



The Clear View

A newsletter for the Citizens of Clear Lake

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Come on downtown Clear Lake for Thursdays on Main! This Chamber event features live music, featured entertainment, classic cars, a bounce house, hand-powered kiddie train rides, extended business hours at our retail and specialty stores, vendor street market, and a movie in the park!

Thursday's on Main will resume after the 4th of July activities beginning on July 9th and will be held every Thursday thereafter until August 20th. Activities on Main Avenue begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. and are free, thanks to the generous sponsors. The schedule for the months of July and August are as follows:

July 9th – You Knew Me When will perform on the 400 block of Main (next to Larson's Merchantile) from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Special Entertainment by the Iowa All Star Cheer Group on the 300 block of Main (SE corner of City Park) at 6:30 p.m.; and the movie "Blended" (rated PG 13) in the City Park bandshell at 9:00 p.m.

July 16th – GRIN will perform; special entertainment by North Iowa Bulls Street Hockey; and the movie "Box Trolls" (rated PG).

July 23rd – Bill Dewey will perform; special entertainment by OTH Brass Band; and the movie "Draft Day" (rated PG 13).

July 30th – Treetown All Stars will perform; special entertainment by Sheltered Realty; and the movie Hunger Games – Mocking Jay (rated PG 13).

August 6th – Spenser Rahm will perform; special entertainment by Denny's School of Dance; and the movie "Big Hero 6" (rated PG).

August 13th – Randy & The Classics will perform; special entertainment by Black Belt Academy; and the movie "Alexander & the Terrible" (rated PG).

August 20th – Midwest Rock & Soul Revue; special entertainment by Clear Lake Dance Team and CLHS Drum Line; and the movie "Into the Woods" (rated PG).

Duesenberg to serve as Parade Grand Marshal

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Committee is pleased to announce that H Milton Duesenberg will serve as the Grand Marshal for this year's July 4th parade. Duesenberg has worked for the Clear Lake Library in the history room since October 2005, doing research for others and for community programs. Duesenberg spends time presenting programs and promoting Clear Lake history with the Clear Lake Historical Society.

The Clear Lake 4th of July parade and fireworks show are regarded as the "granddaddy" of all local celebrations. One of the major highlights of the evening is, of course, the spectacular fireworks display over Clear Lake, which begins at about 10:00 p.m. The 4th of July parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 4th, at the corner of Main Avenue and 20th Street. The 4th of July celebration begins Wednesday, July 1st, at 5:00 p.m., and concludes on Sunday, July 5th. For a full schedule of events visit the Chamber website at www.clearlakeiowa.com.





Mayor Nelson Crabb

Clear Lake's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration is Simply "Dynamite"

I find myself saying this every year, but I thought the 2014 Clear Lake 4th of July Fireworks Celebration was the best one yet. Clear Lake's 4th of July is the state of Iowa's premiere Independence Day celebration and it has been my pleasure to be in Clear Lake for a front row seat for more than 40 of these one-of-a-kind events. For longtime Clear Lakers, this remains a timeless tradition to enjoy. It is the climax of a multi-day celebration.

As we prepare to celebrate another 4th of July in Clear Lake, I am proud to be able to welcome, once again, our many friends and visitors to join in with the locals and participate in some old-fashioned fun and partake in the festivities. The multiple barges positioned on the Lake firing the firework shells off at what seems like, at times, an astonishing rate will frame the City sky with vibrant and fantastic color and effect.

I want to thank the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce and the many donors and contributors that help provide for this awesome visual display and moving celebration of our nation's independence. Thank you to the many volunteers for their commitment to a 4th of July celebration that will be enjoyed by many for years to come. Likewise, thanks to the thousands of visitors who will help boost our local economy during the 4th of July celebration. This occasion would simply not be possible without you and we are fortunate to have you as a Community partner.

I am proud to be able to share this Clear Lake tradition with my family and the thousands of spectators and revelers who call Clear Lake home or that are visiting family and friends. So, I hope your 4th of July holiday truly ends with a bang.

