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## A Message from Matt Brooke & Mayor

Greetings and wishing everyone warmth as we try to see spring coming through all the snow. It is hard to believe that this is the second year of Lighthouse publications and our hope is that you are getting updates on what is happening within the City of Clinton and staying informed. The adage that rings true during this winter season is that great Cities do the small things right. We see those items as ensuring that Clinton is fiscally sound, continued improvement on infrastructure and streamlining operations to improve the City each and every day.

The Mayor, City Council and staff are ensuring that the City's financial position continues to be monitored and stable. The budget is in the final stretch and is set to be completed in March. The coming year's budget saw a reduction in overall spending while allowing the City to borrow for investing in "Clinton Ready" which means doing numerous projects and doing them for the right reason. Starting from the roads we drive on to get to the great places in Clinton, improving the Library, creating state of art sports fields that will see improvements for soccer, pickle ball, softball and baseball to good 'ole exercising equipment and improving our playground equipment. All the while making the areas safe around them.

Also, focusing on numerous projects of water control and erosion projects starting with Turtle Creek, Car Barn ditch and Mill Creek Pond. Last, but not least, to begin studying "quiet zones" with focus on maintaining safety but lessening the train horn blowing and looking at the feasibility of continuing Riverview Drive from 9th Ave N to 25th Ave N.

This Lighthouse issue continues the focus on connecting with the Citizens. Starting with understanding how and where your local tax dollars are divided up, understanding what the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) is and does, staying safe with the Fire Department's testing and installing fire alarm devices, Police Department adding body cameras and a new Lead Abatement program that provides instructions for who qualifies and how to sign up. Along with all the great happenings at the Clinton Library. In addition, we are updating the phone system at City Hall so Citizens can connect with the right department or hear the message of the day that may include closures, snow emergencies, or solid waste pick up delay or just getting to the right department to solve your issue and keep all citizens more informed.

Finally, remember as with past editions of the Lighthouse, it is all about thinking positive and getting involved. As we continue to have potential business opportunities come to town, it typically is the smallest of things that could finalize a company's decision to put their business in Clinton. It could be the one conversation they have with a Citizen, as that Citizens tells them all the great things going on in Clinton and why one wouldn't want to bring a business here. From the amazing the number of organizations that consist of volunteers within the City of Clinton. Day in and day out the countless hours put in by these volunteers makes us extremely proud. Especially when it comes to Parks and Recreation programs that will be offered this coming spring and the countless coaches, adults and kids that volunteer to make the experience awesome and attach memories for a lifetime. To all the wonderful things to see and do with a Riverview. Again, thank you to everyone as we continue to work each day to make Clinton a GREAT place to live, play and enjoy life.

Mayor Mark Vulich

Matt Brooke, City Administrator

## What Exactly Is The "RWRF" In Clinton, Iowa?

As a citizen of Clinton, Iowa are you really aware of the great economic development tool that we have right here in front of all of us?

Most of you are not aware of the formal name which is the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF). With the construction of this multi-million dollar facility came the new name which goes along with the modernized equipment and technology. In the past we have all known and regarded the former sewage plant as the "Treatment Plant". This new facility is sized for future industries whereas the old "Treatment Plant" was maxed out.

With the new facility comes major changes along with the name to step forward and keep up with new and better ways to make our City function at its best. It's amazing what takes place within these cement buildings with all the new modernized machines and technology to keep our City's sewer system running smooth and safe for all of our residents. And this all goes hand in hand to keep our biggest asset, the Mississippi River, unpolluted. We work in close relationship with the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency to keep up with all codes, permits, and regulations.

So that being said, has this peaked your interest

at all to really look into, see for yourself, and realize how this all works for all of us? Did you know you can call us at any time and do a walk through (or ride through) and have an explanation of how this all works? It is an eye opener! As a citizen of Clinton, you have that right and privilege to gain this knowledge and see it all right here. We are very lucky to have this economic development tool here in Clinton, Iowa. Tours are scheduled at any time during the day which anyone or group can take advantage of.

So, in closing, if you ever hear someone talking about the "RWRF" you will know exactly what they are talking about!

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## CITY SIDEWALKS

Toddlers learn to walk, kids walk to school and adults take the dog for a walk. Walking is arguably the most abundant activity we take part in our lives. It is used to get from point A to point B, the couch to the fridge or from home to school. We go for a walk to exercise, look at the changing leaves or just to relax and ponder the day that has been or the day that lies just ahead. We walk and walk and it's a part of everybody's day.

Unfortunately, a nice walk can be interrupted in a number of different ways and not just from a poorly timed phone call that interrupts an otherwise tranquil walk. A severely misaligned segment of sidewalk can create a tripping hazard, tree roots can cause the walking path to heave, low spots hold puddles, non-uniform settling can make for a steep path and cracking combined with any of these problems can just exacerbate the problems further. All of these are problems that come with the physical existence of a sidewalk at that location. There are many areas where the sidewalk may cease all together for one property or an entire block. Spots that lack a sidewalk may be trampled down into a muddy path, there may be trees, bushes and trash bins that you are forced to dodge or you may be forced to move out into the street, which means contending with cars. This scenario is only considering walking through decent weather. Once the snow flies, if you are still out walking whether for pleasure or because it's required for transportation purposes, you have to worry about sidewalks not being shoveled. While cracks and heaved areas may create quite the headache when shoveling, just imagine discovering one that is buried beneath an inch or so of fresh snow while walking. All of this can turn a normal walk along the sidewalk into an exercise in navigating an obstacle course.

Over the last few months, the Engineering Department has been surveying the state of Clinton's existing sidewalk infrastructure. Parts of town sport new sidewalk that are in good condition, while other areas include sidewalk that has failed, and some areas have sidewalk that has been around for decades and hardly show signs of wear. While the expected useful life of a sidewalk is 50-75 years, depending on various factors, even the best of sidewalks can be destroyed by tree roots and frost, making new and old sidewalks equally susceptible.

To assess the existing sidewalk infrastructure, the department used the following factors to determine the current integrity of our sidewalks: heaving, cracking and spalling. Sidewalk that has heaved via thermal expansion (frost) or tree roots are known to have significant tripping hazards - nonetheless this is not the only cause of tripping hazards. Settlement attributed to improper backfill, poor compaction or washouts can be a cause as well. A simple crack in a sidewalk isn't necessarily evidence of sidewalk failure but is a sincere precursor to future failure. Occasionally a crack can take quite a long time to form and then become a hazard and other times they can develop and result in sidewalk failure and a hazardous situation relatively quickly. Should a particular segment of sidewalk have multiple cracks, this significantly increases the chances for tripping hazards at those locations. Spalling occurs when the surface of the concrete begins to wear away exposing the aggregate and creating an uneven surface. These are not the only factors to consider in a sidewalks' integrity.

The sidewalks were also evaluated on their cross slope, consistency and continuity. A proper ADA accessible sidewalk will have a cross slope less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " per foot falling towards the roadway. This creates a surface that can be easily walked upon and is ideal for wheel chairs as well, yet allows the water to shed off and make its way towards the gutter, conveying all water to the storm inlets. A proper stretch of sidewalk should run at a consistent pitch and slope. Should the pitch and slope of each panel be different than the panel immediately preceding it, this will impair the use of the sidewalk. The final aspect to be considered was the continuity of said sidewalk. Some areas of town have more consistent sidewalks than others. Consistency can be reduced by large trees or bushes or simply blocks or particular yards completely void of sidewalks. It is not unusual to move through town and come to a sidewalk that has terminated and begins again at the next yard or block. In these instances, pedestrians are then required to walk out in the road or walk through yards which can be frowned upon.

Through this inventory, it is evident that the city's current approach to sidewalk maintenance needs to be examined. Currently all work on sidewalks in town is reactionary and cannot even be referred to as maintenance because maintenance implies the knowledge of the existing condition along with regular inspections of the whole system. Currently even some city facilities like parks are not properly accessible because of lacking sidewalk nearby. The City will be considering a revised sidewalk maintenance policy in order to improve a sidewalk network that will not improve unless it gets the attention it deserves.

This is a step that the engineering department has been taking, and will continue to do, to handle permitting of sidewalk construction and you can actively help with this. Should you decide to replace the sidewalk in front of your residence, rental unit or business, come to the engineering department's office to pick up a permit. There is a small fee, \$10 for every 15 linear feet of sidewalk, but as a part of the permit, a member of the Engineering Department staff will inspect the sidewalk prior to the concrete being poured to ensure that it has been properly compacted, has the requisite expansion, and is the right thickness. It will also be inspected after to make sure the sidewalk has been properly backfilled, seeded and that the concrete is holding up. Another way that residents can help is to keep their small segment of sidewalk free from items that may accumulate such as snow, leaves and grass clippings.

