

Welcome to the first edition of our new internal staff newsletter, Ellsworth Insider!

I'm so excited to restart this important way of keeping everyone informed, connected, and proud of all the great things happening across the City of Ellsworth.

As your new Communications Director, my goal is to bring you the news that matters most: from City Council updates to special staff milestones, project highlights, and community events. Starting now, the plan is a monthly newsletter after each City Council meeting with occasional special editions for major announcements, celebrations, and department or staff spotlights.

I'd also love your input:

👉 What do you want to see in these newsletters? Send me your ideas, photos, and story suggestions from your department! I can't promise they will all make it in or when but I will try! Use this email: comms@ellsworthmaine.gov

Welcome to our new City Councilors!

Ellsworth voters went to the polls on November 4, 2025, electing three new City Councilors. After an impressive recount, congratulations to the incoming Council members who will help guide the city's priorities and continue building on Ellsworth's strong foundation. Welcome Carol Patterson-Martineau, Marinna Smith, and Patrick Shea to the Ellsworth City Council. A special thanks to everyone who supported the election process — from the City Clerk's team and poll workers to those who helped with logistics behind the scenes. Click [HERE](#) for more details about this story.



4:00 pm Christmas Parade

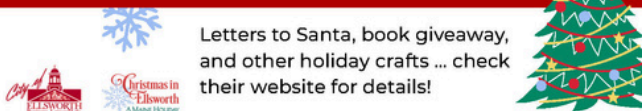
Parade Route: Down State Street → across School Street → onto Main Street → to the lower light → returning up State Street to the Middle School/Mill Mall area.

5:30 pm Tree Lighting & Activities

- A bonfire to keep everyone cozy
- Holiday music and cheer with local band The Crown Vics
- A s'mores station for families and friends
- Crafts and community activities
- And of course — a visit from Santa Claus!

Ellsworth Library Activities

Letters to Santa, book giveaway, and other holiday crafts ... check their website for details!



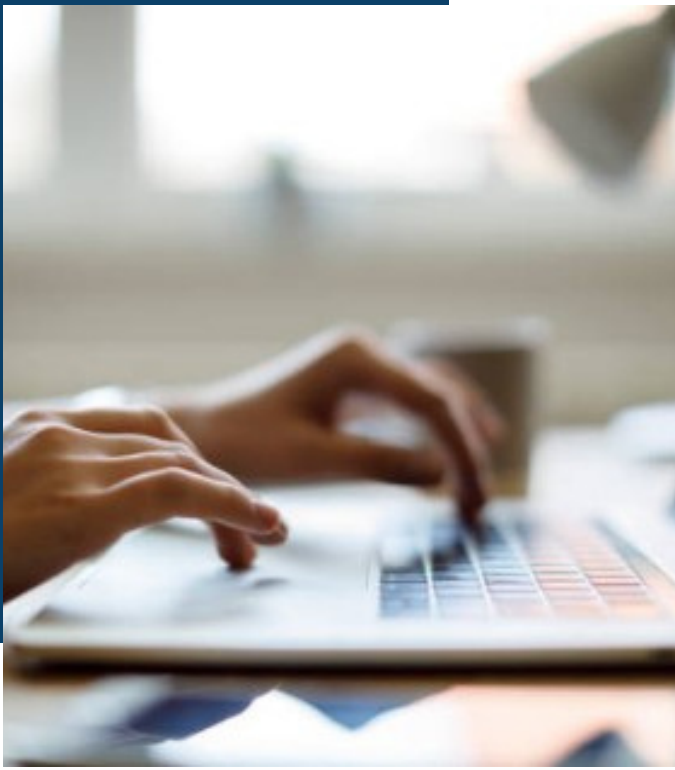
Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting! Saturday, December 6

Our holiday event is right around the corner, Saturday, December 6, 2025, followed by a fun post-parade celebration in front of City Hall.

All staff, families, and friends are welcome to join in the festivities. Come enjoy music, lights, and community cheer as we kick off the holiday season together!

Interested in having a Holiday activity table at the celebration? [CLICK HERE](#) for all the details.

Check the City of Ellsworth website or Facebook page for details and event updates.



New Email Signatures

As part of our ongoing effort to ensure clear, professional, and consistent communication across all departments, coming soon, we will introduce a standard email signature format for all staff.

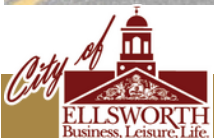
A consistent signature helps present a unified image of the City, makes it easy for residents and partners to contact us, and reinforces trust and professionalism in every message we send. Keep an eye out for a message with more details.

Thank you for helping us represent the City of Ellsworth with pride, clarity, and professionalism in every message we send.

In the Top 7 Main Streets!

We're honored and thrilled to share that Ellsworth has been named one of the 7 Standout Main Streets in Maine by World Atlas!

Click [HERE](#) for all the details!



Call for Artwork!

Call for Artwork City Hall 2nd Floor Art Gallery

Winter themed wall art: "Winter Fun"

*Curated gallery
Artwork will be on
public display

Max size: 11"x17"

Min size: 4"x4"

Original artwork - no AI

Digital art, painted canvas, or multi-media (2D) accepted

Open to all City Employees & family members

Artwork will be displayed from Dec 21st through March 19th

*Artists can collect
their artwork after
March 19th.



Submission due Week of December 15, 2025

Drop off in the Planning Department - Brittany Merrill