Until next time,

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 8:00 o'clock P.M. on July 12, 1939 with the following members present: Mayor Phillips and Councilmen Huntting, DeBruyn, Winnie, Scherf and Andersen. Health Officer, N. W. Phillips, and a State Milk Inspector were present. State Inspector spoke of the advantages of having the milk from the various milk distributors tested. Motion made by Scherf and seconded by DeBruyn that beginning August 1st the milk from milk distributors be tested by the State Inspector each month or at Inspector's discretion, cost of test to be \$4.00. Motion carried, all present voting aye."

Dig Safely - Protect Yourself!

Weekend excavators and remodelers need to beware that planting that new shade tree, sinking that fence post or digging that new foundation could disturb essential services and modern conveniences on which all of us rely. There are literally millions of miles of underground facilities that make many of our modern conveniences possible. You could disrupt telephone service, power, cable TV, water, sewer and a number of other underground utility lines. Before any digging or excavation starts, Iowans need to know they should first call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 to have their utilities marked. When you call, they notify companies with underground utilities in the area. If the companies determine any underground utility could be affected by your digging, they mark the area with paint or flags. It is not only in your best interest, it is the law (Code of Iowa, Chapter 480). The free call and free service is designed to enhance the safety and damage prevention efforts of everyone who plans to disturb the ground. Failure to notify Iowa One Call at least 48 hours before breaking ground is punishable with civil penalties ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per violation.



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Assess Your Address

We all know how frustrating it is when you are driving down an unfamiliar street looking for a specific address. Residents are encouraged to review the visibility of their house numbers. Imagine if someone at your home or business was waiting for emergency assistance and the police, firefighters or medics wasted precious time because they could not read the number on your home or business.

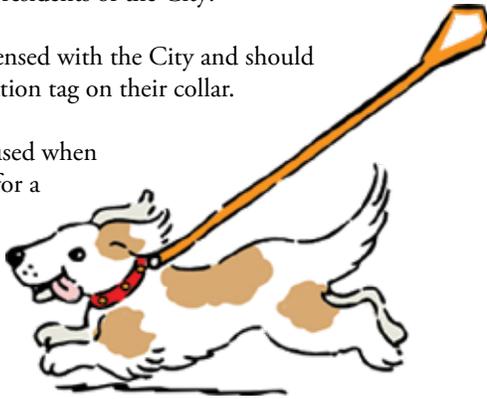
Make your home or business easy to find. Provide large, clear, easy-to-read numbers so they can be seen from the street.



Guidelines for pet owners

Summertime is a great time for being outside with your dog. Here are a few guidelines for residents of the City:

1. Dogs must be licensed with the City and should have an identification tag on their collar.
2. A leash must be used when your pet is taken for a walk off your property.
3. A bag or other container for collection of animal waste must be carried with you when walking your pet. Pet waste must be removed from all property other than your own. Not to pick up your pet's waste may result in a misdemeanor fine.
4. A pet should be under the control of its handler at all times.
5. Vicious animal are not permitted in the City.
6. Pets are not permitted to run unattended in the City.
7. It is your responsibility to be considerate of your neighbors by keeping your pet confined to your own property and from creating an excessive amount of noise.



City will once again spray for mosquitos

The City will once again begin spraying for mosquitos, as determined to be necessary by the City, and will continue through the summer and fall as long as justified by mosquito population counts.

Sprays must be conducted during favorable weather conditions and wind speed no greater than 10 mph; therefore, exact dates for sprays cannot be given. Spraying will tentatively occur between Monday evenings and Saturday mornings, from the hours of 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., but may occur as late as 1:00 a.m., and from 4:00 to 7:00 a.m. in order to complete an area.

Any persons not wanting the spraying to occur in the vicinity of their property must contact Joe Weigel, Public Works Director, at 641-357-6135.

The City will also be spraying on the South Shore at Grand View Point, Bell Harbor, Dodges Point, Whispering Oaks, and Camp Tanglefoot.



