



The Clear View

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Larry & Kay Day to serve as Parade Grand Marshal

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Committee is pleased to announce that Larry & Kay Day will serve as the Grand Marshal for this year's 4th of July parade. The Days are the founders and organizers of the annual Color the Wind kite festival held on Clear Lake each February. The 2019 event marked the 18th year and the biggest flying field ever for the colorful celebration.

In 2018, the event drew an estimated 10,000 people to watch incredibly large and colorful kites fill the sky over frozen Clear Lake. CBS Sunday Morning came to film the festival and the program was viewed worldwide. Color the Wind has also been featured in the magazines Midwest Living, Our Iowa, Disney's Family Fun, Senior Advantage Living, AAA Iowa/Minnesota, and many more. Iowa Public Television has also covered the event.

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 Thursday,



July 4th, at the corner of Main Avenue and 20th Street. The 4th of July celebration begins on Wednesday, July 3rd at 5:00 p.m. and concludes on Sunday, July 7th. For a full schedule of events visit the chamber website at www.clearlakeiowa.com.

Bicycle, Blues & BBQ and Brews on the Beach



The Bicycle, Blues, & BBQ Festival is heading to Clear Lake once again this July 12th – 14th. 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 party begins on Friday night, at 5:00 p.m., in City Park with the BBQ vendors opening and free music for you to enjoy from Ross William Perry, a gifted songwriter and guitarist, followed by the powerful Heather Newman Band. At 8:30, we welcome back our headliner, the "Duchess of Blues", Dee Miller and her band playing a

variety of R&B deep-cut covers.

The music then continues on Saturday on the stage in City Park beginning at 8:30 featuring headliner Shawn Holt & the Teardrops who will bring their energy, hard-driving sound to City Park for all to enjoy!

On Saturday, there will be the Iowa Criterium Championships and a Free Kids Race. The "Brews on the Beach" craft brewfest will be held again this year and will feature 25 craft breweries with their best brews. Space is limited to 850 attendees and VIP ticket holders gain access to the event at noon; general admission ticket holders get in at 1:00 p.m. to sample beer until 4:00 p.m.

All events, with the exception of 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.



Mayor Nelson Crabb

New North Shore Drive Decorative Street Light Pole Banners Celebrate Clear Lake's Identity

When we were working on the plans for reconstructing N. Shore Drive between City Park and 7th Avenue N. we knew there would be an opportunity to do more than just build a better street and replace old worn-out infrastructure. There was a strong sentiment that the corridor should be defined by more than just its function of moving traffic. The reconstruction of N.

Shore Drive between 7th Avenue N. and City Park evolved over several years and through a couple different projects and cost millions of dollars to complete.

There were many trees located in the City right-of-way that were either dead or diseased or, additionally, would need to be removed due to conflicts with new utility improvements that were part of the project. Ultimately, I believe the City, under the auspicious of this project, planted more trees than were there previously. However, we worked with a landscape architect to select appropriate street right-of-way trees.

An additional item we discussed was decorative street lighting similar to the style used on N. Lakeview Drive (between 1st Ave N. and 4th Ave N.). However, we thought at some point we would want to use street banners on the poles, so we selected a style pole that would accommodate matching banner arms. They work pretty slick; the poles are grooved to accommodate the banner arms and they integrate rather seamlessly.

We didn't want to just use random, ordinary, catalog banners, however, that can be found rather ubiquitously in so many other communities. Ultimately, we wanted "artsy" banners that would be dramatic and something that would be unique and promote the many special events and depict various landmarks we enjoy here in Clear Lake.

There are 21 street light poles along this stretch of N. Shore Drive. There are also some poles that have the City's wayfinding signs co-located on them. I believe there are 18 individualized banners. At some point, we will develop various "factoid" banners that will be located on the pedestrian side of the pole (sidewalk side).



I am really happy the Community has embraced the new banners. This was a fun project to work on and special recognition should be given to City Council Members Mark Ebeling and Mike Callanan, City Administrator Scott L. Flory, as well as various City staff for their help with this project.

I would be remiss, to fail to extend to all Clear Lake residents and visitors my sincere hope that you all have a very pleasant and enjoyable summer. As always, I look forward to seeing you during the 4th of July parade!

