



The Clear View

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RAGBRAI's Comin' to Town

Tuesday, July 25th Clear Lake will host 40,000+ riders and other visitors for an overnight stay. The first rider will arrive on Tuesday morning about 5:30 and the last will leave Clear Lake on Wednesday morning around 10:00. The 23-member independent volunteer committee is working with the City and the Chamber to promote Clear Lake to our guests.

"As we discovered in 2010, RAGBRAI brings some disruption from a normal day, but it only lasts a few hours and those residents who choose to get involved as volunteers for various tasks or who offer their homes to host RAGBRAI guests have a fabulous time. We encourage everyone to be a part of RAGBRAI this summer, to welcome our guests, and to promote Clear Lake as a great place to live, vacation, or just pass through," said Diane Thompson, General Chairman for the event.

Area residents are encouraged to purchase a Clear Lake RAGBRAI t-shirt for \$20 at the Chamber to support the efforts of the Steering Committee and to show their pride for Clear Lake to our guests on July 25th.

For additional information, please check out www.clearlakeragbrai.com, follow Clear Lake RAGBRAI on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or watch for updates in the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter and other local media. For volunteer information, contact Jane Lobdell at 357-2676 and for housing information contact Jane Humphrey at 357-1136.



CLPD K-9 Unit Receives Donation from Clear Creek Project

On April 3, 2017, the 3rd grade class at Clear Creek Elementary presented Officer Cory Gute with a check for \$344.81 for the canine program. This donation is a result of an annual class project.

During the Consumers and Producers unit, students make a variety of items such as: pillows, travel mugs, key chains, sport necklaces, bracelets and picture frames. They advertise and sell this merchandise at their music program at the Surf Ballroom. After expenses, the remaining funds are donated.

Officer Gute and Kilo were presented a check from the class on April 3rd. After thanking the class for their hard work and the donation, he explained how the funds would be utilized – purchasing dog food, vet bills, training and other supplies for Kilo.

This is the fourth consecutive year the class has elected to donate to the CLPD K-9 Program. A portion of the proceeds were also given to the Clear Lake Trolley. Trish Fundermann, with the chamber, was also present to accept their donation.

Thank you Clear Creek Third Grade!





Mayor Nelson Crabb

Welcome RAGBRAI - "Again"

For the past several months now, the Clear Lake community has been preparing to "roll out the red carpet" to welcome an estimated 20,000 visitors, cyclists, and team members, on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, from all 50 states and more than 25 different countries. It is estimated that the economic impact to an overnight host community is in excess of \$2 million.

The City is, once again, very pleased to have the opportunity to be able to welcome the largest and most tenured bike touring event in the Country. RAGBRAI was last an overnight stop in Clear Lake in 2010 and 1999. Clear Lake was also a "pass-through" community in 2014. The fact that this will be the third time in the last 7 years that the City has been touched by RAGBRAI indicates, to me anyway, that Clear Lake presents itself well.

At a time when many communities are struggling financially to maintain events, let alone produce new ones, Clear Lake is blessed to have benefited from private philanthropy and generosity of countless unheralded individuals in order to ensure RAGBRAI's 2017 visit is a memorable one.

The effort to prepare the Community for such an event is led by a local committee. This tireless, civic-minded, group of volunteers is tasked with handling a diversity of needs such as housing, public safety, medical, shuttles, campgrounds, showers, entertainment, and



sanitation, as well as recruiting over 1,000 volunteers.

RAGBRAI T-shirts are available at the Clear Lake Chamber Office. The shirt design, which also serves as the logo for RAGBRAI in Clear Lake, was designed by local artist Jacky Garlock. The shirts

are sold for \$20 and are printed locally at Theiss Shirts.

"When the official RAGBRAI logo was announced, it used a paddle-wheel boat in the logo," explained Clear Lake RAGBRAI Committee General Chairman Diane Thompson. "Jacky immediately realized that Clear Lake's RAGBRAI logo should repeat the paddle-wheel boat since Clear Lake is the only town on the ride which has a boat like this. It's a great design."

I encourage all Clear Lake area residents to get involved in preparing our Community for July 25th. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, or perhaps renew acquaintances, and showcase what Clear Lake is all about - "A Place Where the People Make the Difference."

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 May 27, 1958 with the following members present: Mayor Secory and Councilmen Anderson, Nesbit, Jorgenrud and Johnson. Absent: Eddy. The Council discussed the public approaches to the lake and the City Engineer and Street Commissioner were instructed to deepen and surface in some manner the approach at the end of Main Street so that boats could be launched there from and were directed to investigate the 5th Ave N approach and any other that might be utilized for the launching of boats."



Come to 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, our retail stores stay open late, vendor street and farmer's market, topped off with a movie in the park!

The first Thursdays on Main is scheduled for June 8th and will be held every Thursday, with the exception of June 29th, until August 24th. Activities on Main Avenue begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. All activities are free, thanks to our generous sponsors.