Sidewalks may often be overlooked and underappreciated, but there are a lot of people who depend on them. Kids learn to ride their first bikes on them, mail carriers pound them day after day, and everybody can remember that hill they walked up both ways to and from school when they were young. A fully accessible and well maintained system of sidewalks - free of tripping hazards - offers a well-connected network that allows all pedestrians to access any part of town. Just like homes and roads, sidewalks demand regular attention and settling on a proactive maintenance plan will ensure the network will become and continue to be useful for all.

## AIRPORT 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

### Economic Impact

We tracked over 235 known business flights. These flights brought passengers from all parts of the country to visit industrial sites, manufacturing plants, real estate locations, construction projects, and more throughout Clinton and surrounding counties.



### Improvement Projects

We replaced 25 year old underground fuel storage tanks with new aboveground fuel storage tanks. This project was funded in large part with grant money from the Iowa DOT, and eliminated the risk of in-ground leaks from older storage tanks.



### Events

The airport was host to the 18th annual Cessna 150/152 Fly-In which brought approx. 55 airplanes and 85 visitors to the airport for a week in July. This event also brings visitors to the area from all over the country as well as some international visitors. During the fly-in week we also provided tours to around 80 children in summer activity camps.

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## TREES

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 over 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 as well as if the tree is dying or diseased.

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## Do You Realize Your Toilet IS NOT A Trashcan?

Tired of hearing of high sewer costs? Here is a way you - as a Clinton city resident, can help.

Have you ever stopped and really thought about what foreign objects you automatically just "flush" thinking it is not harmful to our sewer systems? Or even to our own personal home systems? It's hard to imagine when you flush, what and where exactly everything is going and what problems may occur. It's just gone and forgotten. Most people just don't think about it.

A back up in your home (plugged sewer) that can cause raw sewage coming up, is a very devastating experience. It is also very costly and time consuming for you and everyone involved.

There are so many products that people simply flush down the toilet. Even if a product says it is "flushable"... Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed! The biggest product on the market that claims to be flushable are WIPES. There are various types of WIPES - all claiming to be "flushable". They do not break down in the sewer system and are one of the worst culprits in clogging up the systems. They are sold to us consumers as being "flushable" and they are not. They need to be disposed of properly in a trash container.

Other products not to be flushed are the obvious - paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of rag, feminine hygiene products, and facial tissues.

Only one thing to always remember as stated earlier in this article, "Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!" No Wipes Down the Pipes!!

## From the Finance Department

The Fiscal Year 2019 budget season is underway. The city's budget must be approved and submitted to the County and to the State of Iowa by March 15th of every year.

Many economic factors face a municipality when setting the budget - the first one being economic changes to the valuation of all of the property within the city. For Fiscal Year 2019, taxable valuation is down because of the rollback on residential property. What does this mean? If you are a homeowner, and own property that has a Fair Market Value (FMV) of \$100,000 - you only pay property taxes on a portion of that value - the 'rolled back' value. For Fiscal Year 2018 the residential rollback was 56.9391%. For Fiscal Year 2019 the residential rollback is 55.6209%. Here's what this means to you as a homeowner, and what it means to the city, as a taxing body:

	2018	2019
FMV of Your House	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Residential Rollback	56.9391%	55.6209%
Taxable Value	\$ 56,939	\$ 55,621
City's General Fund Levy (per \$1,000 in taxable value)	\$ 8.37	\$ 8.37
Your property taxes that support the General Fund	\$ 476.58	\$ 465.55
<i>Decrease in property taxes paid for FY19</i>	<i>\$ (11.03)</i>	

In total - the decrease in residential property valuation for Fiscal Year 2019 - attributable to the residential rollback - is \$10.1 Million. This is a loss of \$85,000 in property tax revenues that supports the operation of the city's general fund. Those departments directly affected are Police; Fire; Parks & Recreation; Library; Building & Neighborhood Services; and all of the other General Government functions of the city.

The General Fund levy that is enumerated above is a portion of the city's overall tax levy. For Fiscal Year 2018 the city's total property tax levy is \$15.63968 per \$1,000 in taxable valuation. The other pieces of the city's levy (besides the \$8.37 that supports the General Fund) are as follows:

General Fund Levy	\$ 8.37000
Property Liability	\$ 0.30696
Police & Fire Retirement/IPERS/Other	\$ 4.38315
Debt Service	\$ 2.57957
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15.63968</b>

Then, the city's property tax levy is only a portion of the total property taxes that you pay. If you live within the city, and the Clinton School District, the other taxing bodies that are included in the total property taxes that you pay are: State TB Fund (.00310); The County (7.82264); The Area College (1.03000); The Assessor's Office (.48520); The Ag Extension (.12334); and The School District (16.81474) for a total of \$41.9187 (per \$1,000 in taxable valuation). This is better illustrated in this graph:

We are 4 weeks into the budget workshops, and hope to finish up in the next couple of weeks.

The departments have been working together to fit their operating budgets within the constraints that we are faced with - all the while being diligent about preserving the services that our residents deserve and need. It is difficult (for example) to grow a police force when the amount of money available to operate it keeps being reduced by forces outside of our control (the residential rollback).

Please take the time to educate yourself about how city government works - how property taxes are assessed and used - and how the other fees that you pay (not just property taxes) are accounted for. You're never too cool to learn something new!

## Openings on Boards and Commissions

The City of Clinton currently has openings on the following Boards and Commissions:

- ADA Advisory Commission
- Finance Committee
- Housing Board of Appeals

Interested applicants must be a resident of the City of Clinton and cannot serve on more than two City boards or commissions. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found in the document center of the City's website as well as at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. For questions, please call the Clerk's office at 244-3421.

- Human Rights Commission
- Library Board
- City Plan Commission

## Animal Control Issues:

The procedure for removal of small dead animals (i.e., dog, cat, squirrel) in a roadway is to contact the Clinton Police Department non-emergency number at: 563-243-1458 and the Public Safety Officer (PSO) will assist with removal.

For removal of live, medium sized animals (such as a raccoon), contact: Eric Perry, the "Wildlife Wrangler" at: 563-559-6989. Eric will capture the

animal for the homeowner and release it into the country for a fee.

For large dead animals (such as deer) that are too large for the PSO to remove on their own, the Public Works Department may be called upon to assist with removal. All fires must be attended by an adult with an extinguishing agent readily available.

## Burn Rules:

From April 1st - May 15th, the City of Clinton will allow open burning for those residents with lots of one acre or larger on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays between the hours of: 10 am - 5 pm, weather and wind permitting. Fires must be no closer than 25 feet to a structure or other combustible material. Open

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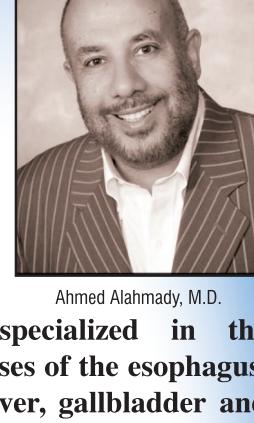
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## CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Clinton Curfew Ordinance

As Spring quickly approaches and the weather warms, more and more people will want to spend time outdoors. Our children are no different. They will want to be outdoors and stay outside later and later. It may become more difficult for a responsible adult to know the whereabouts of the child. Nevertheless, the City of Clinton has a Curfew Ordinance. The Clinton Police Department wants everyone to know the specifics of the Curfew Ordinance.

Unless accompanied by a responsible adult, no minor under 14 years of age shall be in any public place in the City of Clinton during the following times:

**Sunday through Thursday:**  
10:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. each day

**Friday and Saturday:**  
11:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. each day

Unless accompanied by a responsible adult, no minor aged 14 to 17 shall be in any public place in the City of Clinton on any day between 12:00 midnight through 6:00 a.m.

#### **There are a few exceptions to these hours:**

1. The minor is accompanied by a responsible adult;
2. When the minor is on the sidewalk or property where the minor resides;
3. The minor is traveling between home and one of the following exceptions
  - a. Minor's place of employment;
  - b. Minor's place of religious activity;
  - c. Governmental or political activity;
  - d. Professional entertainment, with proof of attendance;
  - e. School activity;
  - f. Assembly such as a march, protest, demonstration, sit-in or meeting of an association for the advancement of economic, political, religious or cultural matters, or for any other activity protected by the First Amendment. (all of these activities must be within one hour after the end or before the beginning of the excepted event)

4. The minor is on an emergency life, property or medical errand for a responsible adult;

5. The minor's business, trade or occupation, in which the minor is permitted by law to be engaged, requires the presence of the minor in a public place.

