



2026/2027

ELYRIA PARKS & RECREATION

Fall & Winter Programs



RECREATION CENTERS & FACILITIES

Main Office

131 Court Street, Suite 103 | 440-326-1500

East Recreation Center

1101 Prospect | 440-322-3028

East Pool

1005 Prospect Street | 440-323-3867

North Pool/Ice Arena

901 Duffey Street | 440-365-4251

West Recreation Center

1200 Foster | 440-323-7755

South Recreation Center

101 S. Park Dr. | 440-322-7601

Finwood Estate

799 North Abbe Road | 440-365-4727

Softball Rain-out Hotline

440-322-7696

FACILITY RENTAL INFORMATION

Facility Rentals must be reserved at least 3 weeks in advance of rental date and payment is due at the time of reservation. Reservations are subject to availability and staffing.

Call 440-326-1500 to reserve a facility.

Gymnasiums \$45 per hour

Finwood Estate \$50 per hour
(2 hour min)

South Meeting Room \$35 per hour

East Meeting Room \$20** one time fee
(must be reserved with the gym)

Ice Arena \$200 per hour

Pools (Seasonal) \$150 per hour

PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Cost: \$25 per session \$60 all day

There are three sessions available:

8:00–11:45 a.m., Noon–4:45 p.m., and
5:00–Dark.

Electricity is **NOT** available at any of our shelters.

Restrooms will be open Memorial Day
through Labor Day

- Hilltop Park 1231 Gulf Road
(2 shelters)
- West Park 1200 Foster Avenue
(1 shelter)
- East Park 1101 Prospect Street.
(1 Shelter)
- South Park 215 16th Street (1 shelter)

**** Alcoholic Beverages are Prohibited!****

***Bounce Houses and Generators are Prohibited!**

ELY SQUARE GAZEBO

Ely Park Gazebo is available for rent for weddings and pictures. The cost for rental is \$15 per hour for resident. All reservations must be made in person at the Main Office, 131 Court Street, Suite 103.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Check our website, elyria.recdesk.com/community/home, and Facebook, facebook.com/ElyriaRecreation for additional information.

CEMETERIES

The Cemetery Division of the Parks and Recreation Department maintains and operates:

- Ridgelawn Cemetery,
285 Columbus Street
- North Murray Ridge Cemetery,
8230 North Murray Ridge Road
- Brookdale Cemetery,
41600 Oberlin Road

For information on advanced planning or the purchase of lots contact Brookdale Cemetery Office at 440-322-3896.

Brookdale Cemetery Online Burial Search is now available!

Please visit cityofelyria.org/department/cemetery for a GPS-Guided map of Brookdale!

MONTHLY CLEAN-UP

Last Friday of each month, year-round, weather permitting.

No ornaments or décor may be hung on trees or landscaping.

HOLIDAY FLOWERS/ WINTER DECOR

Flowers and wreaths are permitted beginning Monday, November 2, 2026.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

The department guarantees you will enjoy and be satisfied with recreation classes, programs, and services in which you participate. If you are not completely satisfied after the first session or meeting time, tell us and we'll explain our guarantee and refund policy.

INFORMATION ACCURACY

Occasionally, there may be an error in dates, times, registration requirements, fees or other pertinent information in our brochure. When such errors occur, our staff will do everything possible to correct the error.

PHOTO RELEASES

Elyria city staff may take photographs of participants in our programs, classes and events, people in our parks, or on park property. Please be aware that these photos are for the City's use only and may be used in future program guides, brochures, news articles or on the website.

soccer programs

outdoor soccer leagues

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 |
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

Games are played on Saturdays at the West Park Soccer Complex. Teams will practice one evening during the week. All coaches are volunteers.

If you are interested in coaching call our main office at 440-326-1500.

Note: Games may be scheduled on a weeknight if needed.