Please note that City Offices will be closed for the 4th of July Holiday on Friday, July 3rd.

Iowa Storytelling Festival 2015

Three wonderful storytellers will be the featured performers at the 2015 Iowa Storytelling Festival on July 24th & 25th. Janice M. Del Negro of Brookfield, Illinois has performed, lectured, and “author-visited” extensively throughout the United States and has written four books. Her specialties include retelling traditional folktales, with a gentle emphasis on women and ghosts. She describes herself as “a storyteller who excavates and decorates the bones of traditional folk and fairy tales as an invitation to others to do the same.” She has participated in Storytelling Festivals across the Nation. Jeff Doyle of Brighton, Michigan started telling stories around the campfire at the family campout when his kids were elementary age. His first story was *The Blue Ape*, which the kids asked to hear over and over again. Jeff enjoys telling all types of tales, but specializes in funny and scary stories, which range from somewhat scary to the truly terrifying. Maureen Korte of Des Moines delights audiences throughout the Midwest with her traditional and contemporary tales and especially enjoys sharing tales of her Irish-American heritage. Maureen is well known for her creative audience participation stories and her appeal to listeners of all ages.



Del Negro

On Friday, July 24th, at 9:00 p.m. our featured performers will share eerie stories on the “Ghost Boat” aboard the *Lady of the Lake* paddlewheel boat. This event is intended for ages ten through adult, and children under age 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the “Ghost Boat” will go on sale July 1st and are \$15. Advance purchase is recommended and tickets are non-refundable. In case of threatening weather the ghost stories will be presented at the Lakeview Room.

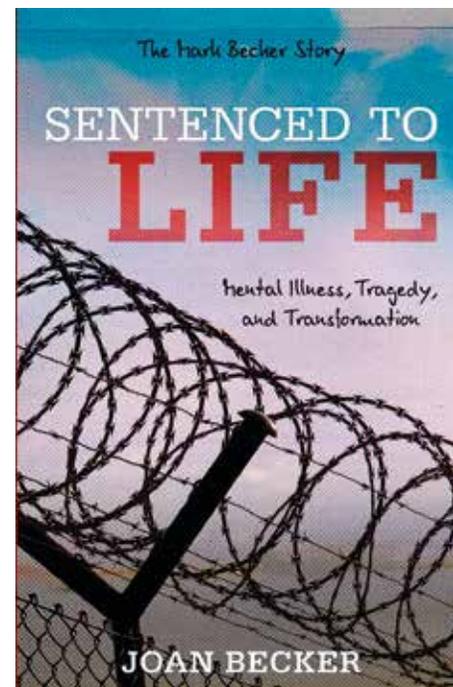
On Saturday in the Story Tent in City Park there will be two performances by our featured storytellers: “Stories for Kids of All Ages” at 10:30 a.m. and “Teller’s Choice” at 2:00 p.m. Other visiting storytellers will also be performing at the “Story Exchange” at noon.

The Iowa Storytelling Festival is funded by the Clear Lake Library Foundation with assistance from the Friends of the Library. For more information on the Iowa Storytelling Festival or to sign up for the story exchange, contact the library at 357-6133 or librarylady831@yahoo.com.

“Sentenced to Life” author Joan Becker speaking at Clear Lake Public Library Aug. 24

Joan Becker, whose son, Mark, was convicted of killing Parkersburg football coach Ed Thomas in June, 2009, will be at the Clear Lake Public Library on Monday, August 24th, at 6:30 p.m. Her book, *Sentenced to Life: The Mark Becker Story – Mental Illness, Tragedy, and Transformation*, chronicles the family’s struggle to find help for their son, face unspeakable tragedy, receive unexpected forgiveness, and deal with the aftermath of a child whose mental health issues ended in calamity, and transformation. Joan’s personal family experience has served as the catalyst for her to become an advocate and public speaker for individuals with mental illness. Her focus is to open the doors and promote change in our mental health system. Their story offers hope, help, and heart-felt compassion.