It is unlawful for any responsible adult knowingly to permit or to allow a minor to be in any public place in the city within the time periods outlined above.

#### **So what happens when your child is charged with a Curfew Violation?**

After the minor is taken into custody or issued a citation, the officer shall make an effort to notify the adult responsible for the minor. The minor will be released to the adult upon the promise of the person to produce the child in court, when required.

A curfew violation is a simple misdemeanor punishable up to a \$100 fine or perform community service, as ordered by the court.

### Body-Worn Camera Deployment for Clinton PD

The Clinton Police have embarked on the first phase of its planned roll-out of body-worn cameras to officers. The deployment, which gets underway in February, follows a successful trial period, as well as a public consultation and input from area leaders.

In the wake of high-profile incidents in Ferguson, Chicago, North Charleston, Baltimore, and elsewhere, law enforcement agencies across the country have rapidly adopted body-worn cameras for their officers. One of the main selling points for these cameras is their potential to provide transparency into police interactions, and to help protect civil rights. Body worn video will support our officers in the many challenging situations they have to deal with, at the same time as building the public's confidence.

Body-worn cameras are small cameras which can be clipped onto a police officer's uniform or belt and turned on to record video and audio of law enforcement encounters with the public. The video is often saved with time and date stamps and GPS coordinates. The department can select input that triggers body-worn cameras to automatically turn on without manual activation, such as turning on a police car's lights or sirens, crash sensor activation, when

the car reaches a certain speed, or when nearby dashboard cameras or body cameras are switched on. All footage is uploaded to external databases maintained by the department.

Video captures events in a way that can't be represented on paper in the same detail. It has been shown that the mere presence of this type of video can often defuse potentially violent situations without the need for force to be used.

The Clinton Police Department will use the technology to gather evidence. They also offer greater transparency regarding the behavior of officers themselves, something which is particularly relevant following the recent national discussions about the use of stop and search.

Once the device has been docked at the end of the shift, all footage is automatically uploaded to secure servers, before being tagged for use in court. Video not retained as evidence or for a policing purpose is automatically deleted within 91 days. The Clinton Police Department anticipates the body worn camera system to be fully operational within the next month.

### Alcohol Sales Compliance Checks to be Performed

As a law enforcement agency in Clinton County, the Clinton Police Department is in support of the Gateway ImpACT Coalition Community Coalition Grant through the Iowa Department of Public Health to implement substance abuse prevention strategies to reduce underage use of alcohol in our community.

As a part of this project, law enforcement will be completing alcohol compliance checks across Clinton County, including the city of Clinton, in the next few weeks. Compliance checks are an enforcement strategy which checks the sale of alcohol to individuals under the legal drinking age. Compliance checks are conducted at least once annually by using underage customers, under the supervision of a law enforcement official, who enter a retail establishment and attempt to purchase alcohol. Clerks who make the illegal sale will be cited.

If you are a business owner who sells alcohol, now is the time to train and remind all your point of sale clerks on the proper identification and sale of alcohol to your customers. If you are a clerk whose responsibility includes the sale of alcohol, check ID's! You are the one who will receive the citation when an illegal sale is made.

The Gateway ImpACT Coalition offers retailer and point of sale employee training. Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) is a FREE training program designed to prevent inebriation, drunk driving, and underage drinking. TIPS certified staff are less likely to sell to underage people, are more knowledgeable about state and local regulations, have fewer penalties for alcohol violations and improve customer service and satisfaction. All the TIPS classes are FREE and held at Clinton Community College Technology Center, 1951 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton. Registration is required. For more information about the TIPS training or to schedule a TIPS training at your business call (563) 241-4371 or email kristin@gatewayimpactcoalition.com.



#### CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Non-Emergency: 563-243-1458

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## CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### NEW EMPLOYEES



Alexander "Alex" Dodd has accepted the position of Clinton Police Officer with the City of Clinton. Alex is a life-long resident of Clinton, Iowa. Alex started his employment on January 2, 2018 and is now receiving his training at

the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in Johnston, Iowa. Alex is scheduled to graduate from the Academy on April 18, 2018.



Joseph "Joe" Gandrup has accepted the position as a Police Reserve Officer with the Clinton Police Department. Joe is a graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy and a member of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni. Joe has begun

his reserve training which will continue over the next several months. This position replaces one of the two vacancies created when Reserve Officers Livesay and Winter were hired as full-time police officers.

### CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

Clinton Police officers respond to many calls for service. The types of calls range from the serious, personal injury type crime, traffic accidents, assaults, etc., to the less serious property crime such as a theft or vandalism. There may be times during an officer's shift that calls from the public must be evaluated and a response made based on the type of call received and not necessarily in the order in which the call was received. However, we realize that every call is important.

Many theft crimes may be considered crimes of opportunity. We see in the paper and on local television newscasts that many reported crimes occurred because someone with a criminal thought found an opportunity to commit a crime. That is, the offender chose a target offering a high reward with little effort and risk. An example of a crime of opportunity could be an individual walking down the alley in the middle of the night checking to see if car doors are locked, with the intent to take the change sitting in the center console. In this instance, if your vehicle was locked, the subject would have just kept on walking to check the next car. Another example may be when an individual is walking down the sidewalk, sees a bicycle left out in the front yard and takes it and deserts it close to his destination. Both examples of theft could have been avoided by taking a little extra time to lock things up when you leave your vehicle or retire for the night.

You can help keep yourself, your neighborhood and your community safe from these crimes of opportunity by following these steps:

- Keep your car doors locked. Do not leave your car running.
- Don't leave valuables in your car.
- Bring in bikes, toys, tools, etc, at the end of the day.
- Do not leave your overhead garage door open.
- Lock your home, even if you are present.
- Use exterior lighting around your house during the evening hours.
- Mark all your valuables so if they are stolen, they can easily be identified as yours.
- Document all valuables in your home. Use a smart phone app or note cards to document the make, model and serial numbers of TVs, stereos, cell phones and other electronics and high dollar items in your home.
- Don't leave laptops, purses, electronics next to a door or in open areas of your home.

For more tips on preventing crime and other topics to keep you and your family safe, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council website at <https://www.ncpc.org/>.

### Clinton Police to Partner with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine, and Vapor Product Education and Enforcement



The Clinton Police Department has taken a pledge to keep tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products out of the hands of Clinton's youth.

Known as I-PLEDGE, the program is a partnership with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD) to educate local retailers and to enforce Iowa's tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor product laws. Since the program's inception in 2000, the statewide tobacco compliance rate has grown to 91%. By participating in the program, the Clinton Police Department has committed to do its part to increase the compliance rate even more this year.

I-PLEDGE places the emphasis on retailer training. Clerks who successfully complete an online training course and then pass an exam will become I-PLEDGE certified. This allows a retail establishment to use an affirmative defense against a civil penalty if the certified clerk makes an illegal sale.

"I-PLEDGE retailer training is a great way for clerks to prepare themselves to refuse illegal tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor product sales," Clinton Police Chief Kevin Gyron said. "The training also assists retailers to ensure they maintain a compliant and responsible establishment."

Clinton Police Officers will also be conducting compliance checks on local establishments as part of the I-PLEDGE program. Underage customers, under the supervision of law enforcement officials, will enter establishments and attempt to buy tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products. Clerks who make the illegal sale will be cited.

Criminal penalties for selling tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products to a minor include a \$100 fine for a first offense, a \$250 fine for a second offense and a \$500 fine for third and subsequent offenses. However, handing out citations is not the intent of the I-PLEDGE program.

"By partnering with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, we hope to educate clerks and maintain a compliant retail environment in our community," Chief Gyron said. "Moreover, we pledge to help keep tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products out of the hands of Iowa's youth."

To take the I-PLEDGE training or search certification records go to <https://abd.iowa.gov/>.

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As many of you know, the CFD "Smoke Detector Project" is a program that was born out of tragedy. Now in our 8th year, we are as busy as ever installing detectors in the homes of our residents, and the program has become part of our normal workday. In the last 8 years, we have installed over 5000 detectors, checked batteries, and offered in home safety inspections; and we have no desire to slow this down. This program has been made possible through the generosity of local donors throughout the community, mostly from local fundraising that was done by a large group of volunteers back in 2010. As we hope to continue this program as long as it's needed, there will always be a need for additional funding, and if anyone knows of a civic group or organization looking for a project we could always use fundraising help.

