrome: <https://prepmod.health.state.mn.us//reg/4012466569>

Follow the steps to register and confirm your time slot-you will receive a confirmation email (check your junk folder is you have not received one).

OR, you can go to <https://www.co.nobles.mn.us> and register.

If you need help to register, please call for assistance (translation services available), Monday – Friday, 8AM – 4:30PM. **TELEPHONE NUMBER: 507-295-5100.**

Walk-ins are welcome (will be based on available vaccine).

**Local Board of Review** will be held at the Ellsworth City Hall on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 @ 9:00AM. This meeting will be about your assessed values of your real estate… this meeting is not about the taxes or budget.

**The Residential Spring City Wide Clean-Up will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021.** Schaap Sanitation will be doing the annual City Clean up in one day only.

This day will be on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021. (Same day as pre-paid Appliance Pick up). Items will need to be set out on the curb (NOT IN THE ALLEY) by 7:30AM or it will NOT be picked up. They only go down a street one time. If it is not set out when they go by, it will NOT get picked up.

***No appliances (unless pre-paid pick-up and on the Appliance pickup list), toxic or hazardous wastes, tires, batteries, cement, bricks, oil, fluorescent bulbs etc.*  Also, NO OUT OF TOWN JUNK is allowed or commercial clean up.**

Items that can be thrown in the weekly **garbage** include: Shredders, Vacuum Cleaners, Blenders, Mixers, and Humidifiers.

Empty card board boxes will NOT be picked up while cleanup is going on. Please put these items in your

recycling. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**APPLIANCE PICK-UP: Tuesday, May 18th, 2021. One day only. NO ALLEY PICKUP.**

TV’s, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Printers, Computers, Water Heaters, Wash Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators, Freezers, & Monitors

Cost for all of the above, EXCEPT the Printer, is $25.00 dollars per item. Printers are $10.00 per item (NO Commercial Printer).

You will need to pre-pay for your pickup. All items will need to be set out by the curb early on Tuesday, morning, May 18th, 2021, or it will not get picked up. If you fail to pre-pay, it will NOT get picked up either. Schaap Sanitation will be picking these items up. The City does not make any money on this. It is a service provided to you. *Please pre-pay by Monday, May 17th, 2021 at the City Clerk’s Office by 5:00PM.*

**FROM THE NOBLE’S COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE:**

The City of Ellsworth has an ordinance which prohibits the **parking of vehicles** within the city limits that are not in running order or do not have a valid registration. The City of Ellsworth contracts with the Nobles County Sheriff Department to enforce this ordinance.

We are asking that each resident take the time to make sure that all vehicles on their property are in compliance with City Ordinance 600.02. The Sheriff’s Department will be enforcing this ordinance with citation on May 1st, 2021.

Don’t forget to get your **out of state license plates changed** to Minnesota.

Other reminders that your city has regarding ordinances are snow removal, weed control/mowing, and dogs/cats’ licenses, ATV/golf carts. **Section 605 – Snowmobiles, All Terrain Vehicles, Go-Carts and Recreational Vehicles. (This ordinance also includes Golf Carts) To review this ordinance, go to:** [**www.ellsworth.mn.citygovt.org**](http://www.ellsworth.mn.citygovt.org)

We hope that citation will not be necessary and that all residents will take pride in their community to keep it clean. If you have any questions please contact the Nobles County Sheriff’s Office at 507-295-5400.

Thank you,

Nobles County Sheriff’s Office

**FAMILY FUN DAYS:** Pending Covid-19 and Governor Walz, the Ellsworth Community Club and the City of Ellsworth are hopeful of Family Days this summer. Please continue to watch for updates.

From Ellsworth Fire Chief Terry DeBeer and Emergency Management Director Joe Deutsch:

**When the siren blows because of severe weather, it means to take cover.**

There is *no* “all clear” warning signal. People need to use common sense as to when to come out from their basements or shelter area of their homes.

If the electricity does not work, the Ellsworth Fire Department will drive the emergency vehicles up and down the streets of Ellsworth with the emergency sirens blaring, thus warning you to take cover.

The weather service also advises to stay out of the corners of basements.