Until next time,

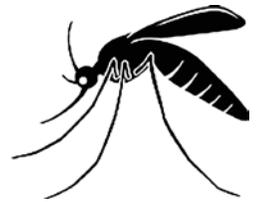
Tales from the Vault

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 of the City of Clear Lake, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to law and the rules of said Council at 8:00 o'clock P.M. on July 28, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called, there were present, W.H. Ward, Mayor, in the chair, and the following named Councilmen: Baum, Secory, Larson, Eastman and McGowan. Absent: None. The Council considered the matter of the construction of a new fire station and acquiring a site therefor, and determined that the matter should be submitted to the electors at a special election. Councilman Larson introduced and read the resolution next hereinafter set out, and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Secory, and after due consideration thereof by the Council, the Mayor put the question, upon the adoption of said resolution, and the roll being called, the following named Councilmen voted: Ayes: Baum, Secory, Larson, Eastman, and McGowan. Nays: None."

City will once again spray for mosquitos



The City will once again spray for mosquitos, as determined to be necessary by the City, and will continue through the summer and fall as determined to be necessary by the City.

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 evening and Saturday a.m. depending upon the weather. City staff will spray beginning at 7:00 p.m. and continue as long as temperatures and wind speeds are at acceptable levels. Spraying may resume in the morning at 4:00 a.m. and end at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Spraying continues throughout the summer and fall as long as mosquito population counts justify the spraying.

Any persons not wanting the spraying to occur on their property must contact Jeremy Korenberg, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor, at 357-6135 or jkorenberg@cityofclearlake.org.

The City will also be spraying on the South Shore – Grand View Point, Bell Harbor, Dodges Point, Whispering Oaks, and Camp Tanglefoot. Additional information about the City's Mosquito Spraying program can be obtained from the City of Clear Lake's website at www.cityofclearlake.com.

2019 Downtown City Parking Lots Improvement Project

In March, the City awarded the construction contract for this Project to Heartland Asphalt (Mason City), who submitted the lowest “responsive responsible” bid in the amount of \$558,616. There were 3 bids received from among the various general contractors holding plans for the project.

The four (4) parking lots proposed for improvements are: 1) parking lot across from police department (1st Ave N.); 2) City Hall Parking Lot; 3) parking lot across from the Library (N 4th Street & 2nd Ave N); and 4) parking lot adjacent to the Senior Citizens Center. The parking lots at City Hall and the Senior Center would also include permeable pavers as a storm water quality improvement enhancement.

The project schedule calls for the work to be done in phases, with 2 parking lots completed prior to June 14th (Library & Police) and the other two (City Hall and Senior Center) completed prior to October 4th. Sidewalk repairs and ADA compliant ramps, as well as storm water drainage related improvements are also included. Both the Library and Police Department parking lots were completed prior to Memorial Day.



1st Avenue North lot



North 4th Street & 2nd Avenue North lot

Iowa Storytelling Festival

Three outstanding storytellers are coming to Clear Lake for the Iowa Storytelling Festival to be held on Saturday, July 27th beginning at 10:30 a.m. in City Park. Storyteller Megan Wells will present A Visit with Eleanor Roosevelt. As FDR climbed the political ladder, Eleanor’s aspersions rose alongside. Fighting against radical discrimination, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered for being a true humanitarian with an amazing story all her own. Wells is an award-winning storyteller and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater and a Masters in Directing. She tells traditional tales, multi-cultural myths, historical events, as well as personal and true stories. Wells began her career as an actress and director in Chicago and crafts powerful stories to effect change in the lives of those who listen to her.

The storytelling continues at 1:00 p.m. when Melanie Devaney will present Music from Her Own Life’s Adventures. Devaney is a folk-Americana singer-songwriter from the small town of Epworth in Dubuque County, Iowa (population 1,700). Classically trained in piano and holding a degree in Creative Writing, her songs are stories from her own life’s adventures and the cast of characters she has met and created along the way. She also performs a number of cover songs by well-known artists such as The Beatles; Eagles; Johnny Cash; Dolly Parton; U2; and Adele. She has been described by the San Diego Kensington News as “a real gem”, and her music is “At times country, at times pop, she’s like a mix of Carol King and Emmylou Harris with confessional lyrics and heartfelt music to spare.”

The storytelling will conclude at 2:30 p.m. with Pippa White presenting The Extraordinary Ordinary. The mystery, the history, and the power of language! Pippa turned to solo performing after an extensive career in theatre and television including five years hosting a daily morning television show on ABC in San Francisco. She has a BA in English and, in addition to professional storytelling, she offers workshops and residencies. She has also been a teaching artist with Nebraska Arts Council since 1990.



