



The Clear View

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New floating dock installed at The Seawall

As part of the 2020 fiscal year budget, the City allocated \$100,000 towards the cost of purchasing a floating dock system to be installed at The Seawall. The new floating dock system would replace the fixed post & plank dock system that the City has historically used at that location. The floating dock would be capable of accommodating as many or slightly more boats than the former dock. Ten (10) boats go in the slips and five (5) boats out front parallel to shore.

The City solicited proposals from vendors and after interviews selected Pier Genius of Woden, Iowa. Pier Genius is owned by Clear Lake resident Jesse King.

The dock is approximately 96' in length from Main Avenue and

the main run is approximately 150' and serves five (5) 25' fingers. It is a galvanized steel frame system. In winter, the dock will be stored at various public accesses.

The new floating dock at The Seawall features concrete tile decking and lighted bumpers. The amber lights are designed to attract fewer bugs than other lights and provide a warm and welcoming glow. The bumpers are far easier on boats than the former wooden dock. Perhaps the greatest advantage of the floating dock system is that it can accommodate a load capacity many multiples of the former post & plank wooden dock.



Update from the Clear Lake Farmers Market

We are five weeks into the Clear Lake Farmers Market and business is booming and bursting! With additional vendors and programs, the Clear Lake Farmers Market parking lot is full and packed with customers. We are excited to see the growth in our area continue in support of local small businesses as well as the local food systems.

Curbside Market is an online ordering option for pickup

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Mayor Nelson Crabb

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

On May 26th, I joined with our City Administrator; Chamber of Commerce staff; and volunteers from the 4th of July Committee to announce that we would be unable to hold the annual 4th of July activities in Clear Lake in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This, of course was a very difficult decision for all, but in so many ways really was the only decision that could be made.

In times like these, we are compelled to act with an abundance of caution in the best interest of the public's health and safety.

Well, I can speak for many I am sure when I say that, "If ever there was a 4th of July that deserved to be celebrated it is this one." There is little doubt that 2020 has been a very challenging year in so many ways. But I think that we can still find some worthwhile ways to celebrate this Independence Day.

Anyone that knows me knows my love for our nation's pastime, baseball. We still do not have a start date yet for major league baseball for this season, but that doesn't mean you can't have a family friendly game on your own this 4th of July.

Like most of you, I have watched the protests going on across our Country on television. Perhaps this is the right moment for you to sit down with your children or grandchildren for a teachable moment and read the Declaration of Independence.

We are blessed in this Community to have 3 beaches to enjoy. Being able to celebrate the 4th of July around the water can be a lot of fun for the whole family. Take advantage of that and enjoy Clear Lake!

What is more quintessential 4th of July than an outdoor barbecue? I don't think there is a day I look forward to more for a backyard barbecue than the 4th of July. Your holiday menu may be more creative than mine, but my menu includes: grilled hot dogs and hamburgers; corn on the cob; watermelon; apple pie; and, of course, a cool refreshing beverage.

I also want to take a moment to say "thank you" to those men and women in uniform who do so much to defend our Country each and every day. Independence Day is a day to be grateful to be an American.

So, I wish you all a very happy and safe 4th of July.

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 on August 12, 1960, at 4:00 o'clock P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Secory and Councilmen Anderson, Nesbit, J. Johnson, Eddy and A. Johnson. The Street Commissioner was directed to have a seawall constructed at the public approach between Lots 10 & 11, North Shore Addition, to join onto the seawall being constructed by James F. Connell and to have the tole of the spillway on the same approach re-constructed to prevent the washout that is now occurring. He was also instructed to haul in some heavy fill rock at the foot of the spillway at the intersection of South Lake View Drive and South Shore Drive, otherwise known as the Fork of the Road."

Froning joins Police Department

The Police Department is excited to introduce our new Communications Supervisor, Erin Froning. Erin's first day with the department was April 22nd.

Communications Supervisor Froning began her public safety career at the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office, where she worked as a dispatcher for 12 years. Erin attended the University of Northern Iowa where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Communications with a Leadership Studies minor.



Erin will manage and supervise the department's communications center and dispatchers. "I look forward to continuing to work in my chosen profession with new responsibilities and opportunities," stated Froning. One of Erin's first tasks will be to coordinate the department's update to the statewide radio system, which is scheduled to take place over the summer.

Erin enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. She and her husband have a 2-year old daughter and are expecting a baby boy in October.

