



The Clear View

A newsletter for the Citizens of Clear Lake

Volume 17 - Number 1
January 2019
www.cityofclearlake.com

Surf Ballroom & Museum Prepares to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the 1959 Winter Dance Party

Plans for the 2019 Winter Dance Party, scheduled for January 30th through February 2nd at the legendary Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, are well underway. Event organizers have planned a star studded, jam packed lineup, featuring many rock 'n roll greats and a long list of artists who have followed in the footsteps of their musical lineage....a tribute to the first generation of rock 'n roll.

"It has been our goal from the beginning to include as many authentic rock 'n roll acts as our budget would allow to make the 60th anniversary event one to remember," stated Surf Ballroom & Museum President, Jeff Nicholas. "Celebrating and honoring the musical legacies of three of the greatest rock 'n roll pioneers is a large part of our organization's mission, and we are so humbled by all who have energetically agreed to be part of it."

Things start rockin' on Wednesday, January 31st with the Winter Dance Party Family Sock Hop featuring **The Whitesidewalls**. **The Whitesidewalls** were part of the lineup during the first "Buddy Holly Tribute" back in 1979, and have performed during 15 of the 40 tribute events, the most of any musical act. Single-night tickets are available for \$15 in advance.

Thursday night's lineup features **Jay and The Americans**, one of the greatest vocal groups in rock 'n roll history. Also featured on Thursday will be rhythm and blues/soul/early rock 'n roll vocal group, **Little Anthony and The Imperials**. Other performers featured Thursday will be **Robin Luke and The Good Clean Fun Band**.

A Rock 'n Roll Royalty Show, featuring the families of musical pioneers celebrating their rock 'n roll heritage will be the theme for Friday evenings show. **Edan Everly with Albert Lee, Frank Avalon, Wendy and Carnie Wilson, The Killer Vees, Linda Gail Lewis with Danny**

B. Harvey & Annie Markie Lewis, Austin Allsup, Bobby Cochran, Craig Westover featuring **James Popenhagen, and Mario Ramirez** are all scheduled to appear.

"The Winter Dance Party has always been a celebration. A celebration for the fans, a celebration for artists and musicians and a celebration of family. This year, more than any other, we have family members of many of the most influential artists of the first generation of rock 'n roll joining us," said Shane Cooney, Executive Producer. "Friday night's show will be a unique way for those family members who had a front row seat as rock 'n roll history was made to celebrate their musical journey," he added.

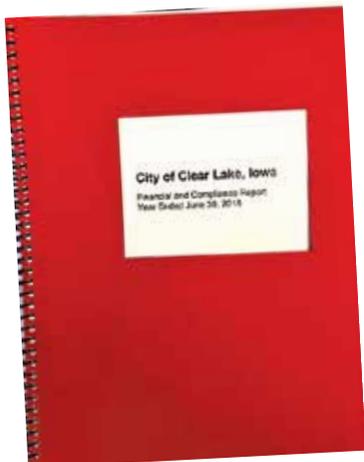
"Saturday evening's show is a bit like a time capsule," said Laurie Lietz, Executive Director of The Surf Ballroom & Museum and Winter Dance Party Event Coordinator. "These are the voices and this is the music that defined a generation, and we think that's worth celebrating," Lietz concluded.

Scheduled to appear at Saturday evening's show are: **Chubby Checker and The Wildcats, Albert Lee and Friends, Shirley Alston Reeves: the Original Singer of The Shirelles, The Chiffons, Brian Hyland, Chris Montez, Johnny Tillotson and The Holy Rocka Rollaz.**

For complete weeklong series of events and the most current information about the event, please visit www.surfballroom.com or contact the Surf Ballroom Office at (641) 357-6151.



