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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR

This Lighthouse edition is our eighth year partnering with the Clinton Herald, with our very first publication coming to your home in April 2017.

This edition has all kinds of handy information starting with the rental housing code under Iowa Code 364.17, which mandates all cities with populations of 15,000 or more to have a rental code. The Clinton Fire Department, Building Safety Division, formerly known as Building Neighborhood Services (BNS), continues to provide quality services and will also discuss building permits, home-based businesses, and the construction process. Community Development will discuss items such as tree maintenance, city garbage totes, sidewalk snow removal, signs in the right of way, nuisance abatement, and building numbering. Fire Department highlights include February as Heart Month.

The Library will be celebrating its 120th anniversary, inviting residents to visit the newly renovated main level, check out the new upstairs windows, and fully renovated basement, in addition to taking advantage of the library's year-round programs.

Parks and Recreation offers a variety of activities including membership options, winter use of the campground and marina, spring youth soccer (coaches needed), girls' youth softball, the "Skate with Tia" program at the Skate Park, Friday Fun Night, a Mario Kart Tournament, the 21st Annual Children's Grand Easter Egg Hunt, Safety Town's 50th Anniversary celebration, Adventure Zone 2025, swim lessons, dog programs, horseshoes, coed sand volleyball, and more.

The Police Department reports a significant reduction in overall crime by over 50% since 2015, with an emphasis on winter driving safety, cold weather animal safety, assisting individuals with substance use disorder, and preventing vehicle theft. Public Works focuses on street repairs, and important key dates for solid waste and recycling collection (as outlined in the 2025 calendar). Lastly, the RWRF (Regional Water Reclamation Facility) will educate the public on how the waste treatment process works. With all that great information, this issue also provides

an economic development check in as well.

As Clinton turns 168 years old, the city is experiencing a remarkable period of transformation and prosperity. From historic murals brightening the downtown area to cutting-edge developments in business, housing, and infrastructure, the town's future has never looked brighter. With new opportunities emerging and a renewed sense of community spirit, Clinton is poised for an exciting 2025.

One of the most striking signs of Clinton's revitalization is the wave of new murals that have begun to adorn the city's walls. These vibrant works of art, created by local artists, celebrate Clinton's unique culture and rich history while bringing a burst of color and life to public spaces. The murals are fast becoming landmarks that not only attract visitors but also strengthen the community's connection to its past and present. Folks have been enjoying the new sculptures along riverfront, in front of the Library and City Hall. Stay tuned, some may become permanent but others may be replaced this coming year.

Strong communities continue to see reinvestment. We have seen ADM, LYB, Nestle Purina, Big River Packaging, now ADCRAFT, just to name a few, continue to expand and add jobs. We are seeing this trend with retail and dining options as well. Pizza Ranch has expanded its presence, adding more seating, a gaming area and modern amenities to its local restaurant. This expansion not only enhances the dining experience but also strengthens the community's growing food scene. On the west side of town, Jersey Mike's has opened its doors, bringing a beloved sandwich chain to Clinton for the first time. Its arrival is part of a broader trend of increased dining options in the city, providing more variety and choice for all tastes.

In our city, we are constantly balancing its rich history with the demands of modern development. The Wilson Building stands as a proud symbol of this harmonious blend. Once a hub of activity, the building has now become home to GEOME retail store and SOI 5 Thai Restaurant. It is great to see the apartments full and

having these two new businesses, bringing new jobs and innovative solutions to the city, while breathing new life into a beloved historic structure. While the rest of the Downtown continues to grow and flourish, we are also anxious to see what comes of the old Bank building next to the Rusty Barrell! Along with other retail establishments, Marshall's, a national retail chain, opened its doors in Clinton, creating 85 new jobs for the community across from Home Depot. The store is more than just a shopping destination—it's a sign that Clinton is on the rise as a place where businesses want to invest and grow.

As Clinton's economic landscape expands, so does its focus on supporting its most vulnerable residents. Synergy, a nonprofit organization, is tackling food insecurity head-on, ensuring that every resident has access to healthy, nutritious food. Their work is vital, fostering a sense of solidarity and community as the city grows. The YWCA has pressed ahead with construction of their new supportive housing project that will provide needed services and case management to those that are chronically homeless.

As the city grows, the Mill Creek Crossing, Zara Heights, Jordan Hills and Riverstone Crossing developers saw the the need for more housing has never been greater. New homes are being built in these developments along with several standalone homes (outside of these developments). At the same time, Cottage Bluff completed 39 new apartments, and the Wilson Building mentioned previously added 33 modern apartments to its downtown transformation. On a larger scale, Valley Bluff Townhomes has completed over 200 new apartments and townhouses, providing much-needed housing for the growing population. The increased housing options reflect Clinton's commitment to building a community that is welcoming and accommodating to families and individuals alike.

The city's vision for the future is also taking shape in its infra-

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[www.cityofclintoniowa.gov](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov)  
563-242-2144

### Clinton Fire Department – Building Safety Division

344 3rd Avenue S, Clinton, Iowa 52732  
563-244-3360

### Clinton Fire Department

Emergencies: 911 | Fax: 563-217-4570  
Central: 344 3rd Ave S - 563-242-0125  
Chancy: 2303 S 14th St - 563-242-0612  
Lyons: 2311 Roosevelt St - 563-242-0321

### Clinton Municipal Airport

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### Clinton Police Department

113 6th Avenue South, Clinton, IA 52732  
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Non-Emergency: 563-243-1458

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### Parks & Recreation Department

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P: 1-563-243-1260 | F: 1-563-242-6131

### Municipal Transit Administration

1320 S 2nd Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732  
563-242-3721

### Community Development Department

611 South 3rd Street  
P: 563-242-7770

### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR *continued from page 2...*

structure projects. The Rail Park, a transformative development, is beginning to take form with the completion of 36th Avenue South and the upcoming installation of public rail. The well over \$200 million project promises to create nearly 117 jobs to start out and will end up with close to 200 jobs when the plant is fully operational. All while improving the city's logistics and transportation capacity. With \$28.4 million in road, rail and utilities paid by private investment, the Rail Park is a vital part of Clinton's long-term growth.

The city's commitment to infrastructure doesn't stop there. The \$130 million sewer project, a collaboration between the City of Clinton and ADM, is well underway, improving the city's wastewater system and supporting future development. The goal is to have the expansion

project fully operational by October 2025, while working on the next project of "Bio-Gas" and the creation of renewable natural gas.

As previous mentioned, a sign of economic expansion and growth for a city is having our long-standing major corporations excel. Nestlé Purina, ADM, LYB and numerous other industrial and commercial businesses continue to expand and add jobs. Overall investment is over \$1 billion in capital improvements either ongoing or planned for commercial, manufacturing and industrial operations further contributing to Clinton's economic vitality.

In the past year alone, Clinton has seen an impressive \$117.9 million dollars in private capital improvements across single-family homes and apartments. This surge in private investment, along with over \$1.045 billion dollars in planned or ongoing projects in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial sectors, highlights the growing confidence in Clinton's future.

As jobs and housing options grow, it is vital to have a strong foundation for the future. Clinton is equally committed to improving its educational facilities. The construction of a new Fine Arts Wing at Clinton High School will provide students with state-of-the-art spaces to explore their creative potential. Meanwhile, the Lighthouse School and the former Ashford University campus have undergone renovations, ensuring that Clinton's educational institutions remain at the forefront of learning and development.

As Clinton marks 168 years, the future is brimming with opportunity. From thriving new businesses to transformative infrastructure projects and expanded housing options, the city is on the cusp of an exciting new chapter. Clinton's growth is driven by a shared sense of purpose: building a community that's vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking. With so much to look forward to, there's no doubt Clinton is headed in the right direction for a bright 2025 and beyond.

## MUNICIPAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (MTA)

### MTA NEW CENTRAL TRANSFER POINT BUILDING



A new bus station was built at the Central Transfer Point (CTP) at the intersection of 6th Avenue South and South 2nd Street. This is where the fixed bus routes meet every half hour from 6 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 8 AM to 3:30 PM.

The new bus station building was completed and placed into service on November 8, 2024. The new building has a climate-controlled waiting area for the MTA bus passengers. The waiting area is facing the street, so the passengers are able to see the buses as they pull into the transfer point.

This area will be open for the bus passengers when the buses are operating from 6 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday-Friday, and on Saturdays from 8 AM until 3:00 PM. When the MTA buses are not operating the building will be closed and secured. The CTP building has security cameras throughout for the safety of the drivers and passengers. The building also has a break area for the MTA Drivers.

#### FY24 MTA BUS RIDES:

The MTA experienced over a 11% increase in bus passenger rides for FY24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) compared to FY23. The buses provided 251,097 rides for FY24 and the vehicles traveled 350,709 miles during that same time. The MTA also provides contracted Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) rides throughout eastern Iowa. These NEMT trips are for medical appointments in Clinton and other cities such as the Quad Cities area, and Iowa City.

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## CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

Building and Neighborhood Services Transitions to Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division: *No Change to Services*

In an effort to better align with evolving industry standards and emphasize its core mission of ensuring public safety, the City of Clinton is excited to announce that its Building and Neighborhood Services department will now operate under the name Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division. This change is part of a larger commitment to improving service delivery and reinforcing the city's dedication to maintaining a safe, sustainable community for all residents.

Effective immediately, the Building Safety Division will continue to provide the same services that residents, contractors, and developers have come to rely on, with no disruptions or changes to the service processes. The rebranding reflects a broader focus on building safety, compliance, and the city's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life through safer and more resilient built environments.

## Key Services Remain Unchanged:

- Permit Applications & Approvals
- Building Inspections
- Plan Reviews
- Code Enforcement
- Zoning and Land Use Assistance
- Community Outreach

While the department's name has changed, the team of experienced professionals dedicated to serving the community remains the same. Our staff will continue to support and guide residents, contractors, and business owners through the processes of construction, renovation, and compliance with building codes and regulations.

The transition to the Building Safety Division is

part of a broader effort to modernize operations and streamline processes for the benefit of all residents and stakeholders. The city encourages individuals and businesses to continue reaching out to the division for guidance on any building, safety, or neighborhood-related questions.

## About the Building Safety Division

The Building Safety Division is responsible for ensuring the safety, compliance, and sustainability of buildings and structures within the City of Clinton. Through building permits, inspections, and code enforcement, the division works to create safe, vibrant, and resilient communities.

- Our MISSION: To provide a dynamic service to our community while fostering a positive culture of empowerment, enabling our members to reach their potential.

- Our VISION: To establish a trusted partnership and become a valuable asset to the community stakeholders while striving for safety, compliance, sustainable buildings within the City of Clinton.

## • Our PROMISE:

- To Partner
- To Serve
- To Succeed

- Our CORE VALUES:
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- Integrity and character
- Consistency and fairness
- Professionalism

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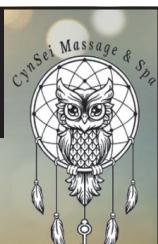
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WEBSITE: [www.cityofclintoniowa.gov](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov) | ONLINE REGISTRATION: [www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/225/Parks-and-Recreation-Department](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/225/Parks-and-Recreation-Department)

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### ACTIVITY AREA HOURS

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**ACTIVITY AREA HOURS**  
Year-round (except Holidays)

|                         |   |                               |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| MON - FRI               | Jog and Walk Club                               | 6am-9am                       |
|                         | Fitness Center Day Pass                         | 6am-8pm                       |
| SATURDAY                | All Areas - Drop in Rec                         | Noon-5pm (Pending No Leagues) |
| SUNDAY                  | All Areas - Drop in Rec                         | Noon-5pm (Pending No Leagues) |
| <u>June 1 - Aug. 30</u> | Scheduled Drop-in (M-F)<br>(Pending No Leagues) | 5:30pm-8pm                    |
| <u>Sept. 1 - May 30</u> | Gyms  |                               |
|                         | Drop-in Rec                                     | 9am-5:30pm                    |
|                         | League Play & Rec Programs                      | 5:30pm-10pm                   |
|                         | Fitness Center Day Pass                         | 6am-8pm                       |

Special Events and/or programs are held throughout the year. Please check our facebook page or visit our website [@clintoniowa.recdesk.com](http://clintoniowa.recdesk.com) for adjusted hours.

### MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

Fitness Membership - Weight Room, Gyms, Classes if available

|                      | Daily | Annual | Monthly | Monthly Auto-Deduct |
|----------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------------------|
| Student (Ages 16/17) | \$4   | \$162  | \$22    | \$15                |
| Senior (age 55+)     | \$4   | \$162  | \$22    | \$15                |
| Adult                | \$5   | \$216  | \$27    | \$20                |
| 2-Person             |       | \$324  | \$37    | \$30                |
| Family (6ppl)        |       | \$432  | \$47    | \$40                |

Must be 14+ to enter fitness center on your own. 13 years old my enter with a paying adult (18+). Check out the programs we work with for Fitness Membership and the outdoor pool

#### SILVER SNEAKERS

Seniors you may qualify for Silver Sneakers through your insurance. Go to <https://www.silversneakers.com/> to see if you are eligible. You must be 65 years old or older. If you are supply your silver sneakers participant number to the recreation staff. Silver Sneakers allows seniors to attend fitness programs free of charge.

Other insurance programs accepted: Tivity, Prime, Renew Active or Active & Fit.

Call the number on the back of your insurance card to see if you qualify.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP-** access to the Clubs at The Rec- \$20 a year

|                           |               |             |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Jog and Walk              | Monday-Friday | 6am-9am     |
| Knitting and Crochet Club | Tuesdays      | 9am-11:30am |

**BASIC MEMBERSHIP-** big gym, small gym and youth room

Student Ages 7-17 \$25 annually (daily \$4) (6 and younger free)

Senior \$25 annually (daily \$4)

Adult 18+ \$50 annually (daily \$5)

2- Person \$75 annually

Family \$100 annually

Daily Pass: \$5

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH SPORTS

Financial assistants available for youth sports if child qualifies for free and reduced lunch.

Must provide letter from school for each school year.

Online Registration: <https://clintoniowa.recdesk.com>

### CAMPGROUNDS

The Clinton RV Campground's 'off season' rate from mid-to-late October to April 15 (weather dependent) fee is \$15 a night. There is no time limit on the stay at your camp site and no weekly/monthly discounts once the water is turned off. The bathrooms are closed and there is only ONE water source in the inner circle. Best pads to use for the water source are camp pads 28, 26, 24, or 5. Please fill your unit and unhook to prevent frost/freezing (we WILL remove any hoses left hooked up). The dump station is available for use, however, no running water to rinse your units out. You'll find the payment envelopes in the black mailbox on the side of the washhouse as well as the black payment box to drop your payment into. For specific information, please contact the Clinton Marina office at 563-242-3600 to leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible. Or, for general questions, contact the Erickson Community Center at 563-243-1260.

### CLINTON MARINA

The Clinton Marina office is closed from mid-December to February 1, but we will return phone messages, emails, and FB questions on a timely basis once received. All payments may be sent to or dropped off at the Erickson Community Center during their regular business hours. If you're looking for a slip for the 2025 season (which begins April 1), please reach out to be placed on our waiting list. Slip placement will start in approximately the third week of February. Messages can be left at: 563-242-3600, by email at: [marina@cityofclintoniowa.gov](mailto:marina@cityofclintoniowa.gov) or FB message us on our 'Clinton Marina' Facebook page. An on-site Boat Mechanic, Tyler Jensen, offers an array of services from winterization and wrapping to full-service mechanical needs, stereo/sound systems, custom detailing; seat, carpet, and canvas repair. He can be reached at 563-249-7341.

#### RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. You may register by mail or online at 1. <https://clintoniowa.recdesk.com/Community/Home> a mail-in registration form is available by request.

2. Telephone registrations are not accepted.

3. Payment in full must accompany registration.

4. Senior citizens receive a discount off of adult rates.

(not less than a youth fee in the same activity).

5. For registration purposes, youth are up to 17 years of age, adults are 18 and over, & seniors age 55 and over.

#### DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The City of Clinton in the provisions of employment, services and facilities, does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, age or disability. If anyone believes he or she has been subjected to such discrimination, he or she may file a complaint alleging discrimination with either the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, or with the City Administrator who has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in section 35.107 of the U.S. Department of Justice regulations. Information concerning the provisions of Title II of the Americans

With Disabilities Act are available from the City Administrator.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

To make participation in programs/services more enjoyable, individuals with a disability requiring accommodations are requested to inform the Parks & Recreation Department at least 48 hours in advance, so that those accommodations requested can be ready for the individual for participation in their chosen activity.

#### ACCIDENTS/INSURANCE

Individual, team or group accident insurance is not provided by the City of Clinton for participants in Parks & Recreation Department programs. We recommend that you check with your personal agent to assure coverage. Please report any injuries to department staff personnel.

Online Registration- <https://clintoniowa.recdesk.com>

Text the following codes to 563-500-1585 to stay up to date on info:

Parks and Recreation general information: PARKNREC

Parks and Recreation Adult Sports: PNRADSP

Parks and Recreation Youth Sports: PNRYTHSP

### SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

Come take part in one of the area's largest youth soccer programs. This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of soccer to participants ages 3 through 8th grade. Children will learn the fundamentals of soccer through practices and games through instruction by volunteer coaches. Games consist of smaller sided play to ensure more quality touches of the ball during games. Roster sizes will vary depending on number of registrations for each league.

There are 9 leagues available including Preschool (co-ed), K-1st Grade Boys, K-1st Grade Girls, 2-3rd Grade Boys, 2-3rd Grade Girls, 4-5th Grade Boys, 4-5th Grade Girls, 6-7-8th Grade Boys and 6-7-8th Grade Girls. Participants are registered by the school they attend.

**LOCATION:** Jurgensen Soccer Complex-Clinton, IA

Possible Games in DeWitt, IA (4th/5th Grade and Middle School)

**DAYS:** Saturday and some Tuesdays/Thursday (Pre-K, K-1 and 2/3)

**GAME DATES:** week of: April 12, 19 & 26 and May 3, 10 and 17th

**AGES:** 3 years old through 8th grade (2024-2025 school year)

**NOTIFICATION:** After coaches meeting (March 20th)

**Registration Period:** Now through March 6th

**Participant Fee:** \$48 Financial Assistance: \$30

Late Registration will be accepted from March 7-March 19 Participant Fee: \$55 \*IF AVAILABLE\*

\*Request are not guaranteed

\*Parents/Guardians will fill out a Player Evaluation to help with team assembly

1. Beginner 2. Intermediate 3. Advanced

### “Hey Coach” SOCCER COACHES WANTED

This is what a team of kids would call you if you volunteer to coach for a team. Teach the fundamentals of passing, dribbling, defense and shooting in a fun age-appropriate environment. Coaches will organize practices and set-up plays for their team. A coach's meeting will be held to hand out program materials and to explain the Soccer program. Coaches must fill out a Coach's Application and complete a background check, which are available online or at the Recreation Department Administrative Office

### FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

Upper elementary school students here's your chance to hang out with friends at the "REC". Concession Stand available for refreshments. Activities included but not limited to kickball, basketball, a movie, dodgeball, volleyball, and soccer. Parents are welcomed to stop in during this activity. This event is a lock-in, once you come in, you stay until close, unless a parent or guardian enters the building to pick you up. Supervision by department staff and volunteers will be provided.

**WHO:** Elementary School Youth, Grades 3, 4 & 5

**LOCATION:** Erickson Community Center, Lower Level

**DATES:** Friday 5:30 to 8:30 pm February 21, 2025

**FEES:** \$5 Per Person at the door

### GIRL'S YOUTH SOFTBALL

**DIVISIONS:** Juniors: 5th & 6th & 7th Grade  
Majors: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade (2024-2025 School Year)

**REGISTER BY:** Drafted League

V.S.E. Held at Emma Young Park (see description below)

**NOTIFICATION BY COACH:** After April 10th

**PRACTICE LOCATION:** Emma Young, Chancy, Mayer Park

**PRACTICES BEGIN:** Week of April 14th(tentatively)

**GAME TIMES:** 5:30pm or later

**GAME SITE:** Emma Young Softball Complex/Platt Park/Westbrook Park  
Rural community fields possible

**GAME DAYS:** All Leagues: M - F Possible (once or twice weekly)

**REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Now thru March 27

**Fee:** \$54 per person Financial Assistance:\$33

**Late Registration** \$61 if available

After these deadlines, participants will be placed on teams by the Department.

\* A VISUAL SKILL EVALUATION (V.S.E.) is a time when the coaches have a chance to review players' relative skill and athletic ability. Each player will 1) bat (4 pitches) from a pitching machine, 2) run the bases to 2nd base, 3) field two ground balls thrown by a coach, 4) catch a pop fly, 5) throw each of the ground balls and pop fly to a player at 1st base and 6) pitch 5 pitches to a stationary target. The coaches will use a player identification system in evaluating each player and use the information gained in the V.S.E to draft their respective team at the coaches' meeting. Players will be identified by the school at which they registered, but the team selection process is determined solely by the selections made by the coaches. Each player registered is guaranteed placement! Contact us if attendance is not possible on the V.S.E day.

V.S.E. times: Juniors: Tuesday, April 8th Emma Young JD field

5:30 PM: Majors Wednesday, April 9th Emma Young JD field

Players will need to complete a "VSE" only once while involved in the "Major" league, then once in "Junior" league. In the second year of each league, the player will be excused from the V.S.E. as they are automatically placed on the previous year's team, unless a re-draft is requested.

**DIVISION:** Minors: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd (2024 - 2025 School Yr.)

**REGISTER BY:** Elementary school

**NOTIFICATION BY COACH:** After April 10th (Coaches meeting)

**PRACTICE LOCATION:** Elementary School playfields

## PARKS &amp; RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

## MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

For youngsters who want something to do, but sports just aren't enough. Mario Kart will be perfect for you! Race against your friends to see who is the fastest. Prizes As Well.

**WHO:** Elementary School Youth, Ages 7—11  
**LOCATION:** Erickson Community Center, GYM  
**DATE:** March 28, 2025  
**TIME:** 5 pm to 8 pm  
**FEES:** \$5 Per Person  
**LIMIT:** 12 participants  
**REGISTRATION:** Online or at the door beginning at 4:45

## SKATE WITH TIA

Are you interested in learning to skateboard and want to learn from a pro? Learn how to with us! This 6 week class will teach anyone and everyone! Lead by professional skate boarder Tia Pearl at our brand new—state of the art Riverview Skate Park.

**LOCATION:** Riverview Skatepark  
**DATES:** April 14 - May 19  
**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$40  
**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RATE:** \$24  
**DEADLINE:** Thursday April 10  
**SESSION 1:** Anyone ages 4 - 9  
**TIME:** 5 - 5:45PM  
**SESSION 2:** Anyone ages 10- 18  
**TIME:** 6 - 7PM

## 21ST ANNUAL CHILDREN'S GRAND EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 (Rain Date April 19th same times)**

There will be separate hunts for the different age groups, with thousands of eggs filled with candy and prizes donated from local merchants and the community. Come and hunt, or just watch and enjoy! Thanks Clinton Kiwanis and Parks and Rec

**LOCATION:** Riverview Park (at the Bandshell)  
**WHO & TIME:** 1pm meet and greet with Easter Bunny  
1:30pm Hunt starts for kids ages 4-10. The 4 year olds will start the hunt with the 5-10 years following. Each age group will promptly follow the previous group.  
**SPECIAL NOTES:** Parents are not allowed in the hunt areas  
**Sponsored by:** Clinton Kiwanis Club  
Clinton Parks & Recreation Department

## HORSESHOE LEAGUE

Play will be conducted by National Horseshoe Pitching Association Rules. Trophies will be presented to first three places.

**WHO:** Players can be of any age, but play will be governed by their age.  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** April 16 at 5:30 at Erickson Center  
**League Play**  
**LOCATION:** Hawthorne Horseshoe Courts  
**DAY & TIME:** Wednesday, 7pm starting April 30th  
**LIMIT:** 1 league (12 teams) minimum;  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** April 16, 2025  
**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$10 per player/\$20 per team

## DOG PROGRAMS

**DOG INSTRUCTOR:** Judy May and Charlotte Duhn

**LOCATION:** Riverview Pool Bathhouse

**REGISTER:** Erickson Community Center— Each class will require a minimum number to be registered. Once the maximum is met, class is closed even if it has not reached the registration deadline. A soft light-weight nylon buckle collar and 6' leash are required. Any breed of dog will be accepted provided they have proof of distemper, kennel cough (12 wks.), rabies (4 mos.) and parvo shots. Must be presented at time of registration (marked receipt from vet)  
Registration Deadlines: Session 1 2/13/25, Session 2 4/3/25

## Dog Agility Training at Riverview Pool Bathhouse

This course gives dogs exposure to jumps, contact obstacle, weave poles, and the basics of canine agility. All breeds of non-threatening dogs allowed, AKC certification not required. Owners must provide a leather or nylon leash and collar.