Clear Lake Sprays for Mosquitos

The City of Clear Lake will spray for mosquitoes as determined to be necessary by the City. Spraying will tentatively occur between Monday evening and Saturday a.m. depending upon the weather (weather permitting and wind speed no greater than 10 mph). City staff will spray beginning at 7 p.m. and continue as long as temperatures and wind speeds are at acceptable levels. Spraying may resume in the morning at 4 a.m. and end at approximately 7 a.m.

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

Additional information about the City's Mosquito Spraying program can be obtained from the City of Clear Lake's website at www.cityofclearlake.com.

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Where can RV's be parked?

It is summertime in Clear Lake and the City has received some questions regarding parking of RV's, campers and travel trailers. Vehicles such as folding camper trailer, conventional travel trailer, or 5th wheel cannot be parked on City streets unless attached to a vehicle and remain subject to all on-street parking laws.

In a residential district, a motorized recreational vehicle, folding camper trailer, conventional travel trailer, or 5th wheel may not be used for dwelling purposes, except by guests of the property owner or tenant, for a period of no more than 21 consecutive days or a total of 45 days in a calendar year.

In a residential district, a motorized

recreational vehicle, folding camper trailer, conventional travel trailer, or 5th wheel may only be stored in a front yard on a regularly constructed driveway or parking space for a period of no more than 4 days for the purpose of loading and unloading.

In a residential district, a motorized recreational vehicle, folding camper trailer, conventional travel trailer, or 5th wheel may be stored (outside a building) in a rear yard or side yard, except along a street, provided the vehicle is no closer than 5' to the rear or side property line. The parking area must also be surfaced with concrete or asphalt or similar surface designed to prevent muddy conditions and flow of water onto neighboring properties.



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at the curb on market Saturday's. Shop each week from the webpage checking for updates and produce as they become available through this market program. No need to even enter the farmers market or get out of your car. You can drive up along the east side of the museum, watch for the curbside sign and the market employee can load your order right into your car.

State restrictions remain but as those are lifted, we will keep our media outlets updated. This could include market events, kids' programs, as well as vendor products. Our top priority remains the safety of our employees, vendors as well as the community. We encourage all who shop at the market to do their part to keep the Clear Lake community safe.

As we approach the peak of the growing season, we will see a bigger variety of produce but as always market goers will continue to see delicious baked goods, artisanal breads, beef, pork, and poultry. You may also come to enjoy the wide variety of products such as local honey, chicken eggs, duck eggs, handcrafted soaps, lotions, bug repellent, local plants and floral arrangements, the list goes on!

We want to thank the Surf Ballroom and Museum for being a fabulous host to the farmers market, we could not hold such a busy market in Clear Lake without their generosity and the space.

So, join us on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to Noon through October 24th (open July 4th with limited vendors attending) at the Surf Ballroom parking lot. For updates and changes and to see the action at the market each week follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or check our website at www.clearlakefarmersmarket.com.

Shop Local on the turf at the Surf!

Please note that City Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

Towable RVs	
	Conventional — these vary in size from 13 to 35 feet. Most can be towed with a small size vehicle. A larger model may require a heavier pickup or van as the towing vehicle.
	Fifth-wheel — is coupled to the towing vehicle (usually a pickup truck) with a hitch centered over the vehicle's rear axle. Fifth-wheels vary in length from 17 to 40 feet.
	Folding Camping Trailer — has collapsible sides that are folded down for compact travel and unfolded at a campsite. Most can be towed by an average size vehicle.
Motorized RVs	
	Motor home — divided into two types. The larger one is built on a truck chassis with a gasoline or diesel engine and is capable of traveling long distances due to a large fuel capacity. The smaller or mini-motor home is built on a modified van chassis and usually has a section that overhangs the cab.
	Van Camper and Conversion — van camper is equipped with most of the amenities found in motor homes, but bed size and space to maneuver are limited. Vehicles usually have a raised roof for additional headroom. A van conversion normally has a bed, dinette, sink, and a small water supply but is not fully equipped for camping as a van camper.
	Truck Camper — a detachable section designed to be transported on a pickup truck. The larger varieties may require trucks with dual-rear wheels. Also called pickup camper or cab over camper.

Readers, head downtown for a StoryWalk®

Clear Lake Public Library has teamed up with several businesses to host a free Downtown StoryWalk® during Summer Reading. From mid-June to mid-July, walk Main Avenue Clear Lake and read the book, *It's Not a Bed, It's a Time Machine* by Mickey Rapkin. The book is a perfect addition to our Summer Reading Program theme, "Imagine Your Story!" StoryWalk® is a wonderful way for readers of all ages to combine literacy skills and healthy exercise while enjoying the beautiful downtown atmosphere and Clear Lake's diverse downtown businesses.