OUTDOOR LEAGUE

AGES/GRADES:
4-K-1, 2-3, 4-6

DIVISION OF PLAY:
Age 4-K-1, 2-3, 4-6

September 5th - October 17th

REGISTRATION ENDS
AUGUST 23

squeaky sneaker soccer

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 | NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

Emphasis will be placed on fundamentals, team work, sportsmanship and fair play.

SESSION 1	BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4 - 6	MONDAYS, OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 30 SKIP NOV. 2 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	South Recreation Center (Inside)	REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 21
SESSION 2		MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 8, 2027 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.		REGISTRATION ENDS JANUARY 27

tot sports mashup

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 | NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

This exciting program is an introduction to Fall Youth Sports for children between the ages 2 - 4 years old. Tot Sport Mashup is best described as a "sport sampler" to help children experience multiple sports in one program. With fun and intentional engagement from our staff, this program will offer age appropriate activities that will introduce traditional sports in creative and kid-friendly ways.

FALL EDITION	The sports included in the Fall Edition of Tot Sport Mashup will be: Soccer, T-ball, Golf, Flag Football & Kickball. The program will consist of six classes Tuesdays & Thursdays at East Park.	WINTER EDITION	The sports included in the Winter Edition of Tot Sport Mashup will be: Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, Pickleball & Indoor Soccer. The program consists of six classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at South Recreation Center
AGES 2 - 4 years		AGES 2 - 4 years	
CLASS TIME: 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.		CLASS TIME: 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	
September 8 - 24		January 5 - 21	
REGISTRATION ENDS SEPTEMBER 4		REGISTRATION ENDS JANUARY 3	

football programs

flag football league

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 |
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

The league is played at East Park. Teams practice one night per week with volunteer coaches. If you are interested in coaching call our main office at 440-326-1500.

Note: Games may be scheduled on a weeknight if needed.

FLAG FOOTBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES	4-6	7-11
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September 5 - October 17

REGISTRATION ENDS
AUGUST 23

girls flag football clinic

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 |
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

The clinic is played at East Park. This exciting program will introduce girls to flag football! In addition to skills training and development, the instructors will teach basic flag football rules and give a general overview of the game. This experience will be fun and exciting while introducing the participants to basic fundamentals. Participants will also play in scrimmages and conclude with a grand finale game!

3RD - 5TH GRADERS	
TIME	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday, September 2 - Wednesday, October 7	
REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 26	
6TH - 8TH GRADERS	
TIME	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 2 - Wednesday, October 7	
REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 26	

youth volleyball programs

2026 | FALL YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

RESIDENT FEE: \$42
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

BEGINNERS:	PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:
GRADES: 3rd - 5th	GRADES: 6th - 8th
9:30-10:45 a.m.	11:00 am.- 12:15 p.m.

*Grades 6-8 must enroll
in Pre. Exp. Class*

September 19 - October 24
Classes will be held on Saturdays

**REGISTRATION ENDS
SEPTEMBER 13**

2027 | WINTER YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

RESIDENT FEE: \$42
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

BEGINNERS:	PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:
GRADES: 3rd - 5th	GRADES: 6th - 8th
9:30-10:45 a.m.	11:00 am.- 12:15 p.m.

*Grades 6-8 must enroll in
Pre. Exp. Class*

January 9 - February 6, 2027
Classes will be held on Saturdays

**REGISTRATION ENDS
JANUARY 6**

2027 WINTER | JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 | NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

Open to Boys and Girls Grades 3-8

Divisions of Play: Grades 3-5, 6-8.

This six game season is an instructional league for the beginning and intermediate volleyball player. **All matches will be played at the West Rec Center.**

Previous experience in the sport of volleyball is recommended.

BEGINS: Feb. 13 - April 10

**REGISTRATION ENDS
JANUARY 31**

horizon education center's 21st century program

The program is designed to assist children in meeting standards, both state and local, in core academics — such as math and reading — while also providing enrichment activities.