We also need help to continue identifying those who need this valuable service. Our goal and hope is that every residence in Clinton would have working smoke detectors installed correctly. If you are reading this and either need our service, or know someone who does, please call and set up a time that we can stop by. We will be glad to offer:

- A home safety inspection to give you helpful tips on how to make your home safer
- Guidance on how to create a home fire escape plan
- A survey of your current smoke detectors to make sure that they are in working condition and installed in the best location
- Installation of new detectors if needed



Please call us if you have any questions at all regarding your home fire safety. There is NO CHARGE for this service! We can be reached at 563-242-0125 to schedule an appointment, at your convenience.

#### CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCIES: 911 | FAX: 563-243-6724

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## Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes Program

### CITIES OF CLINTON AND MAQUOKETA

The cities of Clinton and Maquoketa have received a Housing and Urban Development Lead and Healthy Homes Grant. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners and rental property owners to reduce lead-based paint hazards in homes with young children. Eligibility for this program is based on household income and the presence of a child under the age of six that lives in the home or visits frequently.

- Lead-based paint is prevalent in homes built prior to 1978. If your house was built before 1978 and any of the following conditions exist, we can help:
- Painted surfaces that are chipping, peeling, cracking or otherwise deteriorated.
- Paint that is accessible to children under the age of six and is

chewable. Examples of chewable surfaces are: window sills, stair treads, handrails and spindles.

- Paint on impact surfaces where it can be easily chipped. Examples: doors, door jambs and baseboards.
- Paint that is on a friction surface where movement creates dust. Examples: windows and floors.

Grant funds will be available for three years. It is anticipated that we will be making approximately 64 homes "lead-safe". There is also supplemental funding for Healthy Homes. These funds become available if lead is detected in the home.

For program information please contact Joe Blodgett at [jbloodgett@ecia.org](mailto:jbloodgett@ecia.org) or 563-690-5706 or Ryan Feller at [rfeller@ecia.org](mailto:rfeller@ecia.org) or 563-690-5711 or visit [http://ecia.org/lead/lead\\_program.cfm](http://ecia.org/lead/lead_program.cfm).

## Building & Neighborhood Services – Nuisances

We are here to help make Clinton a better community. If you receive a notice that your property has been tagged for a nuisance, we want you to understand what that notice means. It isn't a summons. It isn't a citation. It isn't a placard. It isn't a condemnation. It means your property, at present, does not conform to Clinton's Code of Ordinances and is a request for you to make the required improvement in order to comply.

Please understand that even though it is a request, it is required. If you don't abate the nuisance yourself, we will have the city's contractor do it for you, and you will have to pay his invoice, plus a processing fee. Along with that,

you are subject to civil and/or municipal citations.

Building and Neighborhood Services does not want ANY of this to happen. First and foremost, we want you to take care of your property. But, if you do get a notice, BNS inspectors are more than willing to work with you. The key is communication. Call our office if you just don't understand why you are receiving the notice or are struggling to meet the deadline. We will be glad to explain the process and work with you to keep up your property and keep our city beautiful.

Monday – Friday 8-4:30p  
563.244.3360

## Please Number Your House!

### City of Clinton Code of Ordinances Chapter 153 Building Numbering

The City of Clinton has an ordinance requiring that all buildings, including homes, be numbered. The numbers should be on the front entryway, should be 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Color should contrast with the house color so to be seen from the street. In rural areas, the numbers should be attached to the rural mailbox at the street location. In town, where mailboxes are present at the street, numbers should be placed on the mailbox as well as the house near the entry, so to be seen from the street. Numbers on rural or street level mailboxes, should be

in 3 inch block numbers and contrast the mailbox color to ensure proper visibility. We ask you to comply with Chapter 153 so emergency personnel can locate your house in an emergency.

Failure to number the structure in accordance with Chapter 153 after being notified to do so, will cause the City to number your building and assess the cost against the property in the same manner as a property tax. It also subjects the property owner to civil citations, or municipal infractions per City of Clinton Ordinance, Chapter 10, section 10.99 General Penalty.

## Building Permit Inspections

Recently we have had a couple of complaints about missed inspections on building projects. We here in Building & Neighborhood Services are available and able to inspect any project with a requested 24 hour notice before the inspection is needed. In emergency situations and for roofing projects, we can many times provide same day service. However, Building & Neighborhood Services needs to be notified when an inspection is needed by either the contractor or the homeowner. Many times we are not notified until a project is finished, and so we cannot do a full inspection if items have been covered by

wallboard or a layer of asphalt roofing. When we cannot see what is behind a wall or under a roof, we cannot verify if every aspect is code compliant. This means we sometimes have to close out a project without an approved status on the project. Please make sure that you or your contractor call for all required inspections. A list of those inspections is available in our office and is given to homeowners or contractors when they pick up a building permit. Our goal is to provide excellent service to our community and we cannot meet that goal if we aren't made aware of the need for an inspection.

## LANDLORDS

We started a new billing procedure for Rental Inspections January 1st 2018. You will receive your scheduled Rental Occupancy Renewal Notice approximately 30 days prior to date of inspection. The bottom portion of letter should be detached and returned with payment

prior to scheduled appointment. Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until paid. If bill is not paid and sent to lien, the owner will be subject to accessed fees, penalties, possible citations and possible placard.

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## STREET/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

Upcoming Solid Waste/  
Recycling Delays:MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Memorial Day – There will be no Solid Waste/Recycling collection. Solid Waste collection will be delayed one day, with Friday's route collected on Saturday, June 1st.

FOURTH OF JULY – WEDNESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

There will be regular collection on Monday and Tuesday, July 2nd and 3rd, but no collection on Wednesday, July 4th. Solid Waste collection will be delayed one day, with Friday's route collected on Saturday, July 7th.

YARD CART COLLECTION RESUMES ON MONDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

## City Hall Closing

MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> & FOURTH OF JULY – JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

City Hall will re-open at 8 am on the following days.

## Staff Development Day Closures

Beginning in 2018, City Hall and the Administrative offices located at the Erickson Center will be closed to the public for Staff Development Days on the following dates:

## Monday, February 19th; October 8th and November 12th

All phone calls will be returned on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, when normal office hours will resume.

The activity area and gyms at the Erickson Center will remain open (regular

scheduled hours) and all programming at the Erickson Center will take place as scheduled. The Police Department and MTA Administrative offices will be open as well (regular scheduled hours).

All bus routes and paratransit services will be operational on those days. Solid waste and recycling pickup will take place as scheduled on those days, as well.

Please contact Administration with any questions: 242-2144.

## GIVE ME 5!

The City of Clinton attempts to notify the public of garbage delays, City Hall closures and/or weather events through several media outlets: the City of Clinton website: [www.cityofclintoniowa.us](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.us); the City of Clinton Facebook page: CityofClintonIowa and also through press releases to the Clinton Herald, the quarterly Lighthouse Newsletter, KROS and through text messaging. To receive text alerts from the City of Clinton, please do the following:

**STEP 1:** Text\* CLINTON5 to 36000

**STEP 2:** Reply "Y" to opt-in to the program

**STEP 3:** Get updates from the City

\*Standard text message rates apply. Cancel at any time by texting STOP to 36000.

## Here are some reasons to get text alerts:

1. Know when your garbage and recycling will be delayed due to weather or a holiday.
2. Find out when a Snow Event and Calendar Parking are in effect
3. The information comes directly to you!



## Single - Stream Recycling

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## REMINDERS

**The City of Clinton no longer provides Large Item Collection** – for persons needing to dispose of large items, they may be taken directly to the Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency located at: 4292 220th St. - Clinton, IA 52732. For questions about the landfill, please call (563) 243-4749 or visit the website at: [www.ccaswa.com](http://www.ccaswa.com)

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Time to "Spring Forward"! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th ... this is also a great time to **CHANGE BATTERIES IN ALL SMOKE ALARMS!**

**The City of Clinton does not collect and/or dispose of used sharps**, as they pose a potential threat to the Sanitation workers. However, residents may transport and dispose of sharps collected in an empty laundry soap container, labelled and dropped off free of charge at the Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency located at: 4292 220th Street – Clinton, Iowa. CCASWA may also be contacted as follows: [ccaswa@ccaswa.com](mailto:ccaswa@ccaswa.com) or at: 563-243-4749

**To assist the public**, a work order may be created and assigned to ANY department through the City of Clinton's website. Go to: [www.cityofclintoniowa.us](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.us) and click on CONTACT US and choose OPEN A NEW TICKET – then just follow the prompts. A work order may be created at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. All work orders are addressed according to the order it was received and its public safety ranking.