City Once Again Receives An Unqualified Opinion From Auditors For The 2017/18 Fiscal Year



At the December 3, 2018 City Council meeting, the City of Clear Lake received an unqualified opinion from its auditors following their review of the city's financial records for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Sarah Bohnsack, CPA, with the certified public accounting firm of Bohnsack & Frommelt, stated that an "unqualified opinion" is the highest and best opinion that can be received. In reviewing the audit report with the mayor and city council members, Bohnsack talked about the City's statement of net position, "You will see that your net position increased by almost \$1.5 million."

"Overall, it was another good year and we are always pleased to receive such a positive review. Our responsibility to the Community is to ensure that we are good stewards and the positive audit is the product of the experience and commitment of our dedicated staff and elected leaders", stated City Administrator Scott Flory. The City is required to have an audit performed annually by State law and then file a copy of the audit with the State Auditor's office.

To view the report online visit: <https://cityofclearlake.com/pview.aspx?id=1936&catid=71>



Mayor Nelson Crabb

Reflecting Back, Moving Ahead

This is perhaps the bi-monthly newsletter for which I feel the most bittersweet about writing my column. For starters, in part, because it is usually rather cold outside. Although, after calling Clear Lake home for more than 50 years, I've learned to embrace the winter weather and make the most of it - as best I can. Additionally, it marks the end of one calendar year and the beginning

of another. Like most of you, I often am caught wondering how it went by so quickly.

This is the time of year when the City government conducts its strategic planning session and, as part of that, we reflect back on the list of accomplishments of the past year. I always marvel at how far we have come. In fact, Scott (City Administrator) and I were meeting the other day with a couple local, long-time, Clear Lakers who remarked how much the Community has improved over the last 20 years and how that made it more desirable for their children to move back here. That was nice to hear and many people deserve a lot of credit for the work that has been done in that regard.

Clear Lake is blessed with many attributes that make it a wonderful

city to live in, but nothing more important than the many thoughtful and caring people who call it HOME. I would like to also recognize and say how thankful I am to my elected and appointed colleagues who step up to serve the citizens of Clear Lake. During this holiday season, I want to invite you to shop and dine locally to the greatest extent you can. The winter months can be difficult on our local business community, so when thinking about where to go to see a movie, dine, or shop (among other things), please think Clear Lake first.

Finally, as we are in the midst of this holiday season, don't forget to take the time to pause and reflect upon all our blessings and lend a hand to those who are less fortunate. On behalf of the City of Clear Lake, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous 2019!

The Importance of Civic Associations



One of the distinctive features of our community here in Clear Lake is our strong commitment to supporting civic associations. Our community benefits greatly from the many organizations that support important social, cultural, conservation, religious and philanthropic endeavors. It takes time, energy, and resources from many individuals to do the work that they do and we as a local government also support the mission of our non-profits in various ways because we realize that they are so essential to the quality of life we enjoy here in Clear Lake.

There are many benefits to being a member of these groups. In addition to achieving many worthy objectives, these groups provide leadership opportunities for their members and provide important social, educational and even psychological benefits.

Finally, a robust culture of being part of civic associations helps to take the polarizing edge off of our politics. A person quickly learns that to get things done you have to work with people from different walks of life. They will have different political views, religious opinions and racial backgrounds and this provides an opportunity for everyone to learn important lessons about dialogue and the need for compromise and civility to accomplish the goals of the organization.

One of the concerns that I have for our country and our local community is that younger generations have decided not to join civic associations in near the numbers that earlier generations did and that will have negative consequences for us in many ways if we can't alter that course. I would encourage you to consider joining an organization whose cause you believe in and to invest yourself in it for the good of our community. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to these great organizations in Clear Lake and the surrounding area!

Bennett C. Smith
Second Ward City Councilperson

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 of Clear Lake, Iowa, met on February 16, 1970 in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. with the following present: Mayor Pattschull, Councilmen Bruns, Dowden, Hartin, Tanner and White. Absent: None. Councilman White reported that he was very pleased with the progress and cooperation of the Clear Lake Sanitary District and the land owners in the Handicap Village, Inc. area investigating sewer and water availability. City Engineer Clark, T.L. Sears, Ed Nelson, E.B. Stillman, Amil Herker of Clear Lake Sanitary District, and Councilman White, Hartin, Dowden and Bruns met and discussed the problems. City Engineer Clark has drawings and has easements or promises of easements to cross property of land owners with the land owners bearing the cost of the crossing. Ed Mieners and J. Edward Thornberg being two of the land owners. Clark stated that the City would have to stand cost of approximately 300 feet. Donald Boyer of Handicap Village, Inc. expressed his pleasure with the progress made in such a short time."