Registration packets available at East Recreation Center.

Monday - Friday 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Program serves grades 5-8. Follows Elyria City Schools calendar.

tennis program

youth tennis lessons

Great program for learning basic tennis skills and coordination through games and drills. **Classes will be held at the South Recreation Center on Saturdays for five weeks.**

TENNIS LESSONS

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 | NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

Boys and Girls 7 - 12

CLASS TIME:
10:30 a.m.

September 19 - October 17

**REGISTRATION ENDS
SEPTEMBER 17**

open recreation program

This FREE program is open to all children grades K-8.

The Open Recreation Program involves organized games and free play. All programs are well supervised. The program runs when school is in session. The Open Recreation program will be closed when school is closed. Registration is required to participate in Open Recreation and forms are available at the Recreation Centers

OPEN RECREATION PROGRAM

EAST RECREATION CENTER
1101 Prospect St.

GRADES K-4	Tuesdays, Thursdays 2:30-5:00 p.m.
GRADES 5-8	Mondays, Wednesday 2:30-5:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM START DATE
SEPTEMBER 8**

youth basketball programs

start smart basketball program

Start Smart Basketball, a program of the National Alliance Youth Sports, teaches children, ages 3–4, the basic motor skills and sports mechanics necessary to play organized basketball while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with a parent. Games will be held at the South Recreation Center.

2026 SESSION 1	2027 SESSION 2
RESIDENT FEE: \$42 NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52	
South Recreation Center	
Tuesdays, October 27 - December 8 <i>(Skip Nov. 3)</i>	Tuesdays, February 2 – March 9
CLASS TIMES: TBD	CLASS TIMES: TBD
REGISTRATION ENDS: OCTOBER 18	REGISTRATION ENDS: JANUARY 24

basketball skills clinic

Participants ages 6-grade 3 will learn the proper fundamentals of dribbling, passing and shooting. Basic rules and fun scrimmages included. An eight foot goal can be used. Program will be held at South Recreation Center.

2026 SESSION 1	2027 SESSION 2
RESIDENT FEE: \$42 NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52	
South Recreation Center	
Monday, October 26 – November 30 <i>(Skip Nov. 2)</i>	Monday, February 1 – March 8
CLASS TIMES: 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.	CLASS TIMES: 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
REGISTRATION ENDS: OCTOBER 22	REGISTRATION ENDS: JANUARY 28

“rookie” basketball league

Emphasis will be placed on learning fundamentals, team work, sportsmanship and fair play. Participants will be placed on a team with volunteer coaches. An eight foot goal will be used and games will be 4 on 4. The program will be held at South Recreation Center.

2026 SESSION 1	2027 SESSION 2
RESIDENT FEE: \$42 NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52	
Boys and Girls: Ages 5-6	
South Recreation Center	
Saturdays, October 24 - December 12 <i>(Skip Nov. 28)</i>	Saturdays, January 23 – March 6
REGISTRATION ENDS: OCTOBER 11	REGISTRATION ENDS: JANUARY 3

fall youth basketball league

Program will be held Saturdays at South Recreation Centers. Volunteer coaches are needed. If you are interested in coaching call our main office at 440-326-1500. Teams practice one night per week at East, South or West Recreation Centers.

2026 FALL	2027 WINTER
RESIDENT FEE: \$42 NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52	
Boys and Girls: Ages 7-9	
One night per week at South Recreation Centers	
SEASON BEGINS October 24 - December 12 <i>(Skip Nov. 28)</i>	SEASON BEGINS January 23 - March 6
REGISTRATION ENDS: OCTOBER 11	REGISTRATION ENDS: JANUARY 3

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youth basketball league

Volunteer coaches are needed. If you are interested in coaching call our main office at 440-326-1500.

2026 / 2027 | **WINTER**

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 | NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

BOYS AND GIRLS:
Ages 10-12, 13-16

SATURDAYS at East Recreation Center

TEAMS PRACTICE ONE NIGHT PER WEEK AT
East Recreation Centers.