**PREREQUISITES:** Dogs must be 6 months old minimum. Handler must show proof of successful completion in a dog obedience class prior to participation.  
**LIMIT:** 5 minimum, 8 maximum  
**DAY & TIME:** Saturdays;  
2:30pm-3:30pm Session 1 Feb 15-March 22  
Session 2 April 5-May 10  
**FEE:** \$40 (Late fee \$47 if space available)

## Puppy and Dog Obedience at Riverview Pool Bathhouse

Now a combined class for puppies at least twelve (12) weeks of age and all ages of dogs. This class is designed to introduce you and your dog to collar and leash, to endure handling and to obey simple commands. Also, helpful hints on grooming, housebreaking, gnawing and chewing. This class is designed to help you learn how to train your dog; being consistent with your commands, knowing what verbal commands and the hand signals to give your dog. The canine good citizenship test will be taken during the final class. Recommended that the same person should handle the dog at each session.

**LIMIT:** 6 minimum; 10 maximum  
**DAY & TIME:** Saturdays; 1pm-2pm  
Session 1 Feb 15-March 22  
Session 2 April 5-May 10  
**FEE:** \$40 (Late fee \$47 if space available)

## SAFETY TOWN'S 2025 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A special course designed for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall 2025. The course is 5 days of learning how to be safe and becoming familiar with safety services guided by teen instructors, many of whom are Safety Town graduates themselves! Topics include crossing the street, bus safety, poison, fire and stranger safety. Children will learn by classroom instruction, video, and practice on "The Town" AND be visited by a police car, fire engine and community service & safety personnel. A visit to the pool, for a day in the water is included. We'd like parents to join us from 9am-9:15am on Day #1 for orientation and 11am on Day #5 for graduation. [Note that all students must be toilet trained.]

**DAYS:** Monday thru Friday, 9am to 11:30am  
(Drop-off 8:50 - 9:00AM, Pick-up 11:30 - 11:40AM)  
**SESSIONS:** #1: July 14—18 — deadline July 10  
#2: July 21—25— deadline July 17  
#3: July 28—Aug. 1— deadline July 24  
**WHERE:** Erickson Community Center  
**COST:** \$35 per student - [Limit - 40 students per session]  
**REGISTRATION:** In person at the Erickson Community Center or online.

## ADULT COED SAND VOLLEYBALL

**LOCATION:** Riverview Sand Courts  
**ENTRY FEE:** \$75 per team  
**DEADLINE:** Thursday, May 15th  
**SUMMER SEASON:** May 31st - July 19th

## LEAGUE "ULTIMATE"

The integrity of Ultimate relies upon a spirit of sportsmanship that places the responsibility for fair play on the player. Competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of mutual respect among competitors, adherence to the rules, or the basic joy of play."

"Ultimate" is a non-contact disc sport played by two co-ed teams of six players. The object of the game is to score a goal by a player catching any legal pass in the end zone... A player may not run while holding the disc. The disc is advanced by passing it in any direction to other players. If a pass is incomplete or a turnover occurs, the play results in an immediate change of team possession of the disc. Play governed by the Ultimate Players Association (UPA).

**ENTRY FEE:** \$70 per team  
**ENTRY PROCEDURE:** Due Date: Thursday, May 15th by 5:00 PM  
League Entry Forms available from the Dept. Office or online  
1) Minimum Roster 2) Team Manager Information 3) Entry Fees  
**LEAGUE MEETING:** Paid  
**LEAGUE PLAY:** TBA  
BEGINS June 3rd-Max Roster of 10  
Tues. 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm

## NOTES

Female 'guest' permitted to meet line-up rule. No female player constitutes a forfeit. Minimum age 16 or graduated sophomore. No maximum age.

## PRIVATE/ONE ON ONE SWIM LESSONS@RIVERVIEW POOL

2025 dates: June 9-13 June 16-20, June 23-27, June 30-July 3 July 7-11 July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-Aug 1 10:30, 11am, 11:30am, Noon, DAYS: M-T-W-TH 6pm, 6:30pm DAYS: M-T-TH on Wednesday times are moved up one hour (5pm, 5:30pm due to Family Swim) Register at ECC or online FEE: \$45 Register by Thursday at noon for the following week lesson. Space limited. DAYS: M-T-W-TH, rain make up day on Friday REG MAX: 6 openings per session, per start time

## ADULT SOFTBALL &amp; KICKBALL

Contact the Administrative Office of the Parks & Recreation Department if you have any questions about team formation.

- ENTRY PROCEDURE:** USE THE OFFICIAL LEAGUE ENTRY FORM (Available from the Administrative Office or online.)  
1) Minimum Roster 2) Team Manager Information 3) Entry Fees Paid
- ENTRY DUE DATE DEADLINES:**  
Men's, Mixed leagues: Thur. April 10th  
Women's Softball: Thur. May 8th  
Kickball: Thur. May 1st
- LATE FEE:** After the deadline, but before the league meeting, if accepted, a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to each entry.
- LEAGUE PLAYING RULE AND SCHEDULE MEETING:**  
Site: Erickson Center  
Thursday, April 17th Mixed 5:30pm - 6pm  
April 17th All Men's 6:15pm- 6:45pm  
May 15th Women's Softball 5:30pm - 6pm  
Thursday, May 8th Kickball: 5:30pm - 6pm  
Agenda to include league administration, detailing of playing rules and handing out of the league schedules. Type of play is round robin with individual league variations. Scheduling preference requests must be made by the end of the League Meeting. Accommodation of any request will be made within the parameters of each league's schedule
- TEAM ENTRY FEE / NIGHTS OF PLAY:**  
(10 game season) (\*Entry fees include tax)  

| NIGHT LEAGUE                       | APPROX. DATES     | GAME TIMES | FEES  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------|
| Sunday Men's - Upper Middle, Lower | May 4 - Aug 24    | 4pm - 10pm | \$550 |
| Monday Mixed                       | April 28 - July 7 | 6pm - 10pm | \$375 |
| Thurs. Women's                     | May 29 - Aug 14   | 6pm - 10pm | \$375 |
| Wed. Kickball (1 ump)              | May 14 - Jul 23   | 6pm - 10pm | \$275 |

No games: May 25, 26 (Memorial Day); June 4, 5 (Tailgate & Tallboys)  
July 3, 4 (Independence Day); Aug. 31, Sept. 1 (Labor Day)  
(Sunday League 15 week session)

## 6. ROSTERS: Roster Change Deadline: Summer Softball – June 9; Kickball - June 9

## A. ADMINISTRATION

- Any roster change may be made any time before the deadline during office hours.
- Rosters are frozen after this deadline. If you are not on a roster, you are able to sign roster any teams rosters. Once you have signed a roster, you are locked into that team for the remainder of the season.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A player can only play on one team in each division if eligible: (Men's, Women's, Mixed). Penalty for infractions is one-year suspension from all kick, volley, and softball league play. An individual "Looking For A Team" list is available. Call 563-243-1260 to place your name on this list.

## 7. DIAMOND RESERVATION: User Fee: \$5

Weather permitting. Times available daylight Monday through Friday (weekdays) and Saturdays. Reservations are available until league play begins (specific for each night). Reservations must be made within one week of scheduled usage. Made for one hour beginning on the hour. Lights are not available. Facility reservations take precedent over drop-in practice.

Softball Umpire's Meeting: Wed April 23rd , 5:30pm - 7:30pm ECC  
USA Test, work schedule, and playing rules discussion.

## 2025 Discount for Spring Sports

| LEAGUE                        | Early Sign Up | FEE (per team) |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Men's - Upper, Middle, Lower  | \$495 by 4/3  | \$550 by 4/17  |
| Mixed                         | \$350 by 4/3  | \$375 by 4/17  |
| (all ball rotation, 1 umpire) |               |                |
| Women's                       | \$350 by 5/1  | \$ 375 by 5/15 |
| Kickball                      | \$250 by 4/24 | \$ 275 by 5/8  |

## TAILGATE N TALLBOY'S

Tailgate N Tallboy's ticket sales are on sale June 5, 6 and 7 on Clinton's Riverfront.

Tickets can be purchased on the Tailgate N Tallboy's website at:

## TAILGATENTALLBOYS.COM/CLINTON

WHISKEY MYERS/WYATT FLORES-RILEY GREEN/ELLA LANGLEY-JASON ALDEAN/GAVIN ADCOCK

And more!

Interested in sponsoring Tailgate N Tallboy's 2025?

For questions, reach out to Parks & Recreation Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Houzenga at 563-243-1260 or e-mail at [Nhouzenga@cityofclintoniowa.gov](mailto:Nhouzenga@cityofclintoniowa.gov)

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## PARKS &amp; RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

**Park Areas to Rent-April 30-Oct 15**

Eagle Point-Castle: \$40/day, 30ppl, parking at South Shelter  
 Eagle Point Maple Grove: \$15/day, open space, no services  
 Eagle Point Waterfall \$40/day, no vehicles on circle drive, 30ppl  
 Gazebo Neubauer Park:\$15/day, no services, 30ppl  
 Lubbers Fountain- \$40/day, 30ppl max, parking on street  
 Pond Pier-Emma Young Park: \$40/day, electricity  
 Shelter-Chancy Park \$25/day, 55x32, 12 tables, no electricity, no bathrooms, 54ppl  
 Shelter-Clinton Park: \$40/day, electricity, 12ppl  
 Shelter-Eagle Point- North: \$25/day, 56x32, 27 tables, no electricity, bathrooms nearby, 162ppl  
 Shelter-Eagle Point- Central: \$40/day, 34x25, 8 tables, no electricity, no bathrooms, 48ppl  
 Shelter-Eagle Point- South: \$40/day, 22x20, 6 tables, electricity and bathroom, 36ppl  
 Shelter- Rotary Park: \$40/day, bathrooms , 75ppl

**Athletic Spaces**

Clinton Park Basketball Courts: \$15/hr complex max \$50 a day  
 Cross Country Course- Emma Young: \$100 a day, no services  
 Emma Young Softball Diamond \$75/day/diamond, lights \$15/hr/diamond, 3 hr game/scrimmage fee \$50  
 Hawthorne Horseshoe Pits: \$15/hr complex max \$50 a day  
 Jurgensen Soccer Field: call for pricing  
 Mayer Park Softball Diamonds: \$15/hr complex max \$50 a day  
 Riverview Pickleball Courts: \$50/hr/complex max \$200 a day

Riverview Sand Volleyball Courts: \$15/hr complex max \$50 a day

**Outdoor Facilities-April 30-Oct 15**

Lyons Four Square Bandshell: \$50 includes electricity, no bathroom  
 Riverview Park Bandshell:with electricity/water, bathroom  
 Bandshell only \$100/day  
 Bandshell and grounds/electricity \$150/day  
 Bandshell,grounds and towers w/sound equipment \$250/day  
 Lyons Pavilion (farmers market):\$150 with electricity/water, street closure required

**Eagle Point Lodge**

299 ppl max, \$50/hr M-Th and \$75/hr F, Sat, Sun and Holidays, deposit required. 3 hour min. For availability, choose Lodge  
<http://clintoniowa.recdesk.com>

**Ericksen Community Center**

Big Gym \$50/hr whole gym \$30/hr 1/2 gym, one high school court, 2 smaller courts, bleachers, next to concession stand. Club Room \$25/hr, upstairs mtg room, 8 ppl  
 Commons Area \$45/hr  
 Community Room \$45/hr lower level mtg room, 70ppl  
 Small Gym \$30/hr, one small court  
 Youth Room \$45/hr , lower level mtg room 30ppl  
 Party Package A- Community Room and Small Gym \$60/hr  
 Party Package B- Commons Area and Big Gym \$80/hr  
 Entire Lower Level \$125/hr

**Movie Screens**

Outdoor Screen: \$350 call SWANK 1-800-876-5577 to reserve rights to movie. (Must have proof). 25 miles from The Rec  
 May 1-Sept 30- 30'x20', blow up screen total size 35x25x16.  
 Indoor Screen: \$250 SWANK info required, year around. 25 miles from The Rec

**RIVERVIEW POOL**

Reservations for pool rentals for 2025, June 14-Aug 3. No rentals June 28/29 Stars of Tomorrow Swim Meet  
 Rental Package A- Splash Pad/Kiddie Pool- 9:30am-11:30am \$50 for 2 hours (No Lifeguard) limit 30ppl  
 Rental Package B- RVP \$350 for 2 hours  
 RVP is available for Saturday and Sunday evenings 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 Rentals include: Main pool, Kiddie pool and Splash Pad  
 Locker rooms-2 Water Slides-Gaga pit-Lifeguards  
 Renter may bring food and non-alcoholic beverages in and eat in the picnic shelter area. Glass containers are not permitted. (If staffing permits and swimmers are able to utilize Diving Well and Wibits it will open for a short time). Rental of inflatable volleyball court \$100.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Rental fee for a 10' x 10' plot FREE. Each additional plot is free. Tools are available. Volunteers are also needed to help organize, prepare and tend the garden and to maintain special designated plots which will be used to grow food that will be donated to local food pantries. The Franciscan Peace Center and the Sister's of St. Francis recruit gardeners to participate in the community garden.