The Ellsworth Fire Department

Terry DeBeer, Fire Chief

**The Ellsworth Burn site** is *only* to be used for the residents of the City of Ellsworth. It is to be used *only* for trees, leaves, brush, branches, or garden debris. The City of Ellsworth employees are *only* to start a fire at the dump site. The gates will be left open daily unless it is misused. Regulations will be posted on the gate and the fine thereof. Please use common sense when it is wet. ABSOLUTELY NO GARBAGE OR PAINTED/VARNISHED WOOOD ACCEPTABLE or any wood with nails in it. There are piles for each kind of debris and the piles are marked. Please adhere to putting your debris in the correct piles. The MN Department of Natural Resource checks our tree dump periodically. Absolutely no garbage bags full of leaves or garden debris. Empty out debris on the correct pile **and dispose of your own garbage bags**. The city will be fined by the MN DNR and possible closure of the dump if the rules are NOT followed.

The honorable Mayor Colette Smythe is the Weed Inspector for the City of Ellsworth.

**WEED ELIMINATION:**

ALL GRASS OR WEEDS GROWING UPON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY OR ABUTTING PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT IN CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY WHEN THE GRASS OR WEEDS ARE GREATER THAN SIX (6) INCHES IN HEIGHT OR GOING TO SEED EXCEPT WHEN THE PROPERTY IS USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES (I.E. FFA OR SIMILAR PROGRAM) OR WHEN LEASED TO A THIRD PARTY BY A PUBLIC OR EDUCATIONAL ENTITY FOR ALFALFA, HAY GROUND OR SIMILAR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

NO DEPOSIT OF GRASS OR WEEDS, BY REASON OF DISCHARGE FROM MOWING OR BY BLOWING ON TO THE PAVED OR TRAVELED PORTION OF ANY STREET.

OWNERS & OCCUPANTS SHALL DESTROY ALL WEEDS THAT ARE A NUISANCE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THIS PUBLICATION, OR CITY EMPLOYEES MAY CUT AND REMOVE SUCH WEEDS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNER AND IF NOT PAID, THE CHARGE FOR SUCH WORK WILL BE MADE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE PROPERTY CONCERNED WITH THE CITY CLERK KEEPING TRACK OF EACH SEPARATE LOT AND PARCEL

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This notice has been published in the Nobles County Review on 3/17/2021.

Sump Pump Discharge Notice: Any resident with sump pumps draining their water into the sanitary sewer line and NOT disposing it properly out into the storm sewer drains on the street, may be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to $700 dollars or jail time. City Ordinance 910.07 Use of Public Services, Subd. 1, Unpolluted Waters.

If you have a pet**,** please keep it on a leash. **The only animals allowed within the City of** **Ellsworth is a cat or a dog.** Annual Pet license is $10.00 dollars per pet. City Ordinance Chapter 3 Municipal Regulations and Licensing Section 305 Dogs & Cats refer to what is lawful in the City of Ellsworth. Please call the Nobles County Sheriff’s Office at 507-295-5400 if you have a complaint.

**AN UPDATE ON THE ELLSWORTH CITY HALL & CITY SHOP:** For the Ellsworth City Hall, Chairs and tables have arrived! We are hoping to complete the final Proposed Rental Policy & Procedure at the next regular meeting. The City Shop is close to being ready for use! The City would like to have a formal Open House for both the City Shop and City Hall. We are hoping soon!

**EYE ON WATER APP ~** youare now able to see your water usage through an APP called EYE ON WATER. You can apply this app through your smart phone, tablet or computer. You will need your water bill account number. There are 25 residents that are using this FREE app. An easy way to save money if you have water leak… especially over a weekend!

**STREET LIGHT OUTAGE:** If you see a street light that is out, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at: 507-967-2373 or send an email to: [**cityofellsworthmn@gmail.com**](mailto:cityofellsworthmn@gmail.com)

**CITY FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE:** Watch the Ellsworth Facebook page (Like us on Facebook: City of Ellsworth, Minnesota) and, the City website [www.ellsworth.mn.citygovt.org](http://www.ellsworth.mn.citygovt.org) for updated information.

~ The Ellsworth City Council