SEASON BEGINS:
December 12 - February 6

REGISTRATION ENDS:
NOVEMBER 29

homeschool open gym

SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 6:

Tuesdays only at East Rec

OCTOBER–MAY:

Tuesdays and Fridays at East Rec and West Rec

NOVEMBER–MARCH:

Thursdays at the Ice Rink

Visit our [Facebook page](#) for the monthly calendar, including event dates and locations.
facebook.com/ElyriaRecreation

Tuesday:
East Rec | \$2

THURSDAY:
North Pool/Ice Arena | \$4 - \$4 Skate Rental

FRIDAY:
West Rec | \$2

ice skating programs

north park ice arena

November 6, 2026 - March 14, 2027

North Park Ice Arena, 901 Duffey St.
(440) 365-4251

Thursdays	11:30 – 1:30 p.m. (Homeschool Open Skate)	1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Adults Only)
Fridays	7:00–10:00 p.m.	
Saturdays	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Sundays	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Family Skate)

ADMISSION

	Youth	Adult	Skates
Thursday	\$4	\$4	\$4
Friday	\$5	\$6	\$4
Saturday	\$4	\$5	\$4
Sunday	\$4	\$5	\$4
Sunday Family Skate	\$3	\$4	\$4
Season Pass	\$60 Resident	\$70 Non-Resident	
Ice Rental	\$200/hr.		

To reserve ice time call 440-326-1504 or email KHernandez@cityofelyria.org
*\$10 Non-Resident Fee

private lessons information

Email KHernandez@cityofelyria.org to register. Lessons will be held during Open Skate Hours on Saturday & Sunday, 1:00-3:00.

Fees: \$25 | 30 min session

Registration Begins: November 2

SPECIAL OPEN & HOLIDAY SKATES | Skate Rental \$3

Nov. 23	1:00–3:00 p.m.	Jan. 19	1:00–3:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	1:00–3:00 p.m.	Feb 15	1:00–3:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	1:00–3:00 p.m.		
Nov. 27	1:00–3:00 p.m.	*Closed December 25 and January 1	
Dec. 21-24	1:00–3:00 p.m.	Admission Fees: \$5 for Youth, \$6 for Adult, \$4 for Skate Rental	
Dec. 28-31	1:00–3:00 p.m.		

Register for our learn to skate program online!

www.elyria.recdesk.com/community/home

skate with santa

Bring your family to visit with Santa at North Park Ice Rink this Winter season during our family open skate!

dj skate

Join us, once a month, with your friends and family and check out our live DJ who will be playing music and taking requests during Friday open skate.

HOMESCHOOL OPEN SKATE

November 12 - March 11, 2027

No Homeschool Open Skate on November 26, 2026

Thursdays	11:30 – 1:30 p.m.
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ADMISSION: \$4 | SKATE RENTAL: \$4

ADULT OPEN SKATE

November 12 - March 11, 2027

No Adult Skate on November 26, 2026

Thursdays	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
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Ages 18 and older

ADMISSION: \$4 | SKATE RENTAL: \$4

birthday ice skating party package

Party packages are available Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00–3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Package 2 is not available during the 7:00–9:00 p.m. time slot.

PACKAGE 1: \$100

PACKAGE 2: \$175

• Admission + Skate Rental for 10 people

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• Includes 3 medium pizzas (1 topping), cake, chips, and juice boxes.

* Additional Skaters at \$5 each.

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For details and to schedule a party call 440-326-1504 or email KHernandez@cityofelyria.org

LEARN TO SKATE lesson days & times

Learn the fundamentals of ice skating. Skaters ages 3 - Adult learn basic skills such as stopping to more advanced skills as Jumps and spins. The program is set up to be fun, challenging and rewarding.