Buddy Holly Place Demolition

The next time you drive down Buddy Holly Place you may notice a “newly” vacant lot. The city acquired the property at 813 Buddy Holly Place earlier in 2018 and completed the demolition of the structure, backfilling, and grading of the site in December. The city contemplates the property will be developed at some later point and used as a gateway enhancement to promote the Surf District to motorists on US Hwy 18.



The Clear Lake Fire Department requests your help in keeping your home and your neighborhood safe. Fire hydrants can become buried by snow during winter months. This makes finding and using the hydrants very difficult. Fire hydrants are critical to our response to a fire, and buried hydrants can slow down and limit our initial response. Please help us by shoveling at least 3 feet around all sides of a hydrant, and clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

The Clear Lake Police Department and the Public Works Department would like to remind everyone that the Snow Removal Ordinance is in effect through April 1, 2019



2019 UTV City Permits

The Police Department is now accepting applications and conducting inspections for 2019 UTV City Permits.



Applications and details about the city's ordinance are available at the police station or online at www.cityofclearlake.com/police. The registration fee is \$25.00. Please call 641-357-2186 or email police@cityofclearlake.org with any questions.



Attention Pet Owners!

Dog licenses for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 are now due. The City Ordinance requires all dogs over six months of age to be licensed with the City of Clear Lake. Licenses may be purchased at City Hall, 15 North 6th Street. For licenses purchased before the March 31st deadline, the fee is \$3.00. The deadline for purchasing your 2019 dog licenses(s) is March 31, 2018 without penalty. On and after April 1, a \$1.00 penalty charge per month is added for each license. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be presented at time of licensing. Dogs kept or raised solely for the bonafide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint, do not need to be licensed. Please call 357-5267 with questions.

Please note that City offices will be closed on the following days:

New Year's Holiday – Tuesday, January 1, 2019

President's Day – Monday, February 18, 2019

The Clear View Newsletter is printed on recycled paper



Adult Programs offered at the Library

Nutritional Balance Coaching with Holistic Health and Nutrition

Coach Mindy Duff

Need help with your New Year's Resolution?

Then join Mindy Duff, certified holistic health and nutrition coach on Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Inspiration for Mindy's career choice comes from her son's own nutrition sensitivity.

Her approach is to get to the root of the problem, "It's my favorite part of being a holistic health coach. I take a look at the person as a whole to see what's going on, as opposed to following a cookie-cutter protocol for each person. We're all unique and should treat our bodies as such!", stated Duff. As a former teacher, she is attune to educating people on how to become the healthiest version of themselves.



Book Chat: Evicted by Matthew Desmond

Tuesday, January 15th at noon

In this brilliant, heartbreaking book, Matthew Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families on the edge. All are spending almost everything they have on rent, and all have fallen behind. Based on years of fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, this masterful book transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.



The Obituary: Yours or Someone Else's?

On Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m., Mary Kay Shanley, through Humanities Iowa, presents the history of the modern obituary.

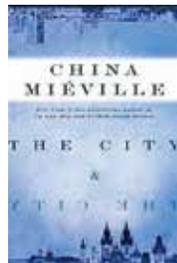
Beginning in the 19th century, obits were written by reporters, providing crucial information about prominent people and, later, soldiers, public servants and frontiersman. We'll consider the history of the obit, with stellar examples. We'll address inclusion of factual information and life journey, structural concerns and worthy goals – as well as the still-necessary guidelines for crafting a fitting obituary. Those interested are invited to spend an additional 20 minutes jotting down thoughts to discuss and share with the rest of the group.



