



# The Clear View

A newsletter for the Citizens of Clear Lake

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## 10th Annual

## Harvest Festival to be Held October 4th

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has some exciting new things planned for the 10th Annual Harvest Festival. This “ever-expanding” event has become a premier destination opportunity to relax and experience the Midwest tradition of celebrating bountiful harvests.

Harvest Festival will once again showcase downtown Clear Lake through a celebration of wine, art and relaxing live music. The event transforms the entire downtown into a festive fall atmosphere featuring a variety of musical entertainment, tastings of choice wines and an opportunity to browse the antique and specialty shops, restaurants, and art galleries of our charismatic Lake community.

Activities for the day will include: wine-samplings, an expanded Farmers Market, unique vendors, seminars/demonstrations and, of course, great food. The wines will feature something for everyone, ranging from good affordable wines to library selections. Several Iowa wineries and local distributors will be showcasing their current vintages.

Activities will include: fall color tours aboard the trolley, live music, waiter races, grape stomp competition, homemade salsa-making contest, pumpkin relay race, food and vendors market. Wine ‘samplings’ will be showcased beginning at noon at specified locations and, again this year, there will be locations that will be sampling specialty beers.

Attendees must purchase a ‘Harvest Bag’ for \$23 (\$25 if purchased online) to enjoy most of the event activities. Included in each Harvest Bag is a festival pass, which grants access to all the day’s events, wine sampling tickets, a souvenir wine glass, gifts and more. Reserve your Harvest Bag now by visiting [www.clearlakeiowa.com](http://www.clearlakeiowa.com), stopping by the Chamber office or by calling 800-285-5338. For the most up to date schedule of events visit [www.clearlakeiowa.com](http://www.clearlakeiowa.com).



## New Recycling Drop-Off Box

Clear Lake residents who use the yard waste drop-off site on the east side of the City’s Public Works facility on 2nd Ave S. may have noticed something new as they enter/exit the east gate (S. 15th Street).

A new recycling drop-off box has been placed to allow an additional recycling opportunity for Clear Lake residents to deposit their recycling materials. The new drop box supplements the curbside recycling program currently offered by the City through Absolute Waste Service. Depending upon how well the recycling drop-off box is utilized other locations may be added in the future.

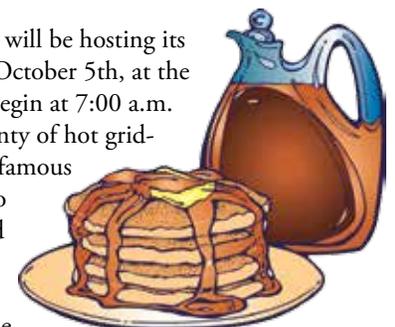
## Fire Department Serving Pancake Breakfast October 5th

The Clear Lake Fire Department will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 5th, at the Clear Lake Fire Station. Service will begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. with plenty of hot griddled pancakes from the Department’s famous “secret” recipe. Your breakfast will also include sausage links, coffee, milk, and orange juice.

Tickets are available from any Clear Lake firefighter or at the door the morning of the breakfast. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, with children under 12 free, if accompanied by an adult.

Firefighters and emergency medical staff will also be available to answer questions about the services offered by the department, as well as meet the citizens they proudly serve.

Proceeds from this year’s pancake breakfast will be used for education programs within the schools, equipment and tools needed for the diverse requirements of fire and rescue operations in the fire district, and a project designed to get out in the community and make the department’s response and service better for you. All are welcome to attend and get a tour of the fire station; fire museum; see the apparatus; and interact with all of the staff.





Mayor Nelson Crabb

## Labor Day is everyone's "business"

Happy Labor Day! Labor Day has been an official U.S. holiday for roughly a century. While many enjoy this federal holiday, not nearly as many have any idea why they are celebrating.

As a young boy growing up, Labor Day was mostly significant to me as a day of rest and relaxation – where our family got together to picnic or barbeque or some-

times take a trip for an extended weekend. In societal etiquette, my mother taught me, it is a time to take a break from wearing white. I did, however, also recognize that Labor Day spelled the end of my summer, which typically meant the annual trip uptown for school supplies, the unwelcome return of the alarm clock and the end of a carefree summer.

As an adult, I came to appreciate the significance of Labor Day as a way to stand in support of new generations of men and women still struggling for economic security, humane working conditions, and decent wages & benefits for themselves and their families. Since the first Labor Day was celebrated, many advances have been made, but still many families continue to face an ever increasing disparity economically; many are unable to live more than pay check to pay check.

As consumers we must be mindful of our means and lifestyle choices. Please remember to buy local – if at all possible – supporting our Clear Lake business community. To quote Mahatma Gandhi, to "live more simply, so that others may simply live."