Public Works Access Drive & Parking Lot Expansion Project

In March, the City Council awarded the construction contract for this project to Heartland Asphalt (Mason City). Heartland submitted the lowest responsive responsible bid from among the 5 bids received. The amount of the bid was \$131,974. The Project included the paving of the access drive (26’ wide x 375’ length) between 2nd Ave S and 4th Ave S. Additionally, expansion of the Public Works/Parks & Recreation Facility parking lot located off of 2nd Ave S by an additional 24 parking stalls, primarily to accommodate additional parking demands from aquatic center patrons and to improve pedestrian safety by reducing on-street parking congestion.

The project was completed prior to Memorial Day.

Six Weeks and Counting!

The Chautauqua Returns to Clear Lake on Saturday, August 17, 2019!

Clear Lake was home to one of the most successful Chautauquas in the Midwest, hosting noted entertainers, nationally known speakers, political figures and providing religious education, academic learning, music, art and physical education between 1875 until 1914.

The Clear Lake Historical Society and Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce invite you to experience a taste of what the Chautauqua was like in Clear Lake on Saturday, August 17th from 10:00 am until 4:00 p.m. in City Park. You will have the opportunity to enjoy recreational activities along City Beach and in City Park, there will be musical offerings from the

band shell, and booths at the perimeter of the park “educating” those who stop by about ways to be involved in our community through non-profit organizations and of course, speakers from center stage at the band shell. Make it a day of family fun as you experience a taste of Clear Lake’s past in the present and become wrapped up in our “Shared American values for a Better Community”.

For more information contact the Clear Lake Historical Society at cliowahistory@gmail.com or by calling 641-430-7729. Look for more details in early August in the Clear Lake Mirror-Reporter.

Children’s Programs at the Library

Dan Wardell Reading Road Trip – Monday, July 8th at 10:15 a.m.

Dan Wardell, popular host of the IPTV Kids Clubhouse, is headed back to our library this summer! Come prepared to have a “Dantastic” adventure as Dan encourages kids to turn off the TV, go outside and play, use their imaginations, and read a good book. Don’t miss your chance to see Dan in person!

ISU Insect Zoo – Wednesday, July 10th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

During this 1-hour display, participants will get to see over 100 species of living, alien-looking bugs up-close and personal. There will be many hands-on opportunities. This come-and-go program will begin with a 15-minute talk on the animals but participants may enter and leave when they’d like.

Blast Off Day Camp – Thursday, July 11th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Iowa State University Extension is putting on a fun day camp for students who’ve completed Kindergarten through 3rd grade. We’ll spend a few hours building and testing rockets to see if we can Blast Off! Space is limited so register early! Registration available in the Children’s Department and is required by July 8th.

StarLab Mobile Planetarium – Tuesday, July 16th – morning

Lime Creek Nature Center is bringing their mobile planetarium so we can see the stars, even in the middle of the day! Learn about stars, constellations, and more space objects during this 30-minute session. Each session is limited to 25 children and multiple sessions will be available. This program will be held off-site in Clear Lake. Registration is required by calling 357-0315 or by stopping by the Children’s Department.

50th Anniversary of Man Landing on the Moon – Saturday, July 20th

Fifty years ago, Apollo 11 landed on the moon and history unfolded as Neil Armstrong proclaimed his famous line “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” Celebrate the 50th anniversary with us all day (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) with self-led activities for all ages.

Scholastic Book Fair – July 29th through August 7th

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library’s downstairs meeting room. Summer Reading Program participants can spend their “book bucks” or a combination of “book bucks” and cash or check to purchase a wide selection of book titles at the Book Fair. Anyone can purchase materials at the Book Fair. Adult titles are not available.

Story Time at Central Gardens – Wednesdays, July 31st through August 28th

Our story time for children ages 0-5 is on the move and will be held at Central Gardens. Join us for this outdoor program, starting at 10:30 a.m. and lasting approximately 30 minutes. If its rainy or overly hot, we’ll be inside the pavilion at the gardens. Explore the children’s Bee Happy garden and other areas while you’re there! These sessions are drop-in, no registration is required. A parent or responsible adult care giver must accompany children attending story time. No story time will be held at the library these weeks.

Additional programs can be found on our Library Facebook page @ClearLakePublicLibraryIA or the website calendar at www.cllibrary.org.