**CTC - ADVENTURE ZONE 2025**

This activity/educational-based, summer day camp program is now a mainstay of summer education and recreational activities for Kindergarten thru 5th graders. Online registration will be an option after you have initially registered at the Ericksen Community Center. Registrations open Feb 1st

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>GRADES:</b>                  | Currently in K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (based on the 2024-25 school yr.)  |
| <b>SITE:</b>                    | Ericksen Community Center  |
| <b>DATES:</b>                   | June 2-Aug 22  |
| <b>DAYS &amp; TIMES:</b>        | 7am-5:30pm Monday thru Friday  |
| <b>FEES:</b>                    |  |
| <b>WEEKLY</b>                   | \$95 a week see schedule below (Multi-Child discounts 2nd child \$90, 3rd child \$85)  |
| <b>ALL SUMMER</b>               | \$975- pay the entire summer by May 30. Savings \$165.<br>\$25 daily fee if spots are available  |
| <b>DAILY</b>                    | \$684 pay the entire summer by May 30 for the entire summer if child qualifies for free and reduced lunch. Clinton County Residence only. Current paperwork much be submitted with registration. |
| <b>FREE &amp; REDUCED LUNCH</b> |  |
| <b>WEEKLY THEMES</b>            | items may change. If not noted pick up and drop off at lower level The Rec 1401 11th Ave N.  |
| Week 1—June 2-6                 | \$95 - Bring your own lunch all week   |
| Week 2 June 9-13                | \$95 - Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 3—June 16-20               | \$95 - Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 4—June 23-27               | \$95 - Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 5—June 30-July 3           | \$95-Bring own lunch everyday No camp on 7/4   |
| Week 6—July 7-11                | \$95 - Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 7—July 14-18               | \$95 - Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 8—July 21-25               | \$95 - Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 9—July 28—Aug 1            | \$95 Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 10—Aug 4-8                 | \$95 Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 11—Aug 11-15               | \$95 Pool, Lunch at Jefferson  |
| Week 12—Aug 18-22               | \$95 Bring your own lunch  |

\* If a third party is providing the registration fee, in full or in part:

An official document from this third party MUST be presented at the time of registration in order for the registration to be accepted.

**REGISTRATION PERIODS:** Must register and pay by Friday at noon either in the office or online for the following week. If payment not received, late fee of \$5 will be added if spots are available. Daily fee is not subject to a late fee.

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 12:30 - 5 pm

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
 10 am - 5 pm  
 SUNDAY  
 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Children must be accompanied by adult.  
 Coupon not valid New Year's Eve or Group Field Trip. (CH LH 25 2)

**Saturday, February 8**

11 am - 1 pm

## Family Valentine Party

- Pet Paul the Therapy Dog!
- Games
- Decorate (& eat :) Valentine Cookies
- Handpainting
- Make Valentine Cards & Crafts



Save the date

**Sunday, March 30**

9 am - 1 pm

37<sup>th</sup>  
Annual

## Omelet Breakfast

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Dine-In at Discovery Center!

Carry Out also Available

## CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

## HOME BASED BUSINESS

Running a business from the comfort of your home means getting a home occupation certificate / permit. Home-based businesses must follow standards, restrictions, and regulations set forth in the City's zoning ordinance (section 159.046(M)). In some cases, it may require additional licensing from city, state or federal agencies. Every home-based business needs a Certificate of Occupancy permit, which, if there is any foot traffic into the building, includes an inspection, before they can establish and start running their processes.

**What is a Home Business?**

Home-based businesses (HBB) are often small and operate from a home office or small work area in a building on the property. The City of Clinton allows the business to occupy no more than 25% of the overall home floor plan, and the business is secondary to the residential use. HBB allowed in Clinton do not feature a front-shop area, customer parking, storage, or large signage. Depending on residential use and location, some businesses would not be able to be run out of homes.

Owners interested in home-based businesses need to understand the zoning and home occupation permit requirements and process. Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division, the City of Clinton's zoning office, is here to help you get set up.

**Restrictions for Running a Home Business**

Running a home-based business is not as simple as selling merchandise out of a house. Zoning districts and restrictions can cause some speed bumps, if not complete road blocks. Small business owners interested in working from home may need to limit daily operations.

**Examples of some restrictions:****1. Home Living Business Activity**

No matter the business activity, all home-based businesses need a home occupation permit and potential inspections. Some home business operations may also need a business license from the city,

state or federal agencies to run their business from their house. It often depends on the actual business itself.

The cost of the Certificate of Occupancy permit and inspection from Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division is a onetime \$75 fee, unless additional licensing is required. Your Certificate of Occupancy does not expire, but can be revoked if there are violations that are left unresolved.

**2. Apartment Living Business Activity or HOA**

Along with permitting from the city, entrepreneurs running home businesses from their apartment complex or condominium need to notify their landlords or HOA.

Informing the property owner about business activities is crucial to avoid any issues. Owners / HOA may have specific rules about running a business out of their building.

**3. Employee and Customer Street Parking**

With a home-based business, many owners find parking a challenge. Depending on business activities and growth, clientele and workers may need additional parking. The home-based business ordinance in the City of Clinton does have parking restrictions. The home-based business shall not create a substantial increase in the volume of traffic or parking demand. (159.046(M)(1)(g)).

Home-based businesses are not supposed to disrupt residential neighborhoods. As parking can cause issues with neighbors, increase of "on street parking" is prohibited. The City's ordinance also restricts certain types of vehicles. (i.e., commercial vehicles), or the number of cars that can park near your home for your business. If your business parking needs are greater than your property or residential neighborhood can tolerate (a good sign of business growth and success), it might be time to move to a commercial district.

**4. Commercial Signage or Advertising**

Advertising is often a big part of owning a small business. Yet, owners run into some issues about commercial signage outside

the home. Ordinance 159.046(M)(1)(h) allows for one 2'x2' sign flat against the face of the building.

Owners must consider this when it comes to their marketing strategy. Any advertising, business cards, or social media platforms utilized for the business should not include the home-based business address, as the goal is not to bring additional traffic or disrupt residential neighborhoods.

**5. Noise and Odor Pollution**

Noise and odor pollution can be other issues home-based businesses experience. Depending on the home business, if it can create noise and odors, especially in small areas, it isn't allowed. A lot of noise, vibrations, dust, smoke, or fumes, may upset the neighbors.

Whether you own a pet grooming or car detailing business, owners risk producing noises and fumes. Anything that disrupts the neighborhood atmosphere resulting in problems is prohibited.

Small business owners must learn about local restrictions. Find out what your home-based business can and cannot generate.

**Obtain a Home Occupation Permit**

Before starting a business from you home, basement, office or garage, speak with Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division regarding zoning regulations and restrictions to find out whether the business you are interested in is allowed in a residential district.

Yet, it is not unusual to hear about others doing business activities from their homes. (i.e., offering unofficial childcare services or baked goods). Trying to operate a business under the radar by not registering it poses many risks. Not only can the business owner get caught, they can also lose their income, and even face fines and penalties.

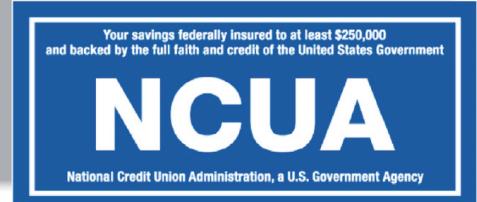
Stop by the Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division to fill out the local Home Occupation Permit Application for your home-based business. Once you get the home occupation permit, you can start running your home-based business.

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## CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH ACROSS THE USA

Why do we observe American Heart Month every February? Well, every year more than 600,000 Americans die from heart disease. The number one cause of deaths for most groups, heart disease affects all ages, genders, and ethnicities. Risk factors include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, and excessive alcohol use.

Do you know how to keep your heart healthy? You can take an active role in reducing your risk for heart disease by eating a healthy diet, engaging in physical activity, and managing your cholesterol and blood pressure. This is a great chance to start some heart-healthy habits!

## HISTORY OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH

The human heart is responsible for pumping blood throughout our body, supplying oxygen and nutrients and removing toxins and waste. Weighing between 8 and 12 ounces, the heart is a mighty organ divided into four chambers that work together to pump blood in and out. The heart gets oxygenated blood from the lungs and pumps it throughout the rest of the body. It does this by contracting at a rhythmic pace, about 60-80 times per minute, thanks to electrical cells called "pacemakers." When the heart ceases to perform its regular function, a medical device also called a pacemaker can be implanted to assist the heart.

Heart disease occurs when the arteries leading to the heart become clogged. Although heart disease has been around for thousands of years, we do know that many aspects of modern life exacerbate risk factors and make people more prone to heart disease and heart failure. Today, one in four deaths in the U.S. is attributable to heart disease.

Heart disease can affect everyone, but taking stock of your prior health risks, activities and diet can help you reduce your risk.

Although we've learned a lot about how the heart works, there are still many unanswered questions about heart health and the cardiovascular system. As far as we know, the best way to protect your heart is to stay active, eat a healthy and balanced diet, and reduce your daily stress. To celebrate American Heart Month, take some time to learn about heart health risks, find your favorite heart-healthy activities, and cook some healthy meals with your family.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOURSELF AND LOVED ONES?

## Week One: Be Physically Active

At the start of the February heart month, the campaign encourages people to get together to be more physically active. You could organize a group walking session, take a new gym class, or even get a team together for a sporting event. **Decide how you want to get active!**

## Week Two: Eat Healthier

Eating well is a smart way to protect your heart's health. During the second week of the campaign, those taking part are encouraged to learn more about heart-healthy foods. Cooking balanced meals at home and even inviting friends over for dinner is the key.

## Week Three: Track Your Heart Health Stats

During week three of American Heart Month, those taking part in the #OurHearts campaign will track their health stats. Check your blood pressure, and use your smartphone or a wearable tracker to see how well your heart is performing.

REMEMBER ANY ACTIVITY HELPS NO MATTER HOW LIGHT!!!!

## SIGNS / SYMPTOMS OF HEART ATTACK OR CARDIAC ARREST

## HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS:

## CHEST DISCOMFORT

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

## DISCOMFORT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE UPPER BODY

Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

## SHORTNESS OF BREATH

With or without chest discomfort.

## OTHER SIGNS

May include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

## STROKE SYMPTOMS:

## Spot a stroke F.A.S.T.

## FACE DROOPING

Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

## ARM WEAKNESS

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

## SPEECH DIFFICULTY

Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard

to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "the sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

## TIME TO CALL 911

If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get them to the hospital immediately.

## CARDIAC ARREST SYMPTOMS:

## SUDDEN LOSS OF RESPONSIVENESS

No response to tapping on shoulders.

## NO NORMAL BREATHING

The victim does not take a normal breath when you tilt the head up and check for at least five seconds.

## BUILDING PERMITS

It could be argued that the building permit is one of the most important documents utilized by the building department. The reason being is that a building permit is the legal document that grants the authority to perform work. A building permit is not just a piece of paper, though, it's a thorough process that ensures the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

In order to obtain a building permit, several steps must be completed. First, a permit application will need to be filled out. The application provides essential information such as:

- (1) The property where the work will be completed.
- (2) The scope of the work that is being completed.
- (3) Drawings/sketches of the proposed work, and
- (4) The person/company who will be completing the work.

This vital information is absolutely necessary in order to complete a review of the project, which is the second step of the process - completing a plan review. During the plan review, a code official reviews the submitted information to ensure that the proposed work will meet the minimum code and zoning requirements. This is a very important part of the process that must not be overlooked. Verifying compliance on paper, first, rather than making corrections after the fact to work that has already been completed, saves the applicant valuable time and money.

Once the project passes the plan review, the code official will approve the application and generate a plan review form. The plan review form provides the applicant with any additional information and/or requirements regarding their project.

The plan review form, in conjunction with the permit application, is then used by the permit technician to complete the third and final step of the process - the issuing of the building permit. During this last step of the process, the permit technician will determine the cost of the building permit and process the applicant's payment. Once the payment is processed, the applicant will be issued their building permit and be granted the authority to begin their project.

The building department is legally required to complete the steps described above. The process cannot be circumvented, and it takes time to complete.

## Tips for a quicker turn around include:

- (1) Be prepared. The more prepared an applicant is, the less delay they will experience. Be sure that the information provided is complete and that the submitted documentation is detailed.
- (2) Apply for a building permit well in advance of the anticipated start date of the project. It can take up to a week, or more, depending on the size/complexity of the project, and doing so will provide a buffer in the event that additional information is required. We like to keep projects moving and do not want to hold up progress by having to wait for additional information and/or details.
- (3) Be patient. Ensuring the health, safety and general welfare of the public requires due diligence and corners cannot be cut in order to save time.