While unofficially Labor Day marks the end of summer – remember autumn doesn't begin until September 22nd, so we still do have a few more weeks to enjoy the summer of 2014!!

Until next time...

## As school begins, please help keep sidewalks free of obstructions

Bushes, shrubs and trees may often block the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians – especially school children – to walk on the parkway or even in the street. The Code Enforcement Division requests that homeowners properly trim back any excessive landscape growth abutting public sidewalks adjacent to their property. These trimmings should be disposed of either through the curbside collection program or at the City's yard-waste disposal site. If trees in the right-of-way are hanging too low over the traveled portion of the street, please report the location to the Public Works Department at 357-6135.



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## Tales from the Vault

by Jennifer Larsen, City Clerk

One of my responsibilities as City Clerk is to record and preserve the official minutes from the meetings of the Clear Lake City Council. Here are some excerpts from the minutes of a Clear Lake City Council meeting from the "old days" which you may find interesting.

*"The City Council met in special session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. on October 6, 1958, at the call of the Mayor with the following members present: Mayor Secory and Councilmen Nesbit, Anderson, and Johnson. Absent: Eddy and Jorgenrud. Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Anderson, that the City Clerk be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$2,265.09 and accept the Deed from the Clear Lake Community School District for the land being purchased for cemetery use, previously approved by the Council. The Clerk was instructed to request evidence that an Old Age Assistance lien in the amount of \$15.00, plus or minus, was paid before delivering the warrant. Motion carried, all members voting aye."*

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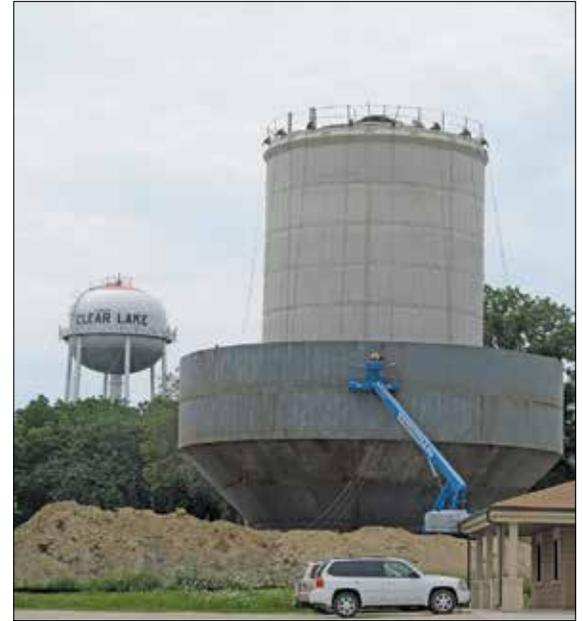
# New Water Storage Tank On To The Next Phase

The City's newest one million gallon elevated water storage tower remains on track for completion this November. Construction began with site & foundation work September 22, 2013. The water tower has a 38-foot diameter by 76-foot tall, architecturally-designed, concrete column that supports a 70-foot wide by 40-foot tall steel bowl. The design is meant to be more aesthetically pleasing for the surrounding area and will also allow the City to realize a lower life cycle cost than other designs.

The \$2.4 million dollar project is part of an overall comprehensive water distribution system improvement initiative that was developed by the City seven (7) years ago to better meet the demands of the City's residents for years to come. The project will not only add additional storage, but it will also increase the water pressure for customers. Other improvements include watermain looping projects, water treatment plant pump replacements, and replacement/reconstruction of aged watermains & service lines. In total, over the course of the past seven (7) years, the City has invested nearly \$7.5 million dollars in its water distribution system.



The new tower will replace the 250,000 gallon multi-legged water storage tower which is located approximately 300' to the west. The old tower was built in 1959 and will be demolished in the winter of 2015.



## Watermain Flushing Schedule Set For Fall

The Clear Lake Water Department will begin flushing watermains in September. Flushing will be done the week of September 29th, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Why does the City flush watermains?** Watermain flushing is performed to maintain the distribution system to desired standards. Flushing is used to remove iron and other deposits that may build up over time in some parts of the system and is performed to bleed the system of air pockets. Flushing moves water through parts of the system where it may have lost the desired concentration of chlorine and fluorine due to relatively low water usage. It also allows Water Department crews an opportunity to inspect hydrants for tampering and verify they are operating properly for fire protection.

**How often does the City flush watermains?** Water Department personnel generally perform flushing operations twice a year, usually in the spring and fall. Flushing may also be performed after repairs have been made to fix breaks or new lines that have been added to the water distribution system to ensure the system is properly disinfected.