*Classes offered TBD based on staffing

SESSION I

Registration Begins: October 19 @ 8 a.m.

November 3 – December 17

Classes offered Tuesdays or Thursdays

6 Weeks

Class once per week. (No Class on November 26, 2026)

Tuesdays: 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Thursdays: 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.
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REGISTRATION ENDS: October 30

COST PER SESSION: \$56 | NON-RESIDENT: \$66

INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL

A \$5 late fee will be added if registered late.

SESSION II

Registration Begins: December 21 @ 8am

January 5– February 11, 2027

Classes offered Tuesdays or Thursdays

6 Weeks

Class once per week.

Tuesdays	Thursdays
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5:15–6:00 p.m.

5:15–6:00 p.m.

6:15–7:00 p.m.

6:15–7:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION ENDS: December 31

COST PER SESSION: \$56 | NON-RESIDENT: \$66

INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL

A \$5 late fee will be added if registered late.

learn to skate

lesson days & times

SESSION III

Registration Begins: February 15 @ 8am

February 23 – March 11

Classes offered Tuesdays & Thursdays

3 Weeks

Class twice per week

Tuesdays: 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION ENDS: February 19

COST PER SESSION: \$56 | **NON-RESIDENT:** \$66

INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL | A \$5 late fee will be added if registered late.

PARENT & TOT CLASS

Cost: \$56 | **Non-resident:** \$66

Skates Included | Ages 2-5 years old

One adult must go onto the ice with the child with skates.

Tuesdays
5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays
5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Session 1

Session 2

TOT: Children ages 3 - 6. Classes are 40 minutes in length with 5 minutes of practice.

BEGINNER: Children ages 6 - 15. Classes are 40 minutes in length with 5 minutes of practice.

ADULT: 16 years of age and older. Classes are 40 minutes in length with 5 minutes of practice.

PARENT & TOT: Ages 2-5 years (Adult, with skates, is required to go on the ice with child.)



class descriptions

PARENT/TOT

Class is designated for parent and skater to become more at ease on the ice. Emphasis is on proper falling and standing forward and backward skating and maneuverability. We will also give parents learn to skate tips. One parent with skates on must be on ice at all times.

TOT 1

Students are shown how to stand in skates, safely fall, and the correct way to stand up. Once on the ice, the same procedures are done to get the students comfortable with falling and standing up by themselves. Students will also learn to march, glide and dip.

TOT 2

Skaters should have a strong forward marching. Emphasis on a two foot glide with a deep knee bend. Two foot hop, swizzles, snowplow stop, and backward skating is introduced.

TOT 3

Forward marching and one foot short glides are introduced. Emphasis on the snowplow stop and backward swizzles.

BEGINNER 1

This class is designed for the beginning ice skater. Students start by learning about their skates, proper fit and how to lace and tie them correctly. Skills include skating in a straight line and gliding.

BEGINNER 2

This class introduces the skills necessary to skate backward, snowplow stop, backward two foot swizzles, turning from forward to backward, gliding backward on two feet. The skater learns one foot forward gliding, forward and backward slaloms.

BEGINNER 3

The skater is asked to refine their stroking by learning to turn the foot out before pushing. Forward and backward swizzles, two foot spin and gliding backward.



REGISTRATION JUST GOT EASIER!

We are now accepting Online registrations at elyria.recdesk.com/community/home, Or in person at our Main Office.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/ElyriaRecreation

CANCELLATION POLICY/LATE FEE

The Elyria Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any activity, program or event based on insufficient registration, or inclement weather. A \$5 late fee will be added to any registration received after registration ends.

class descriptions

BEGINNER 4

The skater will work on forward outside three turn, from a T position. Forward crossovers, backward one foot gliding, and forward inside and outside edges are Introduced.

BEGINNER 5

The edges taught in the last level will now have a turn added to them. One foot spin will be reviewed and revolutions added along with the proper exit. Slide toe hop, T-Stop with an outside edge. Backward crossovers along with inside and outside edge work is introduced.