Central Gardens Offers a Host of Summer Activities

There’s plenty “growing on” in Central Gardens for visitors of all ages in July and August. The 2.75 acres of free public garden space is home to 22 themed gardens, all tended by dedicated volunteers. Besides being able to enjoy the beauty of nature’s bounty and blooms from dawn to dusk every day, every Friday guests can enjoy “Fresh on Fridays” activities that include freshly cut bouquets for purchase at reasonable prices and coffee and treats at the Nature Education Pavilion. Kids can explore and learn from the garden as well as participate in special arts and crafts activities in July and movement activities in August in the Kids BEE Happy Garden.

The ever popular “Picnics and Performances” begins its 8 performance series on July 28th as North Iowa musicians and other performers are featured in these hour-long informal concerts at the Naturalist Terrace that are free to the public. Bring your lawn chair, a beverage, a picnic and enjoy!

On August 3rd & 4th, in collaboration with the Clear Lake Arts Center, an outdoor theater production of the rom-com play Panache will be presented on the Ceremonial Lawn by the Iowa River Players theater group of Rowan. Due to the popularity of last year’s event, an expanded “Fiesta in the Gardens” celebrating Latino culture will be held on August 18th. There will be authentic music, food for sale, crafts, dancing demonstrations, and of course, pinatas!

For more information on these and other happenings at the gardens throughout the summer visit www.centralgardensofnorthiowa.com or by following our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Please note that City Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



School is out, summer is here, let the outdoor fun begin!

During the many Clear Lake events, the police department wants to remind all of our citizens and summer guests of the miscellaneous ordinances that apply to our outdoor activities. We dislike issuing citations for violations of these ordinances. We count on the public's cooperation in complying with these laws so everyone can have an enjoyable and safe time while visiting our community.

Fireworks

Clear Lake permits the sale, possession and use of some non-explosive and non-aerial fireworks, whose sale and use has been legal for decades. Examples include sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks and novelty items like snakes and party poppers.

However, the City prohibits the use of explosive and aerial fireworks. If you violate the law, you can face a minimum \$100 fine.

Park Rules

- Park hours are generally posted in each park. They are 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- There is no smoking in any city park, which includes using products such as e-cigarettes and vaping devices. City parks also include City Beach, the Seawall, and N. Lakeview Drive pedestrian walkway.
- Golf cart and UTVs are prohibited operating in parks without authorization from the city council.
- There are no dogs allowed in City Park during special events.

Golf Carts

- Golf carts must have a current and valid Clear Lake or Ventura permit attached to the vehicle.
- They may only be operated from sunrise to sunset (even if the cart is equipped with head and taillights)
- Golf cart operators must be at least 18 years of age for the permit to be valid.
- Occupants of a golf cart cannot exceed the number of seats. No one is permitted to stand.
- All carts must have a slow moving vehicle sign, bicycle safety flag, a rear view mirror, and adequate brakes.
- No operating a golf cart in city parks, sidewalks, trails, other city-owned land, on any street with a posted speed limit of greater than 25 mph, and certain other city streets.

Bicycles/Pedestrians

- Must obey all applicable traffic laws.
- Bicyclists on the road must obey the same laws as a vehicle (e.g. stop signs, traffic lights, one ways, etc.)

For more information about these or other Clear Lake Ordinances, please contact us at 641-357-2186, by email police@cityofclearlake.org, or visit www.cityofclearlake.com/ordinances.



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, extended business hours at our retail and specialty stores, vendor street market, and a movie on select Thursdays in the park!

After a break due to the 4th of July holiday, Thursdays on Main will resume on July 11th and continue through August 29th. 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 11th: Betty & The Gents will perform on the 400 block of Main (next to Larson's Merchantile) from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Special Entertainment by Power House Theatre in

the 300 block of Main (SE corner of City Park) at 6:30 p.m.; and the movie "Despicable Me 3" (rated PG) in the City Park bandshell at 9:00 p.m.

July 18th: GRIN will perform and special entertainment by TBA.

July 25th: Acoustic Rapport will perform; special entertainment by TBA; and the movie BumbleBee (rated PG-13).

August 1st: Bear Creek Band will perform; special entertainment by TBA; and the movie Aquaman (rated PG-13).

August 8th: 4th & Maeben will perform and special entertainment by Turbo Tumbling.

August 15th: Come Back Buddy will perform and the special entertainment will be a dunk tank fundraiser for "Back to School Night".

August 22nd: Midwest Rock-N-Soul Revue will perform and special entertainment by TBA.

August 29th: Highway 9 will perform and special entertainment by TBA.

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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 6:00 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
Trish Fundermann	Carrie Shannon
Jake Kopriva	

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
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