



The Clear View

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Fire Department Serving Pancake Breakfast October 9th

To kick off this year's National Fire Prevention Week and to help promote the theme, "Don't Wait! Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms every 10 years.", the Clear Lake Fire Department will be hosting its 18th annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 9th. The event will begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. The menu will include fresh grilled pancakes from our famous secret recipe, sausage links, coffee, milk and orange juice. The breakfast is prepared and served by members of the Clear Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets are available from any Clear Lake Firefighter, or at the door the morning of the breakfast. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and children under 12 eat free if accompanied by an adult.



Proceeds from this year's fundraising activities will include education programs within the school, the purchase of equipment and tools needed for the diverse requirements of fire and rescue operations, and projects designed to get out in our community to improve our response and service time to those we serve.

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

Recycling Drop-off Location Guidelines

In addition to the City's Curbside Recycling Collection Program, the City of Clear Lake offers recycling drop-off boxes for **residents** to use at their convenience. The recycling drop-off boxes are located on the grounds of the City's public works building, just outside the entrance/exit at 4th Avenue South.

RECYCLING DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- Separate all recyclable materials to the appropriately labeled receptacles.
- Please do not leave boxes, bags, or other materials outside of the trailers.
- If containers are at capacity, please take all items that cannot fit into the trailer back home with you until they have been emptied or utilize curb-side recycling.
- This service is funded by the City of Clear Lake and is available to **residents** of Clear Lake **ONLY**.

This service is provided as a convenience for our residents. The City has begun law enforcement monitoring and will issue citations to those found dropping off ineligible items or dropping off items outside of the drop boxes.





Mayor Nelson Crabb

D-Day: A Momentous Day in Our Nation's History and A Day to Remember the "Greatest Generation"

Last month, I fulfilled a lifetime wish and it was my privilege to join a group of Clear Lakers on a trip overseas. The highlight for me, and dare I say any young American boy that grew up in the era of the 1950's, was to visit Normandy beaches. Most of us know many of the most significant dates in our

Nation's history: September 11th, 2001; July 20th, 1969; April 9th, 1865; December 7th, 1941; and, of course, July 4th, which we celebrate in Clear Lake unlike any other community in Iowa.

June 6, 2016, marked the 72nd Anniversary of "D-Day". Many



Americans today may be unaware that D-Day was originally set for June 5th, but was postponed due to stormy weather. Allied meteorologists predicted a small break and a window of opportunity for June 6th, that would not present itself again for another 2 weeks. With a simple: "ok, we'll go", General and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower launched the attack. A crusade that Eisenhower stated, "We will accept nothing

less than full victory".

For me and many of my generation, June 6, 1944, "the longest day", is among the most important dates in the American experience. I had always wanted to visit the beaches – Omaha and Utah, in particular – to pay my respects to the heroes - the soldiers: the sons, husbands, and fathers - who invaded France in order to liberate France from the Nazi regime. On June 6, 1944, the largest amphibious assault in history was launched; 150,000 Allied troops landed along the coast of Normandy in northern France. It was



one of the pivotal points of the Second World War. What must it have been like that day, in that moment?

Perhaps the most powerful moment of my trip was the visit to the American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach. Over 9,000 graves of American soldiers, who paid the ultimate sacrifice, are located there. It is almost impossible for any American to walk among their headstones and not feel an overwhelming sense of emotion.

As we pause and celebrate our Nation's independence this July 4th, let us also keep in mind this significant day – June 6, 1944. The men and women of the "Greatest Generation" forged the United States into what it is today through courage and sacrifice. Thank you for allowing me to share my perspectives with you about their valor and on what they accomplished that day.

God Bless the USA!

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 5:00 o'clock P.M. on August 29, 1958 with the following members present: Mayor Secory and Councilmen Anderson, Nesbit, Jorgenrud and Johnson. Absent: Eddy. Motion was made by Jorgenrud, seconded by Anderson, that the City accept a deed for the South water tower site from I.M. Callanan and the City Clerk be instructed to pay him the balance of \$425.00 as originally agreed. Motion carried, all members present voting aye."





City Moves Forward With Annual Street Resurfacing Project

The City Council recently awarded the 2016 Street Resurfacing Project to Heartland Asphalt (Mason City). The total amount of the construction contract is \$400,393. The scope of the Project entails milling and resurfacing of nine (9) street segments, roughly 23 blocks, including one alley, with a 2" hot-mix asphalt overlay. There will also be some limited curb & gutter repairs and ADA compliant sidewalk ramp construction.