Book Chat: The City & The City

Tuesday, February 19th at noon

Inspector Tyador Borlu of the Extreme Crime Squad finds deadly conspiracies beneath a seemingly routine murder. For the decaying Beszel, he joins detective Qussim Dhatt in rich vibrant UI Qoma, and both are enmeshed in a sordid underworld. Rabid nationalists are intent on destroying their neighboring city, and unificationists dream of dissolving the two into one.

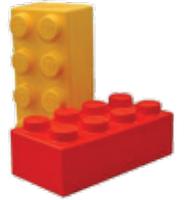


Children's Programs at the Library

After School Programs

Marvelous Mondays is an engaging program for 4th and 5th graders with two sessions from January 14th to February 11th and March 18th to April 22nd. This program is free and runs from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. The format of the program includes stories, a craft or activity, a snack, use of the library, and fun interaction with peers. Registration is limited to 15 children. Stop by the children's department to fill out the registration form.

Lego Club is back by popular demand and is open to children in 1st through 5th grade. The program will run January through April and will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The program runs from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. and will be an open-build structure with sharing time at the end. Registration is limited to 25 children. Spots will fill quickly, so stop by the children's department to register today.



Bit and Bridle Story Time

Join us on Thursday, January 31st at 5:30 p.m. for this fun, horse-themed story time! Designed for children ages 3 to 6. There will be books, activities, and a craft. Children will get an up-close look (and feel!) at some horse tack – bridle, saddle, and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

A Fancy Nancy themed story time will be held at the Clear Lake Public Library on Saturday, February 16th beginning at 10:30 a.m. This special story time will be followed by a tea party and craft and is appropriate for ages 3 through 8. Children (and caretakers, if they choose) are encouraged to dress fancy for this event! Space will be limited so please register by stopping by the children's department or by phoning 357-0315. Registration begins Monday, January 28th.

Weekend Open Gym Schedule

The Clear Lake Parks & Recreation Department sponsors the open gym program each Saturday and Sunday until March 17th. Cost is \$1.00 per time or an individual unlimited use pass may be purchased for \$25.00. The schedule is as follows:

Clear Creek Gym (enter through the west doors):

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (elementary students)

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (middle school students)

Middle School Gym (enter through the west doors):

1:00 – 3:00 (high school students)

Clear Lake Chamber Annual Meeting

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Meeting & Award presentation January 22nd, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Best Western. The cost of this event is \$25 per person.

Call the Chamber office at 357-2159 to make reservations or reserve online at www.clearlakeiowa.com with your membership login. Cancellations require 24-hour advance notice.

Kites Will Color the Sky Over Clear Lake During Color the Wind Kite Festival



Outdoor fun doesn't stop here in Clear Lake when the snow flies and the lake freezes, to some it is just beginning. From snowmobile races, fishing contests, and more all provide great Winter experiences and family fun.

But for something totally unique, plan to take part in Clear Lake's Color the Wind Kite Festival when the winter sky is filled with color. Larry and Kay Day invite professional kite pilots from nine states to entertain you with kites of all shapes and sizes. The stunt kite teams, "180GO" and



"Fire n' Ice", will perform fascinating kite ballets choreographed to music. You are invited to join them for fun on the frozen lake with your own kite.

Clear Lake received world-wide attention when last year's festival brought the CBS Sunday Morning crew and Lee Cowan to town to cover the event. Because of the coverage by CBS, hundreds of calls and emails have been received from all over the nation and, in fact, from Europe, indicating interest in coming for the event. The number of hits on the Color the Wind website exceed 67,500. It is estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000 people attended the 2018 festival and huge crowds are expected again this year.

The Color the Wind Kite Festival is made possible because of the help and cooperation of the Clear Lake Chamber and the City of Clear Lake and through the help and donations of the public, local civic organizations and area businesses. Larry and Kay say their reward is seeing the smiles on peoples faces as they watch the kites.