Begin your walk at Schoneman Realtors and follow the signs until you reach the final page at Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Pages of the book will be posted in the windows of participating businesses, easily read from the sidewalk. A map of stops can be found posted with the first page. The last page will include a link to a survey that we hope you'll complete, as well.

For more information on Summer Reading Program or the wide-range of library services available, visit: www.cllibrary.org, or follow us on Facebook @ClearLakePublicLibraryIA. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.



Found the perfect place to plant that new tree or shrub?

Remember, trees planted within the boulevard/right-of-way require a City permit prior to planting. Boulevard Tree Permits are free, and help the City track and monitor the City's boulevard tree population in the wake of the present Emerald Ash Borer threat. A permit is also required for property owners wishing to remove a tree in the boulevard/right-of-way. Residents are also reminded to make sure that any contractors hired to perform tree work have been licensed by the City. A list of Clear Lake's licensed tree contractors is available by calling the City Clerk's office. If you have existing trees, shrubs or other plants in the right-of-way, make sure they **DO NOT**:

- Obstruct the sightlines of pedestrians or vehicles entering an intersection.
- Obstruct passage on sidewalks.
- Block road signs.

For more information on requirements or to obtain a permit application contact the Public Works Department at 357-6135.

2020 All Iowa Reads

The purpose of All Iowa Reads is to foster a sense of unity through reading. Iowans are encouraged statewide to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book title in the same year. The Iowa Center for the Book offers a wealth of materials including book reviews, discussion questions, author bios, and publicity materials to help you prepare successful discussions.

<https://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/air>

For Adults - *The Mothers*

A dazzling debut novel from an exciting new voice, *The Mothers* is a surprising story about young love, a big secret in a small community—and the things that ultimately haunt us most. It is the last season of high school life for Nadia Turner. Mourning her own mother's recent suicide, she takes up with the local pastor's son. They are young; it's not serious. But the pregnancy that results from this teen romance—and the subsequent cover-up—will have an impact that goes far beyond their youth. *The Mothers* asks whether a "what if" can be more powerful than an experience itself. If, as time passes, we must always live in servitude to the decisions of our younger selves, to the communities that have parented us, and to the decisions we make that shape our lives forever.

For Teens - *Hey, Kiddo*

In preschool, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that. His mom is an addict, in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery - Jarrett doesn't even know what his name is. Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, finding a way to express himself through drawing. Only as a teenager can Jarrett begin to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father. *Hey, Kiddo* is a profoundly important graphic memoir about growing up in a family grappling with addiction, and finding the art that helps you survive.

For Kids - *The Parker Inheritance*

When Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. But the letter describes a young woman. An injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery unfolding the letter-writer. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle.

So with the help of Brandon Jones, the quiet boy across the street, she begins to decipher the clues. The challenge will lead them deep into Lambert's history, full of ugly deeds, forgotten heroes, and one great love; and deeper into their own families, with their own unspoken secrets. Can they find the fortune and fulfill the letter's promise before the answers slip into the past yet again?

July Book Chat and Books on Tap

The Clear Lake Public Library's July Book Chat and Books on Tap choice is *The Mothers*. Discussion will be held via Zoom. Please join us for discussion of the 2020 Adult All Iowa Reads.

Books on Tap: *The Mothers*, Wednesday July 15, 6-7 p.m. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89914269155>

Book Chat: *The Mothers*, Tuesday July 21, 12-1 p.m. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82012889220>

The All Iowa Reads titles for each age group are available for checkout at the library. Call 641-357-6133 or email clplassist@gmail.com to reserve your copy today.