**What should residents expect when the City is flushing watermains?** Residents may experience low water pressure and some discolored water when the Water Department crews are flushing in their neighborhood. Any change in the direction or rate of flow of the water due to watermain break, fire use, heavy sprinkling, and flushing can cause naturally occurring deposits in the pipe to be churned up and mix with the water, affecting its appearance. In most cases, the "rusty" water is temporary and will go away within about 5 minutes by letting the water run through an unfiltered cold water tap until the system clears. While discolored water may not look pleasant, it is not a health risk. Residents may also notice the water is cloudy or has a chlorine smell. Tiny air bubbles may be trapped in the water by the churning action causing it to look cloudy. The churning action may also cause chlorine to be released from the water, affecting smell and taste.

Notice of flushing is placed in the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter. If you have no water pressure during flushing operations, please notify the Water Department at 641-357-5267.

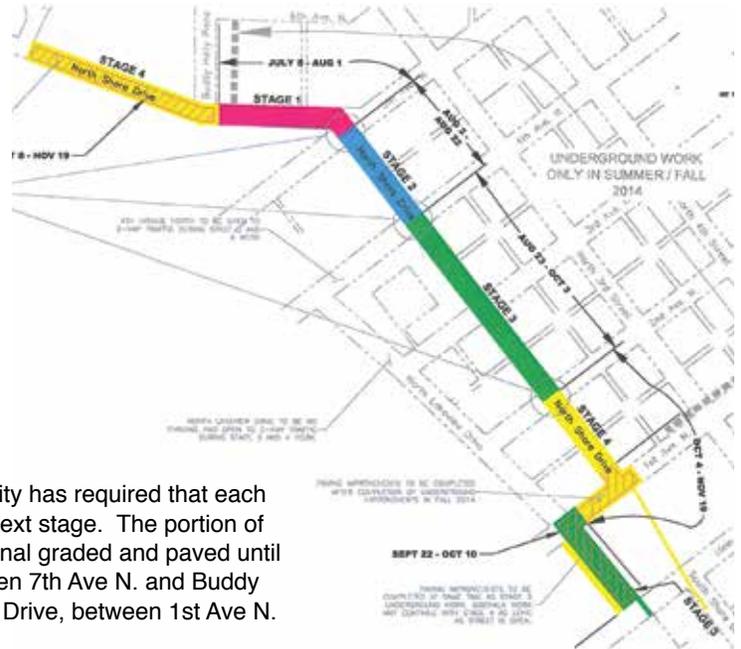
# North Shore Drive Reconstruction Project Update

The initial construction phase of the project which involved the replacement and relocation of the overhead electric poles and natural gas utility mains, as well as reconnection of existing services, was completed by early July. Additionally, telecommunication utility line relocations were also completed. This work was completed, along with tree trimming and removal, by the private utility companies and their construction contractors between Buddy Holly Place and 1st Avenue N.

The tentative project construction schedule is identified in the map below. However, a variety of factors may impact the schedule and cause it to be off a day or two in some cases. The City's contractor and its sub-contractors began work on Stage 1 in early July and completed all underground municipal utility work (i.e., watermain, sanitary sewer main, private service laterals, subdrain, etc.) by early August. Weekly updates to the project schedule are posted on the City's website at [www.cityofclearlake.com](http://www.cityofclearlake.com).

Only one stage may be closed at a time to vehicular traffic. The City has required that each stage be completed and opened to traffic prior to proceeding with the next stage. The portion of N. Shore Drive between Buddy Holly Place and 1st Ave N. will not be final graded and paved until the spring/early summer of 2015. The portion of N. Shore Drive between 7th Ave N. and Buddy Holly Place will be paved this fall. Likewise, the paving of N. Lakeview Drive, between 1st Ave N. and Main Avenue will be completed late summer to early fall of 2014.

The general contractor for the nearly \$2.4 million dollar project is Wicks Construction of Decarah, Iowa. The City received a \$638,000 grant to offset the cost of completing the Project.



## What Does This Do?

Sewage lift/pump stations are used for pumping wastewater or sewage from a lower to higher elevation, particularly where the elevation of the source is not sufficient for gravity flow.

The City of Clear Lake maintains two sewage lift stations throughout the community, which require weekly checks, semi-annual cleaning, and emergency operation in the event there is a prolonged loss of power.





## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Clear Lake Public Library recently spearheaded the fund drive to place the “Stories are Forever” sculpture in the library’s front lawn as part of the Quasquicentennial celebration. The Friends of the Library provides ongoing support to the Summer Reading Program, Quasquicentennial event, computer hardware, online resources, the Little Free Library, and help to the Clear Lake Public Library Foundation for the Iowa Storytelling Festival.