BEGINNER 6

Skaters will learn hockey stops, bunny hops, spirals, lunge backwards to forward two foot on a circle.

BEGINNER 7

Skaters will work on a Mohawk from a T position, backward crossovers, and beginning scratch spin.

BEGINNER 8

Skills worked on will be an outside and inside three turn on a circle, and forward inside pivots.

ADULT

For new skaters or for those with intermediate experience. Skaters will learn how to skate stronger and faster.



adult volleyball programs

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Matches are played at **West Recreation Center**

Divisions of Play: Women's, Co-Ed (Middle & Lower Levels)

2026 | **FALL**

2027 | **WINTER**

ENTRY FEE DUE :

Sunday, September 6

ENTRY FEE DUE :

Sunday, January 3

League Play Begins:

Tuesday, September 15 - November 16

League Play Begins:

Week of January 11 - March 15

ENTRY FEE: \$195

TEAMS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING OFFICIAL BEFORE EACH MATCH

ADULT DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL

Program is held at West Recreation Center

Saturdays,
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

September 2026 – April 2027

COST:
\$5 PER ADULT*
**(High School age and older)*

TAP follows Elyria City Schools closure for inclement weather. Please check local media for cancellations.

the active people

The Active People Program is designed for all **55+ Elyria Residents** to enjoy physical activities and fellowship. The program is **FREE** and is funded by Community Development Block Grant Funds. Must Register To Participate. **Registration is Free!**

HOURS:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Monday - Friday

Thomas O. Shores South Recreation Center
101 S. Park Drive

Charles M. Hyman East Recreation Center
1101 Prospect St.

C.R. Hoagland West Recreation Center
1200 Foster Ave

CHAIR EXERCISE	CHAIR YOGA	LINE DANCING	PICKLEBALL	VOLLEYBALL	TAI CHI
Mondays 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. South Rec Center	Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. South Rec Center	Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. East Rec Center	Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. East Rec Center	Fridays 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. West Rec Center	Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. South Rec Center
Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. South Rec Center	Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. South Rec Center	Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. East Rec Center	Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. East Rec Center		Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. East Rec Center

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES | Bus Trips, Craft Time, Speakers, Luncheons, Themed Parties, and Out to Lunch Gatherings

sponsorships

Because of you, holiday traditions live on in Elyria. Each season brings special annual traditions that makes Elyria a great place to live. Your time, talent, and treasure are appreciated.

Instead of coming to you with multiple requests in 2026, we are simplifying the process. Your gift can support any or all of the Elyria Parks and Recreation community events listed below.

- > Easter Egg Hunt
- > Fireworks
- > Summer Concert Series
- > Summer Day Camps
- > Cleveland Pops Orchestra Concert (Labor Day)
- > Festival of Lights
- > Finwood

Unless instructed otherwise, we will recognize your gift level on event signage, in promotions and advertising leading up to the event, on the city's website, social media platforms, and any event programs.

Bonus: If your gift is received before Friday, November 6, 2026, you will be included in this year's Festival of Lights for a total of seven promotional periods.

If you are interested in sponsoring an event, send payment and camera-ready art or ad copy to:

Nicole Edwards at nedwards@cityofelyria.org or by mail to 131 Court Street, Elyria, OH 44035.