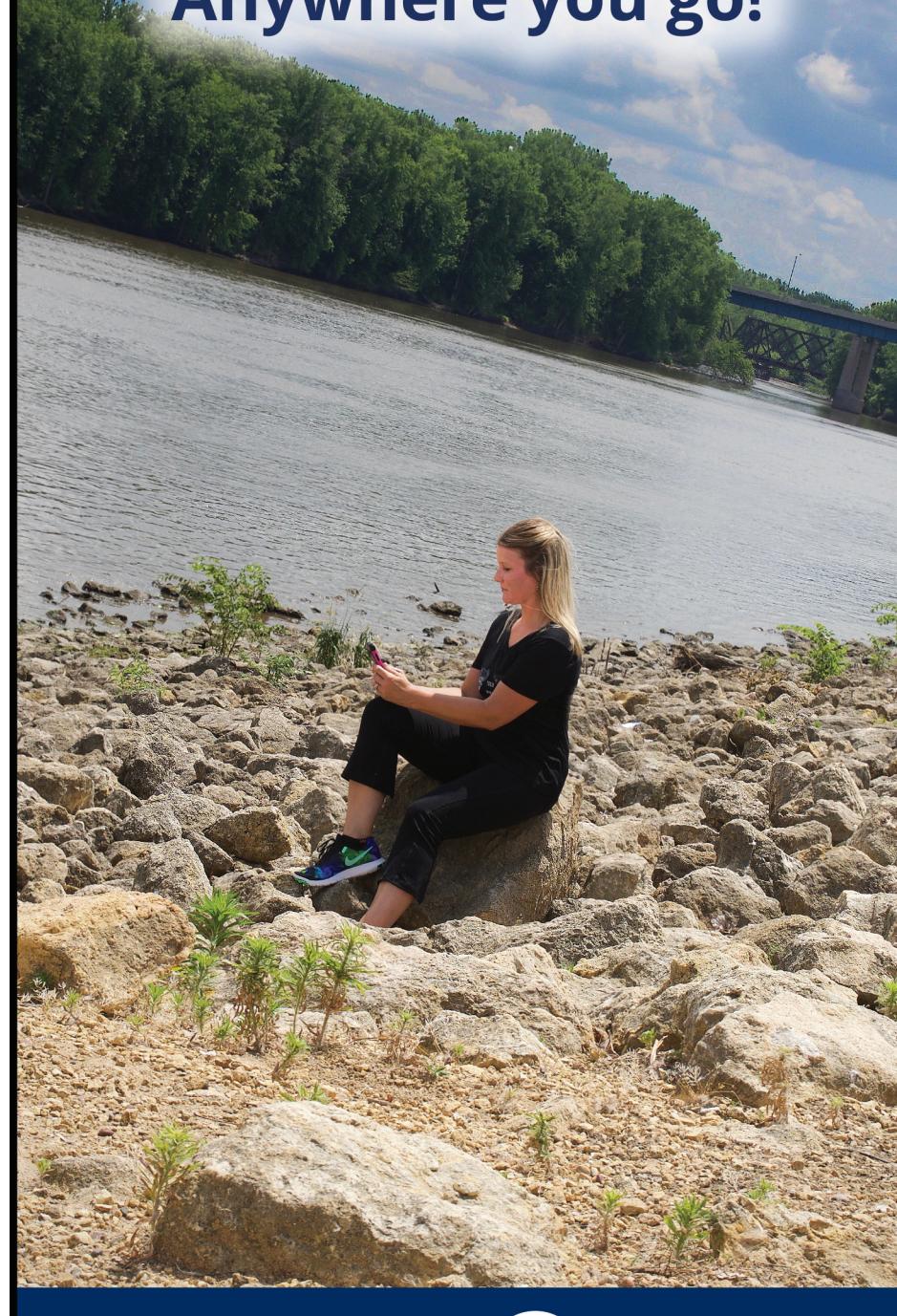
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**February 22:** Chris McCulloh, Operation Main Street, National Pork Board

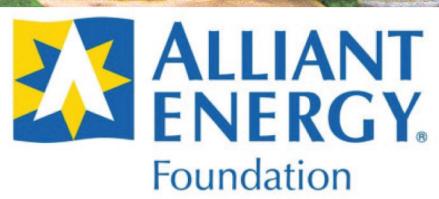
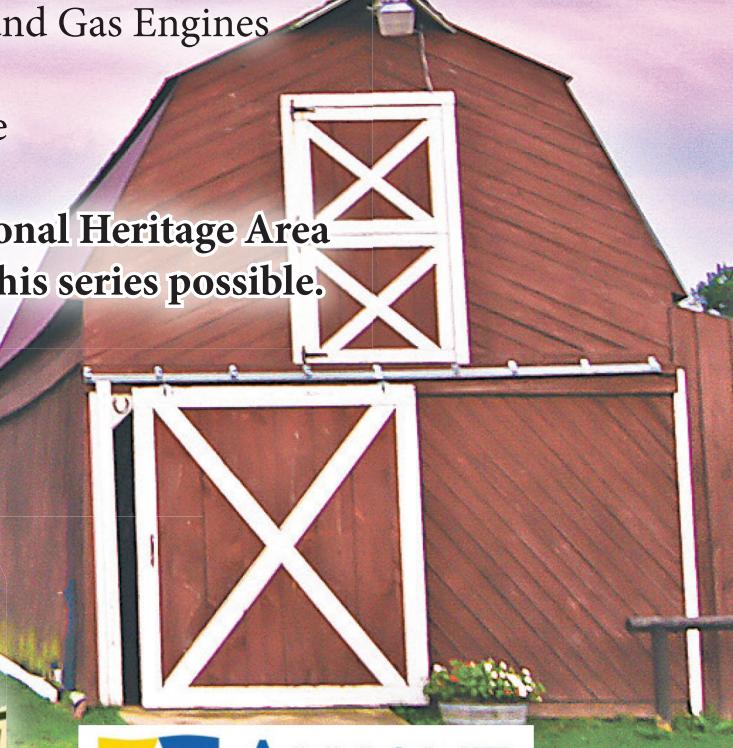
**March 1:** Rita Hart, State Senator, Legislative Response to Challenges and Changes in Agriculture

**March 8:** Matt Parbs and Bob Alt, Antique Farm Machines and Gas Engines

**March 15:** Jim Greif, 120 Years of Tractors

**March 22:** Bill Mueller, author of Come to the Farm with Me

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The Clinton Public Library offers a full range of multimedia collections accessible both onsite, online, and through interlibrary loan. CPL-Main houses the main circulating collection, which includes physical volumes of books, periodicals, CD, DVDs, audiobooks, reference items, and other materials for patrons of all ages.

The library also provides free programming for all ages from storytimes to special speakers and even the Clinton Book Festival. There's a little something for everyone at the Clinton Public Library.



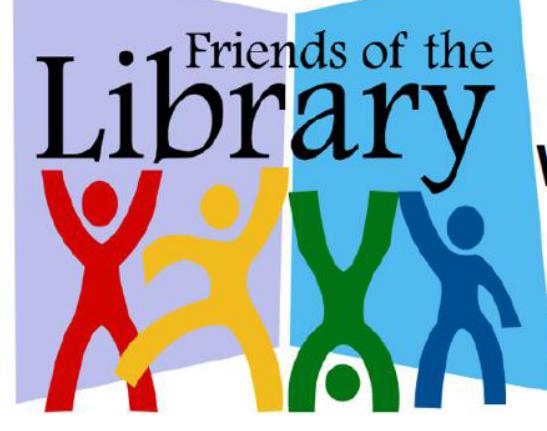
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR AN IN-SERVICE DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Meet Our New Children's Librarian!

Gabriella Torres is a Clinton native who is happy to call Clinton home again after spending 7 years in New York City and 6 years in Seoul, South Korea. She has an MFA in Creative Writing from The New School University and an MA in TEFL/TESL from the University of Birmingham in England. Her passions

include writing, poetry, nature, traveling, and, of course, reading! She is very excited to be working with the CPL staff to offer teens and kids a variety of programming including a teen book club, STEAM after-school activities, and more!