Each week has something new and exciting for your family to enjoy. There is no other event comparable in the area, so be sure to spend your Thursday nights on Main!

For the latest information visit the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce website at www.clearlakeiowa.com.



Please note that City Offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th.



Spring street sweeping operations to begin

One sure sign that spring has sprung is when you see one of the City's street sweepers in operation. During the spring, City street sweepers begin working to remove the debris that accumulates on the streets over the winter months. Sweeping is necessary for vehicle and pedestrian safety, street maintenance, surface water quality and environmental concerns. By removing the sediment from the streets, the quality of the storm water run-off is improved before, in many cases, it ultimately enters Clear Lake.

Sweeping from construction projects is the responsibility of the contractor, until such time as the project is accepted by the City. Typically, the first sweeping of the year is a slow process, in most cases 5 m.p.h. or less. If you have a request or concern regarding street sweeping, please contact the City's Public Works Department at 357-6135.

Curbside Yard Waste Collection

Clear Lake's 2017 curbside yard waste program is in full swing and will continue through November, weather permitting. Residents can put yard waste in appropriate containers at the curb on their trash collection day.



Yard waste placed in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be picked up. Before placing yard waste into containers, dirt needs to be removed from the roots and root balls need to be removed from shrubs.

Residents may also utilize the City's Yard Waste Site located at 1419 2nd Avenue S for disposal of yard waste. Please contact Absolute Waste Removal for questions regarding curbside pickup at 357-4517.

Fiscal Year 2018 Street Re-surfacing Project to be the most aggressive yet

Consistent with the City's Strategic Plan, the City of Clear Lake will significantly increase the number of blocks to be re-surfaced this year. The City's FY 18 budget includes \$1.4 million for re-surfacing over 4 miles (66 blocks) of City streets over the span of the next 12 months beginning in July, 2017.

The re-surfacing project is significantly larger than previous years due to increased funding through the State Road Use Tax Fund. This effort does not include street "reconstruction" projects, where the entire street pavement surfacing is removed and underground utilities replaced and the street re-paved with new cement or asphalt.

Back in 2005/06, the City completed a "Street Pavement Condition Master Plan" that analyzed the City streets and rated them according to a Pavement Condition Index. Since that time, the City has aggressively pursued street re-surfacing projects, as well as reconstruction projects.

An objective of the re-surfacing program is to concentrate on streets that are rated fair or higher in order to maximize life cycle costs and extend their useful life; thereby delaying more costly re-construction projects. The City's investment in infrastructure today impacts our future generations. Most re-surfacing projects last 15-20 years, whereas a street re-construction project is designed to last 50 years.

Including the upcoming FY 18 re-surfacing project, since 2006, the City has invested over \$4 million in street re-surfacing projects alone. It is estimated that four times (\$16 million) that amount has been invested in street re-construction projects, such as North Shore Drive; South Shore Drive; E. Main Avenue (Phases 1 & 2); 10th Ave N.; Buddy Holly Place; 8th Avenue N.; 2nd Avenue N.; 1st Avenue N.; S. 3rd Street; S. 4th Street; 1st Avenue S.; etc.

The City is well over 150 years old and our network of streets and utilities was not built overnight. Our predecessors designed our community to last and it is our obligation to continue that for subsequent generations.

In many communities, cities struggle to do much of any street work at all. Clear Lake is fortunate to have been able to leverage a number of outside funding sources to help make these improvements, in addition to Road Use Tax Funds.



Practice safety with skateboards and mopeds

The sun and warm weather have returned after a long winter. Many of you are beginning to take advantage of being outdoors and enjoying beautiful Clear Lake. Due to the increased outdoor activity, the police department would like to review safety items regarding skateboarding and mopeds.

Skateboarding

The use of skateboards, which includes longboards, roller skates, and scooters, are regulated in certain public areas in Clear Lake. Our local law prohibits riding these devices on certain streets, in parks, and within the Business District (the Main Avenue shopping and business area which includes riding on the sidewalk).

The police department has maps available that show the streets where skateboarding is allowed. Safety is the main reason for prohibiting this activity on certain roads due the high volume of vehicular and other traffic using these streets. There remain many areas in the city where individuals can ride and enjoy their skateboards.

If ridden on the street, per city ordinance, skateboarders should obey the traffic laws like a vehicle and stay as near to the right-hand side of the road as possible. Also, if a sidewalk does allow skateboard use, a person using a skateboard should yield the right of way to any pedestrian and give an audible signal when overtaking or passing them.

Riders are encouraged to wear the proper safety gear that includes helmets, elbow and knee pads, and wear bright or reflective clothing.

If you need further information or a map, please contact the police department at 641-357-2186.

Mopeds

Mopeds are deemed “motorized bicycles” in state and local laws. They are essentially defined as a vehicle having a seat or saddle for the rider, with no more than three wheels and not capable of going over 39 miles per hour. Prior definitions listed the engine size to determine if it was a moped or motorcycle. Mopeds are subject to several specific regulations. They govern their safe use on roadways due to mopeds having less safety features and a smaller size than a car.