If you have any questions regarding building permits, please reach out to the Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division department at (563) 244-3360, Extension 2.

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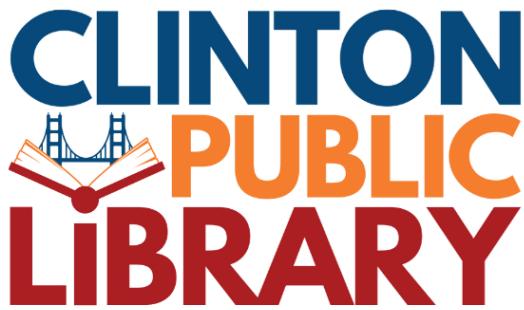
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The Clinton Public Library aspires to be an accessible resource for our community where all can discover, learn, create, connect, and grow.

The Mission of the Clinton Public Library is to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment, offer programs and services to benefit all ages, and connect people to resources with the goal of enriching our diverse community.

Clinton Public Library is a department of the City of Clinton and offers a full range of services, programs and materials! Visit [clintonpubliclibrary.us](http://clintonpubliclibrary.us) to discover everything we have to offer.

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**Visit the Friends' of the Library Bookstore**

**105 Main Ave, Clinton, IA 52732 (Formerly the Lyons Branch Library)**

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Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Sign up for a Clinton Public Library card

Visit the library in person anytime during open hours to sign up for your **FREE** library card. A Clinton Public Library card grants you access to thousands of resources, both in person and online, including books, movies, magazines, music, games, and much more!

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### A Reflection on 2024 and Looking Ahead to 2025

November marked a huge anniversary for the library. The Clinton Public Library is proud to celebrate 120 years of serving our community. This year has been filled with exciting updates and meaningful improvements, including a refresh of the main floor.

#### Big Moves for a Better Library

We moved our Genealogy services and collection back to our main building, bringing these cherished resources closer to the heart of the library. The Lyons Library has been transformed into the Friends of the Library Bookstore, which also serves as a meeting room and program space when the store is not open. This dual purpose ensures that the space remains a vibrant part of our community.

#### 120 Years of Light and Learning

New windows were installed on the main level at the back of the library. These larger, energy-efficient windows bring a fresh glow to our space. The added natural light creates a warmer environment in the lofted area, perfect for reading, studying, and connecting with others. The new windows also enhance the main floor stacks below the loft, improving visibility and ambiance.

#### Honoring Accessibility and Growth

We have also added new shelves for our large print collection. Located in a bright and central area, these shelves underscore our commitment to meeting the diverse needs of our patrons. This update ensures more space for the collection and makes the room more inviting and accessible for all.

#### Enhanced Spaces for Audiovisual Materials

Our DVD collection has been moved to the east side of the building to join other audiovisual materials. This move has provided more room for the DVD collection to grow, allowing us to keep certain titles longer for public enjoyment.

#### Looking Ahead to 2025

As we celebrate our past and embrace the future, we invite you to visit and see the changes that have made 2024 such a remarkable year for the Clinton Public Library. Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to incorporate feedback received from our LibraryTALK sessions and survey. This valuable input will guide us in delivering even better services and enhancing the comfort of our library for everyone. Whether you're a lifelong patron or a new visitor, we're excited to share our journey and our space with you. Thank you for being a part of our story for the past 120 years. Here's to the next chapter! Kendra Evers, Library Supervisor

### IowaWORKS Career Services at the Clinton Public Library

**Thursday, Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 6, and March 20 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Did you know that IowaWORKS offers **FREE** career services at the Clinton Public Library? An IowaWORKS representative provides the following services: resume assistance, registered apprenticeship, virtual workshops, and other service referrals for educational and unemployment insurance needs. Please call ahead for soft skills training and mock interviewing skills.

### Book the Clinton Public Library's Meeting Room Space

Individuals and organizations can now reserve the library's multipurpose room for private meetings. This space can be reserved directly through the library's website.

Call the library if you have any questions.

## ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Device Advice

Thursdays | 9:00am - 11:00am | Main Floor | Clinton Public Library

Visit the library to get any of your technology questions answered! Library staff will help you feel more comfortable using everyday technology, such as your smartphone, tablet, and/or laptop. Drop in at your convenience.

### MONTHLY EVENTS

#### #52Stories

Sat., Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, and May 3 | 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Genealogy Department

On every headstone or plaque, there are two dates separated by a dash. How do you define your dash? The #52Stories genealogy project provides the inspiration you need to write down one story every week for a year by using a handwritten journal, blog, voice, or video recording. During this meeting, we will chat about what we are doing with our own #52Stories project by sharing our stories & photos. Registration is encouraged. Please call (563) 242-5355 or register through our online calendar.

#### Reading Party

Tuesday, Feb. 11, March 11, and April 8 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Genealogy Room

Enjoy quiet reading time with other area readers! This is the perfect party to join if you want designated monthly reading time. Light drinks and snacks will be provided. All ages are welcome! Can't make it right at 5:30 p.m.? That's ok! Come whenever you can to read with us, even if it's for ten minutes.

#### The Plarn Project

Saturday, Feb. 15, March 15, and April 19 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | Genealogy Department

Plarn is plastic yarn that is made from plastic shopping bags. This material is used by local volunteers to make comfortable sleeping mats for the homeless. Upcycling these plastic bags is a way to help our community and also reduce the amount of plastic going into landfills. If you are interested in donating clean plastic grocery bags & cutting them, please join us to learn more about this project. This program will be held the third Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. Registration is encouraged. Please call (563) 242-5355 or register through our online calendar.

#### Lyons Reads Book Club

Winter Hours: Sat., Feb. 22 and Mar. 22 | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Genealogy Department  
Spring-Summer Hours: Wed., April 23 and May 28 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Location TBD

This book club is relaxed and we have fun conversations about books and authors. We each read our own book and discuss it with our group. Registration is encouraged. Please call (563) 242-5355 or register through our online calendar.

#### Spice Club

Sat., Feb. 22, March 22, and April 26 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Genealogy Department

If you enjoy trying new spices, recipes, and meeting new people, please join Spice Club! We welcome all levels of cooking experience and diets and want to help you take your cooking to the next level. At each monthly meeting, you will be provided with a spice kit that includes some information and history of a featured spice or spice blend, a couple of recipes, and pre-measured samples to use in recipes.

Meetings will be held the 4th Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. This program is sponsored by The Spice & Tea Exchange® of TSTE of West Des Moines. Spice Club registration is closed but anyone is welcome to come. This program will end spring 2025.

## SPECIAL ADULT PROGRAMS:

### Lunch & Learn: Show & Tell for Grownups.

Saturday, February 8 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Multipurpose Room

Do you have an item in your home with an interesting tale? Something you purchased at an estate sale, inherited or even something you made yourself? Do you collect anything? Please bring one or two of those items to the library and tell us about it in a Show & Tell for Grownups! We will each take turns speaking about our item and showing off what we brought. If you are interested to see what others bring but are too shy to speak in front of a group, you are welcome to come and watch.

This may go without saying but please do not bring any weapons, firearms, explosives or dangerous substances. Patrons are welcome to bring their lunch and learn about the treasures of others during this session. This program is for ages 18+.

### Learn Paper Quilling

Saturday, March 8 | 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Multipurpose Room

Quilling, also known as Paper Filigree, is an art form created by rolling strips of paper. By rolling and guiding them to desired shapes, we can create beautiful art with intricate designs for various artistic and decorative purposes, including card-making, jewelry, and framed artwork.

This program will be presented by Ranjani Gopikrishna, a Rock Island, IL artist who teaches this art form. Registration is required. Please register through our online calendar or call (563) 242-5355.

**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES CONTINUED ON PAGE 11**

## Scam & Fraud Prevention for Older Adults

Wednesday, March 12 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Multipurpose Room

Senior citizens are often targets for fraud. The elderly population is growing and elder fraud is a serious and growing threat that devastates victims not only financially, but emotionally, mentally, and physically. Please join us to learn about the many forms of elder fraud & scams & how to avoid them and report them. This program is presented by Randy Meier, the Director of Seniors vs Crime in Clinton County.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

### Calling All Artists: Participate in our Tiny Art Show!

Monday, Feb. 10 – Saturday, Feb 15: Pick up FREE art materials

Monday, Feb. 17 – Saturday, March 1: Return your finished artwork

Wednesday, March 5 - Wednesday, April 2: View the Tiny Art Show

Be a part of the Clinton Public Library's second annual Tiny Art Show! Individuals ages 5 and up of all artistic abilities are encouraged to participate. We invite artists to create their paintings with one of the following themes in mind:

1) Furry Friends 2) Home is... 3) My hope for 2025... 4) Abstract Art

#### HOW IT WORKS:

- Pick up FREE art materials at the library anytime during open hours from **Monday, February 10 - Saturday, February 15**. You'll get two 4" x 4" canvases, paint, and a brush to create your paintings. Art materials will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.
- Return your finished paintings to the library anytime during open hours from **Monday, February 17 - Saturday, March 1**. Before you return your painting, please write the following on the back of the canvases: your full name, your phone number, and what theme you chose for your painting.
- View your artwork and others on display from **Wednesday, March 5 - Wednesday, April 2** on the main floor of the library.
- Pick up your artwork from **Thursday, April 3 - Thursday, April 17**.

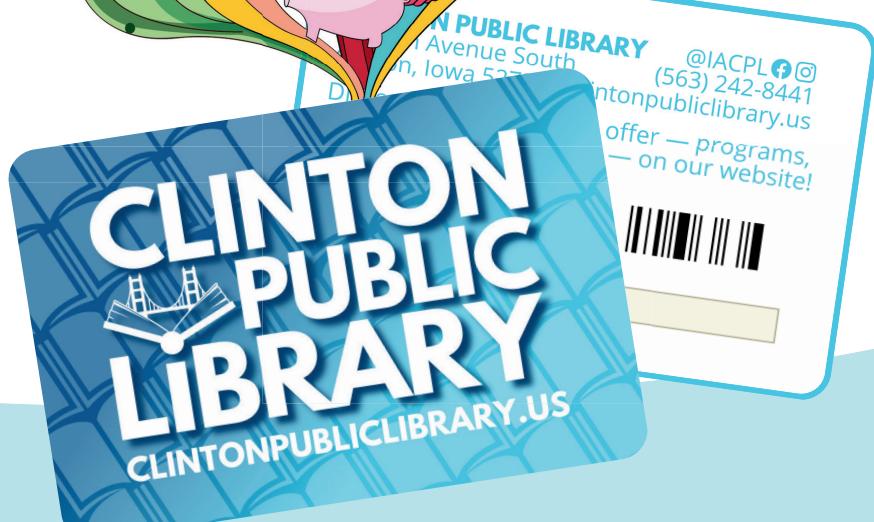
Questions? Please call the library at (563) 242-8441.

### FREE Spring Break Youth Events

Additional special events will be offered during area schools spring break (March 17-21).

Visit the library's website to learn more.

## Participate in our Library Card Contest



## All-Ages Chess Club

Saturday, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, and May 3 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Lower Level

Welcome to the All-Ages Chess Club, a vibrant community where chess enthusiasts of all skill levels come together to share their passion for the game! Players of all ages—children, teens, adults, and seniors—can connect over the chessboard. Whether you're a curious beginner or a seasoned grandmaster, our club provides a friendly and inclusive environment for everyone. This program will be held the first Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted.

## Speed Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Thursday, March 20 | 5:30pm | Multipurpose Room

Test your puzzle skills in our first ever speed jigsaw puzzle competition! Form a team of 4-6 people to complete either a 100- or 300-piece puzzle. We'll have two simultaneous competitions: one for the 100-piece puzzle and one for the 300-piece puzzle. Which team will complete the puzzle the fastest? Register by Thursday, March 13th on our website to participate. Register soon: Space is limited to 10 teams. All ages are welcome! Questions? Call the library at (563) 242-8441.

## Makerspace

Thurs., Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, and May 8 | 3:30pm – 7:00pm | Multipurpose Room

What is a Makerspace? Simply put, makerspaces are places where people can go to make things and collaborate on projects. Everyone can be a maker and the things created in a makerspace can vary a great deal. Our Makerspace has a variety of offerings, ranging from low tech to high tech. We invite makers of all types and skill levels to come learn, imagine, and create. Tools and materials available:

- 3D Printer
- 3Doodler Pens
- Makey Makey
- Button Makers
- Ellison & Sizzix Die Cutters
- Cricut Maker 3
- Cricut Easy Press
- Heat Press
- Laminators (desktop & poster sizes)
- Brother Embroidery Machine
- Brother Sewing Machines
- Coil & Comb Binding Machines
- Fiber Arts (crochet, knitting, cross stitch)

#### COMING SOON:

- Epson Sublimation Printer
- Sublimation Oven
- Silhouette Cameo 4 Pro
- HP Large Format Printer
- Wood Burning Kit

Makerspace hours are subject to change, based on staff availability. To make sure a time is available for you, or to make an appointment, please give us a call at (563) 242-8441 or email us at [cplmakerspace@gmail.com](mailto:cplmakerspace@gmail.com).