Mark your calendar for Color the Wind on Saturday, February 16th at the downtown seawall. Come dressed appropriately for the weather and a slippery surface underfoot. You can warm up in the Lakeview room and, while there, buy yourself a kite from our kite vendor so you can fully enjoy the day! For more information please visit www.colorthewind.org.

2018 Defective Sidewalk Replacement Project

Sidewalks are one of those topics that people feel passionately about to say the least. Some people love them, others wish they didn't have them, and almost everyone wishes someone else was responsible for them.

Each year the City receives complaints regarding hazardous or defective public sidewalks adjacent to private properties. City staff conducts follow up inspections and works with the property owner to make the necessary safety improvements.

In the summer of 2017, the City decided to coordinate a sidewalk inspection project with a large (66 blocks) street resurfacing project. Through that effort, 185 properties were identified with defective sidewalks. In an effort to obtain maximum cooperation with the property owners, the City offered a rebate for a portion of the repairs, if completed by a specified date. Those 185 properties had a total of 6,000 linear feet of bad sidewalk.

Of the 185 properties, 155 (84%) have either completed the repairs or have obtained a permit and have them scheduled for the spring of 2019. The non-compliant properties will receive a follow up notice indicating that their property will now be included in a special assessment project to be bid this winter and

will be subject to assessment for construction, legal, engineering, and administrative costs. The completion date for the sidewalk repairs is June, 2019.





City of Clear Lake Directory

CITY DIRECTORY

- EMERGENCY911**
- Non-Emergency Police357-2186
 - Building Inspection357-6135
 - Cemetery357-6135
 - City Administrator357-5267
 - City Attorney357-2139
 - City Clerk357-5267
 - City Hall357-5267
 - Fire Department.....357-2613
 - Absolute Waste Removal357-4517
 - Mayor.....357-5267
 - Parks & Recreation.....357-7010
 - Planning & Zoning357-6135
 - Public Library.....357-6133
 - Public Works.....357-6135
 - Landfill of North Iowa.....357-5452
 - 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

			
Mayor Nelson P. Crabb 357-3839	At-Large Dana Brant 641-420-1180	At-Large Mike Callanan 357-5911	First Ward Mark Ebeling 641-201-0430
			
Second Ward Bennett Smith 651-271-5267	Third Ward Jim Boehnke 357-7144	City Administrator Scott Flory 357-5267	City Clerk/Editor Jennifer Larsen 357-5267

**City Council meetings
are the first and third Mondays
at 6:00 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	Bev Currier
Allen Geilenfeld	Sean Moran
Diane Glynn	Pat Weigel
Tamara Schwichtenberg	

Parks & Recreation Board

(Meets 4th Wednesday of each month)

Tim Raber	Chris Hogg
Linda Hopper	Carrie Shannon
Trish Fundermann	

Planning & Zoning Commission

(Meets last Tuesday of each month)

Lori Broghammer	Davin McLeod
Andy Meyer	Arnold Prohaska
Chyrl Bergvig	Mark Bale

Board of Adjustment

(Meets as needed)

David Klang	Kirby Schmidt
Fred Muth	Bob Swanson

Visit The City Of Clear Lake Website at www.cityofclearlake.com.



The

Clear View

Clear Lake, Where People Make The Difference



**15 North 6th Street
P.O. Box 185
Clear Lake, IA 50428**

**City Office
(641) 357-5267**

**Fax
(641) 357-8711**

**PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
Paid
Clear Lake, IA
Permit No. 2**

Postal Patron - ECRWSS

The City of Clear Lake, Iowa publishes The Clear View 6 times a year. Copyrights are not exercised and there are no restrictions on the use or reprinting of any material appearing in this newsletter. The newsletter is produced on behalf of the City of Clear Lake by the City Administrator and City Clerk, printed by the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter, and provided to citizens of the City without cost. The newsletter's purpose is to disseminate information about the activities of your City government. No ads or commercial announcements will be published. The newsletter is printed in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November each year.