Changes in Clear Lake residential recycling schedule

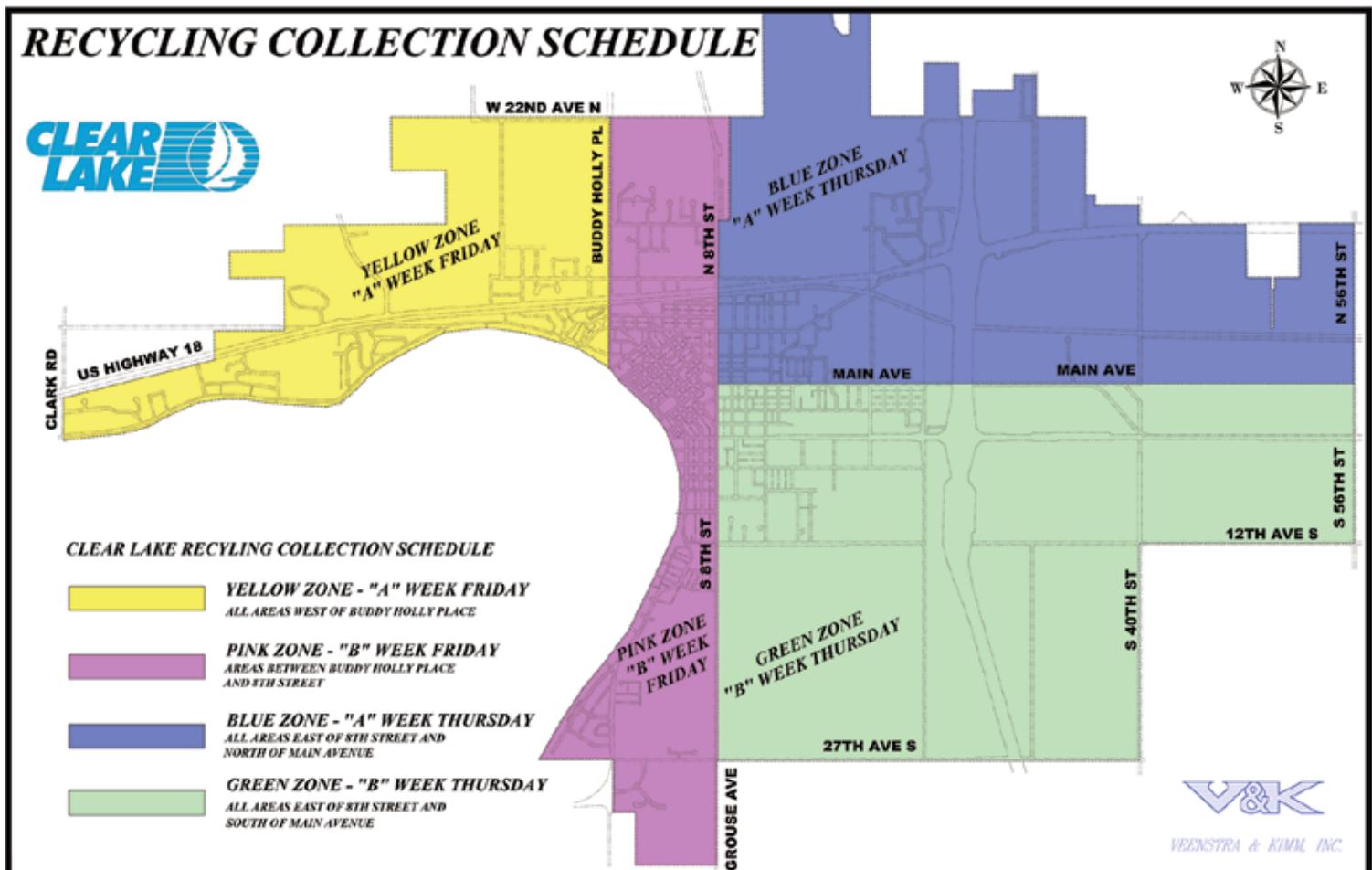
The City of Clear Lake, in conjunction with Absolute Waste Removal, will be enhancing its recycling service to residents by increasing the number of collections per year. Effective the week of July 27th, the curbside recycling schedule will change. The City will be divided into four (4) zones and Absolute Waste Removal will pickup recycling every other week. The Blue Zone will be picked up on Thursday of week "A" and the Yellow Zone will be picked up on Friday of week "A". The Green Zone will be picked up on Thursday of week "B" and the Pink Zone will be picked up on Friday of week "B". Included for your reference is a revised map and calendar indicating your new curb-side recycling day.

All items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated recycling day. There is no change to the list of items which may be recycled – the same items may still be recycled. Absolute Waste Removal requires that glass, cans and plastic be confined together in a plastic see-through bag. Paper products should be bagged separately in plastic see-through bags. Lastly, cardboard should be flattened. For a full list of recyclable products, visit www.cityofclearlake.com.

There will be no changes to the garbage collection schedule.



Please save this map and schedule for future reference



City of Clear Lake Directory

CITY DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY911

Non-Emergency Police.....	357-2186
Building Inspection.....	357-6135
Cemetery.....	357-6135
City Administrator.....	357-5267
City Attorney.....	357-2139
City Clerk.....	357-5267
City Hall.....	357-5267
Fire Department.....	357-2613
Absolute Waste Removal.....	357-4517
Mayor.....	357-5267
Parks & Recreation.....	357-7010
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

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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 Second Ward Bennett Smith 651-271-5267	 Third Ward Gary Hugi 641-903-1948	 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
Barb Olson	Laurie Calgaard
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 1st Tuesday of each month)

David Klang	Kirby Schmidt
Fred Muth	Bob Swanson

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