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### **2) Cut or tear out this form and bring it to the Clinton Public Library to enter to win!**

\*Contest ends February 28, 2025



## **REFER A FRIEND**

**Enter to win a Kindle Colorsoft**

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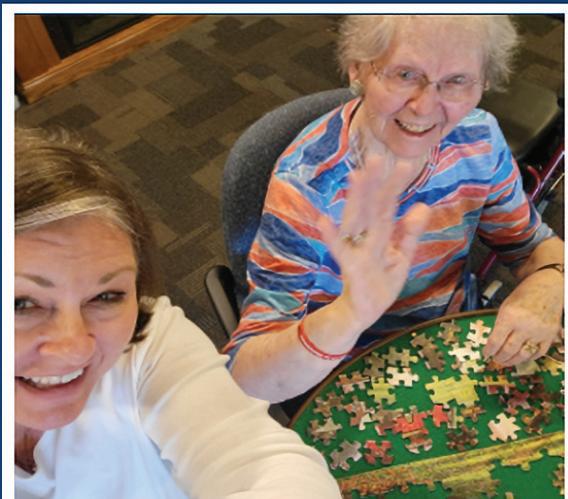
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Family Book Club: From Page to Screen

Tuesday, March 4 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Multipurpose Room

Join our Family Book Club, From Page to Screen, where stories come to life beyond the pages! Each quarter, we pick a children's book that was adapted into a movie, and together, we'll explore the magic of both versions. Read the book as a family, then join us to compare the two—exploring how the movie matched our imagination and what changes were made in the transition from page to screen. Wear your pajamas and bring a pillow and blanket (if you want)—it's time to get cozy, read, and watch together!

**YOUTH DEPARTMENT:  
WEEKLY EVENTS**Story time

Wednesdays | 10:30am | Lower Level

Join us for fun, stories, songs, puppet shows, and a craft to take home!

Wiggle Time

Tuesdays | 10:30am | Lower Level

Join us for Wiggle Time! We will have songs, toys, and bubbles for you and your baby or toddler to interact. This is a great chance for kids and caregivers to socialize with each other and their peers. For ages 0-3.

Creative Explorers

Wednesdays | 3:00pm | Lower Level

Join us for an afternoon of play and learning! The Creative Explorers (formerly Afternoon Adventures) program offers a space for children to create, explore, and discover. Through fun and interactive programs, we aim to provide patrons of all abilities and stages of learning with the opportunity to learn about the world around them in a hands-on way. Caregivers are encouraged to stay in the building and participate with their children. Children under the age of 8 are not to be left alone in the building without a caretaker at least 14 years of age.

Teen Create & Connect Fridays

Fridays | 3:30pm - 5:00pm | Lower Level

Join us every Friday for a fun and creative way to kick off the weekend! The Create & Connect program is all about exploring your creativity, learning new skills, and hanging out with friends in a relaxed, supportive space. Whether you love crafting, building, designing, or just want to chill with some cool activities, this is the place for you.

Each week, we'll have a variety of DIY projects, hands-on activities, snacks, and a chance to hang out, play games, and chat. It's your chance to experiment with new ideas, make awesome stuff, and be part of a vibrant teen community at the library. All skill levels are welcome – we'll provide everything you need, so just grab your friends, bring your imagination, and we'll see you Friday!

**MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY EVENTS:**Bilingual Story time

Sat., Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, and May 3 | 10:30am | Lower Level

Join us for a fun and engaging bilingual Storytime at the library! This special event is designed for children and families to enjoy stories, songs, and activities in both English and Spanish. We will read aloud in both languages, offering an opportunity for young learners to explore new words, phrases, and cultures. Bilingual Storytime will include age-appropriate stories, songs, and hands-on activities that encourage participation and foster a love of reading. Whether you're a beginner or fluent in both languages, this Storytime is perfect for all families looking to explore the beauty of bilingual learning together. We can't wait to see you there!



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**The following is a list of educational programs and special events happening at the Felix Adler Children's discovery Center, in January, February, and larger events this spring and summer.**

**All programs at the Discovery Center are free with museum admission.  
(\*\*except the Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser which carries a ticket price)**

Wednesday, January 22 - 2 to 5 pm  
**WOW Wednesday with Miss Jean:**  
STEM, Chess, Juggling

Friday, January 24 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Friday:** The Snowy Day – Making Snow

Saturday, January 25 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Saturday:** The Snowy Day – Making Snow

Tuesday, January 28 - 5 to 7 pm  
**Discovery Center Fundraising Night:**  
at Pizza Hut N. 2nd St.

Wednesday, January 29 - 2 to 5 pm  
**WOW Wednesday with Miss Jean:**  
STEM, Chess, Juggling

Friday, January 31 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Friday:** The Great Backyard Bird Count

Saturday, February 1 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Saturday:**  
The Great Backyard Bird Count

Wednesday, February 5 - 2 to 5 pm  
**WOW Wednesday with Miss Jean:**  
STEM, Chess, Juggling

Friday, February 7 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Friday:**  
Friday Only - Valentine Science

Saturday, February 8 - 11 am to 1 pm  
**Family Valentine Party:**

Paul the therapy dog, cookie decorating, make Valentines and crafts, games, armpainting

Wednesday, February 12 - 2 to 5 pm  
**WOW Wednesday with Miss Jean:**  
STEM, Chess, Juggling

Friday, February 14 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Friday:**  
Random Acts of Kindness

Saturday, February 15 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Saturday:**  
Random Acts of Kindness

Tuesday, February 17 - 5 to 7 pm  
**Discovery Center Fundraising Night:**  
at Pizza Hut N. 2nd St.

Wednesday, February 19 - 2 to 5 pm  
**WOW Wednesday with Miss Jean:**  
STEM, Chess, Juggling

Friday, February 21 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Friday:** Mighty Minnows with Clinton County Conservation

Saturday, February 22 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Saturday:** Mighty Minnows with Clinton County Conservation

Wednesday, February 26 - 2 to 5 pm  
**WOW Wednesday with Miss Jean:**  
STEM, Chess, Juggling

Friday, February 28 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Friday:** The Mitten

Saturday, March 1 - 10:30 am  
**Funtime Saturday:** The Mitten

Sunday, March 30 - 9 am - 1 pm  
**37th Annual Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser at Discovery Center:** Made-to-Order Omelets

cooked by EGG-stra special volunteers, Pancakes, Sausage, Pastries, Coffee, Juice & Milk, Dine In or Carry Out

Saturday, April 19 - 11 am - 1 pm  
**EGG-stravaganza:** A Celebration of Spring: Hold baby chicks, meet bunnies and a baby lamb, Dye real eggs, enjoy armpainting, play in the children's museum

Saturday, June 14 - 10 am - 3 pm  
**36th Annual Felix Adler Day Family Festival**

Free Admission to the Festival – Free Admission to the Discovery Center, Free Shows Under the Big Top, Punch cards sold for rides and games, Rides & Attractions include: Pony Rides, Train Rides, Petting Zoo, Games & Prizes, Inflatables, Arm Painting, Balloon Art, Bubble Fun, Sidewalk Chalk, Food Vendors

## ABOUT OUR WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**WOW Wednesday:** Miss Jean is here every Wednesday from 2-5 pm! Stop by and try your hand as her many STEM-based logic puzzles, patterning challenges, magnet construction objects, free-form architecture sets, PLUS she'll teach you to juggle, AND she'll teach you chess OR if you already know, challenge her to a game. This program is FREE with your museum admission AND no registration is required – just simply drop in! Open to ALL ages and abilities!

**CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION****CITY OF CLINTON RENTAL CODE**

Iowa Code 364.17 states all communities with a population of 15,000 or more must adopt a rental housing code. Rental codes ensure buildings and structures are maintained at a minimum level to ensure the health and safety of the tenants and resilience and sustainability of the structure. Not only does rental code provide a standard benchmark all rental owners must meet, they establish a building's safety and usability for years to come.

The state of Iowa rental code is 562A, Iowa Landlord and Tenant Act. This code details procedures for eviction and rights and responsibilities for both the landlord and tenant.

Section 562A.15 states the landlord shall;

- Follow building and housing codes that affect health and safety in an important way;
- Make repairs to keep the house or apartment in a fit and livable condition;
- Provide for garbage receptacles and removal;
- Supply hot and cold running water and heat, unless the tenant pays the utility company directly, and the water heater and furnace are under the tenant's control;
- Keep areas used by the tenants of more than one apartment clean and safe; and
- Keep facilities and appliances such as electric wiring, plumbing, heating, and air conditioning in good and safe working order.

Section 562A.17 spells out tenant responsibility as;

- Follow any building and housing codes that apply to tenants, and that affect health and safety in an important way;
- Keep his or her living area clean and dispose of garbage properly;
- Properly use all appliances and facilities such as plumbing, heating, wiring, air conditioning;
- Not damage or abuse the apartment on purpose or carelessly, or knowingly allow someone else to do so; and
- Avoid doing things that will disturb the neighbors' peace and quiet.
- A landlord can take certain steps if a tenant fails to comply with the law or the rental agreement.
- If the tenant violates his or her duties, like not paying rent, the landlord may cancel the rental agreement by giving written notice. In most cases, the landlord has to give the tenant a chance to fix the problem. Once the landlord takes proper steps to cancel the agreement, he or she must file a court action. The court can act to remove the tenant from the rental unit if the tenant fails to move. It is illegal for a landlord to try to force a tenant to move by any other means, such as changing locks or shutting off utilities.
- In some cases, if a tenant damages the property, the landlord may require the tenant to pay for repairs.

If your landlord fails to maintain the property or make repairs, or does not perform duties outlined in local and state codes, the tenant may end the lease

by giving a proper written notice. In some cases, the tenant must give the landlord a chance to fix the problem(s). Sometimes the tenant can make repairs and deduct the cost from rent owed to the landlord. Very specific steps must be taken to end an agreement or withhold rent and legal advice should be obtained before these steps are taken.

If a landlord fails to make repairs or maintain the rental property the tenant must give the landlord a written notice requesting repairs. If the landlord does not make the requested repairs you can contact Clinton Fire Department, Building Safety Division to file a rental complaint. The complaint must be in writing, must detail steps taken to communicate concerns with the landlord, and any evidence of violation(s). Once a complaint is received, a Code Enforcement Officer will investigate the complaint and take appropriate action, to include inspecting the rental property, to ensure the property complies with all rental code.

Section 562A.36 states a landlord may not retaliate by increasing rent or decreasing services or by bringing or threatening eviction after the tenant has complained to a governmental agency charged with responsibility for enforcement of a building or housing code of a violation applicable to the premises materially affecting health and safety.

Along with the requirements spelled out in Iowa Code Chapter 562A, the City of Clinton adopted a rental code. Code of Ordinances Chapter 155, Rental Property Code, establishes a dwelling unit rented or leased to an occupant or occupied by a party or parties who are not the owner of the property, but who are occupying the property with the express or implied consent of the owner is considered a rental and must be registered with the city and must have a rental inspection every two years.

The City of Clinton in 2019 adopted the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code as its minimum standard that all rentals must meet. The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code is part of the International Code Council (ICC) I-Code set, which is a family of codes. As stated, all rentals within the city of Clinton must be maintained at a minimum standard at all times. Those standards are spelled out in City of Clinton, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 155.13 and the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code.

If you feel your landlord is not maintaining your rental unit and need assistance, below are phone numbers of agencies or organizations that may be able to provide you further guidance or assistance.

Building Safety Division  
563-244-3360 x2

Iowa Legal Aid  
1-800-532-1275

Home Inc.  
515-243-1277

Clinton County Resource Center  
563-242-9211 x 4106

Information Referral Services  
563-243-5818

**Funtime Friday & Saturday:** Funtime Friday & Saturday is a weekly program held at the Discovery Center, and covers a wide variety of different subjects and activities for kids. Each week will cover a different subject, and may include special guests! This program is free with regular museum admission and is open to all ages and abilities!

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Department: Hours of Operation: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm | Phone: 563-242-2144, then option 1 (Public Works), then option 3 | Phones Answered from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

## CLINTON STREETS AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENTS

In Clinton, our Streets and Solid Waste Departments are dedicated to ensure that our city's infrastructure and environment are maintained to the highest standards. From street maintenance to waste management, these departments are continuously working to keep Clinton clean, safe, and well-organized.