Copies of *Sentenced to Life*, will be available for purchase.



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Get Moving and Get Biking

The Bicycle, Blues, & BBQ Festival is Returning to Clear Lake

The Bicycle, Blues, & BBQ Festival is heading to Clear Lake once again this July 10th – 12th. Bicyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to combine their love of biking with the annual weekend event that includes great food and music.

The Blues Festival Kickoff is Friday night, with the BBQ vendors opening at 5:00 p.m., with free music for you to enjoy featuring Renee Austin; Alex Wilson; and Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys. On Saturday, there will be an Omnium Race, Criterium Race, and a Free Kids Race. The Clear Lake Lions Pride Club will be serving all-you-care-to-eat "Chris Cakes Pancakes", from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., and the BBQ Vendors will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Beginning at 8:30 p.m., you can enjoy the sounds of Bernard Allison.

All events, with the exceptions of the Omnium Race on Saturday and Sunday's bike race, will begin and end in scenic City Park in downtown Clear Lake, located just one block from the popular City Beach, picnic areas, and exceptional boutiques, antique shops, and restaurants.

For additional event and registration information visit www.bicyclebluesbbq.com. Proceeds from the event will be used to help build bicycle and hiking trails in North Iowa.

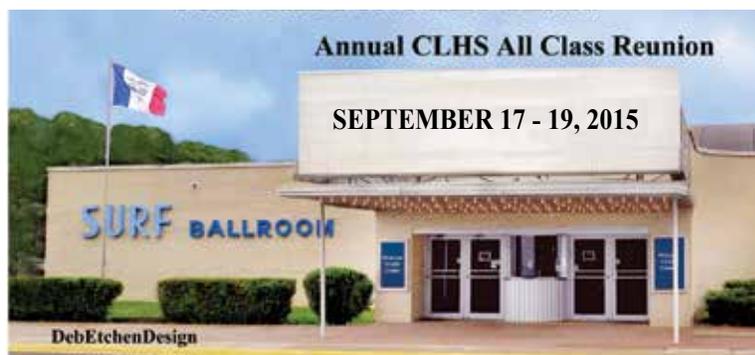


Clear Lake Farmer's Market Thriving in New Location



The Clear Lake Farmers market is growing, changing and has moved to the Surf Ballroom parking lot. With music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations and over 30 vendors, the Surf Ballroom parking lot will be the place to be every Saturday morning. Bring your weekend visitors to the Market which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This will be the place to buy your locally grown items, crafted items, sip your coffee, and listen to music. After enjoying a morning at the market you may walk the few blocks to downtown and enjoy all the great weekend activities in Clear Lake. Hope to see you at the Farmers Market!

5th Annual All Class Reunion



This year's All Class Reunion will be held September 17th-19th, at the Surf Ballroom & Museum. The 3-day celebration, hosted by the Clear Lake alumni Association, is an annual opportunity to reconnect with family & friends, while supporting our community and future scholars. Pleased with the success of past reunions, organizers have expanded the roster of entertainment and activities for the 2015 event. As always, all former students, faculty, and staff members are invited to participate.

Tickets are \$30 per person, if registered prior to September 1st, for Saturday's Alumni Banquet, which will be followed by an evening of entertainment, music, and dancing. Tickets purchased after September 1st will be \$40. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit the Alumni Associations website at www.clearlakeiowaalumni.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Mayor.....	357-5267
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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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**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 6th 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 2nd Tuesday of each month)

Tom Arndorfer	Jana Severtson
Scott Johnson	Bennett Smith
Diane Glynn	Pat Weigel
Elizabeth Cherry	

Parks & Recreation Board

(Meets 4th Wednesday of each month)

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

Planning & Zoning Commission

(Meets last Tuesday of each month)

Lori Broghammer	Julie Angle
Al Penfold	Arnold Prohaska
Chyrl Bergvig	Al Duea

Board of Adjustment

(Meets as needed)

Mike Grandon	Cerise Sissel
Gail Robinson	Bob Swanson
Fred Muth	

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