## Friends of the Library Bookstore



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**Wednesday**  
2pm-6pm  
**Saturday**  
10am-2pm

## COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT: Local History And Genealogy Center!

Are you new to genealogy and family history? Do you have an interest in these but don't know where to begin? Maybe you're a seasoned researcher looking for that hard-to-find piece of information? Or perhaps you're looking to rekindle a project that's been on hold. Whatever your level of experience, we welcome you to visit CPL-Lyons to break through brick walls, connect with other family history and genealogy researchers, and

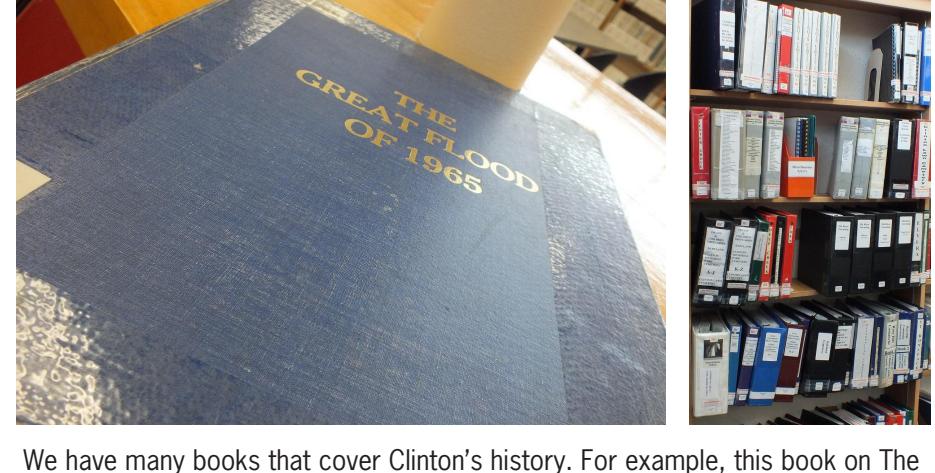
explore the many resources available in our collections and online.

The collection at the Local History and Genealogy Center includes: Local Newspapers (1856-present), City Directories and Land Records, Vital Records (pre-1932), County School Records, Census Records, Family and Town Histories, Maps and Plat Books, Year Books and Directories, Passenger and Immigration Indexes, Cemetery Indices and Sourcebooks.



The microfilm collection includes Clinton, Iowa newspapers starting in February 1856 - August 2017. There are also a few reels of will records, death records, and marriage records.

Cemetery books include helpful information such as: name, birth date, city, burial date, age, lot, and the section in the cemetery where they are buried.



We have many books that cover Clinton's history. For example, this book on The Great Flood of 1965.



The majority of our year book collection is Clinton High School, but it also includes some from Our Lady of Angels (OLA), Fulton High School, and Mater Dei.

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LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Boardroom  
DAY & TIMES: First Thursday of the Month - 12:00pm

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH MOVIE SERIES****Thursday, February 1st**

4:30pm-6:30pm | "The Defiant Ones"

**Saturday, February 10th**

1:00pm-3:00pm | "In the Heat of the Night"

**Saturday, February 17th**

1:00pm-3:00pm | "42"

**Saturday, February 24th**

1:00pm-3:00pm | "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman"

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**GETTING AID IN FEDERAL AID: FAFSA 101**

Teresa Thiede, Financial Aid Officer and Heather Evans, Admissions and Community Outreach Coordinator from CCC will both be at the library to assist parents that are filing for that pesky Federal Aid. You and your child will each need to gather these documents in preparation for the FAFSA:

Social Security number, Alien Registration number (if you are not a U.S. citizen), federal income tax returns, W-2s, and/or other records of money earned, bank statements and records of investments (if applicable), records of untaxed income (if applicable).

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Teen Loft  
DAY & TIMES: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 - 4:00pm-6:30pm

**COMMUNITY TALK****OPIOIDS AND ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Kristin Huisenga, Executive Director at Clinton Substance Abuse Council, will be at the library to talk about the current issues with opioids. Learn more about the Painkiller & Heroin Epidemic; what is happening here locally; and what we can do about it.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Boardroom  
DAY & TIMES: Monday, February 12, 2018 - 5:30pm-6:30pm

**BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE CHINA**

Gong Xi Fa Cai! Come celebrate the Chinese New Year with a fun movie and pizza. Call to sign-up is required for pizza ordering purposes. This is an all ages/family event. Fun crafts will be available to do.

Kurt Russell plays hard-boiled truck driver Jack Burton, who gets caught in a bizarre conflict within, and underneath, San Francisco's Chinatown. An ancient Chinese prince and Chinatown crime lord has kidnapped a beautiful green-eyed woman, who is the fiancee to Jack's best friend. Jack must help his friend rescue the girl before the evil Lo Pan uses her to break the ancient curse that keeps him a fleshless and immortal spirit.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Boardroom  
DAY & TIMES: Friday, February 16, 2018 - 5:30pm

**MUCH ADO ABOUT STUFFING:  
THE ART OF TAXIDERMY**

Local hobbyist, Terry Winters, will be in to talk about the basics of taxidermy.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Boardroom  
DAY & TIMES: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 - 11:00am-12:00pm

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MOVIES**

The library will show "Suffragette", "Queen of Katwe", "Noble", and "Frida" to celebrate Women's History Month. Dates and Times TBA.

**DEVICE WORKSHOP**

Join US Cellular for a free device workshop. A representative from US Cellular will come to the library to help patrons understand how to get the most out of their devices, receive customization tips and tricks, and help determine which apps are right for you.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Boardroom  
DAY & TIMES: Friday, March 6, 2018 - 10:00am-12:00pm

**A BUCKET AND A DREAM:  
AN INTRODUCTION TO HOME BREWING**

The craft beer craze that has spread far and wide around the world has been fueled mainly by folks starting at home with little more than a plastic bucket and a dream. In this program, we will explore a brief history of beer brewing, along with some of the basic ingredients that go into home brewed beer. We will also look at the equipment that one needs to begin the brewing process, and what problems home brewers often run into, especially starting out.

Instructor Information: Ryan Welch has a Master's of Science Degree in Biology from the University of Northern Iowa. He is currently in his 6th year as faculty member at CCC where he teaches a variety of Natural Science courses.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Boardroom  
DAY & TIMES: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - 5:30pm-6:30pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**AFTERNOON ADVENTURES**

K-5TH GRADE - BUILDING ON EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

Afternoon Adventures are back starting in February! There will be two STEAM programs a month and Lego Time every other Wednesday.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | 2nd Floor  
DAY & TIMES: Wednesdays - 2pm-4pm

**MORNING STORYTIME**

PRE-K & OVER - BUILDING ON EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

Come join the fun with songs, books, and puppet shows. A craft is available after story time.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | 2nd Floor  
DAY & TIMES: Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10am-11am

**EVENING STORYTIME**

PRE-K & OVER - BUILDING ON EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

On the second Thursday of each month. Come join the fun with songs, books, and puppet shows. A craft is available after story time.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | 2nd Floor  
DAY & TIMES: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 - 6pm-7pm

**SATURDAY STORYTIME**

PRE-K & OVER - BUILDING ON EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

On the fourth Saturday of each month. Come join the fun with songs, books, and puppet shows. A craft is available after story time.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | 2nd Floor  
DAY & TIMES: February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26 - 10am-11am

**MINECRAFT FOR KIDS**

Multiplayer on the library's server will be available to grades 1-6.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | 2nd Floor

DAY & TIMES: Mondays - 4pm-6pm

**STAR WARS FAMILY NIGHT**

Come to the library for nerdy snacks and crafts. Fun for the whole family. You can build your own lightsaber, make Perler bead keychains, and play. Please call the library sign-up by Friday, April 27, 2018 so we can get enough snacks and crafts for everybody.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | 2nd Floor  
DAY & TIMES: Friday, May 4, 2018 - 4:30pm

**TEEN PROGRAMS****TEEN BOOK CLUB**

COME JOIN KENDRA AND GABI FOR THE TEEN BOOK CLUB

**February 15, 2018** - The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

**March 15, 2018** - Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

**April 19, 2018** - The Sun and Her Flower by Rupi Kaur

**May 17, 2018** - I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Teen Loft

DAY & TIMES: Third Thursdays - 5:30pm-7:00pm

**MONDAY MOVIE NIGHTS**

**February 5, 2018** - Zootopia - 5pm

**March 26, 2018** - Perks of Being a Wallflower - 5pm

**April 19, 2018** - The Prophet - 5pm

**May 17, 2018** - The Last Jedi - 5pm

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South | Boardroom

**LIBRARY AFTER HOURS LOCK-IN**

Come have fun in the library after hours with pizza, snacks, games, and a movie. The doors lock at closing at 5pm, get to the library before then or get locked out. The May lock-in will also be the Kick-Off Party for Summer Reading. Sign-up is desired for both dates. Please call to book your spot.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South

DAY & TIMES: Friday, March 2, 2018; Friday, May 25, 2018

TIME: 4:30pm, doors lock at 5:00pm, ends 8:00pm

**POETRY & PIZZA, A WRITING WORKSHOP**

Lunch is on us. Come to the library to learn the basics on several forms of poetry and then workshop with your peers after lunch. Please call the library to sign-up.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South

DAY & TIMES: Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 11am-1pm

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**

April is National Poetry Month. To wrap up the month, we're celebrating with an Open Mic Night. Come to the library after-hours to perform your work. Bring your voice, your poetry, and your beats. Ages 14 to 22.