Streets Department: Maintaining Our City's Infrastructure.

The Streets Department in Clinton handles several critical responsibilities within the city's right-of-way. Their key tasks include:

- Pothole Repairs: Quick response to repair potholes, ensuring safe and smooth travel.
- Potholes are a common problem on roadways, and they occur due to a combination of traffic, weather conditions, and the natural aging of the road. Here's a basic explanation of why potholes form:
  - Water Penetration:** The primary cause of potholes is water penetrating the surface of the road through cracks. These cracks can be caused by the wear and tear of traffic over time or can be the result of environmental factors like freezing and thawing cycles.
  - Freezing and Thawing:** In climates with cold winters, the freeze-thaw cycle exacerbates pothole formation. When water seeps into the road through cracks, it freezes and expands in cold temperatures. This expansion can cause the road material to crack and break apart. When the ice melts, it leaves gaps or voids under the surface.
  - Traffic Pressure:** The passage of vehicles over these weakened spots in the road applies pressure, causing the surface to collapse and form a pothole.

Please generate a work ticket for any potholes you find at <https://clintonia.comcate.com/en>, click on "submit request" in the lower right corner.

Street Signage: Regular maintenance and replacement of street signs for clear navigation.

Street Sweeping: Keeping our streets clean and debris-free.

Snow & Ice Removal: Ensuring roads are safe during winter months.

Alley Grading: Maintaining the functionality of our alleys.

Right-of-Way Mowing and Weed Spraying: Preserving the aesthetic and health of our green spaces.

Debris Removal: Clearing fallen trees and branches to maintain safe roadways.

Solid Waste Department: Managing our City's waste efficiently.

## SOLID WASTE OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

During the spring, summer and fall months, the department ramps up its efforts with four trucks collecting garbage, recyclables, and yard waste across the city. This setup includes two trucks dedicated to garbage, one for recyclables, and one for yard waste. As winter arrives and yard waste decreases, operations shift to three trucks—two for garbage and one for recycling—ensuring that services are maintained without compromising efficiency. During the Christmas season recycling is picked up weekly to assist in extra recyclables.

### Annual Waste Collection Data

The numbers for 2024 paint a picture of a busy and effective department:

- Garbage Collection:** Trucks collect approximately 12,000 garbage bins weekly, summing up to around 624,000 bins annually. This effort results in the collection of approximately 7,705.03 tons or 15,410,060 pounds of garbage. Garbage, recycling and yard waste tips combined equate to approximately 1,248,000 bins tipped annually.
- Yard Waste:** The city gathers about 1,867.04 tons or 3,734,080 pounds of yard waste annually. Yard waste will start back up again April 7th 2025 and goes through the end of November.
- Recycling Efforts:** Approximately 925.17 tons or 1,850,340 pounds of materials are recycled each year.

### Financial and Environmental Impact

Disposal costs for garbage at the local landfill are significant, with the city paying \$44 per ton, totaling \$339,021.32 for the year 2024. However, there are no fees for disposing of yard waste or recycling, which presents a substantial saving opportunity. The recycling efforts in 2024 saved the city an impressive \$40,707.48, emphasizing that increased recycling directly reduces landfill costs. This financial benefit complements the broader environmental advantage of reducing landfill use and promoting resource recovery.

### Strategic Benefits of Recycling

The Solid Waste Department's proactive approach to recycling not only conserves environmental resources but also offers substantial economic benefits. By diverting waste from landfills, the city reduces its environmental footprint and fosters a culture of sustainability among its residents. The more the community recycles, the more it saves on landfill fees, creating a win-win scenario for both the environment and the city's budget.

## IMPORTANT ORDINANCES AND REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS

Dumping of Snow (§ 97.010): It's unlawful to obstruct streets or alleys with snow from private properties. Proper disposal is essential.

Calendar Parking (§ 79.10): During snow events, parking is regulated to facilitate snow removal. Compliance is crucial for efficient clearing.

Snow Emergencies: Be mindful of parking rules during declared snow emergencies to assist in swift snow clearing.

Placing Debris on Streets (§ 97.003): Ensuring streets and alleys are free from harmful debris is a shared responsibility.

Tree Maintenance (§ 98.06): Property owners are responsible for trimming trees to maintain clearance above streets (13 feet) and sidewalks (9 feet).

## SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Upcoming Collection Delays: Be aware of changes in garbage, yard waste, and recycling collection schedules during holidays.

### President's Day – Monday, February 17th

There will be NO collection delays this week. Routes will be collected as normal.

### Easter – Sunday, March 31st (including Good Friday, Friday, April 18, 2025)

There will be NO collection delays the week before or the week after Easter.

Routes will be collected as normal.

### Memorial Day – Monday, May 26th

Monday, May 26th – NO garbage/yard waste/recycling collections. Collections will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week.

Monday's Routes – Will be collected on Tuesday, May 27th.

Tuesday's Routes – Will be collected on Wednesday, May 28th.

Wednesday's Routes – Will be collected on Thursday, May 29th.

Thursday's Routes – Will be collected on Friday, May 30th.

Friday's Routes – Will be collected on Saturday, May 31st.

The City of Clinton's Streets and Solid Waste Departments are committed to providing top-notch services to our residents. We encourage everyone to be mindful of the ordinances and participate actively in keeping our city clean and orderly. Your cooperation and support are key to our success. Thank you, residents of Clinton, for your continued commitment to our community's well-being.

For more information, suggestions, or to sign up for alerts, please visit [www.cityofclintoniowa.gov](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov).



## Single - Stream Recycling

- Recycle Week A
- Recycle Week B
- Holiday No Collections
- Collections Delayed By One Day
- Weekly Recycling

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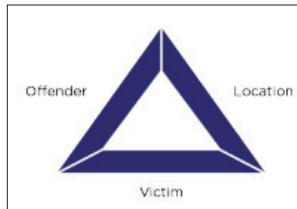
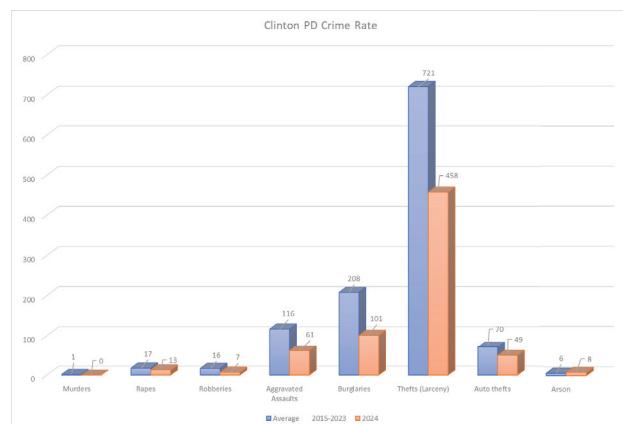
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## CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## OVERALL CRIME DOWN 58.7 % IN CLINTON SINCE 2015



The City of Clinton, Iowa, has recently reported a significant decline in crime rates when compared to the nine-year average. This notable decrease across various crime categories underscores a community-wide effort toward enhancing public safety and fostering a secure environment for residents.

The "crime triangle," is a criminology concept that states for a crime to occur, three elements must be present: a motivated offender, a suitable victim, and a location; essentially, a criminal

must have the desire to commit a crime, an opportunity to do so on a vulnerable target, and no one present to deter them from acting on that desire.

When examining specific crimes, the data reveals that **murders** have dropped to an all-time low, with no reported incidents over the past year—a stark contrast to previous years. Similarly, **rapes** have decreased significantly, reflecting the effectiveness of community awareness initiatives. With reference to the crime triangle, the victim was removed from the sequence of events, due to more education surrounding potential predators which ultimately made for more self-aware individuals.

**Robberies** in Clinton have also seen a downward trend, indicating a shift in criminal behavior and increased law enforcement efforts.

**Aggravated assaults**, while a serious concern, have demonstrated a great reduction, suggesting that programs aimed at conflict resolution and social programs are contributing to the decline. Referencing back to the crime triangle, the offender has been removed from the series with the collaboration project between the Clinton Police Department and Eastern Iowa Mental

Health Services. This program pairs a licensed mental health professional with an officer. The program has shown great effectiveness in conflict de-escalation and ultimately conflict resolution, negating the necessity for some unneeded arrests.

In terms of property crimes, **burglaries** have diminished, with law enforcement patrol attributing some of this success to community vigilance and alert citizens. The number of **thefts** (larceny) has similarly decreased, supporting the goal of a safer community. **Auto thefts**, which often affect residents' peace of mind, have been reduced as well, further contributing to the city's improved safety profile. When looking at the crime triangle, the location was eliminated from the cycle. By removing the location for a crime to take place, we have broken the crime triangle.

Overall, the significant reductions in these crime categories paint a positive picture for Clinton, showing that collective efforts from law enforcement, local government, and the community lead to tangible results in crime reduction.

The overall reduction in crime rates verifies Clinton not only as a safer place to live but also enhances its reputation as an attractive destination for new residents and businesses. The community can take pride in these achievements, with a hopeful outlook for continued progress in the years to come.

## DRIVING IN WINTER WEATHER

Whether it's snow, sleet or ice, winter weather can cause extremely dangerous road conditions. In 2023, there were 378 fatal traffic crashes, marking an increase of over 12% compared to 2022. Preparing yourself and your vehicle for winter weather is key.

Slow down. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, increase your following distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

Don't crowd a snow plow or travel beside the truck. Snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently. If you find yourself behind a snow plow, stay far enough behind

it and use caution if you pass the plow.

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car, and your surroundings.

- Stay in your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Let your car be seen. Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.
- Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any snow and run your car only sporadically—just long enough to stay warm. Don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

## WHY FALL &amp; WINTER ARE TIMES WHEN SUBSTANCE USERS SEEK HELP

One of the reasons why substance users may find themselves feeling worse in the fall and winter months is because of seasonal affective disorder (SAD). SAD is a type of depression that becomes more pronounced in winter. It is characterized by symptoms like:

- Feeling major depression
- Having low energy levels
- Feeling irritable or agitated
- Experiencing a decrease in appetite or weight loss
- Having problems sleeping
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Fatigue
- Irritability
- Thoughts of suicide
- Increased sensitivity to social rejection

As sunlight diminishes during fall and winter, people with SAD may also find their symptoms worsening. This is because sunlight helps

boost serotonin levels, a chemical in the brain that helps to regulate mood. When people do not get enough sun, their bodies produce less serotonin. This can lead to feelings of depression, irritability, and fatigue.

The winter months can be tough on everyone, but they can be especially tough on those who are struggling with addiction. Seasonal affective disorder and anxiety about the holiday season can be a trigger for substance users.

But the good thing is there are treatment options available to help addicts get through the tough times.

Drug recovery help is available in many forms, from inpatient and outpatient treatment programs to 12-step groups like Alcoholics Anonymous. No matter what level of care a substance abuser needs, there is a treatment option to help them recover.

If you or someone you love is struggling with addiction and SAD, help is available.

## COLD WEATHER ANIMAL SAFETY

Just like people, pets' cold tolerance can vary from pet to pet based on their coat, body fat stores, activity level, and health. Be aware of your pet's tolerance for cold weather, and adjust accordingly. You will probably need to shorten your dog's walks in very cold weather to protect you both from weather-associated health risks.

Arthritic and elderly pets may have more difficulty walking on snow and ice and may be more prone to slipping and falling.

Long-haired or thick-coated dogs tend to be more cold-tolerant but are still at risk in cold weather. Short-haired pets feel the cold faster because they have less protection, and short-legged pets may become cold faster because their bellies and bodies are more likely to come into contact with snow-covered ground.

The same goes for very young and very old pets. If you need help determining your pet's temperature limits, consult your veterinarian.

Just like you, pets prefer comfortable sleeping places and may change their location based on their need for more or less warmth. Give them some safe options to allow them to vary their sleeping place to adjust to their needs.

Per the City Ordinances, pet owners must provide adequate protection from the elements. This is defined as a protected area, in addition to a doghouse or similar structure, that provides shade from the sun and protection from the wind, rain, snow and extremes of heat or cold. The City of Clinton ordinance requires adequate shelter for animals outdoors.

Adequate shelter is defined as a doghouse or similar structure for each animal chained, tethered, penned or otherwise restrained or confined outdoors, suitable for the species, age, condition and size of the animal; that has solid sides, a raised floor and top that do not leak air or moisture and a cover over the doorway

which keeps the doghouse or structure dry and allows the animal unlimited access and egress from the doghouse or structure; is clean, safe, enables the animal to be clean and dry and protects the animal from injury, rain, sleet, snow, hail, direct sunlight, the adverse effects of heat or cold below 50°F, physical suffering, and impairment of health; is large enough for the animal to stand up, lie down and stretch comfortably and make all other normal bodily movements in a comfortable, normal position for the animal, has a raised floor that is elevated from the ground or concrete at least two inches and contains insulation between the floor and ground.