The Friends of the Library will hold its annual meeting at 6:00 p.m., before William Kent Krueger’s appearance on Tuesday, September 9th. All Friends members and anyone interested in membership are welcome.

## Yard Waste Disposal Options

Residents are reminded that the burning of leaves and grass clippings is prohibited within the City limits. The City offers weekly curbside leaf and grass clipping collection within the City limits, as well as the City’s yard waste collection site as alternatives for disposal of yard waste.

Absolute Waste Removal will collect leaves and grass clippings in biodegradable bags or an open garbage container on your regular garbage collection day. They will initially pick up your garbage and then return later the same day to pick up leaves and grass clippings.

Alternatively, you may haul your leaves and grass clippings to the City’s yard waste collection site located at 1419 2nd Avenue South. The site is available during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The site is also open on Monday and Wednesday, until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please contact City Hall at 357-5267 or Absolute Waste Removal 357-4517 with questions. As always, your anticipated cooperation in keeping Clear Lake an attractive community is most appreciated.



## Halloween Parade

The Clear Lake Parks & Recreation Department’s Halloween Parade is Saturday, October 25th, at 9:30 a.m., at City Hall. Come dressed in costume. Pictures will be taken of each age group from pre-school through third grade, which will be published in the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter. The parade will begin at City Hall and proceed down Main Avenue to City Park. All participants will receive a goodie bag after the parade.

## Large Item Cleanup Program

The 2014 Fall Large Item Pickup will take place October 13th to October 16th. Residents are encouraged to use this opportunity to dispose of large items that



cannot be discarded through their weekly garbage service. The Large Item Pickup map will appear in the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter on October 8th, listing the dates the City will pick up in your area and the items that will and will not be picked up.

City residents can have old appliances and/or electronic items picked up during Large Item Cleanup for a cost of \$15 an item. **Stickers can be purchased for \$15 each at Clear Lake City Hall, 15 North 6th Street. Stickers must be purchased by 5:00 p.m. on October 15th.** Items that require a sticker are: furnaces, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, copy machines, water heaters, fluorescent light fixtures, televisions, computer monitors, and printers. Pickup of appliances in all areas will be on October 16th. Please have appliances with stickers attached by the curb by no later than 7:30 a.m. on October 16th.

Please also be aware that the City WILL NOT pickup any items that may be recycled through the Landfill of North Iowa’s electronic waste-recycling program. Landfill customers may drop off VCR’s, DVD players, stereo equipment, clock radios, gaming equipment, computer towers, mouses and keyboards, input devices, scanners, video surveillance cameras, fax machines, and cordless phones for recycling. Many of the above items may be recycled free of charge at the Landfill.

**Please note that City offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 1st.**

**The City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., due to the holiday.**

# City of Clear Lake Directory

## CITY DIRECTORY

**EMERGENCY .....911**

Non-Emergency Police.....	357-2186
Building Inspection.....	357-6135
Cemetery.....	357-6135
City Administrator.....	357-5267
City Attorney.....	357-2139
City Clerk.....	357-5267
City Hall.....	357-5267
Fire Department.....	357-2613
Absolute Waste Removal.....	357-4517
Mayor.....	357-5267
Parks & Recreation.....	357-7010
Planning & Zoning.....	357-6135
Public Library.....	357-6133
Public Works.....	357-6135
Landfill of North Iowa.....	357-5452
Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	357-2019
Water Department.....	357-3911

City Council Meeting agendas are posted online and at City Hall. Rebroadcasts of City Council Meetings are available anytime online on the City's website and on CLVision Community Channel 1 on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month as follows: Tuesday - 7 p.m.; Wednesday - 6 p.m.; and Saturday - 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Clear Lake City Council



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357-0049



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357-5267



City Clerk/Editor  
Jennifer Larsen  
357-5267

**City Council meetings  
are the first and third Mondays  
at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.**

Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary.

Meetings, except for the Parks & Recreation Board and Library Board, are normally held at City Hall, 15 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Chamber. For an agenda or to verify exact date and time, please call City Clerk's office at (641) 357-5267.

## Library Board

(Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Tom Arndorfer	Jana Severtson
Scott Johnson	Dave Suntken
Diane Glynn	Bennett Smith
Elizabeth Cherry	

## Parks & Recreation Board

(Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Tim Raber	Chryl Bergvig
Brenda Anderson	Darron Jones
Linda Hopper	Amy Hogg
Scott Lester	

## Planning & Zoning Commission

(Meets last Tuesday of each month)

Michael Ritter	Julie Angle
Al Penfold	Arnold Prohaska
Chryl Bergvig	Al Duea
Lori Broghammer	

## Board of Adjustment

(Meets as needed)

Mike Grandon	Chrise Sissel
Gail Robinson	Bob Swanson
Fred Muth	

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