The City performed significant street resurfacing projects in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012, and 2014. Streets are selected for resurfacing based on a master plan that was created by the City in 2005. Since the master plan was created, the City has completed approximately 10 miles of street resurfacing. These projects are in addition to street "reconstruction" projects, such as N. Shore Drive, Buddy Holly Place, 8th Avenue N., etc.

The 2016 Street Resurfacing Project began on June 8th and is scheduled to be completed by June 30th. Funds for the City's street resurfacing program come from the Road Use Tax Fund.

PLEASE NOTE: City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day

New Public Works Employee

The City's Public Works department is pleased to introduce Jesse Olson as a new addition to the City staff. Jesse began his duties with the City on May 16, 2016. Prior to his employment with the City, he worked for Poet Biorefining.

"We are very fortunate to have someone with Jesse's qualifications join our Public Works team," stated Joe Weigel, Public Works Director.

Jesse and his wife Nicole reside in Clear Lake with their two sons.



City Receives Excellence in Concrete Paving Award for North Shore Drive Street Reconstruction Project



The City of Clear Lake received an excellence in concrete paving award from the Iowa Concrete Paving Association at the June 6, 2016, Clear Lake City Council meeting. The project was rated the best Portland Cement Concrete municipal street paving project in the state of Iowa in 2015. The award recognizes the high quality of design on the project. The Project was one of six (6) nominated for the award.

The Project was completed in the summer of 2015. The total cost of the project, including legal, administrative, engineering, and construction was nearly \$2.7 million.

Wicks Construction of Decorah, Iowa was the general contractor and Yohn Redi-mix of Clear Lake was the PCC supplier. The project was engineered by Veenstra & Kimm.

Members of the Project team pictured from left to right: John Cunningham, Iowa Concrete Paving Association; Laura Yohn, Yohn Redi-mix; Rob West, Yohn Redi-Mix; Joe Weigel, Public Works Director; Scott Flory, City Administrator; Mayor Nelson Crabb; Mike Callanan, At-large Council Member; Jason Petersburg, V&K.

12th Avenue South Bridge Project Over Clear Creek Completed

Back in September of 2015, the City Council approved a contract with Peterson Contractor Inc. (Reinbeck, IA) in the amount of \$416,000 for the project. The scope of the improvements entailed removal of an existing 22' (l) x 21' (w) single-span steel bridge on wooden foundation with a new 27' (l) x 30' (w) single-span concrete slab bridge on a deep concrete foundation, riprap on 2:1 slopes, and channel shaping. There was also PCC patching; storm sewer intakes & piping; longitudinal sub-drain; and bridge approach paving work completed. The Project completion date was May 31, 2016.



West 7th Avenue North Watermain Improvement Project

In June of 2015, the Council awarded a construction contract to Charlson Excavating of Clear Lake in the amount of \$424,000 for the W 7th Avenue N Watermain Improvement Project. The project entailed the construction of 2,700 lineal feet of new 12”



diameter PVC watermain. This particular segment of watermain had previously consisted of 6” and 8” cast iron material. The City had experienced a high frequency of breaks in the main on this segment of the distribution system over the past 20 years. This segment is critical to the distribution system as it provides a secondary feed to the City’s Northwest Water Tower from the Water Treatment Plant. In situations where service to the tower is interrupted from the main feed located along

US Hwy 18, this segment ensures the City’s ability to operate the tower effectively.

The project was accepted as complete by the City Council in June, 2016. The total cost of the project was \$404,703.18.

CLEAR Project Update

As summer rolls on, we’ve provided the opportunity to explore our properties and conduct a rainwater audit. Typically, the mention of the word “audit” brings a feeling of anxiety, but in this case a rainwater audit can actually be a pleasant experience. A rainwater audit involves observing how rainfall runoff moves through and off your property. By assessing water movement, we can determine what things can be done to absorb and filter water.

To begin your audit, look at your downspouts that discharge rooftop water from your house. Since the hard surface of the rooftop does not allow any water to absorb, this is typically where the majority of runoff comes from. These points provide the perfect opportunity to install a rain garden, or rain barrel, to capture water. In some instances, you can even combine both practices to maximize your water holding capabilities. Rain barrels can capture small rainfall events and overflow into a rain garden during larger events. Water stored in a barrel also can be used to water your yard or plants during dry spells throughout the summer.