A crate or carrier is **not** adequate shelter.

Livestock (bovine, caprine, equine, ovine and porcine species) do not require a raised floor but do require all other aspects of the shelter.

The following acts are unlawful and constitute abuse of animals, subjecting the owner or other person to the penalty provisions of the City Code:

- Leaving an animal unattended in a standing or parked vehicle when the outdoor temperature is greater than a heat index of 75°F or under a wind chill of 50°F. If the Animal Protection Officer or Police Officer determines the animal is in immediate danger, they may remove the animal by whatever means is necessary without liability, for the purpose of taking the animal into protective custody.
- Chaining, tethering, penning or otherwise restraining or confining an animal outdoors for more than 15 minutes without access to adequate food, adequate water, adequate shelter and adequate protection from the elements when the heat index temperature falls below 30°F with the wind chill factor applied or with the heat index reaches or exceeds 85°F.

## VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

In past Lighthouse newsletters, we have talked about Crimes of Opportunity. In these articles, we encouraged the citizens of Clinton to lock your cars, bring in your bikes from the yard, and keep your house secure, among other things.

In this Lighthouse newsletter, we would like to again visit the crime of opportunity theory as it pertains to your vehicle. During the calendar year 2024, the Clinton Police have responded to over 30 reports of stolen vehicles. Almost all of the vehicles were recovered shortly after being reported stolen and fortunately, most of the vehicles were not damaged. We need to stress that the best deterrent from vehicle theft is to **LOCK YOUR CAR AND TAKE YOUR KEYS**.

A vehicle theft may start simply as a person rummaging through your unlocked vehicle looking for loose change or small items of value. However, when that person finds a set of keys left or 'hidden' in the vehicle, the probability of your vehicle becoming a stolen vehicle has increased dramatically.

Most of our recent vehicle thefts have been crimes of opportunity. You can take that opportunity away. Make the potential criminal move on down the road to the next vehicle. **Most vehicle thefts are preventable.**

Here are some tips for keeping your car safe:

- Park your car in a well-lit area. Use your garage, if you have one.

- Remove all valuables from the vehicle. This includes loose change, iPods, jewelry, keys, electronics, purse/billfold, etc.

- Remove the keys. You may think you have a good hiding place for your keys. But, if you thought of it, so did the bad guy. Don't leave car keys in the visor, center console, under the floor mat or in a wheel well. Take the keys with you.

- Lock your car. Even if it's parked in your driveway or in the street in front of your house. This is the best deterrent against a stolen vehicle.

- Do not let your vehicle run unattended while it is warming up, or while you make a quick stop at the store. (Refer to the previous point)

If your car is stolen:

- Call your local police agency immediately.
- Know your vehicle license number and provide that to the police.
- Know your vehicle's make, model, color, and any unique features that make the vehicle stand out.
- If you recover your vehicle, let the agency you reported it stolen to know.

For the most part, stolen vehicles are a crime of opportunity. You are the best defense against having your vehicle stolen. **LOCK YOUR CAR, TAKE YOUR KEYS.**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Trees 98.06**

The next couple of months are perfect for heavier pruning of trees which should be done when the tree is dormant and before active growth begins. This is a great time to trim up those branches that are overhanging the sidewalks and roadways.

City ordinance states all tree branches overhanging the city streets must be trimmed to 13 feet above street level and 9 feet above sidewalks. Bushes close to a sidewalk or street need to be trimmed back away from the area to ensure safe passage as well as ensuring there is no obstruction of vision. This is also a good time for checking your trees for dead branches that might fall during storms and determining if the tree is dying or diseased.

**City Garbage / Recycling totes 50.23**

As snow falls, your carts can and will be buried by the snow plow if they are left out at the street. We get many complaints regarding carts being left out in the street or blocking sidewalks. Be courteous to your neighbors; please remember to bring your totes back up to your house after they have been dumped. Do not leave them out in the street or curb area as this is how they get damaged or stolen.

(2) No solid waste, garbage container or yard waste container or single-stream recycle container shall be deposited by any person upon any sidewalk, crosswalk or roadway, or upon any alley right of way, so as to obstruct or block pedestrian movement or vehicular traffic.

(3) No person shall deposit a garbage, yard waste, or single-stream recycle container upon the parking, terrace or alley more than 12 hours before the date designated for garbage, yard waste, or recycle collection. No person shall allow garbage, yard waste, or single-stream recycle containers to remain on the parking, terrace or alley for more than 12 hours after the date designated for solid waste collections.

(4) All garbage, yard waste, or recycle containers shall be stored behind the front yard building setback, except when placed on the parking, terrace or alley on the designated date of collection.

**Sidewalk Snow / Ice Removal Responsibility 97.027****Residential sidewalks**

Sidewalks need to be cleared of snow and/or ice to ensure public safety. Tags will be placed on doors of residential properties if a complaint is received regarding sidewalks not being cleared after 48 hours of the snow/ice event stopping.

**Business district sidewalks**

(1) Sidewalks on the following streets are hereby defined as business district sidewalks:

- (a) Main Avenue between Harding and Third Streets;
- (b) North Second Street between Twenty-Third Avenue and Main Avenue;
- (c) Fourth Avenue South between First and Third Streets;
- (d) Fifth Avenue South between First and Fourth Streets;
- (e) Sixth Avenue South between First and Fourth Streets;

- (f) Seventh Avenue South between Second and Fourth Streets;
- (g) Eighth Avenue South between Second and Fourth Streets;
- (h) First Street between Fourth and Seventh Avenues South;
- (i) Second Street between Third and Eighth Avenues South; and
- (j) Third Street between Fourth and Eighth Avenues South.

In the event snow and/or ice remains on a business district sidewalk for more than 12 hours after the snow stops falling, or after ice forms, the city may remove the snow or ice from the sidewalk. The cost of the actual removal, plus a filing fee will be assessed against the property.

**Sidewalks other than business district sidewalk.**

This division applies to all sidewalks not defined as a business district. In the event snow and/or ice remains on the sidewalk for more than 48 hours after the snow stops falling, or after ice forms, the city may remove the snow or ice from the sidewalk. The costs of actual removal, plus a filing fee will be assessed against the property.

**Dumping Of Snow 97.010**

As a friendly reminder, city code outlines what you should and should not do when shoveling or plowing snow:

*It is unlawful for any person to throw, push or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, the accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of the accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.*

**Signs In The Right Of Way 159.048**

Signs are not allowed in the right of way, unless you apply for a permit. If someone places a sign in the right of way in front of your property, please remove the sign from the area. If you give permission to a contractor to put their sign out during or after they have done work for you, please ensure this sign is placed on your property and not in the right-of-way.

(3) No sign or banner, or part of any sign or banner, shall be placed on or overhang the traveled portion of any public street or alley, except on a temporary basis and upon a finding of the City Administrator that the sign or banner advertises a public event of general importance to the city, and only if the City Engineer determines the proposed sign or banner can be suspended safely without obstructing sight-lines or obstructing travel on the roadway. Any such sign or banner shall be approved by City Administrator stating the reasons why the sign or banner complies with this division (W)(3), the dates during which the sign or banner may be hung, the exact location and height of the sign or banner, and an exhibit depicting the sign or banner proposed. No sign or banner shall be

affixed to any city pole or other city property without the express written consent of the City Administrator. The applicant shall be civilly liable for any damage to city poles or other property resulting from the fastening or erection of any banner on said poles or other property.

(4) No sign, except as provided for in this division, shall be erected on or overhang any public right-of-way. Wall or facia signs (division (T)(3)(c) above), projecting signs (division (T)(3)(e) above) and signs on awnings, canopies and marquees (division (T)(3)(h) above) may overhang a public right-of-way, excluding the traveled portion of a public street or alleyway.

**Nuisance Abatement Chapter 90**

The city's nuisance ordinance regulates those situations that can be defined as a public nuisance. These can include, but are not limited to, such things as the accumulation of junk and garbage on private property, snow not shoveled off the public sidewalks, the storage of inoperable vehicles, graffiti, dead trees on private property, and vacant buildings. You can access the complete nuisance ordinance on the city webpage as well as register a complaint.

Whenever a code enforcement officer receives a complaint and finds a nuisance exists on the property, notice is sent to the property owner by certified mail giving a reasonable time to abate the nuisance. If the property owner does not abate the nuisance by the time listed on the notice sent to them and seven days have passed, the property owner will receive a sticker on their door outlining that they will have an additional two days to abate the nuisance. If the nuisance is not abated after that time, the property will be sent to a contractor and the property owner will be sent a bill for the cleanup.

Property owners are encouraged to contact the officer who sent them the notification if they need more time to complete the cleanup or have questions regarding the notice they received. The city's code enforcement officers are always willing to assist and help residents in any way they can.

**Chapter 153 Building Numbering**

House numbers are not only convenient for us in getting food, groceries or other deliveries to our door, they are necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. Minutes matter when emergencies occur. Having a house number affixed to your structure in an area that is easily visible from the street helps save precious time.

*Every owner shall comply with the following numbering requirements:*

(A) **Building identification location.** The owner of every building and residence shall obtain and have conspicuously placed a standard type number on the front entryway of the structure, plainly visible from the street or, in the case of rural areas, the number should be attached to the rural mailbox at the street location for identification purpose.

(B) **Number standard.** The type of number should be a standard four-inch-high block letter with a color in contrast to the building wall. On rural type street mailboxes, a three-inch number is permitted.

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**For questions, reach out to Parks & Recreation****Department Administrative Assistant:**

Nancy Housenga at 563-243-1260 or e-mail at NHousenga@cityofclintoniowa.gov, or simply fill out the form and drop off at the Erickson Community Center located at 1401 11th Avenue North, Clinton – Attn: Josh Eggers.



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## CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

## CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION

**Can I do the work myself? What to expect and how to prepare for a construction inspection.**

While scheduled construction site inspections are conducted during the construction phase, most begin in pre-construction during the permit application phase. Having an approved plan is the single most time and money saver for your project whether you are contracting the work to be done or doing the work yourself at your residence.

When a permit application is submitted, a request by the Building Safety Division of the Clinton Fire Department is made for construction details of the project. This is a time when we can help with code requirements that may have been overlooked or were unknown, before any construction money has been spent. This is also the time to make sure the project is within the city's ordinances. Directions for following a code minimum standard are repeated to the customer during the permitting process. A list of adopted codes can be seen on the City of Clinton's website. Licensed contractors are aware of their liabilities but some homeowners taking on their own project may not be.

Homeowners (persons that have the homestead exemption with the County Assessor's office and live at the address in question), can do their own construction work. This does not apply to work on commercial properties or properties for rent because of the homestead requirement. These are rules set down by the State of Iowa Code. When a homeowner takes on a project, they need to realize that they take on the responsibility to know and follow the applicable building codes. Code enforcement doesn't decrease in intensity because of the person or persons doing their own work. Omissions or gaps in the plan can lead to site changes after the installations have occurred. This is something that no one wants and this can lead to frustrations, extended completion times, and added expense.

Once the plan is approved and a permit provided, work begins and no delays should happen if inspections are called for in a timely fashion. If applicable, construction inspections required by the Building Safety Division start with framing of the footing before it is poured, foundation framing before it is poured, framing of the structure, roofing (which is a 2-step process: sheeting and underlayment and final roof), rough-in

of electrical, plumbing and ductwork, if applicable, and a final inspection. The time to call for an inspection is at least a day ahead of when each stage is expected to be finished.

If, for example, an inspection is not requested (and this happens much too often), and the customer is not satisfied later with an outcome, the Building Safety Division of the Clinton Fire Department would not have the information needed to help the customer or even contractor at this point. Walls may have to be removed or roofs lifted in order to settle any disputes. This is certainly not a process anyone wants.

The City inspectors are working on behalf of the customer and the State Fire Marshal's Office to ensure that the project is being built to at least the minimum standard. By working together, pulling the necessary permits and calling for the required inspections, homeowners and contractors can save time and expense.

If you have any questions regarding construction inspections, please reach out to the Building Safety Division of the Clinton Fire Department at (563) 244-3360, Extension 2.

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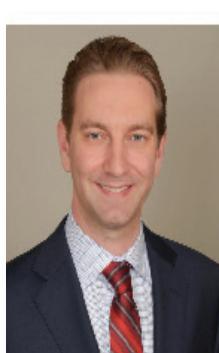
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