LOCATION: Clinton Public Library | 306 8th Ave. South

DAY & TIMES: Friday, April 27, 2018 - 5pm - 7pm

# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

## "WE WORK... SO YOU CAN PLAY!"

The Parks and Recreation Department and Administrative Office, better known as the Erickson Community Center, is located on the northern most part of 148 acres of Emma Young Park. We have three ASA certified softball fields, four tennis courts, a cross country running trail and a playground. The Parks and Recreation Department offers over 170 recreation programs designed for all ages from preschoolers through young adults, adults and seniors. Implementation of these programs, is accomplished by two full-time program professionals, a full-time administrative specialist, two permanent part-time center staff, 150 seasonal and part-time activity staff, 300 volunteer coaches and program volunteers.

1401 11th Avenue North, Clinton IA 52732 | P: 1-563-243-1260 | F: 1-563-242-6131 | [www.cityofclintoniowa.us/departments/recreation](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.us/departments/recreation)

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### Community Garden Plots

The Parks & Recreation Department is now taking reservations for plots in the Community Garden for the 2018 growing season. Rental fee for a 10' x 10' plot is \$15 each additional plot will be \$10. Low-income discounts are available by calling the Sisters of St. Francis at 242-7611. Individuals, families and groups are all welcome to rent one or more plots. 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. To register for a plot, please visit the main office at the Erickson Center between the hours of 8am - 5pm Monday - Friday. For more information call 563-243-1260.



### Employment Opportunities

#### Eagle Point Lodge Attendant

Mostly Fri, Sat, and Sunday hours

Summer Camp, Pool Staff, Ground crew, Adult Sports Officials positions available. Pick up application at the Erickson Center at Emma Young Park.

Looking for a college internship program? Set up a time with Cathy Marx, [cathymarx@cityofclintoniowa.us](mailto:cathymarx@cityofclintoniowa.us), to discuss possibilities.

### Online Registrations Now Available!

The Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that online program registration is now available. Simply go to the City of Clinton Website at [www.cityofclintoniowa.us](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.us) and click on the Recreation Department tab.

From here you will be able to access the online registration link by clicking on your desired program area. You will need to create a profile and password and then register away! Adults Sports leagues and Facility Rental registrations online will be available soon as well.

### 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 8 leagues available including Preschool (co-ed), K-1st grade (co-ed), 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:** Soccer fields locations TBA. Reynold P. Jurgensen Park is under construction in 2018.

**DAYS:** Saturdays mornings and Sunday afternoons

**DATES:** April 14 - May 19, 2018

**AGES:** 3 years old through 8th grade (2017-18 school year)

**NOTIFICATION:** After coaches meeting March 21

**REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Now through March 8 **Participant Fee:** \$40.00

**LATE REGISTRATION:** (Only if availability permits) **Participant Fee:** \$47.00

### 15TH ANNUAL GRAND EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and celebration. 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!

**LOCATION:** Riverview Park (at the Bandshell)

**WHO & TIME:** 1pm - Meet with Easter Bunny. Ages 0-3 receive their Easter Bag. 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.

Sponsored by: Clinton Parks & Recreation Department  
In Partnership with Kiwanis Club of Clinton

### CTC - ADVENTURE ZONE - 2018

The "Adventure Areas" summer program 1st appeared for elementary aged students in 1980. In 1996, a transformation occurred and the "Adventure Zone" became a community-supported effort. This activity/educational-based, summer day camp program is now a mainstay of summer education and recreational activities for Kindergarten thru 6 graders. Reserve your spot today.

**GRADES:** Currently in K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (based on the 2017-18 school yr.)

**SITE:** Erickson Community Center

**DATES:** Session I: Monday, June 4 - Friday, July 6  
Session II: Monday, July 9 - Friday, August 10

**DAYS & TIMES:** Early bird Times: Monday - Friday 7:30am-9:15am

Drop-off Times: Monday - Friday 9:15am-9:30am

Program Times: Monday - Friday 9:30am-4:30pm

Pick-up Times: Monday - Friday 4:30pm-5:30pm

**FEES:** Per child, per session: Program only: \$300; Early Bird: \$80.00

Per child by the week: Program only: \$75; Early Bird: \$25.00

\*\*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:** Session I: thru May 25  
Session II: thru June 29

**ACTIVITIES IN THE PLANNING STAGES INCLUDE:**

Rocket Man, Pack the Park - Lumberking Game, Tennis Lessons  
Wapsi River Ed Center, Clinton Public Library, Iowa Extension Activities, Recreational Reading, Plaza Bowl, Picnic & Karaoke Day, Park clean-up day, And, of course: Swimming at Riverview Pool

### Mega March Family Fun!

#### Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center

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Saturday, March 3  
10 a.m. - Noon

#### Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration



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Sunday, March 18  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual THE Omelet Breakfast FUNDRAISER

-- At Discovery Center --

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE!

\$8 Adults & Teens (\$9 at door)  
\$5 Children ages 4-12  
FREE Children 3 & younger

Saturday, March 31  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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Egg decorating!  
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# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

## GIRL'S YOUTH SOFTBALL

**DIVISIONS:** Palominos: 5th & 6th & 7th Grade  
Pintos: 3rd & 4th Grade

**REGISTER BY:** Drafted League

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

**NOTIFICATION BY COACH:** After April 19 (coaches meeting)

**PRACTICE LOCATION:** Elementary School playfields

**PRACTICES BEGIN:** Week of April 23 (tentatively)

**GAME TIMES:** 5:45pm & 7:30pm (under lights)

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

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

**REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Now thru April 11 **Participant Fee:** \$50.00

**LATE REGISTRATION:** (only if availability permits) **Participant Fee:** \$57.00

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:** Palominos; Tuesday, April 17 - Erickson Center  
Pintos; Wednesday, April 18 - Erickson Center

5:30pm - A-F 5:45pm - G-L 6pm - M-R 6:15pm - S-Z

Players will need to complete a "VSE" only once while involved in the "Pinto" league, then once in "Palomino" 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:** Fillies: grades 1st t & 2nd (2017- 2018 School Yr.)

**REGISTER BY:** Elementary school site

**NOTIFICATION BY COACH:** After April 20

**PRACTICE LOCATION:** Elementary School playfields

**PRACTICES BEGIN:** Week of April 23 (tentatively)

**GAMES & TIMES:** 6pm game time

**GAME DAYS (approx.):** Once/Twice weekly

**GAME SITES:** Honeywell Field/Rural Community Fields

**REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Now thru April 11th **Participant Fee:** \$40.00

**LATE REGISTRATION:** (only if availability permits) **Participant Fee:** \$47.00

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

### ALL GIRLS SOFTBALL-BASIC ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

League play (round robin) and skill development. There will be playing rule modifications aiming toward National High School rules, beginning with Fillies and progressing to Palominos.

**MEETING DAYS & TIMES:** For about 1 1/2 hours between 5pm- 8 pm (varies) Mondays – Thursdays normally. Sometimes may be on Friday or Saturday. Optional on Sunday. 4 meetings per week max.

**TEAM LIMITS:** 10-13 per team – determined by the total number of registrations per age, grade, site and volunteer coach availability.

**NOTES:** FOR ALL SUMMER BASE/SOFT-BALL PROGRAMS

1. Provide their own mitt/glove.
2. Game schedules distributed the 2nd week of practice.
3. Youth Sport Program T-shirts to all players. Coaches will receive a shirt also.
4. Team and individual pictures will be scheduled - consult coach.

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## 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).

**1. ENTRY FEE:** \$20 per player (Fee does not include individual UPA player registration.)

**2. ENTRY PROCEDURE: Due Date:** Tuesday, May 15th by 5:00 PM

Use the official League Entry Forms: (Forms available from the Dept. Office or online)

1) Minimum Roster 2) Team Manager Information 3) Entry Fees Paid

**3. LEAGUE MEETING:** TBA

**4. LEAGUE PLAY:** BEGINS THE WEEK OF **June 5**

LEAGUE	NIGHTS OF PLAY	GAME TIMES
Open Roster	Tuesdays	7:00, 8:00, 9:00
		(female)

### NOTES

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

## ADULT SOFTBALL & KICKBALL 2018 LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

### 1. 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

### 2. ENTRY DUE DATE DEADLINES:

Men's, Women's, Mixed leagues: Tues. April 10th – 5:00pm

Kickball: Thur. May 10th By 5:00pm

### 3. LATE FEE:

After the deadline, but before the league meeting, if accepted, a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to each entry.