Another practice that is gaining popularity across the state is soil quality restoration in lawn yards. The ability of a soil to absorb water is dependent on the amount of organic matter within the soil profile. Our historic prairie soils had plants with deep root structures and high organic matter that absorbed the majority of rainfall and rarely shed any water. Yards planted to turf grass have shallow roots and low organic matter content which sheds more water than it can absorb. With soil quality restoration we incorporate compost into the soil to boost organic matter. This can be done on a new yard or an existing one. Along with the benefits of water absorption, this compost also acts as a fertilizer to the grass and enhances the appearance and natural health of your yard.

Similar to seeking advice from a tax professional with a tax audit, the CLEAR Project is here to help you with your rainwater audit! We have a stormwater expert in our office that can meet with you at your home and offer suggestions, tips, and expertise on how you can promote water quality for Clear Lake. Contact us online at www.ClearProject.net, by phone at 641-357-2200, or stop by the office at 800 1st Ave South in Clear Lake.

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Iowa Storytelling Festival in July

Join in the fun of the Iowa Storytelling Festival on Friday, July 22nd and Saturday July 23rd. On Friday, at 9:00 p.m., professional storytellers Al Batt, Bettie Jane Bibler, and Darrin Crow will share scary stories aboard the Lady of the Lake paddlewheel boat. This event is intended for ages ten through adult, however children under age 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the Ghost Boat Tour are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the Library, or Chamber of Commerce, beginning July 1st. The tickets are non-refundable. In case of threatening weather the ghost stories will be presented in the Lakeview Room behind the Clear Lake City Park’s bandshell.

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 perform at the “Story Exchange” at 12:30 p.m. All Saturday storytelling activities are free and the rain location is the Lakeview Room.

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





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 7th and will be held every Thursday thereafter until August 25th. Activities on Main Avenue begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. and are free, thanks to the generosity of event sponsors. The schedule for the months of July and August are as follows:

July 7th – The Mockingbirds will perform on the 400 block of Main (next to Larson's Merchantile) from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Special Entertainment by Denny's School of Dance on the 300 block of Main (SE corner of City Park) at 6:30 p.m.; and the movie "Furious 7" (rated PG-13 in the City Park bandshell at 9:00 p.m.

July 14th – Betty & The Gents will perform; special entertainment by North Iowa Bulls Street Hockey; and the movie "Minions" (rated PG).

July 21st – Grin will perform; special entertainment by Turbo Tumbling; and the movie "The Good Dinosaur" (rated PG).

July 28th – Highway 9 will perform; special entertainment by OTH Brass Band; and the movie "The Avengers" (rated PG-13).

August 4th – Barnacle Bill Band will perform; special entertainment by Drum Corp; and the movie "Max" (rated PG).

August 11th – Stage Write will perform; special entertainment by Iowa All Star Cheer Group; and the movie "Hotel Transylvania 2" (rated PG).

August 18th – Treetown All Stars will perform; special entertainment by Drum Line/CL Dance Team; and the movie "Batman vs. Superman" (rated PG-13).

August 25th – Bill Dewey will perform; special entertainment by Sheltered Reality; and the movie "Zootopia" (rated PG).

The Bicycle, Blues, & BBQ Festival is heading to Clear Lake once again this July 8th – 10th. 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 Armadillo Jump; Blue Rooster; and Tweed Funk. On Saturday, there will be an Omnium Race, Criterium Race, and a Free Kids Race. New this year to the event is the first annual "Brews on the Beach" craft brew fest. The event will feature 20 Iowa craft breweries with their finest brews. Space is limited to 600 attendees and VIP ticket holders gain access to the event at noon and general admission ticket holders get in at 1:00 p.m. to sample beer until 4:00 p.m. The BBQ vendors will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and beginning at 8:30 p.m. you can enjoy the sounds of the Nick Schnebelen Band.

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.



City of Clear Lake Directory

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Cemetery	357-6135
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Absolute Waste Removal	357-4517
Mayor.....	357-5267
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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

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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)

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Scott Lester	

Planning & Zoning Commission

(Meets last Tuesday of each month)

Lori Broghammer	Julie Angle
Al Penfold	Arnold Prohaska
Chyrl Bergvig	Al Duea
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Board of Adjustment

(Meets as needed)

Gail Robinson	Cerise Sissel
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