Per the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

- If you are 18 or older and already have valid Iowa license, you are already valid to operate a moped and do not need to apply for a moped license.



- At age 18 or older you only need to apply for a moped license if you want to operate a moped and don't have a valid Iowa license.
- If you are under 18, you must apply for a moped license even if you already have a valid Iowa license or instruction permit.
- You have to be at least 14 years old to obtain a moped license. If you are at least 14 but under 16, you must pass an approved moped education course and present your certificate of completion from the course when you apply for the moped license.
- If you are at least 16, you do not have to complete a moped education course to obtain a moped license, but for your safety we encourage you to do so.
- All applicants for a moped license that don't already have an Iowa license must pass a vision screen and the knowledge test, and present proof of age, identity, and social security number. All applicants that are under 18 must also present a parental consent form.
- Passengers are not allowed on a moped.

- A moped must be equipped with a safety flag that extends not less than 5 feet above the ground attached to the rear of the moped. The safety flag must be triangular in shape, with an area of not less than 30 square inches, and be Day-Glo in color.



- Mopeds must not be operated more than two abreast in a single traffic lane and cannot be operated between lanes of traffic, adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.
- A moped must have a lighted headlamp at all times when operated on a public street or roadway. The operator of a moped must not carry a package, bundle or other article that prevents the operator from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

Mopeds are often used by beginning drivers, so it's especially important these regulations are followed to ensure their safe operation. Helmets are encouraged to be worn while operating a moped.

For more information regarding mopeds visit: <http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcycle/default.htm>

BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

“Build a Better World” is the theme of the Clear Lake Public Library’s summer reading program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration begins on Thursday, June 1st and the program will run for eight weeks through July 29th. During the month of June, we have an exciting lineup of entertainers who are coming to visit the library. Some of the special guests include the CLIMB Theatre Performance on June 8th, the Hansen Family Juggling and Acrobatic act on June 14th, the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art Frank Lloyd Wright presentation, and Storyteller Darrin Crow on June 28th. Please contact the Children’s Department at the Library for more information. As always, please phone 357-0315 to register for all special programs.



The Teen and Adult summer reading programs will also highlight the theme “Build a Better Word”. Registration for the programs will begin on June 1st and participants will have the opportunity to build an ice cream sundae from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. that evening. Regular adult programming will continue throughout the summer months and will include: Movie Mondays, Adult Coloring, and Book Chats. The schedule for the summer’s teen program will be distributed through the school. Please check the library Facebook page regularly for current and updated information about special activities during the summer reading program.



**The Clear Lake Farmer’s Market
opens for the season in the
Surf Ballroom parking lot on
Saturday, May 20th.
Hours are 9:00 a.m. to Noon.**

Clear Lake Aquatic Center opens May 27th



Are you ready for some summer fun? The Clear Lake Aquatic Center will be opening the weekend of May 27th. Open swim hours will be from 1:00 – 7:00 P.M. each day. Daily admissions are \$3.50 per individual 3 years old and up, with children under two being free. Yearly Pool Memberships are available for purchase at City Hall, online at www.cityofclearlake.com, or at the

pool on or after May 27th.

Boating Season is here!

Spring has arrived and many will be taking to the Lake soon. Before you go, here are some safety tips from the Clear Lake Fire Department to help make sure your boating adventures are safe and enjoyable:



- Carry proper safety equipment – Ensure you have appropriate life jackets for each person accessible on the boat. It is recommended that life jackets are worn at all times, and is the law for children under the age of 13. Also carry an appropriate marine style fire extinguisher, and ensure it is charged and ready for use.
- Maintain your boat properly – Most fires on boats are caused by leaking fuel or faulty electrical systems. By ensuring your boat is well maintained, you can reduce the risk of an onboard fire.
- Do not overload your boat – Every boat should have a maximum capacity label. Exceeding the listed maximum capacity could cause your boat to be unstable or to take in water.
- Bring a cell phone – A cell phone can be your lifeline for assistance if you breakdown or have an emergency on the lake.

*Have a fun and safe summer.
We hope to see you out on the Lake!*

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- Click the link on the left hand side that says “View/Pay Utility Bill”
- Under the heading that reads “How to VIEW Utility Bill” click the link “Click here to view your bill”
- The link will take you to our payment processor’s website where you can register to receive your water bills by e-mail.



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 Clear Lake Sanitary District.....357-2019
 Water Department357-3911

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)

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 Scott Johnson Bennett Smith
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Parks & Recreation Board

(Meets 4th Wednesday of each month)

Tim Raber Chyrl Bergvig
 Linda Hopper Darron Jones
 Amy Hogg

Planning & Zoning Commission

(Meets last Tuesday of each month)

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

Board of Adjustment

(Meets as needed)

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