— Easter Egg Hunt

\$ 20 Friend | \$ 50 Patron | \$ 100 Supporter
\$ 250 Advocate | \$ 500 Benefactor
\$ 1000 Community Builder
\$ 2500 Leadership Circle
\$ 5000 Presenting Sponsor

— Fireworks

\$ 50 Friend | \$ 100 Patron | \$ 250 Supporter
\$ 500 Advocate | \$ 2500 Benefactor
\$ 5000 Community Builder
\$ 10,000 Leadership Circle
\$ 25,000 Presenting Sponsor

— Summer Concert Series

\$ 50 Friend | \$ 100 Patron | \$ 250 Supporter
\$ 500 Advocate | \$ 1000 Benefactor
\$ 2500 Community Builder
\$ 5000 Leadership Circle
\$ 10,000 Presenting Sponsor

— Summer Day Camps

\$ 50 Friend | \$ 100 Patron | \$ 500 Supporter
\$ 1000 Advocate | \$ 2500 Benefactor
\$ 5000 Community Builder
\$ 10,000 Leadership Circle
\$ 20,000 Presenting Sponsor

— Cleveland Pops Orchestra Concert (Labor Day)

\$ 50 Friend | \$ 100 Patron | \$ 500 Supporter
\$ 1000 Advocate | \$ 2500 Benefactor
\$ 5000 Community Builder
\$ 10,000 Leadership Circle
\$ 20,000 Presenting Sponsor

— Festival of Lights

\$ 50 Friend | \$ 100 Patron | \$ 250 Supporter
\$ 500 Advocate | \$ 750 Benefactor
\$ 1500 Community Builder
\$ 2500 Leadership Circle
\$ 5,000 Presenting Sponsor

— BONUS:

2026 Festival of Lights with paid sponsorship
by 11/6/26

annual events

elyria apple festival - 5k run & fun walk

Sunday, September 20
8:30 a.m. (rain or shine)

Pre-register at the Parks Main Office by
September 18 by 3:30 p.m. or on-line at
www.cityofelyria.org/department/parks
\$15 with T-shirt \$10 without T-shirt
(must register by September 1 to receive t-shirt)

holiday at finwood

December 1 – 22 | 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Finwood Estate at 799 North Abbe Road, will be decorated for the holiday season by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Visit with Santa, on select days, and enjoy the lights and displays.

A non-perishable canned food donation will be accepted as admission. Outside lights will remain on until January 1, 2027

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

festival of lights

December 5 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us at Ely Square for our annual Festival of Lights. Enjoy a day with the City of Elyria with crafts, free kids books, and more.

Take a walk through the lighted square and make sure to stop by and see Santa. For additional information go to our website at www.cityofelyria.org.

new programs

girls flag football clinic

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3RD - 5TH GRADERS

TIME

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Wednesday 9/2 –
Wednesday 10/7

REGISTRATION ENDS
AUGUST 26

6TH - 8TH GRADERS

TIME

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Wednesday 9/2 –
Wednesday 10/7

REGISTRATION ENDS
AUGUST 26

tot sports mashup

RESIDENT FEE: \$42 | NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$52

This exciting program is an introduction to Fall Youth Sports for children between the ages 2 - 4 years old. Tot Sport Mashup is best described as a “sport sampler” to help children experience multiple sports in one program. With fun and intentional engagement from our staff, this program will offer age appropriate activities that will introduce traditional sports in creative and kid-friendly ways.

FALL EDITION

AGES: 2 – 4 years

CLASS TIME: 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.

September 8 – 24

REGISTRATION ENDS
SEPTEMBER 4

The sports included in the Fall Edition of Tot Sport Mashup will be: Soccer, T-ball, Golf, Flag Football & Kickball.

The program will consist of six classes Tuesdays & Thursdays at East Park.

WINTER EDITION

AGES: 2 – 4 years

CLASS TIME: 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.

January 5 – 21

REGISTRATION ENDS **JANUARY 3**

The sports included in the Winter Edition of Tot Sport Mashup will be: Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, Pickleball & Indoor Soccer. **The program consists of six classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at South Recreation Center**

The Mission of the Elyria Parks and Recreation Department is to ensure the availability of modern, safe, equitable, well-maintained, and affordable recreational opportunities that improve fitness and enhance quality of life for residents of all ages and ability levels, while promoting community cohesion and protecting the natural beauty of the environment. All programs and services offered by the City of Elyria are available without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, disability or any other legally protected status.