### 4. LEAGUE PLAYING RULE AND SCHEDULE MEETING:

Site: Erickson Center

<b>Wednesday, April 18</b>	Mixed, Women's	5:30pm – 6pm
	All Men's	6:15pm – 6:45pm

<b>Wednesday, May 16</b>	Kickball:	5:30pm – 6pm
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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.

### 5. TEAM ENTRY FEE / NIGHTS OF PLAY:

(10 game season. \*Entry fees include tax)

NIGHT	LEAGUE	APPROX. DATES	GAME TIMES	FEE
Sunday	Men's A, B Upper B Middle, B Lower, C	May 6 - Jul 22	4pm - 10pm	\$395
Monday	Mixed A, B, C	May 7 - Jul 23	6pm - 10pm	\$435
Thurs.	Women's B/C Or, combined B/C	May 10 - Jul 26	6pm - 10pm	\$395
Friday	35+ League	May 11 - Jul 27	6pm - 10pm	\$395
Wed.	Kickball (1 ump)	May 23 - Aug 1	6pm - 10pm	\$295

**No games:** May 27, 28 (Memorial Day); July 4 & 5 & September 2, 3 (Labor Day)

**6. ROSTERS:** Roster Change Deadline: Summer Softball – June 1

Kickball - June 15

### A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Any roster change may be made any time before the deadline during office hours.
2. Rosters are frozen after this deadline with two exceptions: new resident and team hardship – both of which must follow the roster change procedure on file in the office.

### B. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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

### 7. DIAMOND RESERVATION:

April 9 – May 5 (User Fee: \$5)

Weather permitting. Times available daylight Monday through Friday (week days) 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 11, 2018 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Erickson Community Center

ASA Test, work schedule, and playing rules discussion.

## REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AT:

Parks & Recreation Department at the Erickson Community Center

1401 11th Avenue North, Clinton, Iowa 52732

Phone: 563-243-1260 Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm.

ONLINE: Go to [www.cityofclintoniowa.us/Department/Recreation](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.us/Department/Recreation). Along left side of screen, choose desired program area. You will need to create a log in and password. Start registering!

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## CITY ORDINANCES

Street Sweeping and Pothole repair are currently on-going. We will be starting work in the Right-of-Way's, which include: spraying, ditch mowing and maintenance. Please use caution and slow down when approaching street crews in the roadway!

**Please be aware** – it is against City Ordinance to blow cut grass into the roadway and gutter. Yard debris clogs up storm drains and can contribute to sewer backups. Also – if you have a storm drain / catch basin in front of your house, please keep it clear, to ensure all runoff drains properly.

### § 97.003 PLACING DEBRIS ON

It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle.

(Iowa Code § 321.369) (1999 Code, § 135.03) Penalty, see § 10.99

### City Ordinance Regarding Tree Responsibility

#### § 98.06 DUTY TO TRIM TREES

The owner or agent of the abutting property shall keep the trees in or overhanging the street trimmed so that all branches will be at least 13 feet above the surface of the street and nine feet above the sidewalks. If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees, the city may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five days. If such action is not taken within that time, the city may perform the required action and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax. Except as allowed in this section, it is unlawful for any person to trim or cut any tree in a street or public place without first obtaining authorization from the city. The Building and Neighborhood Services Official or his or her designee shall have the power to enforce this section.

(Iowa Code §§ 364.12(2)(c), 364.12(2)(d), 364.12(2)(e), 364.12(3)(b)) (Ord. 2437, passed 12-14-2010) Penalty, see § 98.99

**Please be aware** that tarps and/or covers are required by City Ordinance on any and all waste being transported to the Clinton County Solid Waste Agency (aka the Landfill).

#### § 50.27 LOADING

Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of any solid waste shall be **loaded** and moved in a manner that the contents will not fall, leak or spill therefrom, and shall be covered to prevent blowing or loss of material. Where spillage does occur, the material shall be picked up immediately by the collector or transporter and returned to the vehicle or container and the area properly cleaned.

(1999 Code, § 106.03) (Iowa Code §§ 321.460 and 805.8A(13)(c))

### City Ordinance Regarding Grass Height For Property Owners

\*\*The purpose of this chapter is to require owners of residential property to cut their grass, weeds, vines and brush when it exceeds eight inches in height.

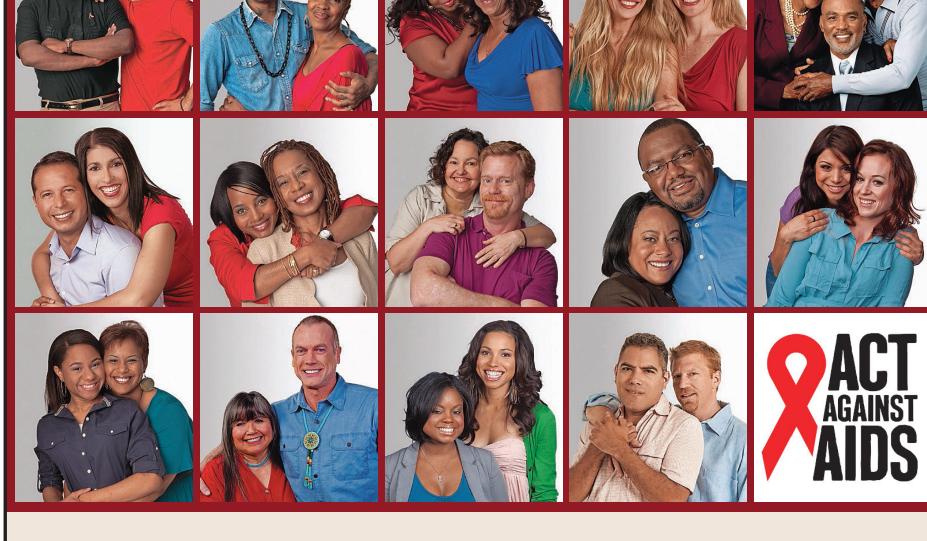
#### § 94.05 NOTICE TO OWNERS; ONCE PER CALENDAR YEAR.

(A) For the first violation of this chapter in each calendar year on a parcel of property, the Inspector shall notify the property owner by certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, that a condition that violates the terms of this chapter exists and shall notify the property owner of the actions that must be performed to correct the condition and the notice shall state that the condition shall be corrected within five days from the date that the notice is received or returned to the city unclaimed.

(B) For subsequent violations on the same parcel of property owned by the same person in the same calendar year a written notice will not be sent. For subsequent violations, the Inspector shall verify the violation exists and that the parcel of property is still owned by the same person to whom the first notice was sent. If a subsequent violation exists, the Inspector shall order the work done by city employees or by a contractor.

(C) The Public Works Director shall publish in the local newspaper prior to June 1 of each year a notice advising the public that city ordinance requires the cutting of grasses, weeds, vines and brush exceeding eight inches in height and notice of violation will be mailed only once a year for each property. Subsequent violations will not receive a written notice.

(1999 Code, § 54.05) (Ord. 2093, passed 5-11-1999) Penalty, see § 10.99



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## Severe Weather Preparedness

- Listen to local area radio, NOAA radio or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- Watch for tornado danger signs: dark, often greenish clouds — a phenomenon caused by hail; a wall cloud — an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm; or a cloud of debris.
- Move or secure any of the items on your list of items to bring inside or anything else that can be picked up by the wind.
- Bring your companion animals indoors and maintain direct control of them.
- Go to a safe place in your home where household members and pets will gather: a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- In a high-rise building, pick a hallway in the center of the building. You may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor.
- In a mobile home, choose a safe place in a nearby sturdy building. If your mobile home park has a designated shelter, make it your safe place. No mobile home, however it is configured,
- is safe in a tornado. If you have access to a sturdy shelter or a vehicle, go there immediately, using your seat belt if driving.
- If you are driving, stay away from bridge/highway overpasses.
- If strong winds and flying debris occur while driving, pull over and park, keeping your seat belt on and engine running. Put your head down below the windows, covering your head with your hands and a blanket.
- After a tornado, let friends and family know you are safe.
- If evacuated from your home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Listen to local news or a weather radio.
- Check for injuries. If you are trained, provide first aid to people in need until first responders arrive.
- And we would like to add: Be ready.
- Assemble an emergency kit now. Practice where you would shelter during a storm now. Talk with your family about how you would contact each other, or where to meet, in the event of a storm.



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